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**Iqaluit, Nunavut
Monday November 25, 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, 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 Mr. Alakannuark to say the opening prayer.

>>*Prayer*

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

Item 2: Ministers' Statements

Minister's Statement 086 - 1(6): Ministers Thompson and Anawak's Arrival

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to advise members that Ministers Thompson and Anawak should be arriving back in the House later this afternoon. Thank you.

Speaker: Ministers' Statements. Mr. Okalik.

Minister's Statement 087 - 1(6): Role Model Posters

Hon. Paul Okalik: Qujannamiik, Uqaqti. Nunavut has a large number of role models. Role models are people who enrich our society and underline the importance of contributions we can all make in reaching the full potential of Nunavut.

Role models especially provide an important inspiration for our young people. We just need to look around to see the people in our daily lives that give us confidence and strength to deal with the challenges we face. Members in this House have urged the government to not be shy about putting forward role models for our young people.

The four posters I am unveiling today highlight a few in Nunavut, well known and lesser well known who are role models and inspirations. These posters were prepared by our Communications Department in partnership with the Department of Education. They all highlight the message: *Nunavummiut are succeeding - you can too.*

(interpretation) One of these posters feature well known CBC broadcaster Madeleine Allakariallak. Another features George Metuq, an electronic technologist who is key in

bringing our deliberations here in the Legislative Assembly to Nunavummiut across the territory.

The two other posters highlight our thirteen Inuit Assistant Deputy Ministers. While they don't need any introductions to this House I will name them nonetheless:

- Abraham Tagalik
- Simon Awa
- David Akeeagok
- Kathy Okpik
- Nancy Tupik
- Methusalah Kunuk
- Rosemary Cooper
- Rosemary Keenainak
- Jamie Flaherty
- Victor Tootoo
- Bobby Gunn
- David Akoak and
- Naullaq Arnaquq.

These people play a vital role in our day to day governance and are guiding our territory into the future. They work for the betterment of all Nunavummiut using their work experience and incorporating Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit in their work places.

(interpretation ends) The words used in the posters speak for themselves. Madeleine Allakariallak attributes her success to strong family foundations and strong Inuit culture. She says, "With an education under your wings, you can fly high. Stay in school to achieve your dreams and take to heart the knowledge of your Elders."

(interpretation) The posters are being distributed to schools, health facilities, RCMP detachments, courts, government offices, Hamlet offices and MLA constituency offices among others throughout Nunavut.

I welcome you in joining me in thanking our role models for being part of this worthwhile endeavour. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Okalik. Ministers' Statements. Mr. Akesuk.

Minister's Statement 088 - 1(6): Fisheries Development and Diversification Fund

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon colleagues.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, the fishing industry is a rapidly expanding sector of Nunavut's economy. I rise today to announce the implementation of the Fisheries Development and Diversification Fund.

Nowhere else in Canada is the potential of emerging fisheries stronger than in Nunavut. Most of the waters in the territory are untouched in terms of experimental and exploratory activities. The recent development of the new turbot fishery in Davis Strait and Baffin Bay is a good indication of this potential.

The purpose of the Fisheries Development and Diversification Fund is to provide a strategic investment of funds to support Nunavut's emerging fishing industry and to provide immediate benefits to the communities where opportunities are limited with an emphasis on non-decentralized communities.

Mr. Speaker, a policy has now been established to administer this program with a total of \$350 thousand dollars available to be delivered through contributions. To encourage the maximum use of this program, applicants can access a maximum of \$50 thousand per project.

This type of program is typically funded by the Federal Government on a cost shared arrangement, 80% by the Federal Government and 20% by the Provincial jurisdiction. This program is currently funded solely by the Government of Nunavut. In addition, all funding provided under this program will be approved on a cost shared basis, thereby increasing the funds available to support the development of diversification of this industry.

Eligible activities under this program include:

- technology transfer,
- test fisheries and commercial surveys,
- product development initiatives,
- quality improvement activities,
- harvesting and value added processing technology,
- export market development and
- inter-settlement trade development and opportunity identification initiatives such as feasibility studies and pilot projects.

Mr. Speaker, we have come a long way over the past couple of years in our efforts to develop this sector of Nunavut's economy for the benefit of all Nunavummiut. However, we still have a long way to go to reach the full potential of this industry. I am quite confident that this new program will set us down the road to achieving the maximum benefits from this source over the coming years. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

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

Minister's Statement 089 - 1(6): Job Descriptions

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to provide this House with the information on the pro-active measures that are being undertaken by the Government of Nunavut to ensure beneficiaries are provided with job opportunities and career advancement in the Government of Nunavut.

The Department of Human Resources is currently undertaking an Employment Systems Review to identify and analyze both human resources policies, procedures and practices which potentially slow the recruitment, promotion and employment opportunities of beneficiaries.

Mr. Speaker, one of the key areas for this review is how the Government of Nunavut departments prepare job descriptions. The review will make recommendations on the removal of artificially inflated requirements in education and experience needed to do a specific job in the Government of Nunavut.

In addition to the Employment Systems Review currently underway, the Department of Human Resources is assisting other departments in the critical review of specific job descriptions and will work closely with the departments in identifying the priorities of positions for review beginning early in 2003.

Mr. Speaker, by identifying and addressing the issue of artificial barriers to employment and promotion of beneficiaries the government will be better able to fulfill its obligations under Article 23 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Ministers' Statements. Members' Statements. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Item 3: Members' Statements**Member's Statement 277 – 1(6): Need for Elders' Facility at Clyde River**

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss some issues that were brought to me by my constituents regarding the elders who do not have homes. It would be a lot better for the elders if they were properly housed.

In Clyde River there is a couple that are having a very hard time and they are living in an overcrowded house. I have to speak about these concerns we have in our community about getting an elders' facility. It would better their lives and they would be more secure and peaceful if they were properly housed. At times there is a large nuclear family living under one roof, including the elders.

Because of overcrowding in housing there is also the issue of suicide amongst our youth. We will have to look for solutions as a government. The housing shortage at times creates a lot of problems. It creates problems for the family units and I think it's up to the government to look for some solutions.

We know the issue of suicide was brought up and it's true. We also have to know that there were a lot of problems but even if we seem to be going in the right direction, people can take us to court because of actions that we have taken. It breaks up the Inuit society and I think we have to communicate once again in order to improve our lives. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Members' Statements. Mr. Havioyak.

Member's Statement 278 – 1(6): More Planning Needed on Leadership Review

Mr. Havioyak: Koanaqtit, Uqaqti. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to revisit an issue that my community of Kugluktuk has been concerned about for quite some time.

Uqaqti, during the mid-term leadership review that we held in November last year, I raised the issue of the lack of permanent space for Nunavut Arctic College to deliver training programs and courses. During the Leadership Review the Minister indicated that he would be reviewing this issue.

Uqaqti, in March of this year, I spoke in the House about the need for a permanent facility in Kugluktuk. Although some communities are getting funding for Community Learning Centres in the Five Year Capital Plan, Kugluktuk is not. Uqaqti, courses have been delivered out of a building owned by the Hamlet, but this is not a permanent solution.

Uqaqti, other Members and I have talked on numerous occasions about the need to develop a plan to train our residents for employment in such fields as the Mining Sector. Uqaqti, the Minister of Sustainable Development has told me that his Department is committed to develop a Mining Strategy within the next year.

Uqaqti, I would suggest that any Mining Strategy must also include a plan for training.

Uqaqti, lifelong training is supposed to be a core goal of the Government. If we are truly committed to helping Nunavummiut gain the education, skills, and training that they need, then we must also make the necessary investments in the basic infrastructure that supports training. Koanaqtit, Uqaqti.

Speaker: Members' Statements. Mr. Nutarak.

Member's Statement 279 – 1(6): Congratulations to Youth

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today with pride for the residents of Baffin that had games on September 6, 2002. Mr. Speaker, they had Athletes come in from Tunnunig, my riding. I would like to congratulate Jimmy Merkosak 99 points, Chris Merkosak 79, Ernie Merkosak 62 points, and Brandy Killiktee 59 points.

Jimmy Merkosak was in the junior category, and Chris Merkosak was one of the juvenile athletes for Tunnunirmiut. They got 290 points and captured first place for community points during the Games, and I would like to congratulate them. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Members' Statements. Ms. Williams.

Member's Statement 280 – 1(6): Female Inmate Facility Needed

Ms. Williams (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about the need for adequate correctional facilities for female offenders in Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, I have been concerned for some time now about the lack of space to house female offenders in Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, as all Members are well aware, female prisoners, including many awaiting trial, are housed at the women's correctional centre in Fort Smith.

Mr. Speaker, the Government has been talking for some time now about long-term plans to address the institutional needs of Nunavut.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, our efforts to rehabilitate and reintegrate female offenders are not helped by the fact that many of them are so far from Nunavut. I am unaware of any other jurisdiction in Canada where female offenders serving territorial sentences or awaiting trial have to be shipped to another province or territory.

(interpretation) Mr. Speaker, we will be examining the five-year capital plan of the Department of Justice later this week, and I will be vigorously pursuing this issue with the Minister and his officials. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Ms. Williams. Members' Statements. Mr. Alakannuark.

Member's Statement 281 – 1(6): Continuing Education and Funding Not Available

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I have received more than one letter from Repulse Bay Arctic College students concerning the

delivery and process of funding for Arctic College. Today introduction of education in a formal setting is very important. We all encourage further education and more people who are willing to take up further education.

Mr. Speaker, there are people who want to get into the workforce and there are those who want to earn a living doing arts and crafts and the number is rising. Let us support these people. I've heard that there are many opportunities and there are many individuals that are having to continue their education. The problem in Repulse Bay is many students are now discouraged because the funding process is too slow, not enough or there is no sponsorship at all.

Mr. Speaker, when the students have a problem with the process there should be an administrative office in the Nunavut government where a student could seek help without delay. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you. Members' Statements. Mr. Arvaluk.

Member's Statement 282 – 1(6): Funding to Continue Education

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Alakannuark already made a statement in regards to funding for Arctic College students.

What we wanted to do is help the people that want to continue their education through Nunavut Arctic College. But the problems that arise most times are because of the policies of Arctic College of Nunavut even though some students want to continue with their education.

We heard from the Minister of Education's statement about the job descriptions and other things that they are reviewing. There are a lot of people that have taken Arctic College training or through Universities and they get employment through the Government of Nunavut and that's why they want to continue their education to get employment from the government.

At the time of the GNWT after they took their training they did not get a job, but it's not that way with the Nunavut Government now. The Premier also made a statement regarding role models and he stated the names of those individuals that are good role models in the Nunavut Government.

I know there are a lot of people who would like to take the opportunity of having employment with the Government of Nunavut and to be good role models. We want this to continue and I will be asking the Minister of Education during question period as to how the policies can be implemented to make it easier for those individuals. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Members' Statements. Mr. Kilabuk.

Member's Statement 283 – 1(6): Recognition of Home Care Providers

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I will be responding to the questions of the members.

The members know that I just came back recently from Pangnirtung and I visited some people that are sick and also some elders while I was in Pangnirtung.

I rise today to recognize the people that support individuals that are alone or serving people that are sick and elderly people who need help. I would like to recognize those people in Pangnirtung for caring for those individuals that are sick and elders that are alone.

I would like to also on behalf of the members, thank my constituents. I would also like to say hello to my grandchild from Qikiqtarjuaq. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Members' Statements. Mr. Tootoo.

Member's Statement 284 – 1(6): Excellent Community Work – Iqaluit Music Society

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to tell Members of this House about excellent community work performed by the Iqaluit Music Society.

In my Member's Statement last Thursday, I spoke about the generosity of Nunavummiut in supporting charitable organizations. The Iqaluit Music Society is an organization that is most deserving of this support.

Mr. Speaker, music is a part of every culture in the world. Music is the universal language that brings people together. In our schools, where available, music is an important part of our children's education.

Mr. Speaker, the Iqaluit Music Society has been actively involved in supporting a number of very worthwhile events. These include the spring musical, The Children of Eden and the fall musical, the Wizard of Oz. I'm sure everyone is looking forward to this year's performance; I believe it's a musical comedy called Anything Goes.

The 2002 Music Camp brought together over 80 young people and adults for several days of learning, sharing and playing. The Inuksuk High Music Program received several thousand dollars worth of new musical instruments, as did the community orchestra.

The music society is active in supporting local musical talent through its regular series of coffeehouses that are held approximately every 4 to 6 weeks and are now, they don't even need to advertise anymore, usually they have a full house, a great evening out for any members that are in town when it's here, you should take it.

Mr. Speaker, special recognition is due a number of hardworking community members, including Madame Justice Bev Browne, Peter and Marilyn Scott, Lorraine Thomas, Heather Daily and Colleen Walsh.

Mr. Speaker, the last coffee house I attended they had these bumper stickers that they were giving out. "Please note" it says, "...schools need music." I will be tabling these today so every member has a copy, one for them and I think there are even a few extras here for the Minister of Education that he can hang on to.

Mr. Speaker, at this time I would like to ask all Members to join me in a harmonious salute to the Iqaluit Music Society. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

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

Item 5: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize a young individual; my 7 year old son Trenton who has come to spend a weekend with me here in Iqaluit. I would also at the same time recognize and thank my colleague Ed Picco, for having himself and his son Paka be able to entertain my son so my son wouldn't have to hang out with his dad all weekend. Thank you.

>>*Applause*

Speaker: Welcome to the Gallery. Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Item 6. Oral Questions. Item 7. Mr. Havioyak. Item 6.

Item 6: Oral Questions

Question 276 – 1(6): Meeting with Arctic College Officials

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thought we were on item 7. In regards to my Member's Statement a while ago, I want to ask about Arctic College. I am going to be asking the Minister of Education if he has had a meeting with the Arctic College Board of Governors recently.

I also want to ask him if there are going to be some facilities or housing for those adults that are going to Arctic College in our communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If I understood his question, he asked two questions.

For his first question, if I have met with Arctic College officials. The response that I can give you is yes I appeared before the Committee during the review of the capital estimates for Arctic College.

We are working very well with the Board of Governors for the Arctic College when they prepared for their capital estimates, but I have not met with them just recently. I do know what their requests are.

For his second question. If he can clarify his second question for me in regards to the adult education centres as I was not too clear on his second question. Thank you.

Speaker: Mr. Havioyak, clarification.

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am sorry that I did not really clarify myself. (interpretation ends) I guess that my question is if you had met the Arctic College Board of Governors with the idea of having a facility in Kugluktuk and if that has arisen from that Board, and how soon will they be planning. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I just last week introduced the new Board of Governors I will have to meet with them.

I do want to elaborate to my colleague here that Kugluktuk's request for Arctic College, our officials know about their requests and they are reviewing the request at this time.

I also would like to elaborate to my colleague that Kugluktuk was not the only one that had requested facilities, but my officials are working with the Board of Governors of Arctic College. Thank you.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Supplementary. Mr. Havioyak.

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker and the Minister. I am going to be talking in Inuinnaqtun.

We have been encouraging the Minister to try and that Arctic College
...audio not available...

As I was stating, the young people in Kugluktuk have the education and they have gone through the Grade 11 and Grade 12 programs. We have been encouraging our young people who have graduated to look for employment within the mining Industry and with the Government.

I would like to ask the Minister when the Arctic College facility will be in place for Kugluktuk. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Unfortunately at this time I cannot give you an accurate time frame as to when we are going to look at building a new facility for the Kugluktuk residents. However Mr. Speaker, I assured the member that we're aware of the need for a new facility or the request for a new facility for Kugluktuk.

And as members know in the House, there have been opportunities where we've been able to advance projects depending on going to a Supplementary request. But however at this time, Mr. Speaker I am not in the position to commit to a timeframe as to when we will be looking at a new facility in Kugluktuk. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker and I thank the Minister for his response. (interpretation ends) Maybe I'll try another way. The timeframe I can understand. Maybe within this five year capital plan, that can be slated for one of those spots in the five year capital plan. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk: Qujannamiik, Uqaqti. I will definitely commit to sitting down and meeting with my colleague to look at what's in the plan and to make sure that this information can be forwarded to the community of Kugluktuk. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Mr. Nutarak.

Question 277 – 1(6): Breakwater Incident in Pond Inlet and Funding for Boat Loss

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I apologise Mr. Speaker, I didn't think you were going to call my name right away. I will direct my question to the Minister Responsible for Sustainable Development.

In the Pangnirtung session I made a Member's Statement in regards to the breakwater in Pond Inlet and I made a statement about an individual that passed away in Pond Inlet. I told the minister that I would ask him a question in regards to this issue.

The Department of Sustainable Development's boat, how much money did they lose because of the breakdowns of the engines? Thank you.

Speaker: Minister Akesuk.

Mr. Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As to how much money was lost, I don't have that information with me for that boat. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Supplementary. Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm sure it'll become evident how much money was lost when the boat capsized as the engine was brand new and was just put in this summer; it broke down too.

I'm sure the engines will probably need replacement, so I was wondering if the minister is willing to give support to the Hamlet council of Pond Inlet when they start working on that because I'm sure they will start paying from their O and M, if they are not supported. Thank you.

Speaker: Minister.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We are quite concerned about the breakwaters; not just in Pond Inlet but both of my constituencies are quite concerned about the breakwaters also. The Department of Transportation is responsible for breakwaters, but I'm sure it's going to have an impact on us and we would have that jurisdiction if it concerns tourism or fisheries.

So the Department of Sustainable Development doesn't have the jurisdiction to deal with the breakwaters. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Supplementary. Mr. Nutarak

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I mentioned before about the Department of Sustainable Development's boat. The Minister stated that he doesn't have the information at hand. Perhaps the Minister would be willing to give me that information as soon as possible so that we will know how much it cost for the loss of that boat. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Akesuk.

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

Speaker: Oral Questions. Oral Questions. Mr. Alakannuark.

Question 278 – 1(6): Contact Person for Housing for Potential Arctic College Students

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In regards to my Member's Statement. The Arctic College students when they want to apply to go to Arctic College and they don't know where they will be staying, who would these potential students who would like to further their training at Arctic College, who would they consult at the local level? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In the three regions in Nunavut, the Baffin, Kivalliq, and the Kitikmeot, in Cambridge Bay we have the headquarters for the Kitikmeot region, Rankin Inlet, for the Kivalliq, and Iqaluit for the Baffin region.

You can either contact these three headquarters, or contact the individual in Arviat who works for the Income Support Program. They are all in Arviat. You can consult with any one of these. Thank you.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Supplementary. Mr. Alakannuark.

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The reason I am asking this question is that in one of my ridings there was an individual who does not know who to contact, and I myself don't know who the contact people are.

The individuals working in Rankin Inlet, are they Government of Nunavut employees? That is my question. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. They are Arctic College staff and they have been hired by the Arctic College. Since my colleague asked who the contact people are I will give all the information and the phone numbers and addresses of the three regions.

Also I will give him the phone numbers and addresses in Arviat so he will have all that information. Thank you.

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

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Briefly, my last supplementary.

Whether you are in the Keewatin region, could you contact the other regional offices? Or are we allowed to contact the other regions as a contact even though we come from a different region? Thank you.

Speaker: Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If you want to get information, any kind of information, you can contact either one of the three regional offices. It is at the discretion of the individual whether they want to contact the other three regions. They are all open. Thank you.

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

Question 279 – 1(6): Funding Nursing and Teaching Programs with Supplementary Appropriation

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Education in regards to the Minister's statement that he made earlier. What I want to ask him is - there were two Supplementary Appropriations that we have dealt with so far.

In Pangnirtung we tabled a motion, which was unanimously agreed to by the Members, that Nursing and Teaching programs would be funded with Supplementary Appropriations. Why is it not included in here? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. In the budget discussions, this winter we will be reviewing the two programs that you mentioned when we are dealing with the main estimates.

I will look into it further and give you an update on what is happening and I will give you the proper answer when we come to deal with the main estimates. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Supplementary. Mr. Arvaluk

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): I didn't quite understand the Minister and he didn't even respond to the question that I posed. Are you talking about the February main estimates discussions? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister. Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. My colleagues know that there was a time when I tabled a document on the Teaching and Nursing Programs that are held at the Arctic College. I have already notified the House that there was an

increase in the FANS and like I said earlier I will do a review of what has been happening to date and you will get your answer at the winter session. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Supplementary. Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. My question was about the wording in the motion that was tabled in Pangnirtung.

We have seen two Supplementary Appropriations and my question was why it wasn't included in the supplementaries. Would the FANS for the Nursing and Teaching Programs, you did mention an increase on the FANS? Does that mean that the students now have adequate living allowances? Is that why it is not included in the supplementaries? Thank you.

Speaker: Mr. Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, maybe I didn't respond to the Member appropriately but Mr. Speaker, we will be discussing this issue during the main estimates. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Oral Questions. Supplementary. Final supplementary. Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): That was very short Mr. Speaker. As the minister indicated, he said that they would be doing a review before the February sitting. Is the minister saying that the increase in the FANS is adequate or are we looking at increasing the amount at the February sitting? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just to point out that was asked about earlier. The Arctic College programs are different and we try to keep a close eye on their expenditures. We continually try to ensure that there are adequate resources and funding.

Because of the shortage of funds we cannot always meet the financial needs the students would like to get or for the operations of the Arctic College facilities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 280 – 1(6): Adequate Housing for Arctic College Students

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister responsible for Education. Mr. Speaker, last week when the minister and his witnesses were here in the Committee of the Whole and going over their capital budget, I

mentioned the fact that the married accommodations for Nunavut Arctic College here in Iqaluit is something that's been on the books ever since Mr. Picco was a regular member in the NWT and fought for it trying to get them then. Still here we are, he's on the other side of the floor and can't say anything now.

So I'd like to ask the minister, you know this is something that is needed here in Iqaluit. I received a letter last month from a student from a community informing me that she had to return home and quit her program because there wasn't adequate housing for her.

Mr. Speaker, you know, this was one person's lifelong dream of being able to go through the hairdressing program and be able to go back home and start a business and hopefully survive in her home community, which she couldn't fulfill because there weren't adequate accommodations here in Iqaluit.

Last week I mentioned to the minister and his staff that Mr. Picco had indicated with his boarding home or with the boarding home for patients coming down is something he's going to have to look at doing when the new hospital gets built here.

Would the minister commit to looking at working with the Minister of Health and Social Services to see if this is an option that could help fast track the married accommodations here in Iqaluit so that no more students will have to go home because of lack of housing? Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Sorry, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I most definitely will commit to talking to the Minister responsible for Health and Social Services. However, the response I might get may be a major "but". I will definitely commit to talking to the Minister of Health and Social Services. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Supplementary. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And Mr. Speaker, I won't comment on the type of response that the Minister of Education would get, but hopefully it would be a supportive one.

I know that I had indicated last week, that we have to try and make our dollars, our limited resources, stretch as far as we can. If there's an opportunity here to capitalize on other such third party funding we would be very disappointed to miss out on that opportunity.

The minister committed to meeting with the Minister of Health and Social Services, the hospital going up, starting next year.

Can the minister indicate, not only just a commitment to sit down and meet with the Minister of Education, but to try and work together to try and push this thing forward, if there is a way to do it in conjunction with the Department of Health of Social Services, to make it happen. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I most definitely will talk to my colleague and also in the process make sure that my staff responsible for capital planning is involved in the process. I'll most definitely have a talk to my colleague and also have my staff involved in the process. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the minister's willingness to do that.

I just want to ask if he can keep me as the Member for Iqaluit Centre informed with the process and any progress made, not only to hear from the Minister of Health and Social Services, but also from the Minister of Education. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And also further to that, I'll commit to assuring the member that, where possible in our consultations through the process, make sure that the member and other members of the community get a chance to be involved in part of this process. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Ms. Williams.

Question 281 – 1(6): Vaccination Program for Husky Dogs

Ms. Williams (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In my constituency there is quite a lot of big game sport hunting.

Could the Minister of Sustainable Development give us an indication of when they are going to start a vaccination program for the husky dogs? Could the Minister give me an update on the vaccination program or distemper shots for the husky dogs? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The member has approached me about the issue of husky dogs in her riding because there is an increase in the population of the husky dogs. My department is now responsible for the distemper shots.

We will be working on this expeditiously so that the husky dogs could be given vaccination shots. It is something that we will treat as a priority and take immediate action on. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Ms. Williams. Supplementary.

Ms. Williams (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Department of Sustainable Development has made a rule, if there's going to be a polar bear hunt, they have to use a dog team. When are you buying the vaccination shots and who is going to be responsible for the administration of these shots? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We will work closely with the communities and our wildlife officers will be involved in administering this program, particularly in cases involving sports hunting. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Supplementary. Ms. Williams.

Ms. Williams (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I know that you are going to be working with the communities and I'm not saying that you don't want to work with them. What I am trying to say is when are you going to start delivering this program? Some communities are now dog teaming already since the sea ice is frozen now, perhaps not in Iqaluit as we don't have ice yet but there are other communities that have ice.

Could the Minister tell us today when this vaccination program is going to be made available to the communities? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will work on this as a priority. I cannot exactly say when, but we will give the communities in the High Arctic, the priority in sending them the vaccines. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Williams (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Can the Minister indicate if these vaccines are going to be bought by the Department of Sustainable Development? And are they going to be administering the program? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We will need the support of the dog team owners. I think that it would be better if the dog team owners administer the vaccines with the help of our Wildlife Officers for safety. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Oral Questions. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Question 282 – 1(6): Housing for Elders

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister responsible the Housing Corporation about the 15 recommendations that were dealt with by the Special Committee.

There is a lack of housing for the elders. I wonder if the Minister responsible for the Housing Corporation, if he can give us a brief description of how they are going to allot some housing for the elders? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, right now the focus is trying to provide as much housing as possible under different venues. On the specific needs of elders' housing, if there are requests for that, then we work with the local housing authorities, and municipalities or the Hamlet, in most cases and try to address some of those needs. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Supplementary. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct another question to the Minister. The elders' housing in the communities, there is good housing in some of the communities, but in the smaller communities there is not enough housing for the elders.

For those smaller communities what kinds of plans do you have for this? Because I don't know what the Hamlets and the district housing authorities are doing, can the Minister tell me what plans they have for the smaller communities to help the elders to be provided with housing? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, it depends on what the Member refers to in reference to elders' housing. We're responsible, the Housing Corporation, for providing residential units, independent living units for as many people as possible including elders.

If the Member's talking more about specialized elders' facilities for extended care, then that responsibility does not rest with Housing Corporation, that rests with the Department of Health and Social Services, my honourable colleague Mr Picco.

So I guess in clarifying that, if it is in respect to the Housing Corporation's responsibility for independent units, then again as I said earlier, we work with the local Housing

Authorities to identify that need and try to address that with public allocations of residential units. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Supplementary. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. When I was a committee member, this was part of our community council concerns and I didn't realize that it was the responsibility of the Minister of Health and Social Service but now that I know, I know which Minister to direct questions to.

There were fifteen recommendations that we provided from the Members and I have not heard about the recommendations to date. It was included in our report and our recommendations at that time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, if the Member is referring to the specific Task Force on Housing recommendations, there were 15 of them and the corporation has acted on pretty well every one of them.

Going back to the Member's issue, if it is specialized elders' facilities, with extended care, again it isn't the responsibility of the Housing Corporation to provide that housing. But certainly in conjunction with the Department of Health and Social Services, we will assist them in trying to put together whatever program was required to support individuals with specialized needs, thank you Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Yes I understand the response and I would like to thank the Minister.

As the Minister of Finance and the Housing Corporation, what kinds of plans can we take to the Minister and can the Minister work with the Department of Health and Social Services and the Housing Corporation to provide more housing for the elders in the smaller communities? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Again Mr. Speaker, if there are specific needs in specific communities we will try to address that in consultation with the appropriate department for the circumstances of specialized elders' needs with the Department of Health and Social Services. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Oral Questions. Mr. Arvaluk.

Question 283 – 1(6): Fishing Program 80% Funding from the Federal Government

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Sustainable Development in regards to his statement he made earlier.

It was very good to hear the statement in regards to money being allocated to fishing. He stated that the Federal Government pays eighty percent and the Nunavut Government pays twenty percent. He stated that in the meantime the Nunavut Government is financing this entire program. So when are you going to ask the Federal Government for their eighty percent? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We are working with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans as well as the Provinces. Because the Provinces have had a lot of assistance from the Government of Canada we have had some assistance in regards to quotas.

The independent committee on access criteria is who we want to work with in regard to fisheries' development. What we have done is we have talked with those individuals to see whether we can get more assistance in the way of funding to do fisheries' development in Nunavut.

We wanted to be recognized by the Provinces and by the Federal Government and they have started to do that. What we want is to have the maximum amount of money that we can obtain from Fisheries and Oceans. The Ministers will be meeting on Atlantic Fisheries with the Federal Government, and keeping this in mind I will voice these concerns to the Minister responsible. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The 350 thousand dollars available to be delivered through contributions that he mentioned, I wonder where that money is going to be coming from.

Mr. Speaker, my question is, in Chesterfield Inlet, they allotted a 100 thousand pound quota, but they don't usually get the whole amount because they sell them to Rankin Inlet and Rankin Inlet already has enough fish.

They should be exported to the Provinces so this way Chesterfield Inlet could fill their quota of 100 thousand pounds. Can we start exporting fish to the Provinces? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The \$350 thousand dollars for Nunavut we would like diverted to the communities for commercial fisheries and such other things as shrimp. This is what we want to do. We want to work with the communities on fisheries' development. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Since we started in 1999 the Minister has stated many times that he would like to work with the people of Chesterfield Inlet, but three years have passed and nothing has been done.

I think that the people of Chesterfield Inlet are beginning to give up doing commercial fishing because they have to sell their fish to Rankin Inlet and they cannot fill their quota. Looking at this \$350 thousand, perhaps they could be provided with funding in the amount of \$50 thousand dollars per project.

What I am trying to say Mr. Speaker, is that we're all aware that they do Arctic Char fish farming in the south, and they don't have the same taste, they should be using the northern fish rather than these "farmed" fish. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That amount of funding in the \$350 thousand dollars was in the Main Estimates for 2002/2003. That \$350 thousand dollars has been approved to be delivered through contributions to the priorities I mentioned. Those fish that are being farmed, I went to Nova Scotia or PEI, I was down in PEI at the Food Technology Centre to take a look at the fish that are being farmed and we wanted to be able to work with those people because they know about food processing. What we wanted to do was to do different things like canning and other ways to make them more available to be sold to people in the south. Not just fish, but other things as well like four legged animals.

That's what we wanted to find out from them and that's what I went to see when I was in PEI to make it more available so that different parts of fish can be available by canning them. We wanted them to help us with different ways of preserving them or canning them. So that's what we are going to do with some parts of the \$350 thousand dollars and to get those Arctic char from the north here. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Supplementary. Final supplementary. Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk: Mr. Speaker. You have to learn how to count to four. Seems like only two. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess my final Supplementary to the minister is how good is your inventory of all the quotas in Nunavut, when you add all the quotas in Nunavut, the total sustainable quota that you have already in place, not just Coral Harbour, Grise Fiord, Pond Inlet, 26 other communities.

That will give you a very substantial amount that can be exported outside of Canada. That can be treated as a delicacy food, rather than just you know, not treated like halibut or cod or any other fish. My question is will you be getting all the export experts in southern Canada, not just Prince Edward Island and but also development centres out of Manitoba to determine finally how we can sell this sustainable harvest from Nunavut. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Arvaluk. Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes we'll work hard to deal with this and also, as the Nunavut Government we've already signed an MOU with Manitoba on how they could give us more support on fisheries.

And also one thing I learned too. On my way south I noted the restaurants of the world will want to get a similar size fish, they want the same kind of look, they weigh it, taste, and the size.

In looking at the Pangiirtung fishery in Pangiirtung, they work on various sizes and weights of turbot. So they follow the procedure very well even though it's quite expensive.

So we're looking at ways how we can deal with Arctic Char in the future and also we would like to advertise the food we eat to the world because the potential to market them is very high and to transport them to other communities.

So, it's evident that we'll have to be transparent because the cost of cargo is quite expensive. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, minister. Just to let the members know that when it comes to the number of questions that you have, supplementaries, we have two table officers in front of me that mark down the title of the questions and how many supplementaries you have.

There are two people that verify how many supplementaries you have, it's not because I am having a bad day that you are getting two questions or three. Those are the rules of the House. Oral Questions. Mr. Irqittuq.

Question 284 – 1(6): Briefing on Polar Bear Tag Harvesting

Mr. Irqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I had other commitments, I came in late, so I apologize. Mr. Speaker, I will direct my question to the Minister of Sustainable Development, I will ask him three questions.

In all of Nunavut, they did a survey on polar bears and they allotted tags to the communities. According to the polar bear regulations now, if I had five tags, I'm supposed to have just two females and three male polar bears.

If I have just three female polar bears the male tags could be deducted off according to the regulations we have. They would deduct two tags off and therefore I would only have three tags left for the polar bear. For that reason, what kind of briefing did you get about this issue? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister. Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you. I will talk a bit about the polar bear and I'm sure my response is going to be quite long, I'm just joking.

In regards to the wildlife polar bear issue, during the polar bear management consultation tour they will be talking about the MOU in all of the communities and how they can deal with the polar bear issue, during the discussions on the memoranda of understanding for the communities they will talking about that.

Inuit people do like to eat smaller polar bears because the meat is tastier so when the polar bear management group goes into your communities during the consultation tour for the MOU's, you will have that opportunity to voice your concerns at that time.

The polar bear biologist will be visiting the HTOs at the local level to talk about the MOU's. So, I think it's up to the community itself to voice their concerns during the MOU consultation tour. We urge the communities to work with the polar bear biologist. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, minister. Just before we proceed again. We also have two people at the front desk here that watch the time and they've noticed that we lost two minutes of question period. So we will add it on. Oral Questions. Mr. Irqittuq.

Mr. Irqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Briefly, some communities when they have too many females, they lost most of their tags, or if they have too many males, or vice versa.

How can we get the number of tags back after losing a tag due to harvesting too many males or females? Thank you.

Speaker: Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If the Member could clarify his question, because I did not understand his question, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

Speaker: Supplementary. Clarification.

Mr. Irqittuq (interpretation): What I was trying to say is a community, if they harvest too many females, they deduct some tags. In some communities, they almost depleted their tags. If one community had 4 tags, and they had over harvested females or males, how long would it take to get original number of tags back? Thank you.

Speaker: Minister.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We have to work with the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board. If you have a concern over that, we can definitely consult with that organization, if they over harvest males or females.

We can work with them because the communities are allocated a number of tags for each quota of the management zone. If your community is concerned, I am sure that they can review that. Thank you.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Supplementary. Mr. Irgittuq.

Mr. Irgittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is becoming a great concern by my constituency. They had 18 tags but because of polar bear disturbances, because of them coming into our community; the polar bear population is so high in my community. Because of the polar bears disturbing the community, they have been harvesting and killing these polar bears and they almost have depleted their tags.

Can you not respond to me how fast they can give those tags back to the community?
Thank you.

Speaker: Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I know that the polar bears are abundant in Nunavut. I don't know how fast the tags could be returned to the community because each community is allocated a number of tags, or various numbers of tags in each community. Thank you.

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

Mr. Irgittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When the polar bear biologists do their review, do they report to the Sustainable Development? Thank you.

Speaker: Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, we work closely with the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board in regards to polar bear management.

We also have drafted up the MOU's. We work with the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board because the population grows in the communities. Usually they recommend the quota and we work with the polar bear biologist along with the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Mr. Tootoo.

Question 285 – 1(6): Consultation Process in Developing a New Wildlife Act

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's Sustainable's day today, I have a question for the Minister responsible for Department of Sustainable Development.

Mr. Speaker, as all members of the house know, there are a lot of people out there that know the Department of Sustainable Development is under going consultation for a new wildlife act.

I would just like to ask the Minister, if he can give us a review of the consultation process and how that input is to be used in the development of the new wildlife act. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We toured all the communities in regards to the wildlife act.

The submissions and the concerns have been reviewed and we've also recorded all their input. The Nunavut Wildlife Management Board and NTI, we're working along with them side by side in regards to the wildlife act and this has proceeded very successfully.

The work will become evident when we table the wildlife act because it tries to incorporate concerns of the public at local level. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm pretty sure they've just finished, or if they are just finished the consultation tour on the act to the communities.

I just want to ask the minister, after all the consultations are done, is the department putting together a report or something that outlines the concerns and the issues that were heard during those consultations tours? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, everything will be recorded up to February 2003; yes we will table the report. They will be translated into Inuktitut so that all the concerns will be known at the local level.

We will make a report in both Inuktitut and English to the public and to the members here and our constituencies. Thank you.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Can the minister give us an indication as to when the report on the consultation that he mentioned, if it's going to be done in both Inuktitut and English. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We could elaborate to you on what level it is at now, the report, perhaps by tomorrow. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I'm raising with the minister a concern that was brought to me as a Member of the Legislative Assembly here in Iqaluit by some residents about the consultation tour that was done. The report on the consultations still hasn't come back, the department has a draft act that's already done and a lot of people seem a little concerned that the Legislation is all ready prior to the feedback, before the report on it even being done. I'd just like to ask the minister if the report is not done, how you know that they will incorporate those reviews and concerns of the other stakeholders that he mentioned that he's working with?

So they all can take it into consideration, when drafting legislation if legislation is pretty much drafted already. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will try and table the Report before the Wildlife Act is passed. And also I almost forgot that the Report has to be translated into Inuinnaqtun. And also it includes the process and also the concerns. Thank you.

Speaker: The Members will note that Question Period is now over. Item 7 Written Questions. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Item 7: Written Questions

Written Question 03 – 1(6): Two Hours for Question Period (Ruled Out of Order)

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My written question is to the Speaker. I was wondering if in one of our sittings we can include two hours of Question Period? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Iqaqrialu. This is my first question as the Speaker. Yourself, as the Chairman of the Rules Committee, you probably should know that I will have to rule this out of order.

I would suggest that maybe you should bring this up before the Caucus. Thank you.

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

Item 13: Tabled Documents

Tabled Document 055 – 1(6): Bumper Stickers

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, as I had indicated in my Member's Statement earlier, that I would like to Table more than 19 bumper stickers here. It says, "Please note Schools need music."

I would like to ask, Mr. Speaker, if there is a surplus of bumper stickers, would the surplus be allocated to the Minister of Education. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Item 14. Notices of Motions. Item 13. Minister Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Sorry, Mr. Speaker, it was for Tabling of Documents. Do I ask for an extension?

Speaker: Proceed.

Tabled Document 056 – 1(6): Interim Financial Report (Unaudited) March 31, 2002 Tabled Document 057 – 1(6): NHC Annual Report for 1999/00 and 2000/01

Hon. Kelvin Ng: I would like to Table the following document. Interim Financial Report, March 31st, 2002. And the Nunavut Housing Corporation's Annual Report for 1999/2000, and 2000/2001. Thank you.

Speaker: Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Last call. Item 14. Notices of Motions. Notices of Motions. Item 15. Notices of Motion for the First Reading of Bills. Premier Okalik.

Item 15: Notice of Motion for First Reading of Bills

Bill 20 – An Act to Amend the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act and Related Statutes - Notice

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (Interpretation ends): Mr. Speaker, I give Notice that on Wednesday, November 27th, 2002, I shall move that Bill 20, an Act to Amend the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act and related statutes be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Premier. Item 15. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Item 16. Motions. Mr. Premier. Item 17. First Reading of Bills. Mr. Premier.

Item 17: First Reading of Bills

Bill 22 – An Act to Amend the Securities Act – First Reading

Hon. Paul Okalik: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Baffin South, that Bill 22, an Act to Amend the Securities Act, be read for the first time. Qujannamiik, Uqaqti.

Speaker: The motion is in order. All those in favour? All those opposed. Motion is carried. Bill 22 has had first reading. Item 17. First Reading of Bills. First Reading of Bills. Item 18. Second Reading of Bills. Item 19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters; Bill 13, Bill 17, Bill 18, Minister's Statement 72-1(6) with Mr. Iqaqrialu in the Chair. Before we proceed with committee of the whole we will take a 45-minute break.

Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>*House recessed at 15.16 p.m. and resumed at 16.09 p.m.*

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

Chairperson (Mr. Iqaqrialu): Thank you colleagues. We can resume. If we could start the committee of the whole. It's getting a little cool here in the chambers.

We'll be dealing with Bill 18, Minister's Statement 72-1(6), Bill 13, an Act to Amend the Worker's Compensation Act. What is the wish of the committee? Ms. Williams.

Ms. Williams (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We would like to start with Bill 18, Appropriation Act and today we can start with capital, Department of Sustainable Development. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Do we agree that we'll deal with the Department of Sustainable Development, Bill 18, Appropriation Act?

Does the Minister have opening comments? Minister of Sustainable Development. Mr. Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The reason why it's so cold in here is that we're in support of the Kyoto Protocol. We are trying to conserve energy.

Mr. Chairman, the Department of Sustainable Development's proposed capital budget for 2003/2004 is \$2 million 520 thousand. My department has identified 30 capital projects that focus on three key areas of investment:

1. Attraction and Tourism Development
2. Investment in our Territorial Parks
3. Investment in Operational Infrastructure

Part 1 - Attraction Development

Visitors Centres. We realize the importance of Visitors Centres in developing a tourism industry. Because Visitors Centres must constantly grow to meet the needs of their programs, \$200 thousand has been allocated to visitor centre projects. Projects that will be funded include the completion of the Unnikkaarvik Centre in Iqaluit, promoting tourism in all regions of Nunavut; and purchases for the Katannilik Park Visitor Centre exhibit display. Remaining funds will be allocated to visitor centre projects where the need arises.

(interpretation ends) Attraction sites help with developing tourism and therefore the departments focuses some of its annual funding to help non-decentralized communities meet their goals. Examples for 2003/2004 include the celebration of the Amundsen Centennial in the decentralized community of Gjoa Haven, and various tourism and attraction development feasibility studies for the non-decentralized communities of Clyde River, Hall Beach, Coral Harbour, and Kugaaruk. In total the department will be investing \$280 thousand in 2003/2004 on community based attraction development projects.

(interpretation) Tourism Marketing. My department, in partnership with Nunavut Tourism, will continue to invest in the marketing of Nunavut as a primary tourist destination through a \$25 thousand capital contribution toward the development and/or replacement of Nunavut Tourism's booths and exhibits.

Part 2 - Nunavut Parks Program and Parks Investment

(interpretation ends) The upgrading and improvement of existing parks within the Nunavut parks system provides many direct benefits to Nunavummiut, it will encourage local usage and increased tourism and ensure that the Nunavut Parks System develops as planned and not as a series of isolated and unconnected projects.

With the signing of the IIBA earlier this year I am confident that the pace and level of capital investment in our territorial parks will continue to grow.

In light of this, ongoing capital investment in the Nunavut parks system will continue to be a high priority for the department. The department will spend \$545 thousand in the following parks: Katannilik Park near Kimmirut, the Thelon-Kazan Heritage sites near Baker Lake, Qaummaarviit Park and Sylvia Grinnell Park near Iqaluit, Kekerten Historic

Park and Pitsutinu Tungavik Park in Pangnirtung, Qilaluqat Park in Pond Inlet, Kuklok Park near Kugluktuk, and Ijiralik Park near Rankin Inlet. In addition we will be investing \$50 thousand towards the assessment of Axel Heiberg Island in the high arctic as a potential Territorial Park.

Part 3 - Operational Infrastructure.

The third area of focus within our 2003/2004 capital plan is capital investment in operational infrastructure. These capital investments are made to guarantee that our staff and crown corporations have the facilities and equipment necessary to do their jobs.

(interpretation) Wildlife Area Offices - New Construction and Upgrades. The largest projects within our 2003/2004 Capital Plan are focused on the replacement of old and outdated wildlife area offices. My department has proposed a capital plan that will see the staged replacement and/or renovation of old and rundown buildings. Planning for replacement is done based on the age and condition of the existing building, and its estimated remaining useful life.

In 2003/2004 my department will invest \$575 thousand toward the construction of a new wildlife service area office in Grise Fiord. (interpretation ends) The wildlife office in Grise Fiord is currently housed within the Hamlet complex, which is made up of three old trailers that were recently condemned.

In addition, my department is also proposing to spend \$230 thousand on the renovation of existing stations in various communities including Pangnirtung and Kugaaruk to ensure they meet building codes, as well as completing the Sanikiluaq office.

(interpretation) Mobile Equipment - Repair and Replacement. My department is planning to spend \$190 thousand on mobile equipment purchases.

Mobile equipment purchases support the department's enforcement and conservation activities. Some of this money will go towards providing equipment in Sanikiluaq where we have no mobile equipment, and to Igloolik to support the decentralization of the Wildlife Services Division. Laboratory and Monitoring Equipment replacement and upgrades are also proposed in the amount of \$75 thousand.

(interpretation ends) In terms of Parks infrastructure my department proposes to spend \$75 thousand to repair and/or replace damaged park infrastructure like signs, buildings, trails and mobile equipment. This money will be spent in parks throughout Nunavut as needs and priorities are established.

My department has identified \$200,000 for the completion of the evaluation contracted out by the Nunavut Development Corporation of the condition of the Cambridge Bay Meat and Fish Plant and the start of any construction related to the contractor's findings.

For 2003/2004 my department will continue its support and investment in the Art for Nunavut Program. This is a program that acquires and organizes displays of artwork by Nunavut artists for Government of Nunavut buildings in communities throughout the territory. An arts consultant will be engaged to finish cataloguing and inventory and to manage additional purchases in the second half of this year. Capital investment in this project will total \$75 thousand in the 2003/2004 year.

As you can see Mr. Chairman, this Capital Plan is a well balanced and focused plan that clearly supports the needs and priorities of the government as well as the needs of communities throughout Nunavut. Our plan is focused on providing support to the three key areas within our operations that need heavy capital investment, and in doing so, ensure that these projects provide real benefit to Nunavummiut.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Minister of Sustainable Development, Mr. Olayuk Akesuk. Before we go ahead, I would like to recognise my youngest brother who just walked in. Samuilee Iqaqrialu. And also the two people who are from Clyde River, I would like to welcome them to the House and recognise them. Thank you.

Thank you, Mr. Akesuk for your opening comments. If you would go to the witness table with your officials. Do you agree that we can have witnesses in the Chamber?

Sergeant-at-Arms. Thank you.

If you could introduce your officials Mr. Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. With me today is Mr. Alex Campbell, Deputy Minister and Director of Corporate Services, Ms. Terryl Allen. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Irqittuq, do you have any opening comments? Mr. Irqittuq.

Mr. Irqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As Chairman of the Standing Committee on Community Empowerment and Sustainable Development, I am pleased to be able to provide opening comments as we begin the review of the 2003-2004 capital estimates for the Department of Sustainable Development.

The Committee was pleased to note the signing of Inuit Impact Benefit Agreements for territorial parks. The Standing Committee urges the department to move forward in creating similar agreements for the conservation areas in Nunavut so that development can begin in a timely manner.

Mr. Chairman, the Standing Committee was pleased to hear the Minister speak about the test fishery in the Coronation Gulf. The Committee encourages the Minister's efforts to

develop further fisheries and meat plants to responsibly utilize one of Nunavut's best renewable resources, our abundant wildlife.

Mr. Speaker, last year Nunavut was given a new four thousand ton quota for turbot in Davis Strait and Baffin Bay. This increased quota is an opportunity for Nunavummiut to enter in International Markets.

Mr. Speaker, the committee urges the Minister, encourages the Minister to investigate the International Markets for all of Nunavut's products.

Mr. Speaker, the Standing Committee remains committed to economic development in non decentralized communities. The committee supports initiatives by the Minister to encourage economic growth in non decentralized communities.

Mr. Speaker, it is important that the Minister focus on development in these communities to ensure that all Nunavummiut prosper from the creation of Nunavut. Mr. Speaker, there are many sites of archaeological significance across the territory.

The Standing Committee is concerned that increased tourism traffic is disturbing these sites and strongly urges the department to ensure that proper signage is used and that education materials are made available to advise tourist of the cultural significance and limit the number of artefacts that are being removed from sites across the territory.

Mr. Speaker, the Standing Committee urges the Minister to continue working with the Public Works and Services on Environmental Cleanup Issues across Nunavut. It is important that we leave our children and grandchildren, a clean and healthy environment.

Mr. Speaker, the Standing Committee looks forward to Wager Bay being designated a National Park; the Committee urges the Minister to work with the federal counterparts to ensure that tourism infrastructure is in place in Rankin Inlet and Repulse Bay to take advantage of increased tourism traffic.

Mr. Speaker, the Standing Committee notes that the government finally tabled its response to the Committee's Report on community consultations on the future of tourism in Nunavut and looks forward to reviewing the Nunavut Tourism Strategy when it is tabled.

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

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Iqittuq. Before we go into questions, we will give the Members an opportunity to make their statements. Each member is given a 10 minute opportunity for general comments then afterwards we'll go into questions, which again is 10 minutes.

We will now open the floor for general comments. If there are none we can go immediately to the capital estimates. Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In the minister's opening remarks, I would like to make a few comments that will take less than 10 minutes.

Yes, I'm happy to hear the minister say that developments are going to occur, particularly in the non-decentralized communities in regards to parks. But I don't understand on page 4 on the minister's opening remarks, on page 4 the third paragraph.

In regards to the identification of the 200 thousand dollars for the completion of the evaluation, what I don't understand is the people that are contracted for the Cambridge Bay meat and fish plant, I just wondered are they for consultants or contractors? I would like clarification on that before we move on to other subjects. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Arvaluk. If the minister could please give the member some clarification. Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm sorry Mr. Chairman. The meat and fish plant in the Kitikmeot region is an old building and it has been inspected to see whether we should utilize it, to make sure that is safe.

So what we have to do is an evaluation on it, to see that it meets the health standards so it could continue to operate. This is for the evaluation for the Cambridge Bay meat and fish plant. That's what the money has been identified for. The evaluation is being done so that the plant can stay in operation because if it were to close down it would have an economic impact. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Akesuk. I would like to inform the members that we're not on questions we're on general comments. So your general comments won't be omitted I won't let you ask another question. Once the general comments are done with then you will be able to ask questions. Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): I won't be asking another question but I just wanted to be able to get some clarification on the third paragraph it states that the contractors will be doing an evaluation of the Cambridge Bay meat and fish plant to see whether it requires repairs. If I was the contractor and there were repairs required I would start on them right away.

From what I understand from the minister's explanation, why do you want the contractor to do an evaluation? That's one question on his statement. Looking at the Inuktitut translation of that paragraph, it is not clear what they are going to be doing, and we will be doing the Capital Estimates.

There is money in their explanation of the Capital Estimates; but it does not really state how the money is going to be used. They have the titles in there. It does not explain

exactly what they are going to do. It is very hard to understand from the explanation exactly what they are going to be doing.

It could be equipment, it says equipment, I could have equipment such as a vehicle, snowmobile, or a boat, or hockey equipment or many other things. There is 75 thousand dollars for Parks; it does not say how it is going to be used for Parks.

Under Grise Fiord it says the Wildlife Office and the garage, they are understandable but the top ones under headquarters, it does not really explain what kinds of equipment will be replaced. Like mobile equipment and other items. It does not have much of an explanation as to exactly what is going to be replaced and what is going to be purchased.

Perhaps if I could tell the Minister that they should elaborate more in the explanations in the Capital Estimates, because these are going to go to the communities after we approve them. We would really like to know exactly what you are spending the money on.

I will be asking questions later on about those things. Those are my comments for now. Thank you.

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

Mr. Iqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Following what we discussed today, we have a problem here in Nunavut, especially in the non-decentralized communities in terms of support.

We all know that there are Fish Plants that are in operation at this time in some of the Nunavut communities. We heard today during Question Period that they are going to be doing something about the Fish Plants in the Nunavut communities.

When they do the Capital Estimates for next year, I think that there should be a Fish Plant provided for the people of Amitturmiut, so we will be able to sell fish commercially.

I was pleased to hear that we requested a quota of 50 thousand. I know that that is not enough for my community of Amittuq. You can get a quota for 100 thousand pounds in my riding. This could be sustainable for five to ten years.

They should be given the opportunity to be provided with employment, because 100 thousand pounds is, I think, adequate for my community.

For those people who receive Income Support, they would get employment. People receiving Income Support are evaluated every so often to make sure that they are not getting over the amount that they should be receiving. When we deal with the capital estimates for next year, perhaps the department can look at providing a fish plant in the Amittuq riding. Those are my comments at this time Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Irqittuq. Anyone else for general comments? Ms. Williams.

Ms. Williams (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. A short comment. First of all, I would like to thank the department for providing some funding for Grise Fiord for that office and a garage because their office is not adequate at this time and because if I understand this comment, that wildlife office has been condemned.

They're replacing it but I don't see in the two years anything in there to do with the closure of the mines and the cleaning up of the mines in my riding, around Resolute or in my riding of Quttiktuq.

I don't see anything in here to deal with helping the people to gain employment. It is unfortunate in my riding that there is nothing in the capital estimates for employment for the people of Quttiktuq.

They're used to working in the mines and there are two mines that are closing in my constituency. I could say that there should be more work for the people of my riding and they should do something to open a place such as a meat and fish plant. We know that there are whales up there and they could be something that could be harvested.

I don't know what else I can say to try to convince the minister and his staff to try to get some help for the people of Quttiktuqmiut. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and thank you, minister. We have had a few concerns in regards to tourists coming into our communities.

When the tourists want to go out to visit a tourist attraction for example, in Kugluktuk, the Bloody Falls, which is called Unuagahiuviq, when the tourists come to a tourist attraction they go hiking and canoeing.

Last year, and this summer included, I haven't noticed any workers there, but now I understand that this position is now in and I want to thank you for that. This is good news for tourists that come up.

Once we come to the questions I will ask a question in regards to the capital estimates at 2003-2004 for the Kitikmeot region

Just to differentiate between the capital estimates from the previous year, I wanted to raise the question of the \$300 thousand. I will ask a question in regards to the park in the Kugluktuk area. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to welcome the minister and his officials.

I have a short comment to make as well. I realise that their job is quite large in regards to wildlife, and the department should try and work using Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit in terms of the mobility of the wildlife, their migration routes.

The department should consider getting the assistance of the people that know the migration routes of the wildlife because the communities were not very populated at one time. There are more people in the communities now so they tend to go a different migration route.

The community of Repulse Bay does some fishing as well and I would like them to get started on commercial fishing so that a wage economy can be created in that community and to be assisted by the Department of Sustainable Development, whether it is a small or medium sized assistance to that community. Those are my comments at this time. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Alakannuark. At this time we are dealing with Department of Sustainable Development. Please try to stick to Department of Sustainable Development. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just on the minister's opening comments, in general I think it's good to see some work being done on attraction development. The centre here in Iqaluit that promotes tourism in all the regions, I think that's one of our most untapped resources is tourism and we need to market as best as we can.

Since April 1st in 1999, the number of people visiting here, especially here in Iqaluit, was much more noticeable, just coming to see what Nunavut is all about. I think that's something we should plan to capitalize on as much as possible. The more information we can get out there the better, the ability for that information to get out there the better.

So it's good to see work being done. Again tourism marketing, there's 25 thousand dollars in there for contributions for Nunavut tourism booths or exhibits. I know that is something that one of my colleagues has indicated before. It would be good to see gateway displays in some of the larger airport entrances across the country and maybe even some places, we don't want to go the states right now.

Something that people could see that we're here and how, how do you get a hold of it because there are people all across the country and all around the world that are curious about what goes on here. This is one of the last frontiers, I guess, is the way some people would look at it. People love to come and see what it is all about. The more we can do to capitalize on that, the better.

And also the fact that tourism is a reusable resource. It's not something that we can use up; it's always going to be there.

Looking at the Parks programs and investments, I think that I am finally glad. With the signing of the IIBA's. The Minister had indicated in his statement that there has been some work that has been delayed here in Iqaluit. The Sylvia Grinnell Park should finally get under way and ensure that residents and people that like going for a walk can look forward to the bridge that is going to cross the river, so that they can get over to the other side of the river throughout the year. I am glad that the IIBA's have been signed and that work can move forward.

On Axel Heiberg Island, there is a potential territorial park. I know the difference between a territorial and a national park. I was just wondering if something like that would be better if we could get the Federal money to make it a Park, or a National Park, or a Historic Site, or something like this. I don't know about this. I am just wondering what the best option for that site is.

Infrastructure investment to support the Crown Corporations is \$200 thousand dollars for the evaluation for the Cambridge Bay Meat and Fish Plant. I think I've been to the plant; I have been to all of the NDC Subsidiaries and the work that they do in those different locations throughout Nunavut, whether they are in Pangnirtung, Rankin Inlet, Taloyoak, or Arviat. I think those places create employment in the communities so that we need to try and make sure that they keep going.

I don't know what the status of the musk-ox harvest in Cambridge Bay is over there now with this being done. I know that is something that I was certainly interested in looking at; purchasing musk-ox hides might help. I know that other people enjoyed getting musk-ox meat as I do the caribou ribs from Rankin Inlet, and the shrimp and fish from Pangnirtung.

Those are the items that are sought after all over the place. So it is good to see most of that in there and hopefully, I don't know if that is enough, if they are to start any construction related to that \$200 thousand dollars, it is not going to go too far as far as construction goes.

Art for Nunavut, it is important if we are going to put a lot of art there. You see it a lot in the community here. They have an art program and there is always an abundance of students taking that program. The works that they are coming out with I think are spectacular.

There was a display out in the lobby here until last week, from the Matchbox Gallery in Rankin Inlet. They displayed very fine pottery from some young artists in Rankin Inlet. I think that they sold a lot of work here. As well as I think that those kinds of programs are important. We need to make sure that they are adequately funded and have the resources that they need.

That's about it for my opening comments on the Minister's opening comments. I might have some questions as we go along. Thank you Mr. Chairman. I would just like to welcome the Minister and his staff here to the House. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. We are on general comments. I have no names on the list for general comments. We are now going to questions. If there are no further comments, we will move on to the pages. Are there any questions? If there are no questions, we will move on to page 11-4.

On 11-5, Sustainable Development. Branch Summary. Program Development and Delivery. Now go to page 11-6, if there are questions. Sustainable Development. Detail of Capital. Program Development and Delivery,

Total Headquarters Region \$25 thousand. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Chairperson. Mr. Chairperson, on your, I am looking at 11-5, there's a substantial drop in grants and contributions from \$250 thousand to 25 thousand. Capital assets are down roughly a little over \$2 million dollars from the previous year.

I am just wondering if the Minister could explain. Is that something that has been reallocated somewhere else? Why is there such a big drop here? Thank you Mr. Chairperson.

Chairperson: Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you. Some of them were not used in the previous year. There were carryovers, and that's why it seems large. Thank you.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairperson, some of these things last year, they had 250 thousand just from signing the contribution because I would imagine that would be monies that were available to go out to individuals throughout the communities for various reasons. I was just wondering, how come there was 250 thousand last year? Does that mean that was like 225 thousand dollars in carryovers? Thank you Mr. Chairperson.

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

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk: I will forward that question to Ms. Allen.

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

Ms. Allen: Yes, the grants and contributions in the budget last year, there was a tourism equipment booth replacement at the same level for \$25 thousand that we have in this year's budget. We also had four other projects.

Two of them were building upgrades with Nunavut Development Corporation, those totalled \$150 thousand dollars, and the Nunavut Archives last year was classified as a contribution for \$75 thousand dollars. So the total of \$250 thousand dollars for five projects was from last year.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. When you respond, try and speak slower so that the interpreters can keep up with you. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: I will try Mr. Chairperson. I don't know, in your opening comments for the \$200 thousand for the study, I think it was for equipment, but you indicated with the funding 250 thousand last year was for Nunavut Development Corporation upgrade projects.

I'm just wondering why they determined that they don't need that funding this year? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Last year there were contributions and they're not contributions this year but they will be used for funding. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. One of my questions I guess is, in his opening comments he talked about, I think it was \$200 thousand for five upgrades or something for the Cambridge Bay plant, meat and fish plant.

And in response, \$ 250 thousand, last year there was a number of projects that were for upgrades, I think it was upgrades for NDC subsidiaries I would guess.

I was wondering if where, if you know, there's no requirement for upgrades to be done this year. I hope it's allocated somewhere else. I guess that's what I'm looking for, an answer to that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. I would like to welcome my colleague, Mr. McLean. Welcome back. I will now let Minister Akesuk respond.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk: Thank you, in this fiscal year, 2002-2003, Nunavut Development Corporation engaged the Rankin Inlet office of Ferguson Simek and Clark to oversee the assessment of the physical condition of the Cambridge Bay Meat and Fish Plant.

The study will be completed by September 30 to determine whether a major repair or retrofit or a new plant may be required. The study completed this year, 2002-2003, will indicate the directions of our department here for the fiscal year 2003-2004.

So it's whether to repair or retrofit or build a new plant for the next fiscal year. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Akesuk. Mr. Tootoo do you have any further questions?

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm just wondering, I gathered the minister's response for that other thing and this amount in the grants and contributions, there was a project last year for upgrades to NDC subsidiaries. I would assume that they are NDC projects. Was there not a requirement for them this year or is it somewhere off in the desert? I guess, again, that's again what I'm asking. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Ms. Allen will respond to the question. Ms. Allen.

Chairperson (interpretation): Ms. Allen.

Ms. Allen: Yes, thank you, Mr. Chairman. The \$200 thousand that we put into this year's capital plan was considered as a departmental capital project as opposed to a Nunavut Development Corporation contribution, a capital project.

It's something the department was undertaking for that Meat and Fish Plant as opposed to directing it through the corporation as a contribution. So that's the difference between the contribution funds.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Allen. Any further questions? Are you finished, Mr. Tootoo? Mr. McLean.

Mr. McLean: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My question is piggy backing on my colleague Mr. Tootoo.

We're no stranger to the Nunavut Development Corporation. Right now I reside more with the community that benefits from the Nunavut Development Corporation being in my community and the number of people that it employs and they put out a very good product which I try to wear as much as possible and other members in this House wear the ties, t-shirts, etc., etc.

But over the last three and a half years, in our Standing Committee we made it very, very clear and in this House we've made it very clear that we want the Nunavut Development Corporation to take a more proactive role in the non-decentralized communities. I'm talking about places like Pelly Bay, Spence Bay, Hall Beach, Chesterfield Inlet, Repulse

Bay, Coral Harbour, Clyde River, Broughton Island, and Arctic Bay. It isn't because we were not concerned. We were concerned because the other communities felt that because of decentralization they didn't really benefit much from it.

We asked and we asked and we asked, like three and a half, four years in a row we asked the Nunavut Development Corporation to take a more active role in trying to help the economy in these smaller communities. Because of lot of them are resource based and economically based and you did your Minister's statement on fisheries development and you know the fishing industry needs to take off in Nunavut and there are great discoveries all year round in Kugluktuk.

My question to the minister today on this preamble is, has anybody from the Nunavut Development Corporation ever brought this forward or was the Board of Directors ever asked? There are two questions here.

Were they ever asked for input on broadening their mandate to the smaller communities? That's the first part of the question. Were they ever asked by your department? We've said it in this house numerous times. Has anybody ever brought it to them and asked them? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. McLean. Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, we've met with them. When we go to Rankin Inlet we meet with the chairperson and their staff and the board. We've discussed and met with the board to make sure that the smaller communities are given more support and I remember the community of Sanikiluaq where there is a high interest of the Sanikiluaq residents in carving and also baskets, there is a great interest in marketing baskets and also Kimmirut; they've already received more support.

Mr. Chairman, perhaps your community too, that's where they purchase carvings. Using the Department of Sustainable Development's limited resources we try to give support to all the communities of Nunavut and we've also relayed this information to the board of Nunavut Development Corporation. Also we try to get representation from various communities because each individual has expertise in their area.

We have representatives from large centres and smaller communities, that way they're discussing things to make sure that they have representation from everyone.

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

Mr. McLean: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm going to press you Olayuk until I get the answer I want or Minister Akesuk.

Will you commit to this House? You know, there have been announcements here last week or the week before when Minister Nault and all the, that meeting they had here. I

think the Federal Government at the time announced that there are a few million dollars available for some kind of Economic Development Plan for business development and things like that. Maybe we're too new. Maybe we're too new, the board of directors of the Nunavut Development Corporation are too new.

But would it be possible for somebody to sit down with them and ask them for their advice? Maybe the department should oversee a long term strategy? I don't think that we're going to build ten meat and fish plants over the next two years in every community that wants one.

You have to have some kind of plan in place before you open up these subsidiaries. The Nunavut Development Corporation, is it our mandate; are we going to watch it go down the drain, are we going to support it, you know.

We seem to be like touching it but not really, you know what I mean, developing it. I think where you have buildings and communities I don't think we should be threatened by developing smaller communities and if they are having something like that made in Sanikiluaq, I've seen those baskets, it might not take a lot to make a little bit happen in a community. But what I am saying is there some way you guys can get together with the Nunavut Development Corporation in your department and do a long term strategy for the non-decentralised communities, to see if they actually need support in those communities for what they are good at.

Will you commit that to this House? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. McLean. Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, when I became the Minister for the Department of Sustainable Development I had committed to make sure that we worked on the non-decentralised communities in regards to your question.

I will want to work with the board very closely and ask them questions about how the Nunavut Government with our limited resources can spread the resources equally to the communities. I will meet and discuss this matter with NDC to the best of my ability, with our limited resources. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Akesuk. Anything else?

Mr. McLean: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I get your message loud and clear; I know you have limited resources. I guess if you had an extra \$3 or 4 million dollars, along that line for capital and the Nunavut Development Corporation, then it would probably be easier on you.

Like I say, it's not the lack of trying, Minister Akesuk, it's that we've been asking for it to happen in these communities and I know money is getting harder to find.

Are we working with our federal counterparts in INAC to maybe look for some outside capital funding to assist some of these smaller communities? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Using the Nunavut Arts and Crafts Association as an example, we contribute some money to this agency and then they look for outside dollars.

They usually have a budget and we give them our support and we've been having some discussions on how economic development can be boosted for Nunavut and how we can put additional dollars in the economic sector.

We're going to keep working with our federal counterparts to get outside monies to supplement on what we give. We have an ongoing dialog with our federal counterparts and at every opportunity we seek support from federal ministers and I have meetings with them on duty travel and usually what we do is when we do meet with the federal ministers we tell them about Nunavut needs and wishes.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Akesuk. Mr. McLean.

Mr. McLean: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I visited Pangnirtung twice in the last year. I was actually amazed at what they do in that small decrepit, falling down old plant. It needs, you know, the product that comes out of there, is the best one in North America.

I was walking through the plant with the manager and he was telling me what they actually do in there with such a little plant. Things have a way of wearing out after a while and I am hoping that you are looking after that plant when they need some minor upgrade there.

I am not saying that if you get any capital, to put it all in there, but it needs help. It needs help, I do know that. Like I say, that is just the beginning of a great thing there. I really have to commend the people of Pangnirtung for their hard work and with what they are producing there. You know, with the arts and crafts there, they are world-renowned.

That is why I am pushing you on this issue. I hate to use that phrase that I use all the time. The more outside dollars we attract, the better it is for Nunavut. Being an ex-businessman, I look at attracting outside dollars and sometimes we are not good at that. We kind of wait for it to come from the Federal Government all the time.

I want you to be a little bit more aggressive in trying to help these smaller communities in setting up something. I know that you only have limited capital. If we had 10 or 15 million dollars in your Department there, we could do wonderful things in a lot of those communities.

Maybe we have to find out how to be innovative and how to borrow money. We are starting to set up in the municipalities, corporations, business development corporations and things like that. Maybe that is the way of looking at Community Government and Transportation to help sustainable set up some kind of whatever industry.

So that is just what I am saying in regards to the Nunavut Development Corporation. I Chair that Standing Committee and all I get is one line. I don't know if that is being sent down to you from FMB; it would be nice to know if there was a wish list from the Nunavut Development Corporation, so we could have some input on it. As MLA's we cannot spend money, but we could make recommendations.

I am encouraging you. I know that you are probably tired of hearing me say that. It is really just a statement, Mr. Chairman, on that topic. I will have questions later. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. McLean. Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): I did not hear a question.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Akesuk. Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): I thought that we were on 11-9. If we are going page by page, while we are on this page, I will bring it up later. I am sure that you are getting a little tired of hearing the same issue brought up by me.

We get approximately \$22 million dollars for Social Assistance O&M. We all know that if we look at the \$700 million dollars we have the day to day expenses and some for the O&M. We know that there are Capital Projects for the three hospitals that will be built in the three regions and that will be very expensive.

Within this \$22 million dollars, we give Social Assistance. They are healthy and they are able and willing to work, they want to enter the educational institutions. If there is work available they are able to work.

Is it not possible to talk with your colleagues and see if we are expending money here for the Department of Sustainable Development Capital and then in a few years, this \$22 million dollars can be decreased, and we can have a savings in there? Or if we start to house the Arctic College students properly, then that 22 million dollars will start shrinking.

I have been trying to send this message for the last three years and same thing the NWT Government couldn't understand that either.

Mr. Chairman, what I would like to ask is are you going to be able to have discussions with the ministers so that we can decrease the social assistance money and increase the dollars that are going to education or Arctic College and if you look at the connection

between illnesses and sicknesses and being on social assistance, there is a connection there.

You have to talk to the ministers. If we do this, we can decrease the number of social service recipients. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We are trying to set up some programs within Department of Sustainable Development and there is the Economic Development Agreement that could, if it was existing, it could be making things a lot easier.

I will have meetings with my colleagues and I'm sure that they understand exactly what the problems are in Nunavut. Going back to Mr. McLean's comments, possibly what we can do is get the Nunavut Development Corporation's wish list and I can start a dialogue with the rest of the ministers. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Akesuk. Anything else? That's it? Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Usually what we do is give some ideas that the minister can consider. 11-6, I think I believe we're on 11-6. There is a typo in the Inuktitut and again there was an error in the Minister of Education's department.

Is it possible for the Minister to make sure that these typos are corrected before the end of this session?

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Nutarak. Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This typo is noted. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Was that a yes?

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Yes.

Chairperson (interpretation): Anything else? Mr. Irqittuq.

Mr. Irqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Tourism exhibit needs replacement. I would like to make a few comments. First of all, because of course Nunavut is very new and just a couple of years old, I don't blame anyone, but the Minister of Sustainable Development has a very important job and goes down to the States and is questioned about what Nunavut has to offer.

I am sure that you have heard it but there have been questions; Nunavut is not approachable, it is frozen. What does the cold Arctic have? Is it possible to go there? Since the creation of Nunavut, where did the Eskimos go? What did the Inuit do with the Eskimos? Some of them ask that once Nunavut gets a little older, and once they get adequate housing, they will come and see Nunavut.

Those are the kinds of comments that we hear from Americans. We are a little more visible at the International level, but then there is this question of what happened to the Eskimos since we became Inuit. They think that we are just new people who have just settled in this part of the country.

We have done some marketing but what can we do to market ourselves, to market Nunavut, and to promote Nunavut, in order to attract tourists? How can we rectify this problem? How can we promote Nunavut and the people? Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Irqittuq. We know that we are in the Capital Estimates, but I will just proceed with this. Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We try to promote Nunavut at the International level. There are the Trade Missions that we go to, and we participate with the Canadian delegation.

We promote and market Nunavut. We are doing as much as we can and we do know that there are other innovative approaches that we can take. We are doing to the best that we can and we promote tourism and visitors to Nunavut.

We have Nunavut Travel that is available at the International level. We also use the film *Atanarjuat*, the Fast Runner to promote the Inuit culture. We use those tools to promote Nunavut and the people at the International level.

We will look at other ways in order to promote Nunavut. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Akesuk. Mr. Irqittuq, Taima? Is that it? Mr. Alakannuark.

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On our page. I have a question. The tourism exhibit and booth replacement. I don't understand the Inuktitut replacement portion of it. The way it is written. That is my question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): There are differences in dialects. Just to give a little explanation. It is for the booth replacements and tourism exhibits. This falls under tourism. These are visual effects that we use when we are promoting Nunavut at the International level. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Anything else? Any other questions? On 11-6. Sustainable Development, Detail of Capital, Headquarters' Region, Total Headquarters' Region, \$25 thousand. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation) Turning the page. Sustainable Development, Detail of Capital, Headquarters Region. Questions. Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In this page and other pages, perhaps the Capital Estimates for 2003/2004, we've been talking about these things for the last three years now.

Perhaps you can get some lessons from somebody, perhaps take a course and learn to explain exactly what those things are that you're going to be used for.

For instance, tangible assets. 511010, Equipment Replacement Parts. \$75 thousand dollars.

(interpretation ends) Can you write down exactly what it is next time? In the other lines that you have, what it's going to be used for. For example, tangible assets, 500246, Nunavut Art Bank. \$75 thousand dollars.

What are you going to do with Nunavut Art Bank? Are you saying that you are going to give Nunavut Art Bank \$75 thousand dollars to buy art from carvers in the communities?

If so, why don't you write that down so that we can review the Capital Estimates with more clarity? The only reason I ask is why are the figures there without the exact projects identified? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Arvaluk. Mr. Akasuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akasuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The explanations on these Capital Estimates at that time, at the beginning, we have those explanations at the beginning.

So, that is why we have those explanations such as tangible assets, 500246 under that item near the Nunavut Art Bank. We're trying to find out what kinds of art we have in Nunavut that we're doing an inventory on the arts in Nunavut. So, that's what it's going to be used for; to find out what we can do before they get lost and write them down in the inventory.

We will be working with the elders and the Heritage Council.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Akasuk. Anything else? Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk: Maybe we should get back to the substantiation sheet. Maybe when we are doing the final, I don't know anything on the Capital Items for Finance Minister but we waste a lot of time asking for clarifications because of the jargons or the titles that are there. We really don't know for example, visitor's centres for 511014 of \$200 thousand each floor.

When you're looking at that, we don't know what they're doing at visitor's centres, centres because I think we're supposed to know what we are reading. And we also have to know what we are approving.

What is it they are being used for? We wouldn't require a different book, on the side on the next page explains that what they are doing with \$200 thousand. And \$254 thousand and from \$2 thousand to \$528 thousand.

Rather than the minister having to explain every line, not taking up a lot of time, time of the committee of the whole time when we can be debating on more informed issues from you know, of the capital and we're not really debating, Mr. Chairman, we're asking questions what do you know, what the title is trying to say.

I looked at the appendices for Sustainable Development, even the appendices is not clear, except it's numbered all the way to 2008 but the wordings are still exactly the same. But that doesn't really substantiate anything. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Arvaluk. Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And for the, yes, I understand what the, where the member is coming from because he's concerned about wanting to know what every dollar that is being spent and he wants to be able to have a better explanation of each line.

And we will try better, we will try to do better next time so we can understand, so the members can understand what the budget is being used for and we will do a better explanation so we can have a shorter committee of the whole session when we're dealing with the capital estimates.

So and the explanations are more clear from the department of sustainable development. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Akesuk. Yes, I realize, I know that it has to be done that way because it just says visitor's centres.

What are you going to do with the visitor's centres in the amount of \$200 thousand; we would like to know exactly how it's going to be used. It could mean anything, as Mr. Arvaluk states. Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In the opening statement, my opening statement, I explained what the \$200 thousand was going to be used for in Iqaluit and other communities and to purchase for the Katinnilik Visitor's Centre in Kimmirut exhibit display and remaining funds will be allocated to visitors' centres, when the need arises.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk: The Grise Fiord wildlife office/garage \$575 thousand, is this new or is there a need for renovations because it doesn't say here. Nakurmiik.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Arvaluk. Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Yes, thank you, Mr. Chairman. It's going to be a new wildlife office and a garage in Grise Fiord. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Akesuk. Anything else? Mr. Havioyak.

Mr. Havioyak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I was going to say the same thing, that being talked about the table already.

I know we're going through the 2003/2004 but when you start going through the 2004 up to 2008 you going to spend another 520 thousand dollars, if it's going to be the same thing going into business centres projects.

Maybe I might get a better picture from you, if you already, okay you are spending \$200 thousand dollars now, and last year you spent \$254 thousand. Now in 2004/2008 are they the extension of the project that you mentioned in your statement? I don't know. Maybe if you could clarify that so that I have a picture that I can see of what you are doing down the road. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Perhaps if I could, next time when I'm up here before the committee like Mr. Arvaluk said, there should be a better explanation of the projects being funded and we will provide a better explanation of the detail of the capital next time we're here for the committee.

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

Mr. Havioyak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Especially Nunavut various, that's the only area I'm worried about, otherwise in our communities you have more details.

Again you mentioned the \$200 thousand dollars was allocated for visitor's centres projects, promoting tourism in regions. Is that \$520 thousand for the same things that you

mentioned in your statements, or is it new parts that you're thinking of down the road? That was my question I guess for now. But like you said in the future, you'll provide more detailed information, when you're doing your next capital. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Haviyak. Mr. Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk: For the Visitors Centres it's ongoing upgrades for the coming years. Thank you.

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

Mr. Haviyak: I just missed the response there so can you repeat your answer. I'm sorry I missed your response.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There's a lot of Visitors Centres that have to be renovated, that's what we are dealing with. So that's what it's budgeted for, to upgrade the Visitors Centres and next time around, when we're up here before the committee we will provide more detailed explanation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Akesuk. Before we start the page by page, I would like to recognize two young people that are in the Gallery, because it's cold out there so they must be here to warm up. I would like to welcome them. Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Minister just stated that last year we had a budget of \$254 thousand; this year we are completing the Visitors' Centre in Iqaluit for \$200 thousand, if I heard that right.

Can he verify that so that I could ask my follow-up question? Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Arvaluk. Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): This is for the Nunavut regions, for the Visitors' Centres and it is for all the communities of Nunavut.

If you were to go to the Visitors' Centre, they provide an explanation about the various communities. Not just the Baffin region but for the Kitikmeot and the Kivalliq as well.

There are a lot of people that pass through Iqaluit to go to various communities and we have a display that explains to the tourists. Some of the money that we did not use will be used to upgrade the Visitors' Centres.

Next year, we will be doing an explanation of each of those lines to make sure that Members understand. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Akesuk. Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk: So we are building another Heritage Centre of the Yellowknife Exhibit in Iqaluit and the artifacts and the good stuff are not going to be in Coral Harbour, rather in Iqaluit so that people who are passing through Iqaluit, can look at what it is like in Coral Harbour rather than coming to Coral Harbour. Is that what he is saying? Qujannamiik.

Chairperson: Thank you, Mr. Arvaluk. Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): It is not a Heritage Centre; it is a Visitors' Centre. We have not heard where the Heritage Centre will be built. It is just an explanation of the various communities that the visitors can visit.

We are not talking about the Heritage Centres; we are just talking about the Visitors' Centres in the communities of Nunavut. The visitors can have an explanation of each of the communities in Nunavut. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Akesuk. Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. No, I am not saying that we are creating a Heritage Centre. What I am saying is that any kind of promotional material can be viewed in the communities are going to be in the Visitors' Centre in Iqaluit.

That is fine, but do we have a duplication of information in all of the communities that should have information of their own communities too. We were in Pangnirtung a couple of weeks ago, and there was a beautiful Visitors' Centre that talks about everything about Pangnirtung. Other communities don't have that privilege to have been a Visitors' Centre. Pretty soon Pond Inlet will have one and pretty soon the Kivalliq through Uluksaqtuuq.

If we say that the Visitors' Centre, if you look at Appendix C, Sustainable Development, on page C25, that you have a Visitors' Centre for the headquarters regions all the way to 2008, \$200 thousand dollars, and the smallest one, \$50 thousand for 2006-2007 that you have a plan. It seems like either they are going to have a headquarters here in Iqaluit, or will put them where ever you wish, depending on you know, where you would like to put it in that particular year. So that is not, I think this is what we are complaining about, is that if you can identify the visitors centres, what are you are doing at the visitor's centres and where.

Even if you say headquarters, then you should say Iqaluit. Otherwise you know, because, even recognizing Iqaluit as the headquarters. When it comes to visitor's centre, importance of visitor's centre in the community, Iqaluit should not be taking a priority when it comes to tourism.

Everybody needs tourism in economic development, especially non-headquarters, non-decentralized communities that have no other means of economic development. The Department of Tourism spends on sports hunting, spends on anything that the government does not spend on.

And I think this will have to be looked at in the next capital project and O&M at a different attitude for economic development and tourism in Nunavut as an enterprise. It's not a question Mr. Chairperson; it's just that it's frustrating that we are copying the capital planning system of the Northwest Territories all over again.

I think we were trying to get away from that in the last three years. I think we have to rethink the way do things here. Qujannamiik.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Arvaluk. I did not hear the question but if you would like to respond, Mr. Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairperson. The words of the Member for Nanulik are very strong and powerful, I'm sure it's going to support my department and the government themselves and his comments are very well taken.

And yes we will look at ways how we can improve and not use the Government of Northwest Territories system. His comments are very strong so we take them very well and they are very important, thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Akesuk. Do you have any further questions? Mr. Iqittuq.

Mr. Iqittuq (interpretation): I wasn't going to make a comment, but to follow up on my colleague's statement, yes it's good to get a visitors centre in Iqaluit, which is going to be used for all Nunavummiut, and since it's the capital of Nunavut, I'm sure the tourists, the majority of tourists come to Iqaluit.

Although I didn't see anything about the report on Hall Beach, I don't know who made the report. It would be ideal for me because we rarely get any tourists coming into Hall Beach, that's the report and it should be put into New York or Toronto or Montreal.

This is not a question, it's just a comment. Why Iqaluit, why does Iqaluit have to have, if attraction development could be put into Pangnirtung or even Hall Beach, perhaps that way you can at least attract more tourists to Hall Beach. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): I did not hear the question. But Minister Akesuk I will allow you to respond.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): I will allow my Deputy Minister, Alex Campbell to respond.

Mr. Campbell: Thank you Mr. Chairperson. I just wanted to clarify regarding the Visitor's Centres. We have nine in Nunavut, one in Arviat, one in Baker Lake, Cambridge Bay, Pond Inlet, Pangnirtung, Iqaluit, Kimmirut, Cape Dorset, and Rankin Inlet. As the minister indicated in the Minister's Statement the majority of that funding will be spent in the centre in Iqaluit in the next fiscal year.

The minister indicated as well, for the next budget cycle, we'll make sure that the Capital Projects money is set out among those nine communities that they're affecting. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Campbell. Do you have any further questions? Yes, we'll move on to Sustainable Development, Detail of Capital. To the Headquarters. \$480 thousand dollars. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Moving on to Qikiqtaaluk Region, page 11-7 all the way to 11-8 and it continues on to 11-9. Any comments or questions? Mr. Irqittuq.

Mr. Irqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In the Baffin Region, for Igloolik, maybe I'm mistaken.

Never mind it's already passed. I'll talk about it some other time. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): There were no questions. Page 11-8. Continuing on to 11-9. Any questions? Do you agree? I apologize. I made you agree without a page number. Next, \$1 million, 295 thousand dollars. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Page 7-9. Kivalliq Region, Total Kivalliq Region, \$225 thousand dollars. Comments or questions? Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, I do have lots of comments and questions but the time is ticking so therefore I'd like to make a motion before we complete the Department of Sustainable Development, I'd like to stay in session until we report out or until we complete the department because Mr. Chairman we only have two more pages left to go.

Chairperson (interpretation): Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Yes, we'll try and complete the department. We're in the Keewatin Region. 11-9. Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, although I spoke about it, I'd just like to make an addition to my comments because we can enhance and develop fisheries in all the Keewatin Region. Not just for my constituency, but also for Hall Beach, Repulse Bay, Baker Lake, and all these communities that have fish and they have huge metric tonnes of quota.

So, therefore I would like to develop fisheries and the next time we deal with Capital Estimates, I urge you not to forget developing fisheries because we do have fish in the Baffin Region and all the three regions from Igloolik all the way down to Whale Cove. They all want to have fish plants but they don't have any marketing strategy plan so I would like you to look at the strategy and marketing of the fish and I'm sure that's how it is in Kitikmeot too that they would like to strategize on the marketing of the fish.

Especially the communities with large lakes and many fish. I want you to consider all those communities and include them in the Capital Plans. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): I did not hear a question but I'm sure he's trying to get the commitment from the minister. Mr. Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, I too will want support on these things and how we can strategize on the marketing of the fish.

So, therefore I'm requesting for support from the Standing Committee. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Akesuk. Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I don't know if it could be under O&M but if I ask the question perhaps we're going to get further clarification on that.

We're able to harvest caribou in Coral Harbour up to 6 thousand but every time we harvest 3 thousand in caribou within 1 month or 6 weeks sometimes we deplete 3 thousand caribou and we deliver the meat to Rankin Inlet meat plant. They don't have the capacity to hold more than 3 thousand pounds of meat, although we have 3 thousand more pounds of meat to go there's no room at Rankin Inlet.

I was wondering if you can look at this to find out if we get additional meat plants outside of Rankin Inlet or in some communities that don't have much caribou and I know I'm sure you know which communities don't have caribou.

This winter, in some communities caribou were not so abundant in their areas so I was wondering if you can make plans, like we're able to harvest 6 thousand caribou to make

sure that we complete the quota. If you can look at ways we can harvest right to the number. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Arvaluk. Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, we dealt with the polar bear management in our O&M. We would have to bring it up during our O&M to increase the number of communities' freezers and thank you.

For example, the Pangnirtung Fish Plant, they put in additional freezers so that they can store more fish. So we can look at ways of how we can utilize the entire quota. Meat is now also starting to be marketed outside of our country and I'm sure interest is out there, so we'll have to deal with this in the future. Thank you.

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

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Last question, Mr. Chairman. Rankin Inlet has a shortage of freezers and I'm sure we all know about that. We have a mobile freezer and we were told that the freezer can have 1 thousand caribou in those mobile freezers and in Chesterfield Inlet they have a mobile freezer.

Perhaps if you can get additional mobile freezers, one or two mobile freezers in Rankin Inlet, it would really help because the mobile freezers are not too expensive. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Arvaluk. Minister. Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, we will take his comments into consideration because mobile freezers are very good and it would be very beneficial for the Nunavut meat plants.

According to the needs and requests, we will work on obtaining mobile freezers so that other communities can harvest more caribou. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Akesuk. Do you have any further questions? We're still on page 11-9. Keewatin. Total Kivalliq region \$225 thousand. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Page 11-10. Kitikmeot. Total Kitikmeot region 495 thousand. Mr. Havioyak.

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We're finally on 11-10; I just want to comment in regards to the meat plant in Cambridge Bay, because that Cambridge

Bay meat processing plant supports development in Cambridge Bay and the Kitikmeot as well.

But I am concerned that through the six years that they've been operating so far, sometimes their operation is doing well but again it seems to fall off and they are having problems operating because of the plant itself.

Perhaps we can do some studies in regards to the problems that they have. Go back a couple of years just to review and study the problems that they have in regards to the Cambridge Bay meat processing plant because this would tie into Kugluktuk as well in terms of development.

When you have a problem with the plant itself, not in good operation, we have to try to correct that because it's thing going. That's a concern I have. That's really a comment I have. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, for your comments but Minister Akesuk, I'm sure you want to make a comment.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, the study of the meat plant in Cambridge Bay has been very beneficial to the Kitikmeot communities and that meat plant benefits not just Cambridge Bay; it benefits the other communities.

It is evident it's going to be quite expensive and we have asked the Federal Government to try and support Nunavut's Capital Expenditures. This is why we have been discussing this matter of finances with our Federal counterparts but we will work hard and focus on the meat plants. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Akesuk. Do you have any further questions? Mr. Havioyak.

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a question in regards to Kugluktuk.

The Federal Government and NTI came to an agreement in regards to Nunavut when they implemented that 221 thousand dollars that was decreased from last year. I don't think all of it was used from last year.

I would like to know why this funding is a lot smaller than last year. I just want some clarification on this. Last year it was 221 thousand dollars. I don't think that funding was used. We wanted to use the funding but why was it decreased this year?

I would like a clarification on that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Havioyak. Mr. Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We have been working on this issue in Kugluktuk. We have the Heritage River that is being reviewed and that was completed in 2000.

We have quite a number of projects that we have started and we're going to keep pushing these projects so that there will be better promotion.

We are currently waiting for the Kitikmeot Inuit Association's approval. This money has been slightly changed due to that. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Akesuk. Anything else? Mr. Havioyak.

Mr. Havioyak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In 2002/2003, \$221 thousand. So you are saying then that you are working with the KIA for additional funding? Is that what you meant? I might have misunderstood the response.

So the difference will be coming from other organizations? Koanaqtit.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Havioyak. Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. With the completion of the projects, it is certain that the funds for those will start to decrease. In regards to your questions about Kitikmeot Inuit Association and their contributing funds, that is not so, because of the diminishing amount of dollars, we are working on these projects depending on the reduced amount of dollars that we get.

Chairperson (interpretation): Is that it? Mr. Havioyak.

Mr. Havioyak: So what you are saying to me that \$221 thousand dollar budget for 2002/2003, the real number that you are looking at now to complete the work is only for \$150 thousand dollars?

The reason that I am trying to find this out is that there was no work done last year. As far as I know I could be wrong. Please correct me if I am wrong.

I know when they say Kugluk Park, Coppermine is very far. The road for trails going up to the Falls, is that one of the projects? Or are we just looking at the area right around Bloody Falls? It could be two different projects there.

I am just trying to make sure that we have two projects that are going to happen this year. If not, when? I know that the one for Bloody Falls is for the signs and stuff like that and new improvements around it. And another part is the trail going up to Bloody Falls. I am trying to get the right picture here that the trail also should be included if it is not already here. Koanaqtit, Itsivautaq.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Havioyak. Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We are working on these projects. They are not specifically identified here. We want this to be recognized as a heritage river and we are currently working on that. For the campgrounds, we are also going to be working on that. We will be working with the Hamlet of Coppermine to build a trail. We are also putting together a brochure. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Akesuk. That's it? We are in the Kitikmeot Region. Total Kitikmeot Region. 295 thousand dollars. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): And total Tangible Assets. 2 million, 495 thousand dollars. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Going back to 11-4. Sustainable Development, Departmental Summary, Detail of Expenditures, Capital Expenditures, Total Capital Expenditures. 2 million, 520 thousand dollars. Mr. McLean.

Mr. McLean: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have two small questions overall.

Under Departmental Plan, 2002-2003, Capital. I just want to make a comment about Baker Lake on page 11-9. 2002-2003, and I'm just speaking for my community but I see there is a lot of money in every community.

Did that money get spent in my community, that 221 thousand dollars? And also in the other communities, was that money spent, every cent?

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. McLean. Mr. Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We are working on it and we have agreements in place for the Thelon River, we definitely have to work on it and the agreements will have to be finalized.

We try to go with the agreements as much as we can. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Akesuk. Anything else? Mr. McLean.

Mr. McLean: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to let the minister know, I'm very pleased with the gateway signs that I've seen in Ottawa, Winnipeg, Churchill, and I think Edmonton. They jumped out at me.

I've been asking to see them for three or four years. They're the right size and they're located strategically when people are sitting in lounges; they could see them with the 1-800 number.

I don't know if your department paid for them or if Nunavut Tourism paid for them but it's nice to see them finally up and I think they're going to help. That's all I have Mr. Chair. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. McLean. I didn't hear a question. Mr. Havioyak.

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) What we talked about earlier, because the amount is in there, the 2.5 million.

We talked about visitors centres and heritage and I know that when you're making the list, you are going over through the list for the visitors centres and I didn't hear Kugluktuk on there so because we do have one which is a heritage – visitors centre.

I'm just wondering if that's on the list or not. I know this component there they have the local chamber of commerce doing the administrative work there to look after the building. I'm just wondering if they qualify under that when were talking about visitors centres but again it's the two things that heritage and visitors centre. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Havioyak. Mr. Akasuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akasuk (interpretation): Thank you. We'll have these written down and it is a heritage centre. We will make a correction and give it to you in written form.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Akasuk. That's it? Mr. Irqittuq.

Mr. Irqittuq (interpretation): Mr. Chairman, thank you. If all this goes through, your community's going to be getting a lot of things and Hall Beach and Igloolik is slotted down as Clyde River. Just see 26 and 27 everything is for Clyde River. So I'd like those deleted even the ones that are really going to Clyde River.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Irqittuq. I was going to bring that up after you agree to the capital estimates. Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The budgeted amount in Coral Harbour is not very much. It's a non-decentralized community but we do try to generate revenue through big game hunting, tourism; we don't have quarry sites like Cape Dorset does.

But we are trying to build a 40-mile road, we keep increasing it every year and we use \$60 thousand every year and I would like to thank the government and the federal government but we see other opportunities, revenue generating opportunities, for example, being able to meet our caribou harvest quota.

We're not able to harvest the full quota and then there's the Chesterfield Inlet fishing quota because of limited resources to process them. I think we should concentrate on tourism. We should look at other economic development opportunities and we should look at that when we're doing our budget. There's Coral Harbour and Arviat that have an abundance of geese.

That is another opportunity and the minister and the premier have been informed about that. I'm sure that there are other communities who are more than willing to boost their revenue, like Coral Harbour and Chesterfield Inlet. Possibly what we can do is go through the Nunavut Development Corporation or through this budget and as I repeatedly said, we don't want to use \$23 million on social recipients because of course they want to be able to become self-sufficient.

And if the Department of Sustainable Development can go into those economic ventures then we'd be generating employment and more money would be coming in.

Chairperson (interpretation): For the remainder of the members, we are given an opportunity for general comments for ten minutes. We are now working on the capital estimates and during those discussions we go back into general comments.

In order to keep our meeting in line, please make sure you sit through the general comments during general comments and capital estimates during capital estimates.

Any other comments? 11-4, Department of Sustainable Development, departmental summary, detail of expenditures, total capital expenditures \$2 million, 520 thousand. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): C26, C27, five year capital plan are also agreed too. Minister Akesuk, if you would say your closing remarks.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Even though the Department of Health and Social Services has a budget of \$60 million, I am happy to have 2.5 million dollars in my budget. We have a very important job and we're doing the best we can to use this money wisely. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Do you agree that the Department of Sustainable Development is completed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): What is the wish of the committee? Mr. Arvaluk

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to report progress.

Chairperson (interpretation): I would like to thank the Department of Sustainable Development. To the motion. Agreed? At this time would you ascertain the presence of the Speaker please?

Speaker: Returning to orders of the day. Item 20. Report of Committee of the Whole. Mr. Chairman.

Item 20: Report of Committee of the Whole

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Your committee has been considering Bill 18 and would like to report progress and Mr. Speaker, I move that the report of the committee of the whole be concurred with. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There's a motion on the floor. Is there a seconder? Mr. Nutarak. The motion is in order. All those in favour. All those opposed. Motion is carried. Item 21. Third Reading of Bills. Mr. Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I seek unanimous consent to return to Item 18. Second Reading of Bills. Thank you.

Speaker: The Member is seeking unanimous consent to return to item 18, second reading of bills. Are there any nays? There are no nays, you may proceed.

Item 18: Second Reading of Bills

Bill 19 – Budget Measures Implementation Act – Second Reading

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, honourable colleagues. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Baffin South, that Bill 19, Budget Measures Implementation Act be read for the second time. The purpose of this Bill is to implement measures and announcements in the 2002 budget to significantly reduce Nunavut's personal and corporate income tax rates. The Bill will also make some technical changes to the Act to ensure consistency to certain references in the Federal Act. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ng. The motion is in order. To the principle of the Bill. Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried. Bill 19 has had second reading and accordingly the Bill stands referred to a committee. Item 18. Second Reading of Bills. Mr. Premier.

Bill 25 – An Act to Amend the Maintenance Orders Enforcement Act – Second Reading

Hon. Paul Okalik: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Hudson Bay, that Bill 25, an Act to Amend the Maintenance Orders Enforcement Act be read for the second time.

Mr. Speaker, this act deals with the enforcement of orders and agreements for support that have been made in Nunavut.

The amendments in this bill were revised for wording and terminology that is appropriate for Nunavut such as referencing the Nunavut Court of Justice instead of the Territorial Court. It also includes amendments related to the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Premier. The motion is in order. To the principle of the bill. Question has been called. All those in favour. All those opposed. The motion is carried. Bill 25 has had second reading and accordingly the bill stands referred to a Committee.

Item 18. Second Reading of Bills. Mr. Premier.

Bill 26 – Inter-Jurisdictional Support Orders Act – Second Reading

Hon. Paul Okalik: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Iqaluit East, that Bill 26, Inter-Jurisdictional Support Orders Act, be read for the second time.

Mr. Speaker the Inter-Jurisdictional Support Orders Act will significantly streamline the process whereby Support Orders are obtained, varied and recognized in inter-jurisdictional cases between Nunavut and jurisdictions with which we have reciprocity in support for enforcement purposes. Under the existing process with the Maintenance and Enforcement Act there is a complicated two stage process and this new bill will streamline the process making it easier for support orders to be enforced. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Premier. The motion is in order. To the principle of the bill. Question has been called. All those in favour. All those opposed. The motion is carried. Bill 26 has had second reading and accordingly stands referred to a committee.

Item 18. Second Reading of Bills. Turning back to Item 21. Third Reading of Bills. Item 22. Orders of the Day. Mr. Clerk.

Item 22: Orders of the Day

Clerk (Mr. Quirke): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A reminder to members there is a meeting of Full Caucus at 7:00 o'clock this evening in the Nanuk room. A reminder to the

members that the Standing Committee on Government Operations and Services is meeting tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock in the Tuktu room.

Orders for the day for Tuesday, November 26, 2002,

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Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. The Clerk mentioned there is a Full Caucus meeting at 7 o'clock this evening. Prior to Full Caucus I would like members to join me in the Tuktu room immediately following the session.

This house stands adjourned until Tuesday November 26th, 2002, at 1:30 p.m.

Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>*House adjourned 18.34 p.m.*

