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Members Present:

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

Item 1: Opening Prayer

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

>>*Prayer*

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

Item 2: Ministers' Statements

Minister's Statement 098 - 1(6): Firearms Challenge

Hon. Paul Okalik: Qujannamiik, Uqaqti. I wish to inform the Assembly of the important developments that have occurred in the legal challenge to the Federal Government's Firearms Act.

The Assembly will recall that on June 19th 2000, Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated filed a lawsuit in the Nunavut Court of Justice. The lawsuit seeks an order declaring that the licensing and registration provisions for ordinary firearms should not apply to Inuit because its provisions violate Inuit harvesting rights contained in Article 5.7.26 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement.

Article 5.7.26 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement is very important since it affirms our right to hunt up to our needs level without having to obtain a licence or paying a fee. The lawsuit filed by NTI intends to establish that the Federal law violates this right and, as a result, it should not apply to Inuit in Nunavut.

(interpretation) Because of the important issues at stake for Inuit, the Government of Nunavut became an intervener in the action on September 7, 2000. As an intervener the Government has official status in the case and is able to present formal arguments in court in support of this action. We hope that this additional support will increase the likelihood of positive results.

Mr. Speaker, I cannot yet say when this case will be proceeding to trial. Like other lawsuits there are procedural steps that must be taken and they can take significant time to complete, which is normal. However, I know that many Inuit are concerned because

the deadline to register firearms under the Federal Act expires January 1st. After that, people who have not registered their firearms will be violating the federal laws and will continue to have trouble purchasing ammunition.

I also know that the licensing and registration system has worked poorly in Nunavut thus far. As a result, many hunters have not been able to register their firearms, through no fault of their own.

(interpretation ends) I am pleased to inform the Assembly today that NTI and the Government of Nunavut plan to file together an application in court to attempt to address this situation. The application is for a temporary order to suspend, on behalf of the Inuit of Nunavut, the application of the licensing and registration provisions of the Criminal Code and the Firearms Act until the end of the main trial.

Should this application succeed, Inuit would no longer have to register their firearms by January 1st of next year in order to comply with the law. The licensing and registration requirements would be suspended for Inuit from the day of the order until the main lawsuit has been decided.

(interpretation) I think I speak on behalf of the Assembly in expressing my hope that this application will be successful and, more importantly, the lawsuit will ultimately be successful. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

Speaker: Ministers' Statements. Minister Thompson.

Minister's Statement 099 – 1(6): Nunavut Air Services Study

Hon. Manitok Thompson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to inform the Members of the Legislative Assembly that the Department of Community Government & Transportation is proceeding with a very important study to advance Phase 2 of the Nunavut Transportation Strategy. The study I am referring to is the Nunavut Air Services Study.

Mr. Speaker, the Air Services Study is a comprehensive study into all air services in Nunavut. It is part of the wider strategy to learn how we can improve all the air links throughout Nunavut. It is through this study that we can work to ensure fair and efficient air services for Nunavummiut.

The study is intended to provide us with options. These will include options for a Nunavut Air Passenger/Freight system, options for related services for the government and options on how to improve overall services throughout Nunavut.

(interpretation ends) The Air Services Study will include a study of air service routes to each Nunavut community. This will also include an analysis of traditional Inuit and

community travel routes and a review of the link we previously had with Greenland. We are also examining air services links as they relate to decentralization to ensure adequate support to these communities.

Mr. Speaker, the study will also include a Government of Nunavut employee survey. As the government is the major client of the air carriers in Nunavut, we have begun collecting data on our usage and patterns of travel. This will support our search for options for incentives to encourage service improvements and price reductions by the air carriers.

Another important part of the Air Services Study Mr. Speaker, is the link to the medical services study being conducted by the Department of Health & Social Services. My department is working together with officials from the Department of Health to ensure that our efforts are coordinated. These studies complement each other as both studies will assist us in our efforts to improve air services to Nunavummiut and possibly improve government sponsored travel.

Mr. Speaker, the Nunavut Air Services Study will help clear the way for efficient, affordable air services for Nunavut. It will provide my department with options for how to advance the overall Nunavut Transportation Strategy and improve our transportation systems. Qujannamiik, Uqaqti.

>>Applause

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

Minister's Statement 100 – 1(6): Arctic Bay's Involvement with Nanisivik Mine Closure

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon my colleagues. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address the issues surrounding the Nanisivik mine closure and the activities done to date with the community of Arctic Bay.

Since the announcement of the closure of the Nanisivik mine last year, the Government of Nunavut has developed a close working relationship with the Hamlet Working Group. A community liaison coordinator was hired from Arctic Bay to ensure the community is involved in the process and is funded through the Department of Sustainable Development, Community Government & Transportation and the Nunavut Water Board.

Many of the activities that Government of Nunavut officials have been concerned with involved direct work and consultation with the community of Arctic Bay. These include:

- Coordination of several public information meetings;
- A Feasibility Study to assess the transfer of housing from Nanisivik to Arctic Bay;

- The Government of Nunavut is investigating the cost of transferring the Anglican Church from Nanisivik to Arctic Bay;
- All Government of Nunavut buildings in Nanisivik were properly closed up in order to protect and preserve them over the winter to allow possible future use;
- A socio-economic study of the mine closure in Arctic Bay is now complete;
- The community liaison coordinator in Arctic Bay provides up to date information to the residents of Arctic Bay through live radio shows on a regular basis to provide details on issues surrounding the mine closure;
- (interpretation ends) A very successful auction of Government of Nunavut surplus assets was organized with over 200 community residents attending;
- Emergency Airport contingency plans have been developed to deal with the preservation of airport service for the people of Arctic Bay;
- Government of Nunavut officials have held detailed discussions with Breakwater Resources to find ways to make their potential surplus mine assets available to Arctic Bay as well as other communities in Nunavut;
- A meeting is scheduled for December 3, 2002 in Arctic Bay with the Hamlet Working Group to discuss in detail the socio-economic priorities for the community;
- Community Government & Transportation officials are currently up in Arctic Bay discussing Hamlet transition planning for Arctic Bay;
- The Nunavut Water Board, in partnership with the community, has produced a newsletter called the Nanisivik Closure and Reclamation News for distribution in the community of Arctic Bay providing useful and important information to residents regarding this process.

I will be tabling this document today as well as a more detailed outline of activities that have occurred in Arctic Bay. The Government of Nunavut wants to ensure that we work together with other governments to mitigate the socio-economic impacts on the people of Arctic Bay and Nunavut.

It is very important to know that Breakwater Resources/Canzinc is financially responsible to ensure that cleanup of the mine and town site occur. It is also important to note that the Federal Government is ultimately responsible for ensuring that Breakwater Resources/Canzinc fulfills its cleanup obligations. The Government of Nunavut will continue to monitor this process and keep the community informed.

(interpretation) In closing Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the Mayor of Arctic Bay, Joanasie Akumalik, for providing information and input into this statement. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Ministers' Statements. Are there any further Ministers' Statements? Mr. Picco.

Minister's Statement 101 – 1(6): National Diabetes Awareness Month

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Mr. Akesuk. Mr. Speaker, November is National Diabetes Awareness Month. In order to provide the community with more resources, large diabetes poster boards and diabetes videos entitled "Toward a Cure", diabetes facts sheets and posters are being distributed in the three regions.

Mr. Speaker, Clyde River and Pond Inlet have hosted health promotion events and used these poster boards. The Baffin Region has started monthly themes linked with national events, including Diabetes Awareness Month.

Mr. Speaker, Health Canada funding is being used to enhance community awareness of diabetes prevention and health promotion in all three regions of Nunavut. As well, the nutritionist in this region is travelling to communities to encourage and support the planning of ADI programs and to do radio shows. As well, Mr. Speaker, a regional nutritionist has been recently hired in the Kitikmeot.

Mr. Speaker, my department will continue to encourage and support community projects and proposal submissions as outlined in the Aboriginal Diabetes Initiative proposal guidelines. Qujannamiik, Uqaqti.

>>Applause

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

Minister's Statement 102 – 1(6): Arctic Youth Initiative

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I have said many times before, the government does not have all the answers. We can contribute to society and provide a certain level of services, but it would be foolish for us to think that we know better than the citizens we serve.

(interpretation ends) In an effort to provide Nunavummiut with the tools they need to contribute to society, the Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth makes funding available through its grants and contributions programs to anyone who has an idea that will benefit Nunavut's culture, heritage, language, women, persons with disabilities, elders and youth.

Mr. Speaker, today I want to recognize one of those valuable initiatives. In October of 1999, Beth McKenty, who is sitting over there behind us, was at home in Iqaluit when she heard two children throwing rocks onto her roof. Instead of chasing them away, she invited them in and gave them each a paint brush. They were so delighted with what they painted, that they returned the following day with a few friends. And from that humble beginning, Beth developed the Arctic Youth Art Initiative.

This initiative has blossomed as a result of Beth's concern over social issues with the youth of Nunavut and now involves several hundred children, including a branch in Clyde River. She is helping children discover their talents and take pride in their own artistic creations. She is showing them respect and giving them something to look forward to and something to be proud of.

The cards the children produce are sold to the public and the proceeds are re-invested in projects that benefit youth.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Arctic Youth Art Initiative, whose coordinator, like I said Beth McKenty, is here today. I am pleased to present members of the House with a set of pictures painted by youth in the program. (interpretation) I hope this serves as an example of the good work that ordinary Nunavummiut can accomplish on behalf of the youth of Nunavut with the support of the Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Ministers' Statements. Are there any further Ministers' Statements? If not we'll move onto Member's Statements. Mr. Havioyak.

Item 3: Members' Statements

Member's Statement 304 – 1(6): Kugluktuk Search and Rescue

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to rise today as you probably are aware, there is a search going on and I rise today to pay tribute to the efforts of the Kugluktuk Search and Rescue Society.

Mr. Speaker as we sit here today, numerous volunteers are searching for Charlie Oqanaq, one of my constituents. Charlie has been lost on the land since last weekend and as we sit here today the search is continuing.

Mr. Speaker, I want to encourage my community to stick together and hang in there, during this difficult time. Mr. Speaker I also want to express my appreciation for the members of the Canadian Armed Forces, who have joined the search and have deployed equipment. For that I would like to express my appreciation.

One of the facts of northern life is the need for a strong search and rescue infrastructure in our communities. (interpretation ends) I applaud the effort to provide training and resources to those very volunteers who risk themselves to locate people that are lost on land. Uqaqti, in July of this year, the Kugluktuk Search and Rescue Society was honoured with the Commissioner's Award for volunteer service.

(interpretation) I ask all members to join me in support of my community on this urgent matter. Thank you, colleagues and thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Havioyak. Members' Statements. Mr. Iqittuq.

Member's Statement 305 – 1(6): Term and Meaning of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit

Mr. Iqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, first of all I would like to say I love you to my children and to Lynda if they are watching TV.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to mention an issue that has been an ongoing issue within the Government of Nunavut. It's Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit. The saying Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit is a new term that is being used today, it wasn't used in my Grandfather's time or in my time. It is something that was created by the Government of Nunavut as Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit.

What Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit means is Inuit traditions, the Inuit customs, the Inuit Wisdom and the Inuit Skills. It means the whole aspect of survival. Survival through subsistence hunting is an Inuit tradition and it also means life skills or social skills.

When you use the word Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit it encompasses the whole thing, and every single aspect of it should be included if we are going to have Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit in the departments.

It means the ability, the skill, the cooperation among the Inuit and the customs and traditions. We all know that our forefathers did not have glass but what was readily available out there; they didn't have any kind of metals at all.

There was no metal in the land before the Europeans came when they were still living the traditional Inuit lifestyle. Mr. Speaker, I would like unanimous consent to conclude my statements. Thank you.

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

Mr. Iqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker and colleagues. That's the way I understand the term Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and that's the true meaning of it. The word Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit is our customs and counselling in Inuktitut.

As I said earlier, there was no metal that was available, there were no motors, and there was no electricity. Everything that was used was from the land; there was nothing readily made. You had to make it yourself for shelter, which was made out of snow and built into a shelter. We were able to make fire and make our own clothing. That was through their survival skills. If it wasn't for them, if it wasn't for their skill and their wisdom and their ingenuity, we wouldn't be here today.

We are told that our land was ice and frozen and it was uninhabitable; that used to be said before. They said there was absolutely nothing up here. We only had the animals that we survived on.

Today we have the modern technology but Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit is a new word that is being used today and I wanted to make an explanation. It is the true essence of the Inuit culture. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

Member's Statement 306 – 1(6): Book By Bernard Fransen

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A long time ago when the missionaries came up to our land around 1912, they settled in Chesterfield Inlet but then afterwards there were more and more Europeans coming in.

In 1953, a young European Missionary came to Repulse Bay when I was living there and we called him Iqsiraayuaquluk and his English name was Bernard Fransen; I didn't know that he had an English name but we called him our own.

But he was a young Missionary and he used to go to different communities like Chesterfield, Cape Dorset, Igloolik, Rankin Inlet, Arviat, and also to Repulse Bay. When he was going from community to community he took snapshots or photographs that have now been produced in a book.

These are just some samples of the kind of pictures that he took but I'm sure that this book will hit the book stores before Christmas and it will be an excellent Christmas present. In support of Father Fransen, he's no longer a missionary and he now lives in Penticton, British Columbia. When I showed it to one Cape Dorset resident he said that this would be a very good educational tool to put out to the schools and should be used to teach the children.

If you wanted to get a nice Christmas present this would be good and it shows people from all over Nunavut and you will recognize and recall those times. I'm not quite sure exactly which bookstore it will be available in, but I'm sure that it will be available through the Arctic Cooperatives. If you would like to get further information on where to get it, you can call my department. It is an excellent book and it also builds another layer on your foundation.

These photographs were taken in the 50's; he was also in Repulse Bay in 1953. But just to let you know that this book will soon be available to recollect the 1950's era of Inuit culture and see who the people are in there. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

Member's Statement 307 – 1(6): Monument for Women in Nunavut

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, because of the unconditional love a mother gives to her children and because a child is closer to his or her mother than father, as a child grows up into this world.

We especially as men should never hurt women physically, mentally or sexually. There must not be discrimination against women anywhere in the public or public service, or anywhere else. Women in Nunavut must feel safe at home, at the workplace, on the land or anywhere on the face of the earth.

Mr. Speaker, I would recommend that this Legislative Assembly build a monument recognizing zero tolerance in Nunavut. I would also recommend that the current Members of the Legislative Assembly be placed on this monument. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

Speaker: Members' Statements. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Member's Statement 308 – 1(6): DFO Studies and IQ

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to talk about the marine mammals. The main diet of Inuit is marine mammals. As a former full time hunter I think I have seen just about all marine mammals.

We have been living here for thousands and thousands of years. As someone has stated earlier, there were no modern tools available, but we have used the resources in the environment. The rocks that we have used and moved since we have been living here for many, many years.

It's been hundreds of years that we would go bowhead whale hunting. Then the commercial bowhead whalers that came from the south to hunt up here. Since 1945, there has been status on the arctic borders.

But Mr. Speaker, I would like to say that DFO are not utilizing the skills or the knowledge of the long time Nunavummiut residents. They have been here for many, many years to do studies on Inuit and the environment around us.

They have barely utilized the knowledge of the Inuit. It is only after the fact that they finally gave us the results of those studies and put quotas on what they consider to be endangered species.

DFO should be more supportive of the Inuit and also teach us, as marine mammals are a major part of our lives. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Members' Statements. Mr. Nutarak.

Member's Statement 309 – 1(6): Elders Involvement in the Court

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My name is Mr. Nutarak, somebody mentioned Mr. Nutarak. Sometimes people go to court when they break the law. Sometimes there are elders who are part of the sentencing group and they get their say in court.

The elders in the communities are involved when the court circuit comes to the community. I just wanted to mention that so people will know. I just wanted to bring that up. Thank you.

>>Applause

Speaker: Members' Statements. Ms. Thompson.

Member's Statement 310 – 1(6): Firearms Challenge

Hon. Manitok Thompson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank our Premier. He mentioned from the Department of Justice, the issue of firearms and this has been an issue for quite some time. That is good to hear.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to say that the Inuit within Nunavut, or even outside of Nunavut, we are here because of our great, great grandparents who were here before it was called Canada.

Mr. Speaker, even before the creation of the Government of Canada, we were here. Even before there was any legislation in the North our people have been here. We are unique aboriginal people. We have our own customs and culture. We should not have been treated like any other everyday Canadians. Mr. Speaker, under Article 5 with the Federal Government we agreed and they said that they would look after us and our legislation once we get Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, why does the Federal Government, if they believe Article 5, why are they trying to take the rights away from our hunters and putting legislation on top of that?

What I am trying to say, Mr. Speaker, is even before anyone came to Nunavut we were here. We have our own way of thinking and customs. We don't want legislation being passed on to us as if we were just ordinary people. The statement that the Minister made

is very serious and I am very proud that they are working with NTI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Some Members: Hear, hear.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Members' Statements. Are there any further Members' Statements? Mr. McLean.

Member's Statement 311 – 1(6): Devolution – Key to Long Term Self Reliance

Mr. McLean: Ma'na Uqaqti. Uqaqti, today I would like to express at my shock and outrage at the attitude of the Colonial Federal Government during the issues of devolution.

Uqaqti, it's no secret that Nunavut is too reliant on federal transfers.

Members of this house have spoken with one voice on the need for Nunavut to work towards greater self-reliance in economic development. Uqaqti, our call for progress in this area has been echoed and supported on the national stage.

In August 2000, the Premiers of Canada's ten provinces, and three territories made the following statement.

“Premiers call on the federal government to work with Nunavut, the Yukon and the Northwest Territories to provide economic development assistance and to promote strategic private sector investment now in order to maximize benefits for economic growth.”

The Premiers agreed that a strong northern economy will reduce the dependency and be beneficial to all Canadians. Premiers support the three territories in their effort for devolution of complete jurisdiction over Crown land, minerals and natural resources. Devolution is the key to long term economic self reliance, and sometimes, I doubt that the federal government wants the territories to have that.

Government in the north must be done in a manner that is respectful of the priorities and values of every territory. Uqaqti, I was more than upset to hear the Minister of the Indian Affairs and Northern Development say last week that Nunavut isn't ready for devolution. It's an outrage.

Some Members: Shame, shame

Mr. McLean: Uqaqti, I may be just a simple guy from Qamanittuaq but I know double talk when I hear it from the federal government. We're told by Ottawa again and again

that there is no more money for genuine investment in our infrastructure that's the worst in Canada, if not North America.

Investment would help us develop our economic potential and they obviously think the Canadian Government is threatened by that up here. We're told not to complain, or else we get no money, the federal government will say we have no money so don't complain up there about the levels of transfers that we receive and we're told to sit down and wait out in hallways in Ottawa, when it comes to anything that we want up here.

The time for devolution is now. Uqaqti, I am not pleased with this attitude at all. I urge all members in this house and other people in Nunavut to say to the federal government that you're not happy with it.

On the end of that, Mr. Speaker, I would like to say the royal commission spent millions and millions of dollars on the royal commission in this country on aboriginal affairs, on housing and things like that and it sits on shelves in Ottawa today. Now today I was listening to TV, the Romanow Report comes up, and we've got the worst statistics probably in North America when it comes to health care and life expectancies and things like that.

What will happen, I guarantee you being a thirty year northerner, is that it will sit on the shelf and collect dust also. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Members' Statements. Are there any further Members' Statements? Mr. Tootoo.

Member's Statement 312 – 1(6): Report from Federal Minister of DIAND

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I also rise today to express how appalled I was to hear the Federal Minister's of Indian Affairs and Northern Development comments in regards to devolution.

Mr. Speaker sometimes I think a more accurate title would be Minister of Northern Underdevelopment. Mr. Speaker we know that the North is a treasure trove of natural resources. We know we have amazing potential areas such as diamond and gold mining, as well as other natural resources. And we know that the royalties go down south to the federal government.

Mr. Speaker, this dialogue is not unique to Nunavut; in Atlantic Canada provincial governments had to fight tooth and nail to combat the short-sighted federal instincts to claw back dollars from equalisation payments. And provinces are successful in generating new revenues from oil and gas development.

Mr. Speaker, the Northwest Territories Minister of Finance, Mr. Joe Hanley, within the last couple of months has publicly stated that he felt they were being screwed by the federal government, in respect of their royalties.

Mr. Speaker, when it comes to fairness to the smaller provinces and territories, federal myopia is a terrible condition. I am not at all confident that today's report from the Romanow Commission will clear as my colleague from Qamanittuaq would say.

Mr. Speaker, I was particularly disturbed to see the Minister quoted as saying he'll eventually get to Nunavut. Mr. Speaker, I am confident that the Members of this House are not satisfied with vague timelines and weak commitments.

I'm not satisfied with the benign neglect we receive from Ottawa. I'm not satisfied with the Federal Government that purports to represent all Canadians but has yet to agree to a comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for the single biggest region in the nation.

If we are ever to achieve our goals of self sufficiency and self reliance, Mr. Speaker, a goal that the Federal Government has stated it shares with us. we need a real partnership from the federal government

And I look forward to the day when Ottawa also looks closely and sees this simple fact. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. I'd just like to caution the Members to be careful of their use of wording in their statements. Members' Statements. Are there any further Members' Statements? Ms. Williams.

Member's Statement 313 – 1(6): National Children's Day

Ms. Williams (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to show my appreciation for the children that are here. December 20 is National Children's Day. I'd like to recognize the children that are here and their parents and teachers as well.

They are observing what they can do when they grow up. One day one of them might be a Speaker or member, and I encourage them to stay in school so they can become Members like us. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Members' Statements. Item 4. Returns to Oral Questions.

Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Anawak.

Item 5: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Thank you. Thank you. I am very happy to recognize some people from Tibet. They are doing research on how they could become more self reliant and to learn about economic development.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I'm pleased to recognize a group visiting from Tibet and they are doing a study touring Canada to acquire knowledge and new perspectives on the approaches to poverty reduction and economic diversification.

Uqaqti, excuse my pronunciation so I'll start with:

Mr. Baito – Deputy Director – Poverty Alleviation Office - TAR

>>Applause

Mr. Gyaltsen – Deputy Governor – Shannan Prefecture - TAR

>>Applause

Madam Drolkar – Director – Foreign Trade Bureau – Shannon Prefecture - TAR

>>Applause

Mr. Lu Zhenming – Vice Party Secretary – Franang Country - TAR

>>Applause

Mr. Dorji Rabden – Director – Poverty Alliance Officer – Naqu Prefecture - TAR

>>Applause

Madam Dawa Chodron – Deputy Director People's Congress – Dranang Country - TAR

Excuse my pronunciation.

Mr. Pu Nyima – Deputy Governor – Nagu County - TAR

>>Applause

I'm sorry, Mr. Lungjun – Deputy Director – Nierong County - TAR

>>Applause

Mr. Benda Kelsang – Section Director – Foreign Trade Bureau – Shannon County - TAR

>>Applause

Madame Dekyi Peldron.

>>Applause

Mr. Yunden Nyima.

>>Applause Mr. Paul Derksen.

>>Applause

And our Human Resources Government of Nunavut employee, Mr. Darrel MacKenzie.

>>Applause

And the, I am sorry, I don't know the name, I am sorry, the interpreter for the group.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Anawak. Thank you for doing the introduction. Welcome to the Gallery. Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wanted to recognize the students here but they've left so I'll just wish my son to do well in school. I was told that his report card was very impressive so I am proud. Thank you.

>>Applause

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

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, this must be a record for me. Two days in a row I have a constituent from Cambridge Bay here in the Gallery. A long-time friend, Mrs. Junna Ehaloak.

>>Applause

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

Item 6: Oral Questions

Question 308 – 1(6): Authority of DEA's to Carry out Duties

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister responsible for Education.

Mr. Speaker, according to Section 117.1(p), of the current Education Act, which describes the duties and powers of education bodies, the District Education Authorities shall monitor, evaluate, and direct the delivery of school programs to assure the highest possible education standards in schools. In fact, this duty is reinforced in the regulations of the District Education Authorities.

Section 7.1 (n) of the Iqaluit District Education Authority Regulations reads that the Iqaluit District Education Authority shall monitor, evaluate, and direct the delivery of school programs to assure the highest possible education standards in the schools.

Mr. Speaker, the Iqaluit District Education Authority has attempted to do just that within and according to the law. The IDEA has researched this issue and contacted authorities with the Alberta Government who are prepared to work with them on conducting standardized assessment testing and are ready to proceed. However, it appears that Officials of the Department of Education have stepped in and will not allow the DEA to perform this duty.

My question to the Minister is under what authority has the regional arm of the Department of Education stepped in and not given the green light to the Iqaluit District Education Authority for the ability to carry out its duties as they are prescribed in law and regulations. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, it is included in the new proposed Act, but in regards to his question which authority the Department has. At this time I don't know so therefore I cannot respond to his question. Thank you.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Supplementary. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I can be assured, I guess, that the minister and his staff will look into that authority.

I just want to clarify that he indicated that those provisions are in the new proposed act. The provisions I quoted are in the existing act as we're operating under it right now.

And I understand, Mr. Speaker, that this is an issue that the IDEA has been pursuing for quite some time and they seem to be getting stalled by officials at QSO and the Department of Education.

I'd like to ask the minister if he in fact agrees that this authority is spelled out under law and legislation and that the department will immediately give the green light to the District Education Authority to go ahead with this. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At this time under the current Education Act we try to work with the District Education Authorities with their bylaws and we try to find out what kind of responsibilities they can do.

We receive various information pieces from the communities because each community has different kinds of concerns, but the policies and regulations that are outlined here can be used. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Supplementary. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I know the first section I quoted was from the actual Education Act of the piece of legislation that we are following and the second piece is from the regulations specific to the Iqaluit District Education Authority.

And as the minister indicated, each District Education Authority in the communities has their own sets of regulations and I wasn't concerned about all of them. This was just a specific one that I looked at. It reinforces the actual clause in the section in the actual act.

But again, I would like to ask the minister if the department officials rediscover the fact that the Iqaluit District Education Authority, according to legislation, has this authority to do that, will they immediately give the green light to go ahead with it? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I'll look into the concern that is being raised.

I will be getting more information from my officials and then get back to the member. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the minister's response and I'm sure he can understand the frustration that the District Education Authority here has had.

You know, they assume according to law that they have this authority and have been continually and seemingly road blocked by the department or QSO's at the Department of Education.

Could the minister also provide me with an explanation as to why that course of action was taken by his officials? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I would like to inform the member that my officials, after I speak with my officials I will look at that, to find out what the problem is. So I can get back to the member with that information. Thank you.

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

Question 309 – 1(6): Appointment of Elders for Court Circuit

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct my question to the Minister responsible for Justice.

In the communities during the court circuit in Nunavut they usually involve the elders as part of the advisors. At the end of the court case the elders usually make their presentations. The elders who take part in the court circuit when they travel to communities, who appoints the elders? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Premier Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At this time I don't know the answer but each community in each region, we have liaison officers. We use these liaison officers and we get help from the municipalities when they do their appointments. But at this time I'm unable to answer to his question so therefore I would like to take his question as notice. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Premier Okalik. Question is taken as notice; let me know for further supplementaries. Oral Questions. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Question 310 – 1 (6): Expansion of School in Qikiqtarjuaq

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister for Education.

I would like to ask him, in my constituency they have been requesting to expand the school so I would like to ask him when do they plan to expand the school? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. During our Capital Estimates, it became evident that it was not included in the 5 year plan. Although, I could, with the member's help I could look into the plans with him to find out which area it is at. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Supplementary. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, our clock is ticking so please hurry up. In regards to my question, to the Minister of Education, the request to expand the school in Qikiqtarjuaq as he stated that he's willing to work with me to find out when the plan is. Would they be able to make plans for 2003/2004 so that it could be advanced to those years? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Iqaqrialu. I must very strongly caution you as to how you address the Chair. You might find yourself on the outside looking in. Minister.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That became clearer, Mr. Speaker. As I have stated before, the plans, the 5 year plans, we consider the priority cases, whether they're health and safety issues so those are our priorities. According to the funding we receive for the 2003/2004 fiscal year I can't say yes we could advance it there. So therefore we have to look at the contents and we have to follow the procedures for the plans. So, then I could be able to determine it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Perhaps if he can direct his officials that the school in Qikiqtarjuaq be looked at and reviewed and find out how fast or what kind of priority the school is in? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The officials and the capital planning people know the condition of the school, the use of the school and what capacity the school can hold. I will work with my officials and look into the Qikiqtarjuaq school. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Irqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a few more minutes to consider my question. Thank you. Because the Minister that I'm directing the question to is not here. Thank you.

Speaker: Just a friendly caution to the members that when the ministers are not in the house, you are not to refer to fact that they are not in the house. State the question down and wait. Oral Questions. Mr. Alakannuark.

Question 311 – 1(6): Grizzly Bear Study

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will direct my question to the Minister of Sustainable Development. It's in regards to the grizzly bears that come into our community of Pelly Bay and when we do harvest grizzly bears the hides are

confiscated by the wildlife officer. Have you looked into this issue? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We are currently working this year on the grizzly bear issue and we are currently doing a study on grizzly bears in Nunavut.

We will also have to do a plan on how we're going to conduct the consultation with the people. Thank you.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Supplementary. Mr. Alakannuark.

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. After the study is completed on grizzly bears in Nunavut and if there is a harvest of the grizzly bears, would it be possible for the individual to keep the hide instead of the wildlife officers getting it? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I could look into it and inform the member on what the quota on grizzly bears is. For his concerns, I don't know if there is one but usually the grizzly bears are killed when they pose a danger and usually the hides are confiscated by the wildlife officers.

As to how this will be dealt with, once this issue has been reviewed, the wildlife officers in the communities will see if there can be financial implications to this. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Supplementary. Mr. Alakannuark.

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When can we look forward to results and the plans on the quota for grizzly bears, that's my question? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The communities including Kugluktuk and Baker Lake have had concerns about grizzly bears.

We definitely have to set a plan as there are more and more concerns and danger kills in those communities that I mentioned. We will definitely work this issue, but of course there has to be a study and a plan done prior to implementing any plans. Thank you.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Mr. Haviyok.

Question 312 – (1(6): Advising Welfare Recipients of New Rent Scale

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Education. Just recently the Minister of the Housing Corporation stated that when January 1st comes up, the new rent scale will come into effect on January 1st. How would you notify the Arctic College students when the new rent scale comes into effect? Those are the students that are on financial assistance, students that are receiving financial assistance. I'm sorry the people that are receiving social assistance. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't quite understand his question.

But in regards to the implementation of the new rent scale, I don't know how it would impact the Arctic College students.

Mr. Speaker, if we're talking about the Arctic College students, or the social recipients and the payment, I'm not sure whether you're talking about Arctic College students or social recipients, so perhaps my colleague could clarify it. Thank you.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Supplementary. Mr. Havioyak.

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): I apologise perhaps he didn't understand my question, the social assistance recipients.

(interpretation ends) The Minister of Housing announced earlier last week it will take effect January 1st. My question to the Minister of Education is, does he have plans or how will he inform the welfare recipients of this announcement - how he will advise the welfare recipients of this? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for clarifying his question.

I just want to let him know, during this interpretation but Mr. Speaker, depending on who is still on income support, come the effective date, then those income support recipients that will be affected will be notified and adjusted accordingly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Supplementary. Mr. Havioyak

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to get clarification as to the social assistance recipients in regards to that. I want to raise another question.

When the recipients apply for income support, for example, the income tax as well we have an elder in the house who is receiving elders' benefits, will these benefits be taken off income tax? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In regards to the rent scale, there is a different system. The welfare recipients and some of the benefits that they receive, the end amount depends on the amount that they pay for the rent.

Starting January 1st and after the new rent scale is implemented the occupants will be notified and told exactly how it's going to effect the rent scale. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Mr. Havioyak.

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The question that I asked was not answered so I'll try it in English.

(interpretation ends): If I was a welfare recipient and I'm getting child tax for example and also I have an old age pension recipient in the house that receives that pension. Will it have an effect on their monthly personal assistance? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For the old age pensioners, there is no deduction for rent and also for the child tax credits. If a program is administered from the Federal Government level, it wouldn't have any effect on the deductions for the rent. There is no effect on their rent scale and I said before we could give you the information. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 313 – 1(6): Romanow Report – Recommendation # 42

Mr. McLean: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, today my question is for the Minister of Health & Social Services.

Mr. Speaker, earlier in my Member's Statement I was talking about the Romanow Report that was just released this morning and over lunchtime I read some of it.

I'd like to ask the minister, I know he was briefed during lunchtime about the Romanow Report; he's probably up to speed on it. But I want to ask the minister responsible about recommendation 42 and I'll read it out.

Current funding for aboriginal health services provided by the Federal, Provincial, and Territorial Governments and aboriginal organizations should be pooled into a single

consolidated budget in each province and territory to be used to integrate aboriginal health care services, improve access, and provide adequate, stable, and predictable funding.

Can the minister tell me if he supports this and if he can, will he implement it? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, just before we started the session at 1:30, I was on a conference call with Mr. Romanow as well as the other health ministers across Canada and the Federal Health Minister, Anne McClelland.

We discussed some of the recommendations, Mr. Romanow made 47 recommendations. And I think we can say from the Nunavut point of view that he highlighted Nunavut several times in report, he specifically mentioned the Tele-Health Program that we're running and so on, so we we're quite pleased with some of the issues in the report.

However, one of the concerns we have is what Mr. McLean has just raised and that is the recommendation about the core programs that are out there from the federal government and how amalgamated and integrated those programs are within a single delivery system.

Right now for example Mr. Speaker, when we look at the programs under the National Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Programs, under Brighter Futures, those programs that are running very well here in this jurisdiction.

What the recommendation seems to indicate and we will need more clarification next week when I meet with Minister McClelland and the rest of the Health Ministers in Toronto next Friday to clarify the recommendations that have been made by Mr. Romanow, to see exactly what position, what strategic initiative, what direction Mr. Romanow is moving, and what he really meant by some of those recommendations including recommendation number 42. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Supplementary. Mr. McLean.

Mr. McLean: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On page 103 of the report, it states that Nunavut as a whole territory has 7 doctors and I know the Minister responsible has only been the Health Minister for almost 4 years.

But in this report, it also says Northwest Territories has 37 doctors and Yukon, which is about the same size as Nunavut has 54 doctors. And I don't think this is new information for the Minister, but does he have a simple plan or plans to make sure that we have doctors in Nunavut and not the lowest amount of doctors per capita in North America? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Responsible for Health. Mr. Picco.

Mr. Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, those numbers are a bit misleading. Mr. Speaker, if you look at the actuality, our programs delivered in Nunavut are actually delivered in other jurisdictions.

For example the secondary case Mr. Speaker, many of our patients unfortunately have to travel to Ottawa, Mr. Speaker, Edmonton, Mr. Speaker, Yellowknife Mr. Speaker, as well as Winnipeg, Mr. Speaker and Churchill, Manitoba, Mr. Speaker.

When you include those doctors, nurse practitioners, and surgical services that we are paying for, as well as other jurisdictions, the per capita amount would increase. The numbers given in the Romanow report don't use that number.

I didn't get to see specifically that number, I would suggest it is wrong. I believe at the present time we have 12 doctors that are based in Nunavut as well as visiting physicians that provide continuing care and local coverage in Nunavut on a monthly basis.

So the numbers are a little bit misleading however I would agree with the Member that indeed, the Government of Nunavut has to be able to look at opportunities to increase the number of physicians.

This morning in conversation in a meeting with the Deputy Minister of Health, Doctor Best, we talked about some of the strategies that we would like to put in place in the coming months to attract more doctors, general practitioners, and specialists to Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Supplementary. Mr. McLean.

Mr. McLean: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I know Mr. Romanow spent 2 ½ days up here talking with the Honourable Minister. I would've hoped that Romanow report would reflect the fact that we're getting through here because they're not, you know, it doesn't reflect needing additional funding or requiring an injection of funding into rural communities.

My next question, my supplementary is, in New Brunswick for example, close to 10% of its total health care budget is spent on home care compared to less than 2% in Nunavut. And Mr. Speaker, we heard yesterday, or the other day, about health care in Rankin Inlet.

That's a hundred and fifty elders there and very little health care for them, so does the Minister have a plan on how territorial wide, how to deliver better home care for the elders? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed. Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Health Canada, our Federal partner has allocated over 4.9 million dollars to Nunavut for a home care program and we

did say in response to that question yesterday in the house Mr. Speaker, that we have over 110 Nunavut residents right now, today, being cared for through home care. We believe that's a successful program.

We have trained over 40 individuals across Nunavut to deliver home care. We've actually hired new dedicated home care nurses and we have dedicated vehicles for home care relief in every community in Nunavut Mr. Speaker.

So, I would suggest to you that we are actually doing the home care program as outlined by Mr. Romanow.

However, I would suggest also to you Mr. Speaker, that under some of the programs and recommendations that Mr. Romanow made, for example, under access and remote and rural issues, northerners' issues for Canadians, the extra \$1.5 billion dollars that Mr. Romanow talks about. There is an opportunity there to access some of that money to attract some of the positions that McLean has talked about.

We believe that is an important part of the Romanow Commission's Report and I believe if you read the report and the reports 47 recommendations over 200 pages, that he does indeed in several places specifically mention Nunavut and some of the health care challenges that we're facing I believe in the recommendations that are in the report. Next week, when we have an opportunity to sit down with Minister McClellan, the Federal Health Minister to see in what direction the Federal Government will take with the Romanow Commission Report and indeed will it be able to implement the recommendations as well as the dollar values attached.

I should point out that the Finance Ministers will also be meeting to discuss some of the recommendations coming out of the Commission's Report later in December and the Premier will be attending the First Ministers' Meeting on the Commission's Report in early January.

So there are several meetings to discuss at the Federal, Provincial, and Territorial level, the recommendations made by Mr. Romanow as well as the financial implications and the funding mechanisms. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. McLean: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Like I said earlier in my Member's Statement, the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples is a document that was embraced by the aboriginal people of Canada with much hope and like I say today, it sits on a shelf collecting dust.

One of the issues was housing and health and now I see the Romanow Commission and you know I have to give Mr. Romanow credit for spending 2.5 days in Nunavut, you know looking and listening to the health concerns, and I'm sure the minister did a good job. But the stark reality in Nunavut is that Nunavut has the lowest life expectancy of any

jurisdiction in Canada. I know it's only Nunavut, up there in the middle of nowhere, so you know, is it really a big issue to us.

Now in the report, it says injections of funds to rural communities and we know in the past by the Federal Government, that when it comes to per capita financing we always get the short end of the stick.

Could the minister, when he goes to Ottawa, to meet with McClelland, say that we're under unusual circumstances here and if we're going to be funded under proportionately, we're going to come up short again and nothing is going to change. So would the minister carry that to Ottawa that we have an epidemic in the health care system and that it's just not going any further ahead.

Will he bring that message to them and I'm sure he will but would he commit to this House and let the members know? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, since March 1999 I think as a government here in Nunavut we have made the case on many occasions at Federal, Provincial, Territorial forums about the needs of health care in Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, that message came I think loud and clear earlier this week in a documentary that was on the National CBC Network that I believe gave an unsanitized version of some of the issues that we're trying to deal with in Nunavut. I would suggest to you Mr. Speaker, that I have as well as the Premier, the Minister of Finance, and other ministers of this government, tried to make the point that per capita funding does not cut it. It should be needs based funded.

In my teleconference today with Minister McClellan, Mr. Romanow, and the other health ministers, this issue was brought up and I would suggest to you again, Mr. Speaker, that next week in Toronto when we meet with Minister McClellan and the other Federal, Provincial, and Territorial health ministers, we're having an opportunity to discuss per capita funding.

I want to point out to you Mr. Speaker, that in 2000 when the extra CHST 4 billion was put into transfers, the CHST is the Canadian Health and Social Transfers, when I extrapolate the numbers for the Government of Nunavut, that's \$3 million. Mr. Speaker, and that's not acceptable.

So we have been saying these things long enough and we will be bringing the message again to our federal counterparts. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 314 – 1(6): Response to Special Committee for the Review of the Official Languages Act

Ms. Williams (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the premier. As the Special Committee for the Review of the Official Languages Act, we'd like to conclude our report and the response that we get will be very beneficial.

Can the premier give us an idea when his response will be made on the Official Languages Act? Thank you.

Speaker: Premier Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In order to give our response we have to work with the Official Languages Commissioner and at this time, I can't answer that at this time, as I still have to communicate with the Official Languages Commissioner at this time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Supplementary. Ms. Williams.

Ms. Williams: Thank you, Uqaqti. To be clearer, I'm the Chairperson of the Official Languages Special Committee. We tabled the document before and we are waiting for a response from the government. For us to be able to complete the final report we need the response what the position is provided by the government to our report. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Premier Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I am aware of this. We are trying to work with department of CLEY at this time, that is why we can't give you our response right away, but we are almost finished with the Access to Information and Privacy Act. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Supplementary. Ms. Williams.

Ms. Williams (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Because we have been appointed to the special committee and we are given a certain number of days to complete our assignment, can the minister respond when, about when we can expect to hear a response? Thank you.

Speaker: Premier Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): I'll check into this and before tomorrow, before the end of the day tomorrow I'll give you an answer as to the status of that. Thank you.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Oral Questions. Mr. Nutarak.

Question 315 – 1(6): Plans for an Arena

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Community Government and Transportation. I think she has answered in regards to the proposed arena in Pond Inlet I asked about. I was wondering if there have been any plans. Can she indicate to me if there have been any plans to date? Thank you.

Speaker: Minister Thompson.

Hon. Manitok Thompson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This has come up a couple of times from the member and from the residents of Pond Inlet, in regards to the arena.

During the mayor's conference, I informed the Mayor of Pond Inlet, we have thought of making plans for the arena in 2004/2005, maybe 2007/2008 or around 2006, it would be completed, that is our plan, it hasn't disappeared. Thank you.

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

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We're getting closer to election, and we'll have an election before 2007; we'll probably have a new Minister hopefully the new Minister who will take over will pursue this. Thank you.

Speaker: Mr. Nutarak, I rule that question out of order, and move on to the next member on the list. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Question 316 – 1(6): Quality of Fish - Fisheries Report

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Sustainable Development in regards to the fisheries report that he tabled. We know down south, southern Canada, there were some fish that were taken and spawned down in southern Canada. I wonder if the government is looking at those fish that came from Nunavut that were transported down south. I wonder if they taste the same as the fish from up here. Thank you.

Speaker: Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That was a very unique question and quite hard to answer but maybe in regards to the question maybe what we can do is have a look and determine if they look the same and maybe bring one up from down south; we saw them, the Premier and I saw them.

I can look into this. They were fed different things that they would normally eat up here so I can check into this and maybe bring some up here and get some from here and eat them at the same time, than we can determine if they taste the same, or different. Thank you.

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

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That is very important to me when they taste different I think it's like that with everybody, but because we have our own taste, and they have to smell nice, the fish we have up here smell nice. The fish that we have up here are better. Our fish eat shrimp. They eat a different food, so I think for that reason those fish that were farmed down there should be looked at.

I wonder from the communities that have an abundance of fish if there have been any studies how they could sell to international companies. Have there been any plans looking into this? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, we have done feasibility studies and we also met with people from Prince Edward Island. They were wondering how else we can set up a similar one where we bring some down and then they can farm it and sell down south.

When the people from the south demand more of that, then we can try and figure out if we would have a market for the people of Prince Edward Island and for international markets.

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

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am happy with his response and I encourage him. Within Nunavut there are a lot of unemployed hunters and fishermen. After a study and when they find out if there is a market for international trade, I wonder how they would be able to plan it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We want to help the residents of Nunavut. We want to try and find ways that they would be able to make more money because this is a very important issue to the hunters. We have to be careful with wildlife too as we have to manage them well. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 317 – 1(6): Technical Evaluation of Building

Mr. McLean: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question today again is for the Minister of Health and Social Services. Mr. Speaker, I would like to compliment you on your attire today. I prefer that to the penguin outfit, but it is very nice.

>>Laughter

My question today is to the Minister of Health.

The Minister of Health was in my community recently to open up the new 24 hour Chronic Care Facility. The old hospice building is now almost ready to fall down and collapse. It is used as a 24 hour women's shelter, it is used for a pre-natal program, and it is used for alcohol and drug programs. Could the Minister commit to sending some people in to do a technical evaluation on the building? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. McLean. I will also caution you that you may be joining Mr. Iqaqrialu on the outside looking in.

>>Laughter

Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would agree with you that Parliamentary decorum is one of the major thrusts of the Assembly. You have done an excellent job. I think that you have to keep an eye on some of those members when they make remarks about your clothes like that. I would suggest to you that the answer is yes, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

Speaker: Mr. Picco, you could be joining that crowd.

>>Laughter

Oral Questions. Supplementary. Mr. McLean.

Mr. McLean: Mr. Speaker, sorry I offended you, but I was trying to give you a compliment today and I'm actually a little disappointed, that you look very dapper today, I'm sorry if the meaning came out wrong, you look very good in traditional clothing.

So my supplementary question today to the minister is how could he initiate an evaluation of the building?

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. McLean. Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would suggest you look very nice too. Mr. McLean needs a new suit. Mr. Speaker the answer would be an expedition. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Picco. Oral Questions. Ms. Williams.

Question 318 – 1(6): Update on Status of Children’s Advocate

Ms. Williams (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Education. A few days ago I was talking about the proposed Education Act.

About the Children’s Advocate statement, there is an application from the community of Cambridge Bay and they have given it to the District Education Authority. Can the Minister update us as to the status because this was going to be a pilot project? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I can inform the member that I don’t have any information on Child Advocate guidelines but I can check into it and find out how far they have gone. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Williams: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. During the Department of Education’s presentation in the budget session last May, we learned that the secretary would be coming forward with a report. Can the Minister update the House on the status of that report? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In regards to her question, I have no detailed information at this time in front of me; I have to ask for the copy of the report, and then I can answer the member and also the rest of the members once I get the copies. Thank you.

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

Ms. Williams (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes I know that the minister doesn’t have the information in front of him but perhaps the minister can tell me if he’s in support and come up with proposed legislation while we have this First Assembly for a Nunavut Children’s Advocate. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes I’m very pleased that the Department of Education is working with Health and Social Services, Culture, Language, Elders and Youth and the Department of Justice. Yes I am in support of a Children’s Advocate in Nunavut and Mr. Speaker I can say that they deal with research or they can review new projects or existing projects as long as they direct it towards the Child Advocate issue in Nunavut.

So I just want to elaborate to the Member that we're in full support of this and the organizations are very happy to see it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Williams: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Can the Minister confirm that he will support initiatives to introduce legislation here in the life of this government that would establish a Children's Advocate in Nunavut? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you. I could tell the member that I am committed to child advocacy and young people during the life this Legislative Assembly I will support children's advocacy documents. Yes I'll be able to support them. Thank you.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Mr. Arvaluk.

Question 319 – 1(6): Ratio of Inuit Employment

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister responsible for Human Resources.

To date, the Nunavummiut staff, Inuit and non-native, what are the statistics of their employment? Thank you.

Speaker: Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I did not quite understand the member's question, whether it's the number of Inuit staff or the number of full time staff. Thank you. If he could elaborate on the question to me. Thank you.

Speaker: Mr. Arvaluk. Clarification on the question.

Mr. Arvaluk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I hope this is not a supplementary. What I'm trying to find out is what is the ratio on Inuit employment etc. Has it improved, stayed the same or gotten worse? Can we get an update? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Mr. Minister.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes I'm very pleased to inform the member the number of Inuit staff since I announced it in June has increased slightly to date. About 43% are Inuit staff within the Nunavut Government. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Supplementary. Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Perhaps you can correct me if I'm wrong but I think your department, the Department of Human Resources and also each department has their own Human Resources division.

My question is, in each department's hiring division are they all Inuit people? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. They're not all Inuit in the division of Human Resources. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm looking at the telephone directory, I think it's called divisional directors or managers, and each division has managers in each division. I think that's what you call them.

Do the managers of the divisions search, do they look for potential employees, or do you have Human Resources officers that screen the people or that look to hire Inuit people? Do they work together? I would like to get clarification. Thank you.

Speaker: Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Within each department of the Nunavut Government, if they want to open a position it's given to the Human Resources department. We work with them to publish the employment opportunity and advertise it; post it through the computer, or through the media. While the position is being filled the Human Resources Department would be responsible for it until it is filled. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Arvaluk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Acknowledging the Inuit Employment Plan is to improve employment numbers for Nunavummiut; how do you ensure that all possible avenues are found so that a maximum effort is made to hire Inuit in different departments? Thank you.

Speaker: Minister.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Not only to respond to that question but also to show the continuing work that we are doing in Human Resources, I made a

statement in the House just the other day about the extra work we are doing in the department in removing some of the requirements that are going out on advertisements.

It is an ongoing process for us to work with the departments in trying to see how we can not only attract more Inuit, but also maintain those numbers within the departments. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Members will note that Question Period is now over. Item 7. Written Questions. Mr. McLean.

Item 7: Written Questions

Written Question 04 - 1(6): Vacant GN Positions in Regional Decentralized Centres and Communities

Mr. McLean: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my written question today is to the Minister of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, the Decentralization Secretariat, regarding vacant Government of Nunavut positions in regional centres and decentralized communities.

As of November 29th, 2002, broken down by employing entities, how many positions are vacant in the Government of Nunavut's departments, boards, agencies, and the crown corporations in Iqaluit, Rankin Inlet, and Cambridge Bay?

Part 2, as of November 29th, 2002, broken down by employing entities, how many positions are vacant in the Government of Nunavut's departments, boards, agencies, and the crown corporations in Cape Dorset, Pangnirtung, Pond Inlet, Igloolik, Baker Lake, Gjoa Haven, Kugluktuk, and Arviat?

Part 3, how many positions have been moved from Iqaluit, Cambridge Bay, and Rankin Inlet since April 1st, 1999? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. McLean. 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. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Item 12: Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills

Committee Report on Bills 07 - 1(6) Bill 21 – An Act to Amend the Labour Standards Act

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to report that Bill 21, An Act to Amend the Labour Standards Act has been reviewed by the Standing Committee Ajauqtiit, and that the Bill as amended and reprinted is ready for consideration in the Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to waive Rule 68(5), and have Bill 21 moved into the Committee of the Whole for today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Iqaqrialu. There is a request to waive Rule 68(5), so that the Standing Committee's report on Bill 21 can be immediately referred to the Committee of the Whole. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Then Bill 21 is referred to the Committee of the Whole for today. Item 12. Reports on the Review of Bills. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Committee Report on Bills 08 – 1(6) Bill 25 – An Act to Amend the Maintenance Enforcement Act

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to report that Bill 25, an Act to Amend the Maintenance Orders Enforcement Act has been reviewed by the standing committee Ajauqtiit, and that the bill is ready for consideration in the Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to seek unanimous consent to waive Rule 68(5) and have Bill 25 moved into the Committee of the Whole. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Iqaqrialu. There is a request to waive Rule 68(5) and that the standing committee report on Bill 25, can immediately be referred to the Committee of the Whole. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Bill 25 is referred to the Committee of the Whole for today.

Item 12. Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Committee Report on Bills 09 - 1(6) Bill 26 – The Inter-Jurisdictional Support Orders Act

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to report that Bill 26, the Inter-Jurisdictional Support Orders Act has been reviewed by the Standing Committee Ajauqtiit and that the bill is ready for consideration in Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to waive rule 68(5) and have Bill 26 moved into the Committee of the Whole for today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Iqaqrialu. There is a request to waive Rule 68(5) so that the standing committee report on Bill 26 can be immediately referred to the Committee of the Whole. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Bill 26 is referred to the Committee of the Whole for today.

Item 12. Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills. Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Mr. Akasuk.

Item 13: Tabling of Documents

Tabled Document 067 - 1(6): Nanisivik Closure and Reclamation News

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table the Nanisivik Closure and Reclamation News and detailed information on activities in Arctic Bay concerning the Nanisivik mine closure. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Minister Kilabuk.

Tabled Document 068 - 1(6): Public Service Annual Report 2001-2002

Hon. Peter Kilabuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. With one line of questioning, Mr. Speaker, you'll be interested in this one. Mr. Speaker, I wish to table the following document, the Public Service Annual Report 2001-2002. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Minister Ng.

Tabled Document 069 - 1(6): 2001 Annual Report of the NWT and Nunavut Workers' Compensation Board

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table the 2001 Annual Report of the Northwest Territories and Nunavut Workers' Compensation Board. Thank you.

Speaker: Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Is there any further tabling of documents? I have a document that I'd like to table.

Tabled Document 070 - 1(6): 2002 Auditor General Annual Report to Nunavut Legislative Assembly (2000-2001 Financial Statements)

I wish to table the 2002 Report of the Auditor General of Canada to the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut. Pursuant to the terms of reference of the standing committees of the Legislative Assembly the report is referred to the Standing Committee on Government Operations and Services for review.

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

Item 16: Motions

Motion 013 - 1(6): Extended Adjournment

Mr. McLean: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Extended adjournment. I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Cambridge Bay, that notwithstanding Rule 4, when the House concludes its present sitting in Iqaluit, it shall be adjourned until March 4, 2003.

And further, that any time prior to March 4, 2003, if the Speaker is satisfied after consultation with the Executive Council and Members of the Legislative Assembly that the public interest requires that the House should meet in Iqaluit at an earlier time during the adjournment, the Speaker may give notice and thereupon the House shall meet at the time stated in such notice and shall transact its business as it had been duly adjourned to that time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: The motion is in order. To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed. Motion is carried. Item 16. Motions. Item 17. First Reading of Bills. Ms. Thompson.

Item 17: First Reading of Bills

Bill 23 – An Act to Amend the Cities, Towns and Villages Act – First Reading

Hon. Manitok Thompson: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Baffin South, that Bill 23, An Act to Amend the Cities, Towns, and Villages Act be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, minister. The motion is in order. All those in favour? All those opposed. The motion is carried. Bill 23 has had first reading. Item 17. First Reading of Bills. Ms. Thompson.

Bill 24 – An Act to Amend the Hamlets Act – First Reading

Hon. Manitok Thompson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Pangnirtung, that Bill 24, An Act to Amend the Hamlets Act be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: The motion is in order. All those in favour? All those opposed. The motion is carried and Bill 24 has had first reading.

Item 17. First Reading of Bills. Item 18. Second Reading of Bills. Item 19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters; Bill 13, Bill 17, Bill 18, Bill 19, Bill 21, Bill 25, Bill 26 and Ministers' Statements 72-1(6) and 95-1(6) with Mr. Iqaqrialu in the Chair. Before we proceed to Committee of the Whole we'll take a brief 20 minute break.

Sergeant-At-Arms.

>>*House recessed at 15.41 p.m. and resumed at 16.08 p.m.*

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

Chairperson (Mr. Iqaqrialu) (interpretation): Thank you. We can start the Committee of the Whole. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairperson before I proceed I would like to take this opportunity to recognize some young individuals who are here in the House this afternoon.

Mr. Chairperson the individuals that I talked about in my Member's Statement yesterday the Iqaluit Kids Against Violence are here behind me in the gallery. No stranger to this assembly: Samantha Kublu a page last week, Wally Picco, Haley Anawak, and also Jamie Akavak, Tom Lyta, Phillip Kunuk and Steve Nattaq.

Mr. Chairperson those are the Iqaluit Kids against Violence Group and I'd like to commend them for what they are doing and wish them all the best of luck and ask Members to join me in congratulating them and welcoming them to the Assembly. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

>>Applause

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Welcome to the Gallery. As Committee of the Whole we will be dealing with Bill 13, Minister's Statement 72-1 (6), Bill 17, Minister's Statement 95-1(6), Bill 18, Bill 19, Bill 21, Bill 25 and Bill 26.

What's the wish of the committee? Ms. Williams.

Ms. Williams (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to proceed with Bill 18 and we will start with Community Government and Transportation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Minister responsible, Ms. Manitok Thompson. Do you have opening comments?

Hon. Manitok Thompson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have opening comments. If I can go ahead. (interpretation ends) I'd also like to acknowledge the students that are here. We're all very proud of you with your committee against violence.

Mr. Chairman, I'm happy to be here today to present to the Committee of the Whole the 2003/2004 proposed Capital Estimates for the Department of Community Government & Transportation.

This Capital budget for the upcoming fiscal year is 27 million, 225 thousand dollars. If accepted by the Legislature, this will be the largest capital budget for the department since Nunavut was created in 1999.

While this is definitely good news, we are still unable to fund all the capital projects for your communities, some of which need to be addressed urgently.

Priorities have been identified through direct input from MLA's, meetings and correspondence with Hamlet Mayors and Councils and our regional staff visiting and consulting with the municipalities on a regular basis.

Departmental officials have been directed to ensure MLA's and elected municipal officials are informed prior to these community visits. This input and direction is reflected in the proposed capital budget before you today.

The majority of our capital dollars are being spent on water, sewer and sanitation projects. We have several large projects taking place throughout the territory from sanitation sites to replacement of water supply lines.

The Canada-Nunavut Infrastructure Program Agreement, which was signed with the Federal Government late last year, will contribute to the costs of the major improvements that have to be made to the Gjoa Haven, Kugluktuk and Cambridge Bay water supply systems. As well, it will help with the work that needs to be done on the Pangnirtung sewage treatment plant.

Nunavut Airports has once again submitted applications under the federal Airport Capital Assistance Program (ACAP) and we now have an approved budget of 906 thousand dollars. This money is used to fund equipment and necessary runway improvements.

The Strategic Highway and Infrastructure Program (SHIP) Agreement with the Federal Government was signed on October 22, 2002. This initiative will provide joint funding of 6.7 million until March 2007 for priority transportation infrastructure projects in Nunavut.

The Department is working with the federal department of Transportation to ensure these limited dollars are spent equitably across Nunavut. As decisions are finalized with the federal government, MLA's will be kept advised.

The department has also placed emphasis on improving marine facilities in Nunavut. Currently there are four initiatives underway at Community Government & Transportation to secure increases and new federal funding for this purpose.

First the department is in the process of seeking funding for building and supporting marine infrastructure projects under the Department of Fisheries and Oceans' Small Craft Harbours program.

Second, as mentioned, the Department is in the process of identifying one marine project for funding under the Strategic Highway Infrastructure (SHIP) agreement.

Third, the department is in the early stages of developing a mandate to negotiate the devolution of Northern Remote Resupply Sites Program to the Government of Nunavut which will allow the department to take responsibility for the site, in the hope of obtaining more capital dollars for development.

And lastly the department currently has a memorandum of understanding (MOU) signed with the Canadian Coast Guard. The MOU provides \$500 thousand annually to the Department to maintain, preserve and enhance marine facilities in Nunavut.

Department of Community Government and Transportation is also exploring new and innovative ways to take our capital dollars further and make them work more effectively for us. During standing committee discussions earlier this year, Members of the Legislative Assembly raised the urgent need for community halls and access roads. In Whale Cove, we have the opportunity to work with the Department of Education on the construction of a new school/community facility.

In addition, with respect to community access roads, I have asked my department to develop a modest community partnership program to address this pressing need. Again, I hope to report progress next time we meet.

The department has also entered into discussions with the City of Iqaluit for a six-year capital contribution agreement. If this House approves the funding, this agreement will help the City plan ahead and address critical infrastructure needs.

CGT will be involved in the planning and design phases of projects and will provide additional assistance when requested. In the interests of accountability there will be an annual review of progress under the proposed agreement.

Our Nunavut government identified priorities and we have been focusing our capital dollars on Education and Housing since 1999. These priorities remain. At the same time the Department of Community Government and Transportation will continue to address the critical community needs in other areas such as municipal infrastructure.

We need to put in place infrastructure that will promote economic development and self-reliance for Nunavummiut. This concludes my opening comments.

(interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and Committee of the Whole members for this opportunity to speak to you today. I am now available to respond to any questions you may have on the Department of Community Government and Transportation's proposed capital budget for 2003/2004.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Thompson. Would you invite your officials to go to the witness table?

Sergeant-at-Arms, if you would escort Minister Thompson and her officials.

Thank you. Minister Thompson, if you would introduce your officials. Ms. Thompson.

Hon. Manitok Thompson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On my right John Walsh, Deputy Minister and on my left Doug Strickland, who is the Director of Capital Planning and we have two other officials, who are the ADM's, Methuselah Kunuk, I'm sure you know him, and Shawn Maley if you didn't know him already. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Thompson. Welcome. Mr. McLean is the Chair of the Standing Committee on Community Empowerment and Sustainable Development.

Mr. McLean: As Chairperson 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 2003/2004 Capital Estimates for the Department of Community Government and Transportation.

Mr. Chairperson, the Standing Committee had the opportunity in September to meet with the Minister of Community Government and Transportation to review the draft 2003/2004 Capital Estimates.

Mr. Chairperson the Committee's pleased with the continuing effort to secure infrastructure funding from the federal government for various programs. Once again however, with the on-going nature of negotiations, the Committee would ask to have more regular updates on the status of the applications and criteria by which the process are selected.

This information would allow Members to be properly informed and able to respond to questions from their constituents. Mr. Chairman, the Standing Committee is pleased that the Minister has succeeded in securing funding from Canada's Strategic Highway Infrastructure Program.

The Committee notes that projects in Chesterfield Inlet and Coral Harbour were the first to be announced under the 6.7 million joint funding agreement; however, it remains unclear whether other communities will also benefit from the funding.

Mr. Chairman, the Committee noted with interest that Iqaluit will be receiving more than 7 million in block capital funding to allow more flexibility in their planning. The Committee is concerned that the Minister maintain a regular accountability framework for the use of block funding and looks forward to reviewing a detailed annual report of the City's capital projects.

The Standing Committee believes that healthy communities require gathering places. Mr. Chairman, the Committee was pleased to note that the Minister is working towards a partnership with the Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth with respect to the community halls and multi use facilities.

The Standing Committee recognizes the importance of sewage, water and solid waste management; however, Mr. Chairman, the Committee is concerned that only 300 thousand dollars has been allocated for recreation facilities across Nunavut in 2003/2004.

This is a negligible investment for this use in Nunavut and it is unclear what specific projects this money will fund. The Committee strongly urges giving thought to working in conjunction with the Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth to identify areas of cooperation with respect to facilities for youth.

The Standing Committee noted with concern that the Canadian Coast Guard is currently pursuing a plan to devolve the responsibility for docking facilities to the Government of Nunavut. The Committee urges that the department negotiate the best possible arrangement in order to ensure that the devolution does not occur without being accompanied by adequate resources to take on new responsibilities.

Mr. Chairman, the Standing Committee noted that much of the planning for improvement to airports and air services across Nunavut is the dependant on the results of the recently started Air Services Study. The Committee looks forward to the completion of the study and in reviewing its conclusions and recommendation.

That concludes my comments on the Capital Estimates of the Department of Community Government and Transportation. Individual members may wish to raise questions or make comments. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. McLean. The members are reminded that you have 10 minutes for general comments. And afterwards we'll open up the floor for questions. Again you'll have a 10 minute opportunity.

At this time I would like ask the members if anybody has any general comments? Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And I thank the Chair of the Standing Committee on Community Empowerment for his opening comments. I would like to make a few comments.

On the monies that the communities are going to be receiving. The communities, as I have said earlier, do not just want to be sewage truck drivers. They are, there's an on-going need to get additional facilities like recreational facilities. With the Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth there are opportunities to work together in order to better the lives of the people of Nunavut.

As that is the case, the department keeps looking for outside sources of funds from the Federal Government and other agencies in order to finance these projects. We have to look at innovative ways to secure the financing of capital projects.

For example, some of the communities have established businesses, be it small, and the heavy equipment operators in both of my communities, Chesterfield Inlet, and Coral Harbour, both have these.

What I see looking at Coral Harbour is one loader that will be going to Coral Harbour, and I am very glad, and I am sure that it is needed. We have to look at the heavy equipment companies that run out of projects to do, especially in the winter when there is no gravel available and the Hamlet keeps going. It is something that is hard for the private businesses; because of course they have one specialty. They don't have other means.

Usually in the summer, they might be running out of business to get new inventory or to pay for their wages in the summertime, because they have their financing over the winter.

Again I would like to urge your department, possibly through the program review, to look at how the communities can develop their community economic opportunities. I will be asking questions on the monies that you mentioned that came from the Federal Government. I think that it is 6.7 million dollars. We are very glad that we will now be building Access Roads to our gravel sites.

We know that there is not going to be anything available for this coming summer and the lack of roads is very hard on the maintenance of the heavy equipment and other mobile equipment.

Again turning to transportation, I would like to mention two items. As we know in Coral Harbour, we have 24 hour weather observation, seven days a week through the weather observation program. In Coral Harbour it is the transportation hub of international flights. I used to be one of those operators and you talk to every single airline that is flying over Coral Harbour.

It is under the responsibility of the Hamlet. The money that we receive for this program is not enough and the wage increases are very, very slow. We will have to look at this and see what we can do to improve these services. The reason why I am talking about that is because the weather observers go to Winnipeg to take their course.

In the other communities, for those not on a 24 basis, usually what they do is just use their instruments. In Coral Harbour they are talking about the balloons, weather pressure, and other specialties that they learn over and above being an observer and I think that should be recognized by the government.

And again with transportation and I'm using Chesterfield Inlet as an example, when we were still with the NWT, the docks were designed when they didn't know the conditions, the ice conditions, the water conditions, and the topography and they didn't know where to put those docking facilities. Because of that every year Chesterfield Inlet uses 40 thousand dollars just to upgrade and maintain the docking facility that was put in the

wrong place at the beginning. There are big boulders underneath, there is erosion and the dock becomes unstable and causes safety hazards.

The people of Chesterfield Inlet know exactly where that docking facility should have been placed in the first place and how it should have been built. I would like to urge your department to look into this further and because we have a 100 thousand pound quota for fish, they use those docking facilities to unload and to transport the fish they catch to Rankin Inlet.

We use a lot of money in the summer and in the fall and because of that I would like your department to review this further and in your opening comments you stated the communities did look at this, but I'm not sure it's in here.

But they want to see a 5 year or longer plan so that if the government is going to provide adequate funds they have to do a 5 year plan or longer if we're going to be able to stretch our resources. I'll have questions after.

Chairperson: Mr. Havioyak.

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairperson and thank you minister and your officials. I'm sorry I forgot their names already.

I just want to make a short comment in regards to the 5 year capital plan. For example, there are three capital projects that are written in the 5 year capital plan. I know that the funding is not always adequate for every project or in each community within Nunavut. I understand that part.

I would like some clarification on how these are put into 5 year capital plan for these particular projects. Not only health and safety issues. I can't say it in the Inuinnaqtun. Are you looking for other ways to prioritize these other things that we're going to be using in the capital plans?

Okay, using Kugluktuk for example. Kugluktuk wants, you probably have seen the documents already because there are 14 different departments and 7 of those that belong to Community Government & Transportation just using that as an example.

How did you decide and how did you put it into a 5 year capital plan so that we can see for sure and I need to understand how it works. When you're planning these 5 year capital plans, how do you come up with the numbers? The other one was written by the hamlet and directed to your department - I know that the money isn't always available. I can understand that part, I know we cannot come up with the funding that you want overnight.

But, also I noticed from last year that they were going to build that docking facility in Kugluktuk. We all know that it's not completed yet because we've been pushing docking facilities ever since last year. It is still not completed as of today. Fisheries and Oceans

put a hold on that because they were doing a study. For that reason, what I would like to see is the department try and finish the study without further delay.

Also, I just want to mention the proposed Bathurst road and port. Last week, while I was in Yellowknife, I went to observe how they are going to go ahead with that project, that road to Bathurst Inlet. KIA and government departments and other organizations met in regards to that road and they like the idea of building that road to Bathurst Inlet and the docking facility that they're going to build over there.

So I would like to encourage your department to go ahead with this project, and support it however we can support this item with funding that we can get from the government. I am very pleased to see that the government is working towards this project in this capital plan as well.

I myself will be supporting this road project to Bathurst Inlet because the Kitikmeot people are looking forward to this for the employment. A number of people have expressed their interest; people have mentioned that if we build this road it's going to be economically beneficial for Kitikmeot people. It will mean things are not going to be as expensive as they are now. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Irqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am pleased with her opening comments regarding the capital plan, particular on the docking facilities. Hopefully a formal request from my community of Hall Beach will finally become reality. We have no docking facility, marine facility.

Every time the water becomes rough, we have to pull up our boats before the wind picks up and that's always been the case because of the marine facilities. The one we had was owned by the DEW line and was not very close to our community. It hasn't been used and it is deteriorating. Not too many people in the community use that facility.

So I would be happy to see that they build, at least include in their plans, a marine facility in Hall Beach and that it would be one of the first ones. It should be prioritised when it's put into the capital plans.

The Assistant Deputy Minister fully knows how the shoreline is in Hall Beach and because we live by the shore, just before I became a Member of the Legislative Assembly, I was hired to make some kind of a wall to prevent erosion from the water, so I worked on that because I was asked to do so.

Because we're always short of funding, there are not too many projects for community centres; we all know that the community centre is way too small for the size of the community. When we had visitors they had to go to the centre of the building and the people who were visiting almost filled up the whole building, that's how small it is, so that should be considered also.

The reason I will be raising this is I think I've asked about this and the Minister has stated that they have included it in the plan. I will be asking in that line of questioning, what I just said; maybe I'll talk about this some other time. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I am very pleased with the opening comments made by the minister and I can understand that there are a lot of needs out there, and I would wish you more success in the future in dealing with your federal counterparts to access additional funding. I know it's an issue that the members know about and myself and the member from Baker Lake raised it today in this House in our Members' Statements.

We also passed a motion at our last sitting in Pangnirtung in regards to that. So hopefully this will assist, comments like this, will assist the Minister and her staff in getting through to her federal counterparts, to loosen up the purse strings, Mr. Chairman.

One thing that I am very pleased being here and I know it's something that I raised over the last number of years is to come up with a solution to assist the City of Iqaluit to deal with some of the critical infrastructure crisis that it was facing and that it is facing. I'm very pleased to see and hear that that the department has worked with the City of Iqaluit, Mayor Mathews, and councillors in coming up with some type of arrangements that will assist them in dealing with the problems.

I commend the minister and the department; I know it's not easy to come up with solutions to deal with the magnitude of the crisis that we face here in Iqaluit and we certainly appreciate the efforts and what we see here in the capital plans.

One other issue that a couple of other members raised and I think it's something that maybe the department can take a look at down the road is on the docking facilities. With more and more warming of the waters and shorter seasons of ice, the need for docking facilities in all of the communities are becoming greater.

But also a result of those same factors there may be a new market for initiatives in opening up the tourism market. Maybe the minister can work with the Minister of Sustainable Development on it and that's the idea of some of the communities throughout Nunavut. Tour ships come in and they don't have adequate docking facilities to be able to have the people get on and off these boats. We all know what it's like when you get a little windy here to try and manoeuvre people on and off these larger boats and the larger cruise ships. It isn't always easy.

I think that is something that has potential for marketing for Nunavut. More and more these tour groups are looking for destination places where if a ship, there was one a few years ago that started off in Churchill, Manitoba and the boat came up the west coast of Hudson's Bay, I'm not sure where, I know for sure it stopped in Cape Dorset and then it

came here. Then the individuals off of that ship got off here and flew back and for them to reload here or wherever the other people get off for a whole bunch of new people to get back for the return. Those kinds of trips are usually retired people and they can only handle the one-way trip and are not looking at a two-way journey because it can be quite cool and often a one-way trip by boat over our waters is sufficient experience for some people. I think this is something the department may want to look at in the future. Some potential for yielding many more benefits to a number of communities throughout the territory.

And I guess that's about it Mr. Chairman, for my opening comments and again just thanking the minister for coming up with solutions with the city and continue to urge her and wish her more luck in freeing up federal purse strings for Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Ms. Williams (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I don't have too many comments. First of all I'd just like to thank the witnesses here. We should appreciate them as they look after the municipal services, there are roads, and there is water delivery, sewage. And they are equipped with enough infrastructure even though we want more all the time; but they cost a lot to get them to the communities and we are fortunate that we can get at least some of them.

But one of my communities, the community of Arctic Bay has written letters asking for a meeting hall or a community centre but I regret to see that it's not written here. I don't know how we can get our request put on the capital plan, or maybe there is a limit that only after a number of times you can request and then your request will finally be included in the plan. But I will be raising this question when I start asking questions because the request from the community should be considered.

The stuff in regards to transportation, I was happy to hear about the minister that there was a transportation study in the communities and I welcome that. But I would like to ask also when is it scheduled to be completed? In the opening comments, it doesn't say, maybe I missed it, it doesn't seem to specify the completion date.

She stated earlier that the communities along with their cultures and customs, and there was also a study about going to Greenland because when you go to Greenland it's very scenic and we can benefit a lot and sometimes we can teach them, they can benefit from us.

So in regards to the community transportation studies, I don't care if I don't see Greenland but in Arctic Bay we have relatives in Pond Inlet and by skidoo it's 200 miles, you can get there about 10-12 hours by skidoo in springtime. From Arctic Bay to go to Pond Inlet I have to go through Iqaluit and if I bring a child, the airfare that I would have to pay is over 4 thousand dollars. We can't wait to see what the results will be because

we already know the existing problems, I don't know when the completion of the study will be.

They're probably not from Nunavut maybe they're people who have never been up north who are conducting the survey, the studies. I just wanted to resurface this concern to make sure that the consultants are from the north and know about the area.

And who can put their bids on that study; we know that the study is not cheap. As an Inuk I can't wait especially when there's a death in our family, it takes a long time to go to a community even though the distance is not so great, it's because of the inconvenience of the scheduled flights. We can't wait for this to be finished and hopefully they have qualified knowledgeable consultants.

And I also would like to state Mr. Chairman, in Nanisivik there is a dock for big ships and I would like to find out from the minister, I know it belongs to DFO and CG&T have staff that can negotiate or consult with each other. The only dock is in Nanisivik because they have to unload. When we were up there last summer I went over with Alakannuark; we were up there and he also saw some staff that were going to his community and counted the crates that were going to his community when they were up in Nanisivik.

But they were en-route to his community and the person from Gjoa Haven went to Arctic Bay from Kugaaruk on the annual ship from his community to Arctic Bay to Nanisivik.

That's how useful that dock could be. Those are my general comments. I will be raising questions later. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll make my general comments brief. I would to thank the Minister for her opening comments because it shows how hard they have worked to give the requests to the communities although they have limited resources or limited funds.

Because all the communities may request something but due to lack of funds, that's where the problems come, because we have many needs. In my constituent community of Repulse Bay, there's hardly any gravel there adjacent to the community. So they're trying to build access road to where the gravel is available.

I don't see it in the Capital Estimates; I was wondering where I could find it because it could really improve the community of Repulse Bay and also for the hunters. It could benefit the hunters and the community, when we build the access road to the gravel pit.

In the Keewatin Region, Chesterfield Inlet and Repulse Bay out of all the Nunavut communities, they don't have any gravel. Last year they worked really hard to access gravel. We definitely need this, I don't know how but some kind of support to build the access road to the gravel pit area.

And I also wanted to point that out because Repulse Bay is strongly requesting support in that area. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Alakannuark. I don't have any more names on my list for general comments. At this time I'm sure the Minister can understand what is being said by the Members and their general comments.

Mr. Iqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have two questions. When I asked the Minister about the plans for Igloolik on the community hall, well recreational centres, she said there was funding made available.

But looking at the plans up to 2008, I don't see anything. So I was wondering what is happening to it? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Iqittuq. Minister Thompson.

Hon Manitok. Thompson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In my opening comments I noted that I spoke to the Igloolik Mayor and also the member about the design, that the 50 thousand dollars would be advanced.

It was at the time when the Capital Estimates were being drafted and also Mr. Chairman, the community health; I'm now trying to look at how we can improve the community health. Even though there are some gymnasiums in some communities at the schools, definitely in some communities there is no gathering place.

I went to Yellowknife on Saturday to attend a meeting, Mr. Chairman, and at that time the Minister for Sports and Recreation, Paul Devillios and Ethel Blondin were also there and I spoke to them about this issue.

I will look at other options and alternatives to find out if we can make a decision because the communities know that the community halls are very important to them. It's not just for recreational uses, it's a place where the community gathers for festivities and also for healing circles.

Yes, we will work on the Igloolik recreation hall design and I will work with the Department of Education or through Culture, Elders, Language and Youth, which Jack Anawak is the minister of. So I'll work with those departments. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Thompson. Mr. Iqittuq.

Mr. Iqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In regards to that, I would like to thank the minister for answering my question. In regards to the design, since you're planning the design part next year in the capital estimates, when will we be able to see the construction part of it? Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Irqittuq. Minister Thompson.

Hon. Manitok Thompson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do not know what next year's capital budget will be but I'm trying to obtain more funding to see if we can provide funding and/or get some outside sources.

We're now trying to work with the federal government. As I have stated before, Mr. Chairman, our aboriginal healing fund is only intended for O & M purposes. I'm trying to gear them towards our capital projects so that we can improve the communities' halls. Community halls are frequently used for healing. So I will be working on this development. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Thompson. I apologize for calling you Minister Manitok. Mr. Irqittuq.

Mr. Irqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm glad that we're proceeding with the plans and as long as I'm a Member of the Legislative Assembly I will be pursuing this. But I will just conclude with that for now.

In regards to the docking facilities; you stated before that they're doing a study on all the docking facilities in the communities and breakwaters. Do you know if there's capital estimates to do a study on breakwaters or docking facilities in the communities?

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Irqittuq. Minister Thompson.

Hon. Manitok Thompson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The study isn't complete yet. In the fall community tours were started. Mr. Chairman, because of the erosion of Hall Beach's shoreline, it also happened in Tuktoyaktuk, because there are no huge rocks, they have to work annually on their docking facility. It would cost them a lot of money.

So we'll definitely have to consider how Hall Beach is envisioning their docking facility. Perhaps the local community knows best where the docking facility should be. Perhaps, they know what to use, whether it be rocks, or wood to make the dock.

We can look at other docking facilities that have been made down south. We also have to come up with a decision in Hall Beach about the erosion of the shoreline. We will have to work with the communities and look at the options. We could be taught by the community itself through their suggestions and recommendations about what kind of docking facility they would like to see. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Thompson. Anything else? If you raise your hand I will know whether you have any supplementaries or not. Mr. Irqittuq.

Mr. Irgittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I know that it is going to be quite hard to work on the docking facility in Hall Beach because of course we have to see what best fits our shore. Possibly what Ovide can do is give us a few boulders and we could put it along the shoreline.

It has to be seriously considered. If you don't already know, a long time ago we never built any in the olden days. We seriously have to consider it. If we build that dock it could improve our shoreline. There were some improvements done to protect the houses from the waves. That deteriorated and we had to build it again. It is something that is very hard to do. A docking facility in Hall Beach is something that I would like you to consider. I have no further questions, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

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

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): Koanaqtit, Itsivautaq. Before we go page by page, I just have a few short comments. On the criteria used by your Department to put in the Five Year Capital Plan, I understand a couple of criteria are used, I think anyways. I know that health and safety issues are the priorities that you put into your Capital Plan.

Aside from that, are there any other requirements or criteria that you use, so they can be in your department's five year capital plan; not just health and safety? I am just trying to get a picture of the Hamlet's five year capital plan. Again I will use 17 of them. Which of those 17 are for Community Government and Transportation for example?

I will use Kugluktuk for example as to how they can be put on the list here aside from the criteria. For example, health and safety - but is there another way to push it up a little bit. For example, in Sanikiluaq, if we had two same issues, two same needs, if one of them has to get prioritized, how do they qualify for the department's 5 year capital plan? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Maniok Thompson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We do our consultations with the communities across Nunavut in terms of prioritizing their capital needs, most of our money has been going to water, and sewer infrastructure needs in that area. As the members seem to recognize there are so many needs in the territory in terms of water, sewer lagoons, health and safety issues that it's very difficult to put on new projects because by the time you have put the priorities down it mainly becomes water, sewer type of infrastructure we're putting in our communities.

Most of our infrastructure in that area is very old, our needs and repairs need to be prioritized, and that's part of the problem that we're having right now at the department.

And also, for the members to know, the 5 year capital plan across Nunavut comes in waves. It might be lower for communities one year and then higher for some communities in other years and then that's how its done. Unless we start taking capital

projects from somebody else and putting them somewhere else, which we won't do, that's the only way that we would be able to say we will get a new project on your 5 year capital plan.

We are aware of the needs in the communities but our priority is to make sure the people have fresh water and their health and safety considerations are a priority. That's where we have a problem with that but we can't do much about it because of the way we are planning with the hamlets.

The hamlets are aware of the priorities that a hamlet would like but when you come to the bottom of it and you meet with the council and start asking them what their priorities are, their priorities are their drinking water, and that might be where we should be focussing our money.

We have to look at some innovative ways to deal with the other new projects and that's what we're trying to do with the Federal Government. We have to keep lobbying and we'll do that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Havioyak: Koanaqtit, Uqaqti. I'm glad the department and the minister continually lobby to get funding for Nunavummiut projects.

Last year, last winter, I can't remember, you might know better than I but remember that I'm using this again as an example, and I'm glad it's on the list for the replacement of water tanks and I'm glad it's on the list and it will happen.

But according to the Department of Public Works these contractors went to see that water tank. From what I understand, what they did was put a support at the bottom of the tank so it won't open down. You know open up, if it's sealable, I'm not sure but I know they just put a support on there.

I guess using that as an example where this might have to be moved up a year. I looked at it very seriously because from what I gathered, with all those supports you never know when it's going to burst. I just want to point that out; I think I'm sure you looked at that water issue.

Another question aside from that, an update really, just some information. I know I've been asking questions on the docking facility in Kugluktuk. I know it's been on hold due to the study that the Fisheries and Oceans are doing. All I'm trying to do here is to get an update on this capital project. I know they are waiting, I know some work has been done along the shore but not in the water.

So really I just want to ask, correct me if I'm wrong, you have stated that the funding will still be there to complete this work. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Manitok Thompson: Mr. Chairman, I'm aware of the water tank in Kugluktuk. I was able to see that tank a couple of months ago, so I'm aware of the stuff that is holding this together. I think with the help of Public Works engineers we're doing everything we can to help keep that water tank intact and it is one of our priorities.

On the breakwater and marine resupply site, as I understand this habitat study was completed in September. The Department of Fisheries and Oceans is reviewing documents prior to granting a permit to construct. Construction will begin once a permit is issued from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

The construction of the breakwater facility will begin in March of 2003, with work taking place on the docking facility during spring and summer; that's where it's at. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Ms. Thompson. Anybody else? I have no other names on my list. We can go to the capital estimates, 7-5. 7-6. Community Government and Transportation. Detail of Capital. Contributions. Headquarters, 4 thousand. Mr. McLean.

Mr. McLean: Ma'na Itsivautaq, under recreation facilities projects, 300 thousand dollars, could you explain what that is for. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. McLean. Ms. Thompson.

Hon. Manitok Thompson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. With this 300 thousand, it's not very much with so many needs. What I had done as a Minister was, I had asked my department that maybe we could divide it into 3 and in each region prioritize and use it for upgrading their recreational facilities or through the regional office and it's for mainly maintaining our recreational facilities.

It's an infrastructure fund to help out with the skating rinks and the swimming pools and so on. So that's what we've been using in part because it's not very much. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Thompson. Mr. McLean.

Mr. McLean: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There are have not communities, there are have communities, and just recently the Hamlet of Baker Lake sold their Zamboni to Chesterfield Inlet for the give away price of 4 thousand dollars.

And the Zamboni was probably valued at 30 thousand and I would like to commend the Hamlet of Baker Lake for being so generous in sending that Zamboni down to Chesterfield Inlet because the people of Chesterfield Inlet and Baker Lake have a great relationship working with each other.

And yes there are some relatives down there but I have to say it was great that they sent the Zamboni down so people in Chesterfield Inlet don't have to scrape their ice with shovels anymore.

But the point I'm getting to is, larger municipalities like the Arviats, the Bakers, the Rankins, the Iqaluits, the Dorsets, the Pangs, the Ponds, everything is larger, and Kugluktuk, they are larger municipalities so the funding is larger.

I guess larger funding and you know, through great fiscal management, a lot of them maintain surpluses. So they can buy their own Zamboni's. Like Baker Lake has bought its own Zamboni twice in the last 15 years out of the operating surplus. The government hasn't contributed a penny to the Baker Lake Zamboni and the smaller communities I think it's great that the government, if they can, buy them a Zamboni because they are recreational facilities.

You know, we can put in a million and a half of the 3 million dollar recreational facility in a community and we shortchange them 50 thousand dollars on a Zamboni. So you know, there should be some kind of rule there that a larger community has to put in some money to buy a Zamboni and the smaller communities that don't have surpluses should be funded.

But the point I'm getting to is this little far away community that we really don't talk about a lot and it's in southern Nunavut called Sanikiluaq. For the last four years I've heard the Member of Legislative Assembly that represents Sanikiluaq say that the arena is open for only four to five weeks a year. It only has ice for four to five weeks a year because of the climate.

This is an unusual circumstance. It's a real unusual circumstance and I'm sure the opportunities for the young people down there are very limited. The government went and built a nice recreational facility down there that they can only use for five weeks.

And hockey is a way of life in Canada, like it is up in Nunavut and down south. And I bought this up in Standing Committee a few years ago that I wished the department would work with Sanikiluaq and I know they just received 70 thousand dollars to work on getting their artificial ice.

But it's not enough for little communities; smaller communities have a tough time generating revenues to pay for stuff. And I know Kugluktuk is working on their artificial ice and so is Rankin Inlet. I don't know what point they're at, at this time but I'm urging the Minister, urging the Minister to make sure that Sanikiluaq gets a shot at artificial ice so they can have artificial ice for at least four to five months a year.

It doesn't have to be a multimillion dollar ice package, it can be a, you know 3 or 400 thousand dollar artificial ice pack and so they can have ice from October till April and I'm sure the community would really appreciate the Government of Nunavut doing that

for them. Because like I say, they're in a jurisdiction, they're in an area where they don't have mining companies donating, they don't have big corporate customers donating anything, you know, it's a small community that's probably struggling with its finances.

But if we could put an artificial ice plant in a place like Sanikiluaq, they would probably use it and they would probably be very appreciative of it. So, would the minister commit to working with Sanikiluaq in the coming year to put a small artificial plant, out of the 300 thousand for Sanikiluaq? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. McLean. Ms. Thompson.

Hon. Maniok Thompson: I think we have already started working with the community of Sanikiluaq on the artificial ice plant. I was down there visiting the council and met with the council on that issue.

We're trying to make that happen for that community. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Thompson. So, Community Government and Transportation. Detail of capital. Total headquarters region, 400 thousand. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): And in Qikiqtaaluk, 7-6, go on to the next page. Ms. Williams.

Ms. Williams (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The department has received correspondence, even though the minister stated and identified how they're trying to work on the community halls and community centres.

Maybe she can tell me as to Arctic Bay's written requests to the minister. The deputies both have been at the school gym. What do I have to do in order to put a request in from Arctic Bay? Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Williams. Minister Thompson.

Hon. Maniok Thompson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The plans go through the hamlet council. They are prioritized by the hamlets and we try and fit them in, but we have to go through the health and safety issues first.

Even though those are the requirements, it's impossible sometimes to put them in. A lot of times we have to take funding from one community to another. That's why I'm trying to look for funding for community halls because the mayors asked me to do this. And in Arctic Bay, there are some communities who didn't have any community halls or their community halls were ready to fall apart.

With those things in mind, we're trying to work with them, but when we go through the list of their priorities, we always fall back on health and safety issues. That's when we have to put those, also priorities, for Arctic Bay. We realize that they need a bigger place, but I don't know where the funding would come from. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Thompson. Ms. Williams.

Ms. Williams (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. So, as you said it's just not written there. What will they have to do in order for it to appear on paper Minister Thompson?

Chairperson: Minister.

Hon. Maniok Thompson (interpretation): If it's a top priority of the hamlet, because we work with the hamlet when they prioritize their requests, if they say that they don't want a fire truck or an airport terminal building and a community hall instead, they'll have to make shifts. That's how it would appear. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Thompson. Ms. Williams.

Ms. Williams (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Aside from this, they have said that health and safety issues and this is a request from the communities, there is a fire hall in Arctic Bay, and it's very small. If you have seen Arctic Bay, it's sort of on a slope and when you get out of the fire hall, the fire truck has to make a 45 degree or a 90 degree turn.

I wonder if this has been checked into or thought about. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Maniok Thompson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. When I was in Arctic Bay I went to see the fire hall. It's on a little hill. The request Arctic Bay has made is for their airport terminal building to be closer to the community. I met with the hamlet and we try and prioritize their requests because it's impossible to get all the things that they are requesting. I will be pushing for things like the community hall.

Maybe it would be better if they were just referred to as healing centres and I will be looking for funds for those because those are being requested by the communities. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Thompson. Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you. Are we on Qikiqtaaluk? On page 7-6. Pond Inlet, grader. I appreciate that it's being funded. We've been waiting for 20 years. It's going to be replaced after 20 years. I hope this won't be shifted to somewhere or to some other community. Thank you.

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

Hon. Maniok Thompson (interpretation): If this is agreed to it will stay there. Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. McLean.

Mr. McLean: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In my opening comments I said I wanted a rigid accountability of the Iqaluit city block funding and this year they are budgeted for 7 million, 200 thousand dollars and then 2003 they are given 3 million, 977 thousand dollars; in 2004 to 2008 there is over 12 million dollars budgeted.

I think we take it for granted that Iqaluit can take care of itself when it's managing its capital projects but the municipality has done a really good job in the last year or two. But now I hear they are losing their city manager, plus their city engineer and there are projects coming down and sometimes the government forgets about Iqaluit and thinks that they can look after themselves.

As a minister, will you make sure to this House that they're given all the help and assistance they need when we've given this large amount of capital to them. To make sure because if you build a new school in Iqaluit it's managed by Public Works and the Department of Education and things happen well. Like you have never heard of any problems with the schools here that were built. They were built and maintained properly.

When it comes to ownership of Sewage Treatment Plants, and facilities like that, when the City is involved, they got burnt badly by an unscrupulous contractor. Would you commit to this House that the capital projects that Iqaluit is doing on their own, that you lend them a hand to make sure that this money is not wasted? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Maniok Thompson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We will do that. We have already made a commitment to that when we were talking to the City on this. I have already told my staff about the direction from the Standing Committee. We will do that. We will be on hand to help them out and assist them where they need. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Thompson. Anyone else? Ms. Williams.

Ms. Williams (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to ask another question. The Arctic Bay grader, as the government has said that they are working closely with Nanisivik, they have a committee formed and a representative from Community Government and Transportation. The graders, there were a lot of them, and they were in good condition, and dump trucks. They were owned by Nanisivik Mines. We know that they were put underground, buried.

I wonder if the department has thought of maybe they could have bought them because they would have been cheaper. I wonder if they have ever thought about this.

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

Hon. Manitok Thompson: Actually the existing community grader was donated to the community from Nanisivik Mines. There is different equipment that you use for different types of things. This existing grader that was given from the Nanisivik Airport several years ago has exceeded its useful life and we need to put a new one in Arctic Bay. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Ms. Williams: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My question was that they used a lot of equipment in Nanisivik and when Nanisivik was closing very good equipment was put inside the mountain that they were working in. They were destroyed in there. There would have been, I don't know how many a lot, of sand trucks, whatever you call them. A grader is a grader; there were a lot of them there.

I was asking whether Community Government and Transportation or the Hamlet were able to get some of that equipment, maybe a little bit cheaper than 220 thousand dollars. I am talking about Arctic Bay and not so much the airport. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Williams. Minister Thompson.

Hon. Manitok Thompson: Mr. Chairman, what we can do is we can take 220 thousand off Arctic Bay and put it somewhere else and investigate buying or getting the used equipment from the mine. We are already talking about that with the mine. So I don't have any problem with removing that 220 thousand and putting it somewhere else. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Thompson. Ms. Williams.

Ms. Williams: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I don't know if I am speaking in Inuktitut or English. I know that English is my problem, but I will try again. I am asking the Minister if they have tried to buy equipment from the Nanisivik Mines. I am not asking the Minister to do anything else with that 220 thousand dollars. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Williams. Minister Thompson.

Hon. Manitok Thompson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My officials have been talking to the mine about buying used equipment. That is what we have been doing for not only Arctic Bay but for other communities and I know Public Works and Services is also interested in the assets of that mine. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Anything else? I wonder if that equipment can be retrieved if they are already underground? Qikiqtaaluk, we're on page 7-6. 7-7 is part of it. If there are no comments. Total Qikiqtaaluk region, 8 million 473 thousand. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): 7-7 Kivalliq. Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. For Chesterfield Inlet, line item under appendix C. C-14 appendix C-14, Chesterfield line item, they have planned for a community wharf, 2004/2005 up to 2007, hundred fourteen and hundred sixty and twenty.

What does wharf mean? Is it going to be floating on top of the ocean? Will it be from the bottom of the ocean?

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

Hon. Manitok Thompson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It has not been designed yet; we have to work with the hamlet council.. But we've made a budget for it for the community wharf and the design has not been done yet. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I understand these are just for planning stages, fourteen hundred, hundred sixty and twenty by using for community consultation for design, is that what it means? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Arvaluk. Ms. Thompson.

Hon. Manitok Thompson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairperson, the funding could be used; part of it could be used to construct the community wharf. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Thompson. Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In my general comments I stated that Chesterfield Inlet goes fishing and use this for economic development. If they could obtain hundred thousand dollars, the community wharf is very precarious and when the gravel at the bottom recedes then big boulders get loose, so annually we have to expend forty thousand dollars for repairs.

Since during the NWT days and annually we've been, it's been costing us 40 thousand dollars and we've been expending that for about ten years, for about that much. Perhaps the department can consider if they can complete this wharf earlier.

If we stop expending 40 thousand dollars annually perhaps that could save you some money. Whether you can advance it to the next fiscal year, I'm sure your department can save money, would it be more cost effective for your department? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Arvaluk. Ms. Thompson.

Hon. Manitok Thompson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We do get funding, 500 thousand to be used for the whole of Nunavut. For planning purposes and for consultation purposes perhaps we can consider and look at the alternatives. I can work with my officials and look at the options how we can best deal with requests by the community. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Thompson. Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Every time I go to Chesterfield Inlet, especially in the summertime, I check over that old dock, reloading dock.

I don't know how they unload, I mean it's a scary business every time you go on the top of that wharf or dock when the big boulders move and there is an accident waiting to happen there because that's the only place they unload the barge. I think it's rather urgent that some kind of unloading facility or wharf be built as soon as possible and flatten the thing that you have there before a big accident happens. I mean that's very important. Just a comment Mr. Chairman.

My next question on this new fencing. We save thousands and thousands of dollars on snow removal including wages, repairs, and fuel etc., by having a snow fence. Snow fences are very cheap miracle money savers, we have one already on the left side of the community in Chesterfield Inlet, and it has been a tremendous help to the community including the safety, as far as safety is concerned.

We still need a fence on the right hand side of the community there are two sides to that community. The right side is urgently needed and I'm told by my colleagues from Qamanittuaq that the life span of these fences are a long time, 40 or 50 years and they're very good investments.

I was wondering, because the snow fencing capital plan is slated for 2007/2008 also on the appendix C-14, 420 thousand dollars, considering that you will be spending more than 120 thousand dollars. I guess I should rephrase my point here.

The Hamlet of Chesterfield Inlet will spend over 120 thousand dollars a year up to 2007/2008 just removing the snow between the houses and the roads. I know you will be

giving the hamlet an O&M budget to remove that snow. You could save a lot more if you could put snow fencing there now rather than later. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Manitok Thompson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I understand the concern of the member. If the hamlet has surpluses in their budget they may be able to do something but we have too many priorities in the communities across Nunavut and this was the best that we could do in this area. I understand the urgency of a snow fence because of O&M dollars being required for that, but at this time we're not able to do that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Arvaluk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I guess what I'm saying is, in March in the March session you'll be presenting to us the O&M for all the communities; snow removal, etc. From last year's experience, from last year's expenditures, without actually realizing that you would be giving the Hamlet of Chesterfield Inlet 120 thousand dollars for next year's snow removal and continuing for snow removal for seven years. But you can save 120 thousand dollar times seven or five, pardon me, you can save on removal a half a million dollars. If you could get that now, that's big. Am I making sense Mr. Chairman? Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Arvaluk. Ms. Thompson.

Hon. Manitok Thompson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Maybe we can go back to the community and see what their priorities are. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Thompson. Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk: I'm not sure if this is a, my comment this time Mr. Chairman, is not about just the buildings in Coral Harbour, but overall concerns that I have for communities that don't have docking facilities or breakwater type facilities in all of Nunavut.

We seem to have removed ourselves from that responsibility and we try to beg the federal government. I'm very happy that you were successful for Chesterfield and accessing the road to the gravel site and the airport in Coral Harbour, but the docking facilities throughout Nunavut have become very important. Boating has become an economic issue for hunting livelihood, recreation, tourism, etcetera, etcetera.

I think we will have to think this seriously because we cannot ask the federal government all of the time. We are going to have to take our own responsibilities and start considering breakwaters for loading docks and loading docks are part of the community priorities which was the area of concern.

My question to the Minister is, are we removing ourselves from the responsibility for docking and breakwater facilities in Nunavut? Qujannamiik.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Arvaluk. Ms. Thompson.

Hon. Maniok Thompson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We cannot remove ourselves from any type of transportation in our communities because we have a transportation strategy in place already for the government. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Thompson. In response to the docking facilities, it's quite important to the communities because the communities have been losing their boats and it's costing the hunters quite a bit of money so we have to be quite sensitive to this.

Because everything costs money whether you're just a regular Inuk person you have to survive by using money. Thank you for your response. Do you still have questions? I think that's about it. Mr. Alakannuark.

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I never raised my hand, thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Page 7-7 Kitikmeot. I'm sorry, Kivalliq Region. Going to page 7-8 Kivalliq Region. 2 million, 431 thousand. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Kitikmeot Region. Total Kitikmeot Region. 248 thousand dollars. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Total Grants and Contributions, 11 million, 552 thousand dollars. Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk: Qujannamiik, Uqaqti. I hope we are going away from burning garbage in our communities. Are there any long term plans to build incinerators, some kind of more environmentally friendly system to get rid the burnable stuff in the next 10 years? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Arvaluk. Ms. Thompson.

Hon. Maniok Thompson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We have already looked into the incinerators. (interpretation) They visited Greenland while Jack Anawak was holding the portfolio and they have started researching that area. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Arvaluk: Do you have plans to replace garbage burning or incineration in the next 10 years? That was my question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Arvaluk. Madam Thompson.

Hon. Manitok Thompson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We have looked at the machinery for garbage incinerators but we don't have a concrete plan unless there are capital dollars there. But it's something that we probably need to look at for a long-term plan for the communities. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Thompson. You still have questions? Are you finished? Thank you. Total grants and contributions. Page 7-8. 11 million, 552 thousand dollars. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Turn the page. Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Mr. Chairman, before we start the new part on this page, this is going to be the new section and it's 6 o'clock. I would like to report progress while we're on the new section.

Chairperson (interpretation): While we're on the new section, there is a motion to report progress. Do you agree? At this time there is a motion to report progress. You can ascertain if the Speaker is prepared to return to the chamber.

Ms. Thompson we'll see you tomorrow and thank you for being at the witness table.

Speaker: Returning to the 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): 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 Whole be concurred with. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There is a motion on the floor. Is there a seconder for the motion? Minister Kattuk.

The motion is in order. All those in favour? All those opposed. The motion is carried. Item 21. Third Reading of Bills. Item 22. Orders of the Day. Mr. Clerk.

Item 22: Orders of the Day

Clerk (Mr. Quirke): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Orders of the Day for Friday, November 29, 2002,

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Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Just before we adjourn for the day, I'd like to introduce a page from my home community who is here now while her folks are going to school, Stacy Kadlutsiaq who was also here on April 1999 as a page.

>>*Applause*

This House stands adjourned until Friday, November 29, 2002 at 10 a.m.

Sergeant-at-Arms

>>*House adjourned at 18.03 p.m.*

