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**Iqaluit, Nunavut**  
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**Members Present:**

Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, Honourable Olayuk Akesuk, Mr. David Alagalak, Mr. James Arreak, Mr. Levi Barnabas, Honourable Levinia Brown, Mr. Tagak Curley, Mr. Joe Allan Evyagotailak, Mr. Peter Kattuk, Honourable Peter Kilabuk, Mr. Steve Mapsalak, Mr. Patterk Netser, Honourable Jobie Nutarak, Honourable Paul Okalik, Mr. Keith Peterson, Honourable Edward Picco, Honourable David Simailak, Honourable Louis Tapardjuk, Mr. Hunter Tootoo.

**Item 1: Opening Prayer**

**Speaker** (interpretation): I would like to ask Mr. Alagalak to say the opening prayer..

>>*Prayer*

**Speaker** (interpretation): Please be seated. Good morning Mr. Premier, Ministers and Members of the Legislative Assembly. Going to the orders of the day. Item 2. Ministers' statements. Minister Picco.

**Item 2: Ministers' Statements**

**Minister's Statement 098 – 2(2): Exemption of Patronage Refunds**

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to take this opportunity to advise my colleagues about the changes to the Social Assistance Regulations. According to Arctic Cooperatives, patronage refund dividends paid to Nunavut residents are in excess of \$3 million. This income has historically been considered as unearned income and counted against social assistance payments.

Effective April 1, 2005, the social assistance regulations will be changed to exempt Cooperative Patronage Refunds from being considered a source of income in Nunavut.

This exemption shows our Government's continuing commitment to strengthening the economy at the community level as we as providing increased purchasing options for individuals accessing income support. As you know this also helps to stimulate and foster economic growth and activity at the local community level by locally owned co-ops. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' statements. Minister Brown.

**Minister's Statement 099 – 2(2): 2005 Drop the Pop Campaign**



**Hon. Levinia Brown** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to show my support for the Drop the Pop Campaign that will be held in Nunavut schools in March and April.

I am pleased to announce that the Drop the Pop Contest will be held from April 21 to 25, 2005. Students will be challenged to stop drinking pop for one whole week, and instead choose healthy drinks like water, milk, broth or 100 percent fruit juice.

Healthy nutrition is important for the bodies and minds of growing children. Sugary drinks, like pop, do not give us the nutrition we need to live, work and learn in school.

Representatives from the Department of Education, Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth and Health and Social Services as well as from private industry are working together to deliver the 2005 Drop the Pop Program. The Aboriginal Diabetes Initiative funding will provide teachers with nutrition information to promote healthy drinks in Nunavut schools. Prizes will be awarded to the class in each school with the most participation, the school with the most participation and there will be a Nunavut-wide draw prize.

I would like to extend the challenge to all Nunavummiut to reduce pop consumption and to support students in this effort.

Choosing healthy food and drink, and living active lives, can help us to stay healthy and prevent diseases like Type 2 diabetes and heart disease. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' statements. Going to the orders of the day. Item 3. Members' statements. Mr. Barnabas.

### **Item 3: Members' Statements**

#### **Member's Statement 258 – 2(2): Lack of Elders' Centres**

**Mr. Barnabas** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today and as we saw last week, we saw a large number of elders here in the House. There are no recreational facilities, or elders' facilities in the majority of Nunavut communities.

I know in the community of Pond Inlet there is one that the elders can go to but it is not funded. They have to fundraise in order to heat the facility, which is used as a counseling centre. It is the old Health Centre. There has to be more support for the elders with proper administrative support and to have programs funded on an ongoing basis.

That is why I am rising today to voice my concern on behalf of the elders. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Members' statements. Mr. Peterson.

**Member's Statement 259 – 2(2): 'Dreamcatcher' Tour – Suicide Prevention**

**Mr. Peterson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to rise today to inform the House about this year's Dreamcatcher North of 60° Tour, which is taking place in the Kitikmeot from April 16<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The prominent actor, musician and humanitarian, Tom Jackson, will be touring six Kitikmeot communities to hold suicide prevention workshops and perform concerts to increase community wellness.

The Tour's goal is to talk with young people about suicide prevention. Suicide is one of the leading causes of death among our young people in Nunavut. The suicide rate among young males ages 15-24 is 4-5 times the national average.

Tom Jackson's workshops have an interactive approach and he lets the young people do the talking instead of him. He talks to them about stress and how it affects them. His workshops and concerts help the young people learn to deal with hardships and how to get past them.

As you can imagine, many people are involved with Mr. Jackson in bringing the Dreamcatcher Tour to the Kitikmeot. The RCMP are flying him to every community, hotel owners are donating accommodation for the tour group, while the teachers and schools are preparing their students and facilities for his workshops and concerts. Everyone is looking forward to his visit next month.

I would ask all Members the House to join me in thanking Ms. Sheila Levy, the past President of the Canadian Association for Suicide Prevention, for working with the Kitikmeot folks to coordinate the Dreamcatcher Tour's tour, travel and concerts.

Suicide is a tragedy that can and must be prevented. I urge the GN to continue supporting the work of the Embrace Life Council. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Members' statements. Mr. Netser.

**Member's Statement 260 – 2(2): Concern of Legalizing Drugs and Prostitution**

**Mr. Netser** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This came out on the media where I was thought to have spoken from Coral Harbour and Chesterfield Inlet that we have no RCMP members and detachments and that I said how shocked I was over that. I have

never said anything like that during this sitting and I am just informing the people out there.

What scares me is that there were four RCMP officers that died in the line of duty. One thing that I am mostly concerned is the legalization of drugs that are used for therapeutic purposes. Another thing that I am concerned about is the legalization of prostitution in Canada.

These are things that I am very concerned about. I think it is a sad day when we hear that. (interpretation ends) To set the record straight, I was quoted by the news media, "I was shocked that we needed more police officers in the communities of Chesterfield Inlet and Coral Harbour." I never said any such words.

What is shocking to me is after the wake of four murders just outside of Edmonton, they are talking about legalizing marijuana because too many people are breaking the law. How can you be so dumb and still breathe?

Another thing is that they are talking about legalizing prostitution in Canada. That is shocking too because prostitutes are getting murdered all over Canada, and now they want to talk about legalizing prostitution. That is a shame on our nation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Members' statements. Mr. Arreak.

### **Member's Statement 261 – 2(2): Dog Team Race from Pond Inlet to Hall Beach**

**Mr. Arreak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to talk about the dog team racing that will be held in the Baffin region. The 2005 Pangaliujjiniq will start from Pond Inlet, Mr. Speaker, which is in your constituency, and they will be going to Hall Beach, which is in Mr. Tapardjuk's riding.

It will take approximately a week go to from Pond Inlet to Hall Beach. There will also be one starting from Clyde River to Pond Inlet to Arctic Bay, Igloolik, and then to Hall Beach and then there will be some participants from Iqaluit.

First Air will be giving their tremendous support through their fundraiser where they will donate tickets to be used for the fundraising. First Air will be the official airline. To Pond Inlet or Hall Beach, they will give a 60 percent discount in the fares.

The first prize will be \$10,000. Second prize is \$5,000 and the third is \$2,500, and the fourth is \$1,500. The communities hold fundraising events in all those communities. The Pond Inlet, Iparautaq, Isumaqtujukkut in Clyde River, and in Igloolik it is Pangagusijit, and in Hall Beach it is Pituk.

The IBC will be filming the entire event from day one to the end and you will be able to watch the races. The Pituk, our organization in Hall Beach are actively organizing the event. It will be a fun week to watch the end come to a race in Hall Beach.

There are activities that liven up the communities and it's a healthy sport. I invite all members to watch the event. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Members' statements. Mr. Curley.

**Member's Statement 262 – 2(2): Nunavut Sivuniksavut Program 20 Year Anniversary**

**Mr. Curley** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to inform that I got a letter dated March 17, 2005, from Clara Evalik. She is the chair of the Nunavut Sivuniksavut Board of Directors. It reads, "This winter the Nunavut Sivuniksavut Program is going to be celebrating their 20 year anniversary. They are extremely proud that they have been around that long."

The Board of Directors if I can read an excerpt from the letter to the House and to the people of Nunavut. I am very pleased that I will be reading an excerpt from the letter. I will read it in English.

One of the Board of Directors is here and had also gone to Nunavut Sivuniksavut, we have Juanita Taylor. I will read it in English. It is brief and I will mention the names.

(interpretation ends): Mr. Speaker, in 1985 the Tunngavik Federation of Nunavut began a program to train few workers to help with the Nunavut Land Claims process. That program slowly grew into something that has become a real success story for Inuit youth. Nunavut Sivuniksavut Program. I'm happy to announce that this year, Nunavut Sivuniksavut is proudly delivering its 20<sup>th</sup> year programming.

This year will see over 250 Nunavut beneficiaries completing this valuable program. Mr. Speaker, Nunavut Sivuniksavut is very popular with Inuit youth. It's easy to understand why, it is still the only program where students can study about their political and social history, where they can learn about the importance of Land Claims, where they can learn about the many issues that we are dealing with today. Mr. Speaker, graduates of the program are known for being extremely proud of their Inuit culture and heritage.

They're confident in themselves and they are passionate about contributing to the future of Nunavut. We saw a good example of this recently when current students confronted the animal rights protestors on Parliament Hill.

Mr. Speaker, I would like unanimous consent to conclude my statements.

**Speaker** (interpretation): The member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statement. Any nays? There are no nays. Mr. Curley.

**Mr. Curley** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We were extremely pleased and proud of the students who participated in that event. (interpretation ends) Many of them are working with the Government of Nunavut, with Inuit political organizations, with the federal government and within the private sector. They are making a positive contribution to Nunavut society. I would like to commend all those who have completed the program in the past and I would extend a special congratulation to those who are graduating this year.

I would also like to commend all those who have supported the program and helped to keep it operating over the past 20 years. (interpretation) and I would also like to thank all the Members of the Legislative Assembly for congratulating the students.

I will be naming some of the names of the individuals who are participating in this program. We have Esra Kasanaq (sp) from Pond Inlet, I hope I'll pronounce them correctly, Vikki Hainnu from Clyde River, Patricia Paton from Panniqtuuq, Mathew Nowyook from Panniqtuuq, Annie Aningmiuq from Panniqtuuq, Jessie Mike from Iqaluit, Jessica Pearce from Iqaluit, Nadia Mike Dormich from Iqaluit.

Akumalik Tikivik from Kimmirut, Sheutiapik Pitseolak from Kimmirut, Sandra Lyall from Taloyoak, Winter Kulliktana from Kugluktuk, Annas Bolt (sp) from Kugluktuk, Genevieve Killulark from Baker Lake, William Tittaq from Rankin Inlet, Stella Kilabuk from Clyde River and Charlene Tasiuq from Rankin Inlet and you've seen the pictures Brian Sivaksiut from Arviat, those are the individuals who are in their first year.

In the second year, we have the following: Ellen Alariak from Cape Dorset, Jane Qumiruittuq from Cambridge Bay, Becky Kilabuk from Iqaluit, Jenna Aminnguaq from Kugluktuk, Erin Pitseolak from Pond Inlet, Jessie Merkosak from Pond Inlet, Daniel Taylor from Rankin Inlet. I would also like to thank the alumni who are sitting in the gallery. Let's give them a show of hands to show them that we are very proud of them and they're a very popular bunch. Thank you.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Member's Statements, Mr. Evyagotailak

**Member's Statement 263 – 2(2): Celebration of Spring in Kugluktuk – Nattiq Frolics**

**Mr. Evyagotailak:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. At this time of year, our thoughts turn to the outside, the days are getting longer and warmer and our hearts long to be out on the land. Mr. Speaker, spring is also a time when communities come together to celebrate the seasons of new life.

Across Nunavut different communities hold different festivals at this time. Iqaluit's Toonik Tyme, is one of the best known festivals. In my home of Kugluktuk everyone looks forward to the annual Nattiq Frolics. This year's Frolics will occur from April 20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>. As a former carnival king, myself, I know that this festival will be as successful as those in the past.

The Nattiq Frolics are a time when the entire community comes together. Different generations celebrate differently to the Frolics but all enjoy them very much. Events like the Frolics help to support healthy, unified community, and I ask all members to join me in saluting the hard working volunteers across Nunavut, who makes the spring festival happen. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Members' statements. Ms. Brown.

### **Member's Statement 264 – 2(2): Constituency Greetings**

**Hon. Levinia Brown** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I too would like to make a statement. I envied Mr. Curley in his statement, I am not too sure whether I am going to talk about Rankin Inlet or Whale Cove, because I have two communities in my constituency. So, I will start off with the community of Whale Cove. I would like to let you know that I haven't forgotten about your community.

I will be going to Whale Cove not too long from now. Eva and Solomon Voisey, I am very proud of you and congratulate for getting your great grandchild. Another couple became new grandparents and I wish you well.

Although there is a lot of people living in Whale Cove but I would like to mention a few who are the elders. Aiyu and his wife, are respected elders, I send my regards to you. Makkik and Jack Angoo, we will be seeing each other in a very short period of time. Isiriniq and Jack Napayok, I send my regards to you.

To Rankin Inlet, I think today is our last session, but I wish we could complete the session today. First of all although Mr. Curley had mentioned the 60<sup>th</sup> year of a wedding anniversary, Annie and Robert, they are very nice couple and they have many extended family members.

I also would like to mention a few elders. Mrs. Kablaalik, I will see you. I smile at you and hug you and give you a kiss on the cheek. My elder sisters, Emma and Ida, if you are watching, I send my regards, and my younger sister, Maniralaq, I send my regards to you and my brother Nualaaq and his second name is Kiviuq, and my older sister Aqigivik, if you are watching, I send my regards and say hello. Also my Constituency Assistant, I send my regards and thank you for working hard.

In Rankin Inlet there is going to be a spring celebration next month.

This is my first time to seek for unanimous consent to conclude my statements.

**Speaker** (interpretation): The Member is asking for unanimous consent to conclude her statement. Are there any nays. There are no nays. Ms. Brown.

**Hon. Levinia Brown** (interpretation): Thank you. That was my first time to ask the Speaker for an extension. Thank you for allowing me.

In Rankin Inlet there will be a dog team race not too long from now. They'll be going from Rankin Inlet to Arviat and then to Churchill, although Mr. Alagalak had made a statement in regard to that. There is going to be a Chamber of Commerce symposium. I would like to attend the meeting if I can. The Mining Symposium is going to happen in the new month.

I am sure that Mr. Curley and I will be attending the meeting. I also would like to mention Sikuun, if you hear me I send my regards, and Niruni Maniilaaq, I will be seeing you, and a respected elder, the oldest, Okpik Patterk and all you relatives. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Members' statements. Mr. Kattuk.

### **Member's Statement 265 – 2(2): Polar Bear Management in Sanikiluaq**

**Mr. Kattuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was told that I don't smile enough on television so I am smiling to that individual.

Today is possibly our last day of session. I will be glad to see my relatives. I am very proud to see them but we have business to cover here. The issue that I kept covering, I will mention it for the last time, in regards to polar bear management in my constituency area. Polar bear management area.

The HTO of Sanikiluaq has met with the minister by teleconference. Even though they agreed to the number of polar bears that they could harvest, there is still a concern by the community and the minister is aware of that because that polar management zone has not been surveyed as yet.

I would like to urge the minister to do the polar bear population survey as soon as possible, and to make sure that he considers the survey of that area as a priority because my constituency has to be treated equally, the same as Nunavut communities. I urge him to make sure that he can lobby the federal government for more funding to make sure that the population survey is done prior to the year of 2008, which is their target date.

So I urge the minister to look for additional funding to make sure that this is done a lot earlier. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Members' statements. Mr. Picco.

### **Member's Statement 266 – 2(2): Hospitality in Iqaluit**

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to speak a little about hospitality. As the capital of Nunavut, we welcome visitors from across Nunavut, the north and the world. The Prime Minister, the Queen, Kevin Spacey, Brooke Shields, to name a few of the Hollywood celebrities, have also been welcomed here to the capital of Nunavut.

A couple of weeks ago over 500 teachers from across Nunavut came here for a conference. Many were billeted in local homes. Before 1999, we did not have a hospital boarding home. Almost all the hospital patients and escorts, as you know, were boarded at local homes, private homes here in Iqaluit.

Today, when the Tammaatarvik is full, which seems to happen a lot, patients and escorts still board at the homes of the good people of Iqaluit. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many Iqaluit families who open their hearts and homes on a regular basis to help other Nunavummiut.

This is the spirit of hospitality and friendliness and openness that Iqalungmiut are famous for. Please join with me in thanking the many Iqaluit families who open their homes and hearts for other Nunavummiut on a regular basis. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Mr. Kilabuk.

### **Member's Statement 267 – 2(2): Going Home to Panniqtuuq**

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you, and good morning Mr. Speaker. I received phone call from Pangnirtung and was asked to ask a question, if I can go home by plane. My son, Mr. Speaker, Jose who is ten years old asked me to ask the Speaker if I can go home by airplane now.

It's becoming evident that we'll be completing the session this week and if he's watching the TV, I will be taking you fishing this weekend. Also, I send my regards to my family. We'll have to travel by land and it's only accessible that way. Mr. Speaker, if any of my constituents have unanswered questions, you can call me.

Also to my grandson Kevin, and to his mother Susie, I send my regards. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.



>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Mr. Mapsalak.

**Member's Statement 268 – 2(2): Last Day of Session**

**Mr. Mapsalak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today and I'm very pleased to see the end of this session and we'll probably be going home to our communities and I would like to thank the Ministers who were able to attend the meeting even though they were very busy, they found time to meet with the mayor of Repulse Bay and I believe all their requests were approved.

Mr. Speaker, when I first became a member of the Legislative Assembly, I was very nervous in the beginning. This is a learning experience but I can tell you now, Mr. Speaker, I'm not as nervous as before and I'm not even embarrassed to make a mistake now.

The way I see it, when there are disagreements, it is a form of supporting each other. I used to think that when there was a disagreement between the two parties, that's part of working together. If we always agreed with each other I know that there would be some questions to deal with.

So, therefore I would thank all the members of the cabinet and all Nunavummiut for giving me the opportunity to learn more about the Legislative Assembly. Mr. Speaker, I just want to tell my colleagues that I will be seeing you in April because I believe I'll be going home tomorrow. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Ms. Aglukkaq.

**Member's Statement 269 – 2(2): Happy Easter to Nunavutmiut**

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to say Happy Easter to Nunavummiut.

This coming Good Friday, I wish Happy Easter to Taloyoakmiut, especially to my mom. I say Happy Easter and say it to the old lady Qummuqanuaq with a smile. We'll see you soon when I get home and also all the kids. And also the people who helped in Gjoa Haven, Helen Tiriganiaq, Thank you. Johnny Kuttuq from Taloyoak and Leah Qavavauq, Filtima, Thank you.

I would also like to say happy Easter to my colleagues and have a safe trip, you're going home tomorrow or tonight. I'll see you in April again.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Members' statements. Mr. Tootoo.

### **Member's Statement 270 – 2(2): Wish a Happy Long Weekend**

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am sure that all members of this House are looking forward to the conclusion of this sitting. Potentially today is our last sitting day until the end of next month. I just want to thank everybody here and wish them a safe journey home and a great long weekend with their families and their loved ones.

I think this sitting and this session, that there has been a lot of firsts. Minister Brown asked for her first extension on her Members' statements. I think that is a good sign. I think it is a sign that there are some firsts, which we are, really as Mr. Mapsalak said a good learning experience for all members of this House. Everybody is getting more familiar and more comfortable with roles and how we need to work together for the better of Nunavummiut. I have seen that come together over this last sitting.

I just want to congratulate everyone in here on that and wish them all a safe journey home and as my daughter used to say, "Happy Easter Eggs." Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Members' statements. Going back to the orders of the day. Item 4. Returns to oral questions. Ms. Brown.

### **Item 4: Returns to Oral Questions**

#### **Return to Oral Question 219 – 2(2): Air Ambulance Services**

**Hon. Levinia Brown:** Mr. Speaker, question number 219-2(2), Air Ambulance Services asked by Mr. Peterson, on March 8, 2005.

On March 8, 2005 my colleague, Mr. Peterson, asked how a medical professional arrives at a decision to authorize an air ambulance in a community. I have investigated this process and I would like to inform the House of my findings.

Each decision to medivac a patient is made on a case-by-case basis where a nurse arrives at a decision in consultation with a physician. Although there are many factors to consider in each instance, all our health centres follow the Clinical Practice Guidelines as set out in publications from the Federal Non-Insured Health Benefits Office of Nursing Services. A few of these are:

- Emergency Medicine Transportation Guidelines for Nurses in Primary Care
- Clinical Practice Guidelines for Primary Care Nurses
- Pediatric Clinical Guidelines for Nurses in Primary Care

These documents set out medivac “triggers” such as head injuries, of any condition with a potential for immediate problems greater than what could be handled at the health centres. Our health professionals use these tools and other to aid in making a critical decision to call an air ambulance.

Further, I would like to inform the House that in a recent audit of 68 medivacs, only one “may” have been dealt with at the health centre and even in this one situation, other circumstances made this a prudent decision to call in an air ambulance. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Returns to oral questions. Orders of the day. Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery.

### **Item 5: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery**

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome to the gallery those young, wonderful people that have been working with us over the last few days.

Mr. Speaker, as the house sits later everyday, these young people have to go to school first thing in the morning and then come back from school at 9:30 and then they sit with us until the house completes. Some of them have other jobs Mr. Speaker, outside Legislative Assembly and school like one of the pages I’ll mention.

So it makes for a long day for them, so I’d like to take this opportunity to welcome to the gallery and thank first of all, Lauren Tieman from Inuksuk High School, here in Iqaluit and Lauren is sitting there just opposite of our good friend Nancy Tupik. Also, we have Jennifer Twerdin and Jennifer just went out doing one of her wonderful jobs as page. Jennifer is well known in the community and again has a part time job at the gas bar.

We also have Sapaulias Sageaqtuq who just walked past me, a wonderful individual from the community and lastly but not least Mr. Speaker, is my own son Wally, who is here Mr. Speaker. I asked Wally who his favorite Member of the Legislative Assembly is Mr. Speaker, it wasn’t me or you, it wasn’t Pat. It certainly wasn’t Mr. Tootoo. It wasn’t Premier Okalik. Mr. Speaker, Wally’s favorite Member of the Legislative Assembly was Mr. Curley.

>>Applause

Mr. Curley makes him laugh and the other day I think Wally had an accident where he spilt water over Minister Tapardjuk and his staff and I want to take this opportunity to apologize. I received a lot of notes saying like father like son. Mr. Speaker, Wally needs to get a hair cut. I was telling Pat, Mr. Netser, coming in earlier Mr. Speaker, if that as

my wife told me, that's the only thing we have to worry about is getting Wally's haircut, then we're doing pretty good.

So, with that, Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the pages for their hard work to the gallery.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, for a job well done. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Curley.

**Mr. Curley** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize the Sergeant-at-arms. He has welcomed us everyday and all the members know him, but I just wanted to tell you a brief story about how long I have known him which is approximately 40 years because we were in Vancouver in 1964, I believe, and we have been good friends since.

We were there down in Vancouver for six months together. I have known him for a long time and he has a grandson by the name of Josh and whenever my grandson comes here, he always phones his grandson. They're pretty good friends and I'm very proud of that.

So, when ever he gets over here, he's just like going home. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, it would be remised not to recognize someone else here that keeps a lot of us in the loop with what's going on here in the assembly and that's not Mr. Picco, Mr. Speaker, definitely not Mr. Picco, it's our interpreters.

I would like to acknowledge them and their efforts. I know they put in long hours and lots of last minute rush jobs that they do and it's greatly appreciated by all the members of this house I'm sure. Also, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to acknowledge our technicians and the other staff that we have a hard defined, but, they're always around Mr. Speaker, and of course our friends from CBC that are here in the booth most of the time when it's not news to them when we're starting.

I would like to welcome them here and again thank them for disseminating the information to all Nunavummiut. Also, Mr. Speaker, I too would like to acknowledge the efforts of our Sergeant-at-arms, Mr. Simanek Kilabuk for always being here with a smile on his face and being my neighbour down the bay. His camp is just around the corner from mine, and remind him that I look forward to seeing him finish the carving of the walrus skull that we caught a few years ago.

He said he was going to carve. He showed it to me last summer. He was living between down by our camps and I look forward to seeing the finished product. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Welcome to the gallery. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would also like to recognize you first of all, Mr. Speaker.

As well in front of you, the staff of the Legislative Assembly, Nancy Tupik and Kooyoo. Every so often, they show them on TV, and you, Mr. Speaker, I recognize you and the clerk staff. Thank you.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery.

Item 6, Oral questions. Member for Iqaluit Center, Mr. Tootoo.

### Item 6: Oral Questions

#### Question 338 – 2(2): Concern on City Gravel Pit

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Community and Government Services.

Mr. Speaker, I know that the minister and his officials and a lot of people across Nunavut knew, last summer, there were some concerns raised about the gravel pit that the city gets its gravel from, for doing things like the pads for our new school and work up at the new hospital and the court house.

I just want to ask the minister if he or his officials are aware that it's something that could potentially happen again this summer or has it been cleared up, so that when the spring comes, we won't have any delays of any projects that are going on in the community as a result of no gravel. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Minister of Community and Government Services, Mr. Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As far as I know, the contractors for gravel and the city have had a concern. The concern was about the gravel,

but I would like to tell the member that we have resolved the problems and there will be no delays this year. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): First supplementary, Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was wondering if the minister could indicate how they resolved the problem. I believe it was the federal people or someone that came in and shut it down. I just wanted to ask if he can assure the contractors and the city that they won't have that problem again this year. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Mr. Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Unfortunately, I'm not able to provide the outcome of the discussions that have been ongoing, but the issue at hand is a matter that I know the parties involved have been discussing, to try and come to an acceptable solution to the issue. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Second supplementary, Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't know if the minister has the authority or not, but if he does, could he formally inform the city that it's his understanding that this issue has been resolved and that they won't run into similar problems again this year? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Mr. Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For the record, I'm trying to indicate to my colleague that the issue has been a matter that is being dealt with through ongoing discussions, and I will commit to providing to the city and also to my colleague possible outcomes and solutions to the issue from the discussions that have been taking place on this matter. Thank you, Mr. Speaker

**Speaker** (interpretation): Final supplementary, Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Maybe I could just ask the minister to clarify something for me. I believe, earlier, he had indicated that the issue had been resolved and that there wouldn't be a problem there, and I think in last response he said there are ongoing discussions to try and find ways to alleviate that problem in the future.

I'm just wondering if he could clarify if in fact it has been resolved or, as he had indicated in his last response, that it's something they're working on resolving. And if he could give an idea as to when, if it is not resolved, he expects to have it resolved. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Mr. Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, my colleague is correct. I tried to indicate earlier that the groups have been discussing and meeting to come to an acceptable solution to the problem. Unless there has been some development in the last few days or last little while that I'm not aware of, maybe the issue has been solved. But, I will commit to providing the information to my colleague, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Oral questions. Member for Nanulik, Mr. Netser.

**Question 339 – 2(2): Caribou Study Near Coral Harbour**

**Mr. Netser** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm not sure which minister to direct my question to. Perhaps it's the minister responsible for economic development because it states that the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs has approved \$100,000 for a study of the caribou around Coral Harbour. Under economic development, we'll be getting \$100,000. I would like to know the details. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Minister responsible for economic development, Mr. Simailak. Minister for Environment, Mr. Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We wanted to start a study on caribou and we're so used to dealing with polar bears, but we're proud that the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs is able to assist us with the population studies for the Southampton herd. The funds are to further study the caribou herd around Coral Harbour and to see how we can sustainably manage the herd on Southampton Island. Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): First supplementary, Mr. Netser.

**Mr. Netser** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister. When will the study of the caribou commence? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Mr. Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We will start this year, as we are dealing with caribou. It will start this year.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Second supplementary, Mr. Netser.

**Mr. Netser** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We do appreciate the work being done on the caribou herd in Coral Harbour. When they capture females, they indicate if those females are pregnant or not. Last year, I believe they were about 90 percent, and for this year we have heard there hasn't been that many. I wonder if he knows the female pregnancy rate. Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Minister Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akasuk** (interpretation): Thank you. At this time, I don't have the information. After the study this year, we will be able to provide more information on the percentage of pregnant females.

We encourage residents to participate in the survey by working with the HTO because they are the ones who know the caribou over there. Residents know whether the caribou populations are increasing or decreasing. Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Your last supplementary, Mr. Netser.

**Mr. Netser** (interpretation): Thank you. Instead of just hearing it from other people and not from his department, I wonder if he will be able to inform the House of the percentage of the females that are pregnant? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Akasuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akasuk** (interpretation): Thank you. Yes, once that study is completed, I will make the results of the survey available to the member. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Oral questions. Member for Rankin Inlet North, Mr. Curley.

#### **Question 340 – 2(2): Human Rights Support Staff**

**Mr. Curley** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Justice. I thanked him last fall for the slow process of devolution and I raised a question in regard to human rights and how many staff there are. We heard that they have three. Are they going to put out the positions such as support staff for competition? Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Justice, Minister Okalik.

**Hon. Paul Okalik** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We are in the preparations for putting the competition out, but I can check into it so that the jobs will be open to anybody. We would be happy if we can get local people from the community. Thank you.

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

**Mr. Curley** (interpretation): If there are going to be three positions, I don't believe there's government staff housing available, and so we are happy if they can hire local people. I wonder if the Minister of Justice can commit or does he know if the office space will be tendered in Coral Harbour.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Minister Okalik.



**Hon. Paul Okalik** (interpretation): Yes, Mr. Speaker. During the planning process we had to identify a building to put an office in and we found one, but it needs a bit of renovation. Staff housing will also be available. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Your second supplementary, Mr. Curley.

**Mr. Curley** (interpretation): Mr. Speaker, for offices anywhere in the communities, they sometimes tender out for office space. Following the zoning bylaws in the communities, I would like to ask the Minister of Justice about when there was a local vendor who said he had office space... I just want to ask him why he didn't go for that local vendor.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Okalik.

**Hon. Paul Okalik** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We have to utilize our funding the best way we can and if we have offices that are not being used, we have to utilize them. If we didn't do that, we would be misusing what we have. If we don't have an alternative, we go that route, but if we have the space, then we try to use it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Your last supplementary, Mr. Curley.

**Mr. Curley** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The reason why I asked this is because according to the NNI Policy, we have to support Inuit businesses. It seems like they are not supporting local businesses in some communities.

I would like to ask the minister if that will be a long-term commitment to locate the office there in that community? Even though the private sector wanted to lease it out, there's no doubt if it were in Iqaluit, we would give it to the private sector.

Are we going to follow the NNI policy when it comes to devolution in the small communities? Last year in Gjoa Haven, for example, they purchased buildings from the private sector for \$490,000, because they were going to be late. Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Minister Okalik.

**Hon. Paul Okalik** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We are in full support of those smaller communities, that is why we wanted to station them in a small community.

I am very grateful that they were able to assist us. We have to utilize our money in the best possible way we can. If we have offices that are available that belong to the government, then why would we bother to go outside? Yes, we are in support of local businesses, only if they don't have any other buildings. But, if we're just going to let buildings sit empty, it doesn't make any sense. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Akulliq, Mr. Mapsalak.

**Question 341 – 2(2): Hamlet Office Building**

**Mr. Mapsalak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Community and Government Services.

Mr. Speaker, after the hamlet office burned, they built another one starting in September 2003, and they finally completed it in 2005. It was a smaller building and it took a long time to construct. I wonder if the minister was kept up to date as to why it took so long to complete. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Minister of Community and Government Services, Minister Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have not received any information as to why it took so long to complete. I still haven't received any information to date. The information may be in my office now as to why it took so long to build that particular building. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Mr. Mapsalak.

**Mr. Mapsalak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It took so long to build the office complex. Did they require additional funding to complete the construction and if so, how much? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Mr. Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When they were drawing near completion of the building, they had to do more work because it wasn't up to code or standards; when they were in the process of building them, they were designated for a different use. I don't have that information in front of me at this time, so that is why I cannot give him a definite answer at this time. Thank you.

**Mr. Mapsalak** (interpretation): I wonder if he can add or include something that would indicate how much more money it would cost.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): I will inform the member if there were additional costs or how much was over-expended. Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Your last supplementary, Mr. Mapsalak.

**Mr. Mapsalak** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. When is the official opening of the office going to be? If it's not this spring, then it's probably going to be in the summer.

I would like to thank the minister for responding to my questions and I would like to thank him ahead of time if he's going to be going there to officially open the building. Thank you.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I have informed the member that I will be attending the official opening of the building. I've already informed him ahead of time, and I told him that I look forward to going there. Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Oral questions. Member for Cambridge Bay, Mr. Peterson.

### **Question 342 – 2(2): Number of Young Offenders with Fetal Alcohol Disorder**

**Mr. Peterson:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Justice and it concerns Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder.

Yesterday I asked the Minister of Health and Social Services about Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder and what her department is doing to address this serious issue. Mr. Speaker, individuals with FASD don't get a fair start in life.

My question for the minister: how many individuals classified as young offenders have Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder? Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Minister of Justice, Mr. Okalik.

**Hon. Paul Okalik:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do not know how many there may be, but my budget in Justice has increased substantially for mental assessments, so where there's a suspected case, an assessment is conducted.

The last couple of years have increased substantially for my department in mental assessments through the courts, and we are working with Health in trying to find a solution on the best diagnosis within the territory. Right now, currently, we've had to ship them out to be assessed, so that's something that we are trying to find the best way of resolving, because it's an ongoing issue and it's something that concerns us. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Your first supplementary, Mr. Peterson.

**Mr. Peterson:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for that response. Could the minister clarify what specialized rehabilitation service is available to young offenders with FASD? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Minister Okalik.

**Hon. Paul Okalik:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Right now what we do is: before the matter is heard in court there's an assessment done, and then the court decides the best method of treating an individual, if the diagnosis is made.

Right now, it's a difficult situation because we don't have the capacity to do that assessment within the territory, but we are working with Health to make sure that we can do that. It's difficult for us to offer programs of that nature through Justice because our job is to imprison criminals, and so that's something that will require further work. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Your second supplementary, Mr. Peterson.

**Mr. Peterson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again, I thank the minister for that response. Could the minister tell us how many clients in the adult correctional system actually have FASD? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Minister Okalik.

**Hon. Paul Okalik:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't have that information readily available, but I will make sure that I look into this matter further. As I said, it is not Corrections that determines what individuals have FAS or FASD. That is something that is done through the courts right now. That's something I can look into further. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Your last supplementary, Mr. Peterson.

**Mr. Peterson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister again. Does the Nunavut court system take a diagnosis of FASD into consideration during trials and in sentencing? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Minister Okalik.

**Hon. Paul Okalik:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That is why the assessment is made in suspected cases; that is one of the considerations that they review. That is my understanding why the budget for justice, in terms of mental assessment, has increased substantially. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Oral questions. The Member for Hudson Bay, Mr. Kattuk.

### **Question 343 – 2(2): Nunavutmiut in Southern Penitentiaries**

**Mr. Kattuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will be directing my question to the Minister of Justice in regard to individuals who are in southern penitentiaries.

I think that it would be better if those inmates were repatriated back to Nunavut. The reason why I am saying this is that when their relatives die, they go through extremely hard times. They are not allowed to express their grief or to come to terms with it.

I would like to ask the minister when the inmates will be repatriated back to Nunavut or if it is under consideration? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Minister Okalik

**Hon. Paul Okalik** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Usually if it is over two years, they are put into southern penitentiaries. We've encountered some challenges because we have been trying to tell the federal government that we need a penitentiary or centre up here, because we have a lot of inmates who are housed in southern institutions and it's especially relevant when something happens in their immediate families, such as a death. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Your first supplementary, Mr. Kattuk.

**Mr. Kattuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Usually they go through the court system in Nunavut and the decision is made up here. They are sentenced up here and it seems wrong to send them down to southern institutions.

Is the Minister of Justice going to be working hard to make sure that an institution is built up here to house the inmates that are currently housed outside of the territory? Could the minister tell us when his department will make a decision on when that is going to happen or if it is under discussion at this point. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Minister Okalik.

**Hon. Paul Okalik** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The federal government has the responsibility if they are going to be incarcerated for two years or more.

It would be a lot more beneficial if we had an institution up here in Nunavut; they would be closer to the communities. We will be able to give them better services when they have to go to the halfway house or when they complete their sentence. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. The Member for High Arctic, Mr. Barnabas.

#### **Question 344 – 2(2): Better Services for Elders**

**Mr. Barnabas** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Following the comments that I made in my member's statement, I will be directing my question to the Minister of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth, and it's in regard to elders being provided better services.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Minister of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth, Mr. Tapardjuk.

**Hon. Louis Tapardjuk** (interpretation): I would like the member to clarify what he means by a facility, in regard to the elders' centres and the types of support services that are provided. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Please clarify your question, Mr. Barnabas.

**Mr. Barnabas** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To clarify the point: for example, in your community there is an old nursing station that is used as an elders' counselling centre for youth. Usually, the elders have to buy their own heating fuel, and at one point we were told that the elders don't have the clerical staff to help them with the paperwork.

In the smaller communities, they have absolutely no elders' facilities and they are not provided with any type of support. I would like to ask the minister what type of support services are provided for elders. Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Mr. Tapardjuk.

**Hon. Louis Tapardjuk** (interpretation): For existing facilities, we don't provide money for utilities, heating fuel, and so on. But if there's an organization in a community, there's \$2,000 that is provided by the government and it can be used at the discretion of those organizations.

We also have another pot of money that can be used for the renovation of the elders' centres. We only provide money for that, but for operations and maintenance, there are no monies identified. Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Your first supplementary, Mr. Barnabas.

**Mr. Barnabas** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In the response given by the minister, is your department making plans to set aside money for support services and for utilities? Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Mr. Tapardjuk.

**Hon. Louis Tapardjuk** (interpretation): We have not gone to the planning stages on this issue, but what I can say is we are following Inuit traditions.

In regard to the cultural programs, especially for traditional counselling, we try and work with those organizations that provide those types of services and we also work with the Departments of Health and Social Services and Justice.

Once everything is coordinated, Mr. Speaker, I am assuming that once we come to an agreement on what kind of programs or services are going to be provided, if those three departments agree, then we then we can do something more about it. But, at this point we don't have anything available. We are, however, starting to discuss this issue. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Second supplementary, Mr. Barnabas.

**Mr. Barnabas** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There is no information available at the smaller communities' level on how they can get access to a facility and how they can get support services for clerical support or administration. Can they table those documents? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Mr. Tapardjuk.

**Hon. Louis Tapardjuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Are we talking about counselling services?

Using Hall Beach as an example, they built a facility which was funded by the Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth, and I'm aware of Iglulik where they accessed some funds for renovating their building. We've provided funds for facilities where elders can provide counselling services.

We can give money when they're setting up those types of programs, but for facilities that will be used on a daily basis, it is more the responsibility of the Department of Health and Social Services. We're not responsible for the establishment of elders' centres, we're more into the renovations and counselling and so on.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Barnabas.

**Mr. Barnabas** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I know that the housing corporation is responsible for the residential part of elders' services, that they're responsible for elders' homes.

The minister has stated that he is willing to work with the Department of Health and Social Services and that he is willing to work with the Department of Justice in the initial stage, but in the smaller communities, there isn't even a centre for elders to go to. They don't even have a secretary and they're not even provided with funding.

So, how can the Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth provide support to the elders? They don't even have information as to how they can apply for funding. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Mr. Tapardjuk.

**Hon. Louis Tapardjuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Last fall there was a surplus of funds to improve and renovate old buildings, especially for elders' centres where they can gather. It was funding just for renovating which was a surplus.

My colleagues and the member asking the questions also heard that we would be applying for funds that anyone who is willing to set up an elders' centre could apply for. There was \$200,000 in funding available for that purpose, and we've informed the public out there and we've also informed the members of the legislature about that.

We've used other avenues to inform the public, especially because the funding has to be utilized better and properly. If there is a facility already existing at the community level, there is funding available to renovate them by way of applying for those funds. We work through the media such as Nunatsiaq News. Last fall, we informed Nunavutmiut through the media.

We can work harder. We've also sent information by fax to the municipalities. I don't know of any other way of informing the public, but if you have any suggestions as to how we can inform the public more, it would be very well taken. Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Oral Questions. Member for Nanulik, Mr. Netser.

**Question 345 – 2(2): Officials to Meet with Chesterfield Inlet HTO**

**Mr. Netser** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Environment.

Yesterday we were told that the Chesterfield Inlet fish plant was going to be dealt with and I thanked him for that. Mr. Speaker, perhaps he could ask his officials to go to Chesterfield Inlet to meet with the hunters and trappers organization. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Minister of Environment, Mr. Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will ask my officials to make sure that they deal with the fish plant. We want not just to work with the Chesterfield Inlet, we are willing to work all across Nunavut to develop fish plants. I know it's going to take a while to completely set it up, but my officials are willing to go visit any community with a fish plant. Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): First supplementary, Mr. Netser.

**Mr. Netser** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The fish plant requires a lot of work. Last year, our Premier and I toured the fish plant and saw that it is deteriorating due to age. If we're not going to get a new fish plant, we will definitely have to have it renovated. When can the minister ask his officials to go take a look at the fish plant? Thank you.



**Speaker** (interpretation): Minister Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My officials will have to look into the member's request and make sure that the fish plant is feasible. Our goal is a balanced and sustainable fisheries industry that provides maximum economic benefits to Nunavummiut. Before we commit to opening a lot of fish plants, we'll have to look at feasibility studies to make sure that there is enough funding and to make sure that they are feasible. I have asked my officials to look into this carefully and to make sure that there is a feasibility study done into all of the aspects.

We would like to support the sustainable development of fisheries in all communities and if the Chesterfield Inlet fisheries go ahead then we can look at expanding to the other communities. I'm sure all of the communities with a quota for their fish would like fish plants, therefore we have to do a feasibility study and to make sure that the fish plants are operating without a deficit.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Second supplementary, Mr. Netser.

**Mr. Netser** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The minister of economic development appeared before the committee when he was at the witness table. I asked him a question regarding the Chesterfield Inlet fish plant and would they do renovations. When they start doing their work, will your department be willing to work with them at that time? Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Minister Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the Department of Environment, we will look at the feasibility study and we can work with Economic Development and Transportation. They will look at the capital plan, and we'll look at the fisheries aspect of it.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Final supplementary, Mr. Netser.

**Mr. Netser** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If NDC says that they will be working on the fish plant, will the minister commit to us that we will be allotted a certain amount of quota?

**Speaker** (interpretation): Mr. Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We would have to do our research and we would like to work with the Minister of Economic Development and Transportation. They would have to do another survey in the lakes before the quota is allocated. Yes, we are willing to work with the Nunavut Development Corporation and the Minister of Economic Development and Transportation. Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Iqaluit Centre, Mr. Tootoo.

**Question 346 – 2(2): Expiry of Long-Term Leases**

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is again for the Minister of Community and Government Services, and it has nothing to do with gravel.

I raised some questions earlier on in this session in relation to leases and some of the leases that are identified in the document that the minister tabled.

Mr. Speaker, my question is: some of those leases are expiring; as you know, there are some long-term leases and some very expensive leases that were in there. I am just wondering if the government is planning either just to renegotiate with these people that they have the leases with already, or are they looking at perhaps putting out another expression of interest or an RFP for new leases or other options to look at getting the best value for the dollar? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Minister of Community and Government Services, Mr. Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My colleague is correct. The long-term leases are very expensive. Even though these are long-term leases, there's a term, and for those leases that are drawing to the end, once we get close to the term date, or when the term date is up, we will consider and review whether we need to put it out in a tender or whether we need to renew the lease.

We are now responsible for contracting leases to make sure that the funds are used properly. We monitor them more closely than previously. Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Your first supplementary, Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am very pleased to hear that, as I know, and yourself and all of the members of this House, that's something the Auditor General pointed out in one of her reports on the leases.

Mr. Speaker, my next question to the minister is: when they see that some of their long-term leases are expiring, how far ahead do they start planning, whether they are doing an analysis of what their requirements will be for whatever the location is and whether or not there would be an analysis done to determine whether it's more beneficial for the government to actually build and own something than it is to continue with an expensive lease. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Minister Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In response to my colleague, the leases are based on needs within the community for whichever department. But the leases being based on needs, and when terms are up, the department, in working with the other departments that may be involved, looks at, first, the needs, and then from there the decisions are made for renegotiating the contracts to either extend or weigh the options, if the government should be looking at building its own infrastructure to make the dollars stretch further for the benefit of this government. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Your second supplementary, Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I know every fall we are in here, and probably right after we are finished our sitting here, the departments will be putting together what capital plans or projections or projects they would like to see go forward for the next year, and I know that the planning for that takes some time in the case where a lease is coming up and the option of whether to either renew or to build or to do an analysis on to see which is more cost effective.

How much lead time, when there are five years left in the lease, or two years left in a lease, one year left in a lease, before that process starts? And that is actually looked at? How much lead time, prior to a lease ending, does that start? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Minister Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In looking at the capital planning process and needing to weigh the scale of economy before going to either build or extend or develop new leases, in most cases, unfortunately, the capital requirement reviews have often been in the latter year, after the leases have expired and negotiations have concluded.

So, in most cases the capital planning process tends to be after the leases have expired and options have been exhausted, when they look at if the lease will be extended or not. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Your final supplementary, Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. One would think that you'd kind of want to go into negotiations; it might be a useful tool in your negotiations if you have those numbers ahead of time, say, "Look you want to charge us, whether it's \$1 million a year for an office building, and we can build for less than that."

So, I am just wondering if, again, it has been identified by the Auditor General in the past, that the government or the department looks at, even though it is preliminary, to determine what potentially, based on current costs, would be the cost to construct a new facility that may replace something that is actually being leased, ahead of time, so that they have a little bit more back up and they are not being held for ransom. When they are

doing their negotiations on the leases, then they will know whether or not whoever they are leasing from is taking them to the cleaners or not.

Is that something that the minister would look at doing for upcoming expiries of major leases on some of our capital infrastructure? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Minister Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Having had a few more seconds to look at my notes... I was looking for this earlier, but I couldn't find the date: in 2003, for real property leases, a policy was put in place to ensure that the proper financial controls are in place. This goes back to my colleague's comment about the Auditor General. So, to control for better measures, the policy has been approved at the cabinet level. I will also note: for real property leases that meet or exceed that value of \$1 million, then that requires FMB approval. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Oral questions. The Member for Cambridge Bay, Mr. Peterson.

#### **Question 347 – 2(2): Criteria for Program Funding**

**Mr. Peterson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Economic Development and Transportation.

Last week I raised the issue concerning the rejection of the Kitikmeot Corporation's simulator proposal under the Nunavut Economic Development Strategy funding. The Nunavut Economic Forum ranked 20 projects and sent them to Ottawa. The simulator was number six.

My question for the minister: can the minister explain to me what criteria Ottawa used to evaluate and approve the Nunavut projects that were sent to Ottawa? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Minister of Economic Development and Transportation, Mr. Simailak.

**Hon. David Simailak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. No, I don't know what criteria Ottawa used when they went through those items. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Final supplementary, Mr. Peterson.

**Mr. Peterson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a list of the 20 projects, and a huge number of them were quasi-government projects and a few private sector projects.

So, my question for the minister: can the minister clarify whether true private sector companies can qualify for the funds, or is the funding targeted at government and quasi-government priority projects? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Minister.

**Hon. David Simailak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. No, private industry can also qualify for the funding. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Second supplementary, Mr. Peterson.

**Mr. Peterson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for that statement. It appears from my reading of the list that lower ranked priority projects were approved by Ottawa, including three that were in the bottom six.

So, my question for the minister: does the minister know why the lower ranked projects got approved and the higher ranked projects didn't? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Mr. Simailak.

**Hon. David Simailak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. No, again, I don't know what criteria was used to prioritize those applications. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Final supplementary, Mr. Peterson.

**Mr. Peterson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for that response. It seems that there is a great deal of uncertainty and lack of clarity with respect to this northern economic development strategy funding and program, criteria, and evaluation process.

Can I ask the minister if he would commit to providing the House with the NEDS program criteria and approval process during our spring sitting beginning April 26? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Mr. Simailak.

**Hon. David Simailak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will see what I can do about that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Oral questions. Member for Hudson Bay, Mr. Kattuk.

### **Question 348 – 2(2): Providing Soapstone**

**Mr. Kattuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We usually ask any question we want in this House. I would like to ask the Minister of Economic Development and Transportation a question with respect to Nunavut communities and soapstone.

Is there enough soapstone for the communities in Nunavut? If not, would the department of economic development assist in acquiring soapstone for the communities in Nunavut? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Minister of Economic Development and Transportation, Mr. Simailak.

**Hon. David Simailak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In the spring and in summer, there will be a soapstone study done in each community. For those communities that have soapstone close by, we'll be doing a study to find out how far their location is from it and how much there is. We will be able to find out, then, which communities would be given priority for assisting them in acquiring soapstone. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. I have no more names on my list. Item 7. Written questions. Mr. Peterson.

### **Item 7: Written Questions**

#### **Written Question 030-2(2): Child Welfare Practices in Nunavut**

**Mr. Peterson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My written question is for the Department of Health and Social Services and it concerns child welfare practices in Nunavut.

1. Which communities in Nunavut currently have child and family services committees?
2. Which communities in Nunavut have child protection workers?
3. Since 1999, how many Plan of Care committees have been established in Nunavut, and in what communities?
4. Since 1999, how many individual Plan of Care agreements within the meeting of its Section 19 of the Child and Family Services Act have been developed for children who need protection?
5. Since 1999, how many children have been apprehended within the means of Section 10, 11, and 33 of the Child and Family Services Act?
6. Broken down by community, how many children were apprehended under the authority of the Child and Family Services Act for the following years:
  - 1999
  - 2000
  - 2001
  - 2002
  - 2003
  - 2004
7. Broken down by community, how many foster homes have been approved in Nunavut within the meeting of Section 62 of the Child and Family Services Act as of March 22, 2005?

8. For the following years, how many children were placed with pre-foster homes in Nunavut:
  - 1999
  - 2000
  - 2001
  - 2002
  - 2003
  - 2004
9. For the following years, how many children were placed with foster homes outside of Nunavut:
  - 1999
  - 2000
  - 2001
  - 2002
  - 2003
  - 2004
10. How many childcare facilities such as group homes within the meaning of Section 62 of the Child and Family Services Act have been approved in Nunavut and in which communities are they located?
11. For the following years, how many children were placed in approved childcare facilities in Nunavut:
  - 1999
  - 2000
  - 2001
  - 2002
  - 2003
  - 2004
12. For the following years, how many children were placed in childcare facilities outside of Nunavut:
  - 1999
  - 2000
  - 2001
  - 2002
  - 2003
  - 2004

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Written Questions. Going back to the Orders of the Day. Item 8. Item 9. Item 10. Item 11. Item 12. Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Mr. Premier.

### **Item 13: Tabled Documents**

**Tabled Document 111 – 2(2): Legal Services Board of Nunavut Annual Report for 2002/03 and 2003/04**

**Hon. Paul Okalik:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table the following document: Legal Services of Nunavut Annual Report for 2002/03 and 2003/04. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Please forward the documents to the clerk. Ms. Aglukkaq.

**Tabled Document 112 – 2(2): Government of Nunavut Responses to Standing Committee on Government Operations and Accountability Recommendations**

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to table the follow document; Government of Nunavut's Response to Recommendations by the Standing committee of Government Operations and Accountability, dated November 24, 2004. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Tabling of Documents. Mr. Kattuk.

**Tabled Document 113 – 2(2): Transcript from Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development**

**Mr. Kattuk:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I wish to table a transcript of March 10, 2005, Meeting of the House of Commons Standing Committee of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development.

This parliamentary committee has asked the Federal Government to form a judicial inquiry into the dog slaughter issue. I would like all members to review this transcript with care. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Tabling of Documents. Mr. Curley.

**Tabled Document 114 – 2(2): Letter from Clara Evalik from Nunavut Sivuniksavut Board**

**Mr. Curley** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to table the correspondence I got from Nunavut Sivuniksavut for the anniversary of the program and the names that are attending that program which will most likely be our leaders in the future. Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Tabling of Documents. Mr. Clerk.

**Tabled Document 115 – 2(2): Response to Petition 5 – 2(2) Gasoline in Grise Fiord**



**Mr. Quirke:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table on behalf of the Minister of Community and Government Services a reply to Petition 5-2(2), Gasoline in Grise Fiord. Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Tabling of Documents. Tabling of Documents.

Item 14, Notices of Motions. Mr. Netser.

#### **Item 14: Notices of Motions**

##### **Motion 019 – 2(2): Support for Establishing a Judicial Inquiry into the Slaughter of Inuit Dogs – Notice**

**Mr. Netser** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Tuesday April 26, 2005, I will move the following motion;

Now therefore I move, seconded by the Honorable Member for Hudson Bay that the Legislative Assembly call on the Government of Canada to agree to the standing committee's request to establish a judicial inquiry into the dog slaughter issue.

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

**Speaker** (interpretation): Notices of Motions. Mr. Tootoo.

##### **Motion 020 – 2(2): Recommendation for Re-allocation of \$150,000 in Deleted Funding – Notice**

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Thursday, March 24, I will move the following motion;

Now therefore I move, seconded by the Honorable Member for Rankin Inlet North that the Legislative Assembly recommend the Government of Nunavut bring forward a supplementary appropriation act during the spring sitting of this house to reallocate the \$150 thousand that was deleted from the 2005/06 main estimates of the Department of Environment and that the funding be used for the Disaster Compensation Grants to hunters and trappers to replace lost equipment as a result of natural disaster.

At the appropriate time, Mr. Speaker, I will be asking for unanimous consent to deal with that motion as well today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Notices of Motions. Item 15. Item 16. Motions. Mr. Netser.

#### **Item 16: Motions**

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

**Speaker** (interpretation): The Member seeks unanimous consent to deal with his motion. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Please proceed, Mr. Netser.

**Mr. Netser:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker and my colleagues.

**Motion 019 – 2(2): Support for Establishing a Judicial Inquiry into the Slaughter of Inuit Sled Dogs**

WHEREAS the slaughter of Inuit sled dogs scarred Nunavut communities and our culture;

AND WHEREAS in House of Commons Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development recently undertook a study on the slaughtering of Inuit sled dogs in the North between 1950 and 1970, and has requested that a judicial inquiry into the matter be held;

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Honourable Member for Hudson Bay, that the Legislative Assembly call in the Government of Canada to agree to the Standing Committee's request to establish a judicial inquiry into the dog slaughter issue.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): The motion is in order. To the motion. A question has been called. All those in favour? Opposed? Abstained? The motion is carried.

Item 16. Motions. Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At this time I would like to seek unanimous consent to deal with my Motion 018-2(2) that deal with tabled documents being referred to Committee of the Whole. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Motion 018 – 2(2): Tabled Document 100-2(2) GN Leased Properties Report ending March 31, 2004, Tabled Document 101-2(2) GN Procurement and Contracting Report 2003/04 and Tabled Document 102-2(2) GN Contract Data Report 2003/04 to Committee of the Whole**

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move seconded by the Honourable member from Cambridge Bay that Tabled Document 100-2(2) GN Leased Properties Report ending March 31, 2004, Tabled Document 101-2(2) GN Procurement and Contracting Report

2003/04 and Tabled Document 102-2(2) GN Contract Data Report 2003/04 be moved into the Committee of the Whole for further discussion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): The motion is in order. To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour. Opposed. Abstentions. The motion is carried.

Motions. Mr. Tootoo.

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

**Speaker** (interpretation): The member is seeking unanimous consent to deal with his motion today. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Tootoo.

**Motion 020 – 2(2): Recommendation for Re-allocation of \$150,000 in Deleted Funding**

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly has reduced the 2005-2006 main estimates of the Department of Environment by \$150,000;

AND WHEREAS Members are of the view that this funding should be re-allocated to other areas of activity that benefit our communities and constituents;

AND WHEREAS the issue of disaster compensation grants for hunters and trappers is of concern;

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Honourable Member for Rankin Inlet North, that the Legislative Assembly recommend that the Government of Nunavut bring forward a *Supplementary Appropriation Act* during the spring sitting of the House to re-allocate the \$150,000 that has been deleted from the 2005-2006 main estimates of the Department of Environment; and that the funding be used for disaster compensation grants to hunters and trappers to replace equipment lost as a result of natural disaster.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): The motion is in order. To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favor. All those opposed. Abstentions. The motion is carried. Motions.

Item 17, First Reading of Bills. First Reading of Bills. Item 18, Second Reading of Bills. Second Reading of Bills. Item 19, Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters; Bill 8, Bill 9, Bill 10, Bill 11, Bill 12, Bill 13, Bill 14 and Tabled document 58-2(2), with Mr. Netser in the chair.

In accordance with the authority vested in me by Motion 3-2(2), the Committee of the Whole will stay in session until it reports itself out. We'll take a lunch break and we'll come back at 1:30.

Sergeant-at-arms.

>>*House recessed at 12:07 and resumed at 13:32*

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

**Chairman** (Mr. Netser)(interpretation): Thank you. I would like to call the committee meeting to order. We will be dealing with the following; Bill 8, Bill 9, Bill 10, Bill 11, Bill 12, Bill 13, Bill 14 and Tabled Document 58-2(2)

What is the wish of the committee? Mr. Mapsalak.

**Mr. Mapsalak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We wish to deal with Bill 8 and the review of the main estimates for the Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth and then proceed with the Department of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs followed by the Legislative Assembly.

After Bill 8, we will begin with the remaining bills and the order of review will be announced later. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Mapsalak. Agreed. Minister Responsible for the Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth, please proceed to the witness table with your witnesses. Thank you.

Welcome, Mr. Minister. For the record, please introduce your official.

**Hon. Louis Tapardjuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On my left is David Akeeagok my Deputy Minister and shortly we will have another official coming to the witness table and I will introduce them when they arrive.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tapardjuk and welcome Mr. Akeeagok

I'll give the members 10 minutes of general comments. Any general comments? Mr. Kattuk. I don't see anyone with their hands up. We're on F-5. Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth Branch Summary and Directorate. Total operations and maintenance, \$3,247,000, do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Thank you. (interpretation) Mr. Minister, if could introduce your official that just came in before we proceed. (interpretation ends) Mr. Minister.

**Hon. Louis Tapardjuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On my right is David Kolot, who is in charge of the operations of Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you. Welcome, Mr. Kolot. We are on page F-7. (interpretation ends) Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth. Branch Summary. Official Languages. Total Operations and Maintenance. \$2,192,000, do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Thank you. To F-9. Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth. Branch Summary. Culture and Heritage. Total Operations and Maintenance. \$3,809,000, Mr. Mapsalak.

**Mr. Mapsalak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wanted to ask a question on this page. I just read the 'Globe and Mail' and there's going to be an exhibition of Inuit artifacts. I think there are quite a number of artifacts that are going to be shown in the exhibition and it's going to be in Toronto.

In the Vatican in Italy, some artifacts are owned by the Inuvialuit, but I am sure that there are a lot of artifacts that belong to Nunavut and very likely, those artifacts were brought down by the missionaries and other Europeans.

I am very glad to see that there's going to be an exhibition of Inuit artifacts in Italy or outside of Canada, but we have yet to see an exhibition of artifacts here at home in Nunavut. I am sure that there are other Inuit artifacts that are housed or being exhibited in other parts of the country.

I would like to see more exhibitions held up here in Nunavut because I am sure that there are people out there who are interested in seeing those artifacts. When or how are we going to hold exhibitions or when are we going to be building a heritage centre or museum up here in Nunavut; when and how? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Mapsalak. Mr. Minister.

**Hon. Louis Tapardjuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As I stated earlier, we are looking at a Nunavut museum or a heritage centre. When we were having our retreat in Arviat, we were urged by the members to establish a heritage centre here in Nunavut.

We have a planning committee with involvement from Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated, the Nunavut Government, and the Inuit Heritage Trust. Just recently, we are looking at a feasibility study and we have an approximate figure, but the problem is where we are going to access or leverage some money to make this a reality; only if we identify funds

could be build a museum that properly house those artifacts, and only when we do have such a facility can we start repatriating those artifacts.

They are jointly owned by the Government of Nunavut and Inuit Heritage Trust but because we don't have the proper facilities they are presently housed in the Yellowknife Museum and Ottawa. As you mentioned, those artifacts are being exhibited in Iglulik and only through negotiations with the proper governments can we repatriate some of those artifacts.

There are artifacts housed in Europe and also in the States. As that is the case the Canadian Museum of Civilization has some of our properties housed and Parks Canada and also the Prince of Whales Heritage Center in Yellowknife. We are currently working on this as it is identified under the Nunavut Land Claim Agreement.

We won't get those artifacts over night but I can guarantee you that we will build a museum here in Nunavut and then we'll start thinking about how we can repatriate those artifacts. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Mr. Mapsalak.

**Mr. Mapsalak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. To supplementary my question, how are you looking at building one museum or one heritage centre or are you going to be building several. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Mr. Minister.

**Hon. Louis Tapardjuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We would like to build a Nunavut Heritage Centre and of course there is only going to be one but we would like to find out where we can get some money to do a feasibility study.

Of course we're going to get all the aspects of building a museum or heritage centre and the price tag of it. If we're going to be building such a centre, we will do all we can to make sure that it's properly built but then again we've talked to some of the smaller communities where there would be Nunavut Heritage Centre and then subsidiaries or little museums scattered.

There is consulting that is required and I can't at this moment say when or how. We're just in the planning stages but I can guarantee you that there is more coming up. Thank you.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. Mapsalak.

**Mr. Mapsalak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would also like to thank the Minister.

I'm sure it's going to be one of the most beautiful. Where will this Inuit Heritage Centre be built. Thank you.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Mapsalak. Mr. Tapardjuk.

**Hon. Louis Tapardjuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

At this present moment we have not made any decisions as to where it's going to be but as I said we will have to do a feasibility study first. We do have an approximate figure but we'll have to find out exactly how much it's going to cost for the overall project and then the cabinet will have to decide where it's going to be located.

In the first assembly they identified several communities. The top listing were Iqaluit first of all, Rankin Inlet second, and then Arviat was third. We're going to be looking at those communities and look at the financial aspects of it but at this point I can't say where it's going to be located.

We are focusing on where we are going to be getting the money. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. Alagalak

**Mr. Alagalak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a question regarding our heritage sites. You are required to have a license if you are going to do any searching or any digging in those heritage sites. Usually the archaeologists can date how old the artifacts are. Do we have such things going on in our government? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Hon. Louis Tapardjuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will have my deputy respond to the question.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Mr. Akeegok.

**Mr. Akeegok** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. All archaeological digs have to have a license and they usually have to produce a report. If they are going to be doing any digging in areas that are close to the communities, they will have to consult with the communities prior. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Mr. Alagalak.

**Mr. Alagalak** (interpretation): My question was when they are trying to get a license from the federal government. Usually when they are trying to get a license and when they are talking to the elders in the communities to dig. Do they ask the elders if they don't mind if they dig in certain sites? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Minister Tapardjuk.

**Hon. Louis Tapardjuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. When they are filling out the forms the copies are given to the communities. They identify what the archaeologists are looking for and what the community thinks about it. That is usually filled out in the form. They usually get their license from the Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth. Only do we issue a license after we have consulted with the community. The Inuit Heritage Trust is also involved in this process. Thank you.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Alagalak.

**Mr. Alagalak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. You said the archaeologists work with the students. I would like to ask you another question. The artifacts are found at a site that used to belong to Inuit. Some artifacts are very old and some are even older, unfortunately, they're grouped together.

Have you considered, like for example, in the Kitikmeot, once they dig up old artifacts and once the artifacts have been identified have you considered the artifact to be brought to Iqaluit if the museum is set in Iqaluit? Wouldn't you think that the Kitikmeot residents would like see the artifact and the oral stories of the Kitikmeot region if the Heritage Centre is housing the Kitikmeot artifacts? They would have a long way to look at the artifacts and it would be very expensive to come up to see their artifacts.

I was wondering if you have considered this issue where the Nunavut geography is vast. I was wondering if you considered that? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Alagalak. Mr. Akeeagok.

**Mr. Akeeagok** (interpretation): Yes, once the artifacts are dug up they are stored in proper storage because we don't have proper storage for our artifacts, then these artifacts after they've been dug up, they're sent to Yellowknife where they have proper facilities.

Once we build proper facilities, then we'll be able to house them because they have to be stored under controlled temperatures. Then we'll be able to send the artifacts out to tour the communities. I'm sure this process will continue. That's how the artifacts are sent to the communities to be shown but they are properly stored before they are sent out to communities.

That's how the system works and I'm sure that it will continue to work that way. The artifacts can be sent out to the communities. If they need to be sent back to the local origin, we do that by way of sending them out to the communities. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Alagalak.



**Mr. Alagalak** (interpretation): Thank you, Deputy Minister and Mr. Chairman. I believe that we need to consider the artifacts more because in Yellowknife where they store their artifacts, they used to belong to the community residents grandparents.

These people I believe should have the right see what their grandparents or forefathers had owned. Once you start dealing with artifacts and archeology, you become addicted to it so I believe there should be consideration given to the artifacts and it will be expensive.

Another question that I would like pose is for many years archeologists have worked up on one certain site where they dig up artifacts from under the ground. I wonder how much one site would cost where they train the students while on an archeological dig.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Mr. Minister.

**Hon. Louis Tapardjuk** (interpretation): I will have my Deputy Minister respond to the question Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Akeeagok.

**Mr. Akeeagok**: The costs varies. For archeological students, Inuit Heritage Trust has been training students everywhere, whether it be in Repulse Bay or Kugluktuk.

Although I don't see the price listing right away but they send out open applications. For one site in Kugluktuk, it cost \$5 thousand to teach when they work with the students. Usually they can apply. Archeologists can make an application. When they want to train and work with students, it costs a different amount. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Mr. Alagalak.

**Mr. Alagalak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My last question is, prior to the 1980s, if an individual was born in Nunavut, any individual, as long as they were Inuk, they were able to dig up a site even without a license. We had the right to dig at any site. What's the status of that now. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Who would like to respond. Mr. Minister.

**Hon. Louis Tapardjuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The regulations state no one is allowed to dig up artifacts without a permit. The Inuit Heritage Trust and the Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth have had advised everyone not to look for artifacts because the southerners who come up north, tourists, we have seen non-natives trying to take artifacts home just because they like to own one, but they could even be liable or taken to court.

If anyone finds an artifact, last year we made a poster stating that you literally break the law if you try to get any artifacts without any permit or license. Since we have inherited that Act from Northwest Territories, so therefore we don't have an Act that's solely

geared towards Nunavut, but since we have inherited the Heritage Act, we have not made it a made-in-Nunavut Act.

But in Article 23 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement, it states that provided that as long as they are in Nunavut Land Claims settlement area, we have to inform the Canadian Museum of Civilization and Parks Canada at all times if someone happens to find an artifact.

I am not too sure if this Act or if this regulation was still the same prior to the 1980s. As I have stated earlier on that this Act was inherited from the Northwest Territories, so that's where we stand.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Mr. Alagalak.

**Mr. Alagalak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I almost forgot what my question was. Let me ask you two more questions; I want you to respond with a yes or a no with the question I am about to pose. Since all Nunavummiut are not allowed to dig any artifacts, are they aware of that? (Nodding of the head) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Mr. Minister.

**Hon. Louis Tapardjuk** (interpretation): Yes, they know.

**Chairman:** Mr. Alagalak.

**Mr. Alagalak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Then it's evident that since 50 years ago I was able to see artifacts that were dug up by people who lived in their old outpost camp or when they find their old sod houses then they start digging and digging. I am sure there are other people out there that own an artifact and they were taken prior to the Act's implementation. Are they liable or are they guilty? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Mr. Minister.

**Hon. Louis Tapardjuk** (interpretation): I will have my deputy minister respond to that as to whether they broke the law or not.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Mr. Akeegok.

**Mr. Akeegok** (interpretation): Yes, they would break the law if they happened to have an artifact at home. We know since the Nunavut territory was created, nobody has ever been charged for that, and in some cases in the past, yes, they have taken some artifacts.

Once we build a proper facility to house the artifacts, then we can announce to the people that if you have old artifacts, then you can bring them so some people know where to take them to.

Once we get a proper facility, then our staff will try to obtain some artifacts. Some individuals release their artifacts voluntarily but we've never been in the position to take anyone to court. We just try to inform the public out there that you are literally breaking the law if you have an artifact.

So, we try to inform them that way. It would be ideal if you give that artifact to the museum or Inuit Heritage Trust. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you.

**Mr. Alagalak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Before it was known by the people that there is such a law, would they have any chances of not pleading guilty if they didn't know that there was such a law, that they're not supposed to have those artifacts or would they still have to go to court. According Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit, they shouldn't be put through court. Thank you.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Tapardjuk.

**Hon. Louis Tapardjuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We have not thought about whether an individual would have to go to court for taking artifacts without knowing the legislation.

There are a lot of people that have taken artifacts from the land but the Inuit Heritage Trust guidelines have to be followed. Inuit Heritage Trust were the people that looked after those types of things. We have not spoken with Inuit Heritage Trust about what might happen if someone didn't know there was such a law and they had taken artifacts and what we would do about them. I wouldn't be able to answer that question.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Mr. Alagalak.

**Mr. Alagalak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It's good that you respond to me like that Mr. Minister for the record.

Say, for instance, there is a bunch of artifacts that are in the hands of some people and the individual that has those artifacts would say I have these artifacts here. It seems like talking about it wouldn't matter.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Mr. Minister.

**Hon. Louis Tapardjuk** (interpretation): Nobody has approached us on this issue. We have not really looked at the Northwest Territories regulations yet because we might have to do some amendments of those regulations to conform to Nunavut. Thank you.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Alagalak.

**Mr. Alagalak** (interpretation): Lastly, Mr. Chairman, just to comment, I know that there is going to be problems encountered from those people who have taken artifacts from Nunavut.

They will just leave it in their will to leave it to their families I guess. I think we have to look at the act to make sure that the legislation is in place to protect the artifacts. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Alagalak. Mr. Kattuk. Mr. Barnabas.

**Mr. Barnabas** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just have a question Mr. Chairman. Could the Minister inform the public about the protection about Inuit artifacts. About a week ago there was an elders meeting and maybe he could state. We had an elders gathering not too long ago because we want to have in place a plan that the Inuit traditions would be followed in each community.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you.

**Hon. Louis Tapardjuk** (interpretation): We have Plan A in place and a designated community in Arviat. After that elders' meeting we heard from them and that was very helpful for our department. There is a Planning Committee consisting of Justice and the other departments about the Inuit way of doing things from long ago.

Even though it is a present day today, we could have them help us so we feel that some time in the beginning of April they will bring about the report that they did and the Executive will be looking at it to see exactly how this is going to be done. It is in a planning stage right now after the elders had their meeting.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Barnabas.

**Mr. Barnabas** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Following Mr. Mapsalak's and Mr. Alagalak's comments there is an individual that saw an amauti that belonged to the mother. It was in a museum and they couldn't even touch that piece of amauti. I will not be mentioning names but there are a lot of artifacts that belong to Nunavummiut that aren't just in the States but also in Canada.

Are you working with the Minister for Intergovernmental Affairs to repatriate those things? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Barnabas. Mr. Minister.

**Hon. Louis Tapardjuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We are not working with that department for the reason that there are a lot of artifacts that are housed, or in locations down south. What we are doing is working with Inuit Heritage Trust to be able to repatriate those artifacts.

We have to have an agreement and to negotiate with those individuals just in case we get our own museum we would have to think about what kind of negotiations that we would strike with those individuals down south and in the States. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Barnabas.

**Mr. Barnabas** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. What is your department going to be doing about the Franklin Expedition artifacts that have been found here in Nunavut? What is going to happen to them because we don't have a license or permit to take from the other countries? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Minister.

**Hon. Louis Tapardjuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The non-native artifacts that were taken in that regard, I'll get Mr. Akeeagok to answer. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Mr. Akeeagok.

**Mr. Akeeagok**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We are working with the Inuit Heritage Trust and the planning committee is in the process of planning as to how we can get a museum here in Nunavut.

From there, we have to negotiate with those individuals down south to repatriate those artifacts from them. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Barnabas.

**Mr. Barnabas** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just a little while ago, this past summer, around the Iglulik airport, there was an archeological dig that happened last summer.

They dug up some artifacts around the Iglulik airport and they also did some digging around the Pond Inlet area. I wonder where they're putting them. Thank you.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Barnabas. Mr. Minister.

**Hon. Louis Tapardjuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Some of them have been brought to the Yellowknife museum and some of them are at the universities.

All the archeological artifacts that were found are housed in Yellowknife. They have been given to the government. The permit given from Inuit Heritage Trust and the government, it doesn't matter where they're at as long as their kept in proper facilities. As soon as we have our facilities, we will repatriate them. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Thank you, Mr. Barnabas. Mr. Kattuk.

**Mr. Kattuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In regards to this discussion, Inuit have been working on artifacts for quite a while and it's our tradition.

I also know from my community, ever since I was growing up there have been people looking for artifacts in my area such as my parents. Whenever they don't have anything to do, they look for artifacts.

Even though some of them are no longer living, they've been digging for artifacts since the 1940s in my community. My question Mr. Chairman, is under F-11. Toponymy programs for the traditional names of communities. This has been a program every year in the amount of \$100 thousand.

How many communities take advantage of traditional place names. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Kattuk. Minister.

**Hon. Louis Tapardjuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll get my Deputy Minister to respond to that question.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Mr. Akeeagok.

**Mr. Akeeagok**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In 2003/04, there were 9 different communities that took advantage of that funding.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Mr. Kattuk

**Mr. Kattuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Akeeagok. Whenever a community requests for funding, do they give them funding or do they get other equipment to do their traditional place naming? Say for instance if an individual is doing traditional place naming, how is the money used? What do they have to buy? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Kattuk. Mr. Minister.

**Hon. Louis Tapardjuk** (interpretation): The promotion and preservation of traditional place names is done by people in the community by looking at the map and finding out the traditional name of that area close to their community.

There's a person in Igloolik that deals with maps and what they do is they send them to Igloolik to preserve them and to promote them, but the money is there for each community to do traditional place names for preservation and promotion. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Mr. Kattuk.

**Mr. Kattuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I heard that the artifacts that people find sometimes are trapped in universities. Is it for the people of Nunavut? Do the Inuit take a course on those things or is it just non-natives that are taking those archaeological digging courses? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Mr. Minister.

**Hon. Louis Tapardjuk** (interpretation): Yes, whoever wants to go digging comes from the universities and they want to get a license or a permit to do some digging.

Some university students ask for a permit to do some digging and they would keep whatever they dig out, they would keep it for a little bit, but then they would eventually be given to a museum either in Yellowknife or in Ottawa.

As soon as we are able to get a facility here in Nunavut, we would repatriate those and work with the Inuit Heritage Trust. Thank you.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Kattuk.

**Mr. Kattuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Maybe I didn't understand it right. You indicated that they are used in the universities for courses and I believe that's a response you gave him when he was asking questions. That's all I have, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Kattuk. Mr. Curley.

**Mr. Curley** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As my colleague from Arviat stated that we have to try and collect artifacts. So for those people who have found artifacts, what I would like to say, Mr. Chairman, is this is truly part of heritage, but for those of us who can read in English that original Coral Harbour residents who were from the Southampton Island are no longer around.

And you've probably read that it was stated by the anthropologists but at this time in age, it's not through and our great, great, grandfather had three adopted children. I believe two are deceased and one just recently, maybe about two years ago, they have descendents, the daughters.

They are the original Coral Harbour residents and Mr. Bruce also stated that one went to Iglulik. This should be made a history project to get the records straight because our history should be correct and Mr. Chairman, also, the original Sallungmiut, Coral Harbour, there are a lot of archeological sites, old camps and a lot of artifacts have been taken.

I am one of them who took some. They can become heritage sites. What I would like to ask the Minister, you should start working with the residents of Coral Harbour and we see those sites during the summer when we're out camping and there should be proper burials because you occasionally see skulls here and there.

Just last spring there was a skull and I know that area because I used to live there. I feel there should be a proper burial site project. There would also be a healing if they did that. For those people, I encourage them, telling them that this is very important. Once I tell them Ipiaq Saimanaq who are the descendents of those.

If I can't, some time in the future, I want them to be recognized because that was a certain group of race. They were not the main land tribe. Some of them came from Baffin Island and from Northern Quebec. Mr. Chairman, can the Minister ask Coral Harbour residents to have a proper burial site. If they were to ask, would you support it.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Mr. Minister.

**Hon. Louis Tapardjuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, there is funding available for those kinds of things and I would like to state that my original name is Qingaut and I'm named after one of those original people who went to Iglulik. Thank you.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you. Are you done. Thank you, Mr. Curley. Mr. Evyagotailak.

**Mr. Evyagotailak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would also like to comment on artifacts as well.

In 1984, around those years the people who came to look for artifacts in Kugluktuk had stated that they had a license to do this to look for artifact while I was a member of the Hamlet Council. We had stated that once they found something that they had to inform the Hamlet Council. Once these were found, they were returned to the Hamlet Council, but these were, as we found out duplicates.

We were not sent the originals. We had told the people looking for artifacts that they had to return what they found to the Hamlet Council, but once they have sent what we thought was an artifact, but it was a duplicate, it wasn't the original that was sent back to the community.

What I feel is that when artifacts are found I think we should have these displayed in the schools where our students can learn about the artifacts and where they came from. Having said that I would like to ask the minister, as far as artifacts are concerned in the United States and southern Canada, perhaps overseas as well, can you request that these artifacts can be brought back to Nunavut so that we can place them in the schools?

Once we have a museum we can properly store them in our own museum.



**Chairman** (interpretation): Mr. Minister.

**Hon. Louis Tapardjuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, sometimes they send artifacts from one community to another this probably can be arranged by you have to understand that they have to have a proper storage area, where the material will not get too dry, or deteriorate. It has to be in the proper temperature. We are in the process of discussing this with Inuit Heritage Trust, and if we are going to repatriate those artifacts, what do we have to store them in?

At this time I can say only when we have the proper place for them then we can bring the artifacts back. The artifacts that had been taken before the creation of Nunavut, there are some private collections, or that are in the American Universities, they're all in different hands so we have to think all those things. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. Mr. Evyagotailak.

**Mr. Evyagotailak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That is good to hear. Although these artifacts are in southern Canada, in the United States as well as overseas, we have to bring them back to Nunavut. I have heard about this traveling museum. We have artifacts and it's interesting. I would like to know if we can have a traveling museum here in Nunavut to go from community to community. Thank you.

**Chairman**: Thank you, Mr. Evyagotailak. Mr. Minister.

**Hon. Louis Tapardjuk** (interpretation): We have no plans at this time to include that traveling museum. Thank you.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Evyagotailak.

**Mr. Evyagotailak** (interpretation): It would be nice to have a traveling museum because there's always requests from the communities for the students and the young people may want to learn about their past and history.

As what I am suggesting is that this travel museum would go from community to community, so that schools would take advantage of this opportunity. Thank you.

**Chairman** (interpretation): We are on F-9. (interpretation ends) Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth. Branch Summary. Culture and Heritage. Total Operations and Maintenance. \$3,809,000, do you agree?

**Some Members**: Agreed.

**Chairman**: Good boy. Page F-12. Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth. Branch Summary. Community Programs. Total Operations and Maintenance. \$1,678,000, do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Page F-14. Mr. Alagalak.

**Mr. Alagalak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I wanted to raise a question regarding Sport North. There's an increase by \$500,000 I have heard because of the Canada Summer Games. What's the reason for increasing it? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Alagalak. Mr. Minister.

**Hon. Louis Tapardjuk** (interpretation): We are trying to increase it by \$500,000 for 2005/06, which is geared towards Arctic Winter Games. Every two years we have Arctic Winter Games. So within that year, we tried to come up with more money and that's also geared towards the Western Canada Summer Games. So this money is for both the summer and winter games, so that our young people can participate in those Canada Summer Games.

**Chairman:** Mr. Alagalak.

**Mr. Alagalak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Out of these dollars, does Sport Nunavut get a contribution from there and is it for the total amount or is it just for a portion of it? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Mr. Minister.

**Hon. Louis Tapardjuk** (interpretation): I will have my deputy minister respond to your question.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Mr. Akeegok.

**Mr. Akeegok** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. For this year 2005/06, and on page F-15 there's \$2 million identified for Sport Nunavut. There has been an increase of \$500,000 in there. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Mr. Alagalak.

**Mr. Alagalak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Following what I have heard, this is an annual contribution to Sport Nunavut; is that the case? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Mr. Akeegok.

**Mr. Akeegok** (interpretation): Yes, when there's no Arctic Winter Games, there's usually the territorial competitions that are held and it's all for sport development, it's an annual contribution for Sport Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Is that it? Mr. Barnabas.

**Mr. Barnabas** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In 1970, Prime Minister Elliot Trudeau went to the Arctic Winter Games in Yellowknife.

The communities used to play traditional games in order to preserve and enhance the culture. Today we see our young people playing floor hockey, ice hockey, volleyball and so on, when they are participating in the Games.

My question is why don't we include traditional games anymore? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Barnabas. Mr. Minister.

**Hon. Louis Tapardjuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes that is very true. We have set aside some monies that could be used by the communities to promote traditional Inuit games. We have identified monies under the Recreation and Leisure, it is on page F-17 under Grants and Contributions.

We are focusing more on traditional Inuit games and we are trying to revive some of the old Inuit games like the *amarujaujaq*. We are focusing on these traditional Inuit games and we have funds available should any of the communities want to access it. Thank you.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Barnabas.

**Mr. Barnabas** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In the Government of the Northwest Territories the Dene promotes traditional Dene Games. This pot of money that's identified and if the smaller communities are going to be promoting the Inuit traditions.

Is this little pot of money are going to be divided up among the Nunavut communities? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Barnabas. Mr. Minister.

**Hon. Louis Tapardjuk** (interpretation): Yes it is to be divided up among the Nunavut communities. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Barnabas, are you done? We are on page F-14. Culture, Language, Elders and Youth. Branch Summary. Sport Nunavut. \$2,834,000. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you. F-16. Culture, Language, Elders and Youth. Branch Summary. Recreation and Leisure. Total. Operations and Maintenance. \$1,876,000. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you. Back to F-4. Culture, Language, Elders and Youth. Department Summary. Detail of Expenditures. Total. Operations and Maintenance. \$15,636,000. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you. Have we concluded the Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth? Thank you. Mr. Tapardjuk, if you have any closing comments, the floor is now yours.

**Hon. Louis Tapardjuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would also like to thank the Members of the Legislative Assembly. The main reason why we are looking for additional benefits for the elders is because it is very important and we'll keep the members informed and give them an update on a regular basis.

With culture and language these are two areas that are very important and I think we are going to make an improvement with Mr. Akeeagok and the other David, I thank them both for helping me out during this appearance before the Committee.

Thank you, very much for approving our budget.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Minister. I would like to thank your officials for being here. You can go now.

(interpretation ends) Does the Premier have opening comments?

**Hon. Paul Okalik** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am pleased to be here to talk about the proposed 2005/06 budget for the Department of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs.

This budget is designed to assist the government to meet the priorities of Pinasuaqtavut, our mandate document for 2004-2009. Our priorities as government are to create a stronger cultural foundation based on Inuit societal values and to develop and expand our economy.

The Department of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs has several components to its mission. These include providing advice and administrative support to cabinet and all government departments and agencies, overseeing the overall coordination of the executive branch and the development of the senior public service, overseeing coordinating the intergovernmental circumpolar and aboriginal activities for the

Government of Nunavut and most importantly, working to ensure that the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement is honored.

The Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs plays a leadership role in coordinating and planning the government's mandate. It seeks political direction and then assists departments with the planning, coordination and implementation of the many objectives set out in Pinasuaqtavut.

Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs is also responsible for communicating the accomplishments, the objectives and policies of the government both within the government itself and to Nunavummiut. Our mandate for the second term is an ambitious one. I'm confident that Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs will serve as a catalyst for all departments as they strive to work together to meet the priorities that we have set out for 2004 to 2009.

I'm proud of the territory's accomplishments to date, yet much more has to be done. These main estimate represent the financial direction for Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs for 2005/06, a direction which will enable us to meet our challenges.

The total budget for 2005/06 is \$10 million 69 thousand. This represents an increase \$672 thousand for 2004/05. Of that, an increase of \$484 thousand is a result of the new collective agreement. Any of the salary increases in the department are due to step increases for longer term employees.

In addition there is also a 2 percent increase of \$188 thousand to the overall departmental budget to address inflation increased costs. This amount is distributed throughout the department to address increased costs for travel, ministerial accommodations and supplies and services.

Even after these increases, Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs has the smallest operation operations and maintenance budget. The executive branch of the Department of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs is responsible for corporate services, statistics and communications, policy, planning and evaluation.

This branch also provides support for cabinet and Minister's offices. The budget for the Utility Rate Review Council is also included within this budget.

The executive branch provides overall management and direction and is responsible for bringing forward the cabinet agenda under the direction of the premier, supporting cabinet and communicating cabinet direction to the public service. This government will focus on economic development and opportunities for Nunavummiut.

In this regard, we have begun discussions with the Federal Government about devolution so that Nunavummiut can more fully utilize the benefits from their abundant natural resources. At the same time, I will continue to lobby at the national level for additional

funding for housing and infrastructure and lifting of various barriers to the development of our economy, especially in the case of our fisheries.

These efforts will be complimented by the participation of Nunavut in the Northern Strategy that was announced in December 2004. I will be assisting this by the intergovernmental affairs branch which is responsible for the management and development of intergovernmental strategies, policies and initiatives related to federal, provincial, territorial, circumpolar and aboriginal affairs through establishing and fostering strong working relationships with other governments, coordinating Government of Nunavut activities related to Nunavut Tunngavik Inc., guided by Iqanaijaqatigit Regional Inuit Organizations and the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement.

As I stated earlier, in advancing devolution, my department will need additional financial resources. This budget was finalized prior to the agreement with Canada to proceed with negotiations. Later in the year when we have a better estimate of the costs involved, I will seek your support for additional funding.

These are the highlights of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs' mandate for 2005/06 and we'll begin to build our progress to date and advance our priorities as government to create stronger cultural foundations based on Inuit societal values and to develop and expand our economy.

I would be pleased to answer questions and to address comments. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Premier. Does the chair of the committee have any opening comments? Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo:** I apologize ahead of time to the interpreters for reading fast. I have a lengthy report here.

The Standing Committee on Government Operations and Accountability has reviewed the proposed main estimates and business plan of the Department of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs for the 2005-2006 fiscal year, and I am pleased to provide you with the Committee's comments.

The Committee notes that the department's proposed 2005-2006 budget of \$10 million 69 thousand has increased approximately 30 percent from its initial allocation of \$7.734 million in 1999/2000. The department's proposed 2005/06 budget is approximately 7 percent higher than its 2004/05 main estimates.

In the past, a number of concerns were raised during the review of the department's main estimates and business plans. I would like to take a moment to make some comments regarding progress and performance in these areas.

That's right, Mr. Chairman, progress and performance. Generally the performance of ministers and their departments and in meeting their statutory tabling requirements has improved notably since the first few years of the Government of Nunavut's operation.

EIA has an important role to play in enforcing discipline in the area with respect to line departments. However, EIA must lead by example and the recent late tabling of the 2003, 2004 annual report of utility rate review council was disappointing.

Although the URRC's annual report was submitted to the minister responsible, minister on June 21, 2004, it was not tabled in this house until February 28, 2005. Over eight months after submissions. Members can only speculate as to why it was not tabled during the fall of 2004 sitting.

The committee would again suggest that the annual performance bonuses awarded to senior departmental and crown corporation managers be tied in part to their actual performance in meeting legally required tabling requirements.

The committee would also like to reiterate its call for the premier to formally table in the house policies that are approved by the executive council under his signature as head of the executive branch of government. Although the committee is aware that the Government of Nunavut's policies are made available to the public through such means as posting on the Government of Nunavut's website we ask that formally tabling such items in the Legislative Assembly would serve to recognize and amplify the principle of the government's accountability to the Legislature.

Indeed, Mr. Chairman, the regular tabling of new revised Government of Nunavut policies would serve to provide all ministers that the opportunity to make formal statements in the house on the merits of such policies for the benefit of the house and the listening public and the government.

In the past, members have stressed the need for department to improve communications with communities. Members are pleased note the departments continued commitment to using community radio to disseminate information of interest to Nunavutmiut.

Members have been pleased that Nunavut's recent success in working with the Northwest Territories and the Yukon on the tri-lateral priorities. The recently announced Nunavut Strategy is an important milestone on our journey towards acquiring the devolution agreement and province like powers.

Members look forward to making a positive contribution that the upcoming fiscal planning which need to determine our collective priorities with respect to Nunavut's share of the \$120,000,000 allocated to the three territories as part of this northern strategy.

However, the committee would urge the minister to be more proactive in keeping this house and the public readily informed about the ongoing intergovernmental initiatives

and developments. For example, on November 2, 2004 the three premiers joined the three northern premiers and jointly wrote to the Prime Minister on the ballistic missile defense issue and its potential consequences to the north.

Members only found out about this praiseworthy initiative when one of our Premier's counterparts tabled this letter and the Premier's reply in the neighbouring legislature for the benefit of this Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Members do not understand why our government so often appears to be extremely reluctant to make such items public on its own initiative especially when the information actually reflects well on the government as in this case.

The government also needs to be significantly more proactive in keeping members of this house and the public informed of the developments which respect to the Trans boundary issues that effects such communities as Nunavik communities as Arviat and Sanikiluaq.

Members would also want the government to periodically approve public updates on the statutes and the status of such ongoing matters of the dispute with Ottawa over fishing quotas or lack of them and a court challenge involving the firearms registry. Members would also be interested in learning what the Government of Nunavut's formal positions is with respect to the Kiviuk case given its potential impact on status of Inuit within Canada.

Members would wish to see the premier and his ministerial colleagues account more frequently and formally for the house under activities and achievements that the numerous Federal, Provincial, and Territorial meetings in which they participate.

While members are aware of the formal communiqués that emanate from such gatherings, our ministers should report back to the House more frequently and openly on their success in advancing Nunavut's specific priorities at such meetings. As a start, the government should periodically table ministerial travel reports so that members need not feel obligated to pose written questions on the matter.

Members have consistently supported the government's efforts to impress upon our federal partners the need for funding agreements that are not based on rigid and inadequate per capita formulas, but on real needs of this jurisdiction.

In turn, the members have urged the government to be consistent and credible by dealing with the needs of our own communities, schools, and other institutions in a manner that's not based solely on population numbers.

The committee looks forward to a productive working relationship with the Government of Nunavut and Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated while urging the government to be candid with members with respect to its rationale for its position in areas where the two parties have honest disagreements on specific issues.



The committee supports the efforts of the Government of Nunavut and Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated to work together on such issues as pushing the federal government for a new implementation contract that will provide meaningful tools with which to make progress in such areas as Inuit employment and training.

The Government of Nunavut's obligations with respect to the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act are coordinated by the department. The committee recognizes that a degree of progress has been made to act on recommendations made by the Information and Privacy Commissioner and the committee itself. The committee looks forward to continuing its work in this area.

Although the government frequently pays rhetorical tribute to the values of transparency and accountability, it often appears that we are falling further and further behind the rest of the country with respect to disclosing information to our public.

At the national level, progress has been achieved in bringing the lens of public scrutiny to bear on such items as the travel and hospitality expenses of senior officials, as evidenced by the fact that even federal Cabinet Ministers have their expenses publicly posted on departmental websites. The federal government's formal policy of "proactive disclosure" in relation to departmental contracts above a certain dollar amount is worth emulating, especially in light of the frustrations faced by Members here in bringing scrutiny to bear on the Government of Nunavut's contracting practices.

Mr. Chairman, it ought to be perfectly self-evident that making such information public on a routine basis serves as a powerful deterrent against wasteful spending and abuse of process.

Indeed, while every Member of this House must publicly disclose significant amounts of information regarding their personal affairs, the situation is not the same for the Government of Nunavut's bureaucracy. In Ontario, by contrast, the Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act allows the public to know the names, positions, salaries and total taxable benefits of public employees paid \$100,000 or more in a year. Members here are forced to pose written questions in order to reveal the amounts paid each year in performance bonuses to senior Government of Nunavut officials.

The bottom line is this: the public has a right to know, in detail, where its dollars are being spent.

Mr. Chairman, one of our collective goals at the Arviat Caucus Retreat was to explore overarching legislation to govern the accountability of public bodies across the territory. Issues of transparency and disclosure need to be a part of this initiative, which should be led by Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs.

Mr. Chairman, the Committee has noted that although the department announced on June 30, 2003, the decentralization of six of its positions to Panniqtuuq, it is unclear if these have actually ever been filled, given that the Government of Nunavut's quarterly IEP

report for the department does not include any information on these positions. These include, ironically, the positions which are supposed to evaluate the success of the decentralization initiative itself.

It is disappointing to the Committee that the department's business plan makes the questionable claim that no major disruption of government programs and services has occurred during the decentralization process, when all members are well aware of problems in such areas as filling positions in the Department of Environment's Iglulik office, where more than half of the positions remain vacant.

One area where the Committee could see value in the government's engaging a genuinely independent review is with respect to the costs, successes and challenges of the decentralization initiative.

I'm getting there, Mr. Chairman.

On a related issue, Members have noted with surprise, Mr. Chairman, that while the department's main estimates and business plan claim that only 2.6 PY's are located in the Government of Nunavut's Ottawa liaison office, Members understand that no fewer than five people are actually working there. I'm sure that they will be asked for clarification at some point during the main estimates on that.

Indeed, it is puzzling to the Committee that the Government of Nunavut operates an office with a significantly larger staff complement than those maintained in the very same building by the governments of the Northwest Territories and Yukon, both of which have a comparable range of responsibilities and relationships with the federal government.

Mr. Chairman, the final area that I wish to touch on is performance measurement. Members have noted with support the department's stated business plan goal to establish a GN performance measurement program. The Committee would wish to see departmental business plans begin to explicitly incorporate performance measures that look at actual results and outcomes, and not just activities and outputs.

For example, one of the stated priorities of the Department of Education in 2005/06 is to undertake the development of initiatives to address drop-out rates. We need to be able to honestly, rigorously and accurately measure our own success in actually achieving such important goals, and be prepared to re-evaluate our expenditures and approaches if they do not produce results that genuinely benefit our communities and constituents.

Mr. Chairman, I think that concludes my opening comments. I'm sure that individual members of the committee might have their own concerns and comments as we proceed. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. We are going for a half hour break. Thank you.

>> *Committee recessed at 15:04 and resumed at 15:37*

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you for coming back. If there are no general comments from the members, I would like to welcome the Premier first of all. If you want to have your officials with you, you can do so right now. Go ahead.

Mr. Premier, if you can introduce your officials for the record.

**Hon. Paul Okalik** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. With me today is my Deputy Minister from Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, John Walsh, and Terry Rogers. When we are doing the other part of our budget, Mr. David Omilgoitok will be our Deputy Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Welcome Mr. Rogers and Mr. Walsh. The members have 10-minutes for general comments in regards to Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs. We will go to page B-5. Mr. Barnabas.

**Mr. Barnabas** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a question in regards to the Program Review. (interpretation ends) The first Government of Nunavut undertook a major Program Review exercise in the Fall of 2003. Members of the Legislative Assembly received an update on the Program Review including potential options for major changes to the government's operation such as the elimination of stand alone Human Resources department and reducing funding for Tele-health. Government reorganization occurred in March 2004.

My question: is the Government of Nunavut considering undertaking another major Program Review exercise during the second mandate; why or why not? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman**: Thank you, Mr. Barnabas. Mr. Premier.

**Hon. Paul Okalik** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This Program Review was very helpful to us at that time. We can implement this to the items that we have identified. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Mr. Barnabas.

**Mr. Barnabas**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Government of Nunavut-wide responsibilities in relation to the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, for the past several years, recommendations have been made by both the Information and Privacy Commissioner and the ruling Standing Committee of the Legislative Assembly for amendments to the Act.

The department's business plan indicates that it will research potential amendments to the Act and introduce the privacy impact assessment process to the Government of Nunavut

public bodies. What specific amendments to the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act is the government considering for 2005/06? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you. (interpretation) Premier.

**Hon. Paul Okalik** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We have been talking about this item for quite some time and we have been considering changing or making an amending to the legislation, but if we can work together, we would like to work with the members to make the amendments to this Act. I can talk with members of the legislature and I want to work with them to make those amendments. Thank you.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Mr. Barnabas.

**Mr. Barnabas** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. What will be the proposed privacy impact assessment process for the departments and other public Government of Nunavut bodies involved? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you. Premier.

**Hon. Paul Okalik** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We have not looked at it again. If the members want to talk with me, I can work with them to make amendments to the Act. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Mr. Barnabas.

**Mr. Barnabas** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I was supposed to welcome the Premier and his officials. I will do that now.

(interpretation ends) I would like to ask about the Utility Rate Review Council. This body was established by a statute during the First Legislative Assembly to replace the Public Utilities Board. It provides formal advice regarding rate applications and other utility rated matters to the responsible minister as required under the Utility Rates Review Council Act.

Its proposed budget for 2005/06 is \$219,000. Its 2004/05 budget was \$225,000. How much has the Utility Rate Review Council spent to date in its review of the Qulliq Energy Corporation's general rate application? Will it require supplementary funding to complete its work? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you. Premier.

**Hon. Paul Okalik** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The amount of money that we put in last year, and the Utility Rates Review Council did community consultations, they spent over that and they managed to find some more within the department to cover those costs. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Barnabas.

**Mr. Barnabas:** Who actually writes the Utility Rate Review Council Report to Cabinet? Council members, the consultants or Government of Nunavut officials. Thank you, Chairman.

**Chairman:** Mr. Premier.

**Hon. Paul Okalik** (interpretation): Thank you Chairman. Yes the Report has been produced already and we tabled it in the House. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Mr. Barnabas. Under Department of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs. Branch Summary. Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In my opening comments I mentioned about Department of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs' is the department in ensuring that the departments meet the statutory tabling requirements.

I think it was this summer, June 21<sup>st</sup> I think it was, one of the things that, we were having meetings with the Auditor General. One of the concerns there that this Standing Committee reviews is the public accounts. The reason given at the time for that delay not being able to table those on a timelier manner was one of the big excuses or the reason at the time was the different year end for Nunavut Arctic College.

At the time, the Deputy Minister of Finance had indicated that he said it would be a good idea if it was the same, if the year end was switched to the same year end as the government. In the document that was tabled this morning, the government's response to that recommendation to change the year end of the Nunavut College indicated they do not believe that the change would be beneficial.

So, I'm just wondering if I can get a comment on that; if it would help make the Statutory Tabling requirements at a Public Accounts; if it would have expedited that purpose. I'm just wondering if the minister could respond to that somehow. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Mr. Premier.

**Hon. Paul Okalik:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The explanation I have on the Arctic College situation is that it's difficult to carry that out in the middle of the school year, with the resources that they have. It would be quite problematic doing a year end reviews as well as the students are still in the midst of their exams and studying.

The best method is for them to complete their studies and then the staff could focus on their finances by June. So, that's the explanation I have for the different dates for the College. I believe that's quite tangible but, we do have an obligation to table those. Unfortunately it would be a different date, but, Members would still get the report. But at

the same time we do not want to hamper the College's operations in the process. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you Mr. Chairman. I won't get into hampering things at the College. Reviewing that Executive Summary that the minister tabled. You have enough on your plate to worry about. I think one of the things, I don't know if I'm going to address it here or I'll wait until we come back next month and ask the Minister of Education on their financial capacity at the College to be able to handle that. It should be the administrative staff doing that and not the instructors.

I'll ask the appropriate minister questions on that in April. I'll do it then. That is just a comment, Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you. I have nobody else on the list. We are on B-5. Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs. Branch Summary. Directorate. Total. Operations and Maintenance. \$1,660,000. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Thank you. B-6, Mr. Peterson.

**Mr. Peterson:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the minister and his officials. I just had a short question on B-5. I understand in the First Assembly there was a major Program Review of all government departments. So I am wondering: will there be a major Program Review of the government departments in the Second Assembly? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Peterson. You agreed to B-5. Do you wish to go back to B-5 to refer to our colleague's question? Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Repeat your question please.

**Mr. Peterson:** I am sorry, Mr. Chairman, I thought I had my hand up before you guys moved on, but in the First Assembly there was a major Program Review of all government departments and programs. I am wondering if the minister could tell us if he is planning a major Program Review of all government departments anytime in the second term. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Peterson. I would appreciate it if you could raise your hand while we are on that page before I ask the, Mr. Tootoo, had his hand up, just a perfect example right there. Mr. Minister.

**Hon. Paul Okalik:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just answered this, so I will just repeat my answer as I answered it to one of the members, that my colleague, the Minister of Finance, is doing a fiscal retreat with all members on setting our priorities financial-wise. So I think that task in itself will accomplish the same objective. We have to review our financial situation and the mandate that we have set for ourselves and see how we can accomplish that.

So I think that's something that will happen this spring or early this fall. So I look forward to taking more work with all of my colleagues. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Peterson. Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Again, in my opening comments, I talked about the federal government and its policy on proactive disclosure. That they make public, on a regular basis, the hospitality and travel expenses of senior federal public servants. I am just wondering if the Premier would commit to tabling that information in the House on Senior Government of Nunavut Public Servants that fall under the Senior Personnel Secretariat. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Mr. Minister.

**Hon. Paul Okalik:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am more than willing to review the suggestion and see how we can accomplish it. So I can review it and see what we can do about it. So give me a shout in April and I will come out with a suggestion perhaps that will be acceptable to members. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We all know the information about our salaries that are tabled here in the House every year, but those of the Senior Public Servants are not.

I know the Ontario Government has a Salary Disclosure Law with names and the exact re-numeration of all of the public servants that were paid more than \$100,000 a year and it's published annually.

I am just wondering if the Premier would look at doing something similar here in Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Mr. Minister.

**Hon. Paul Okalik:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The member suggests that there be an Act and then I am open to it. I am not opposed to it. I would like to see if there's strong consensus, then we could review such legislation here in Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate the minister's response. I am sure that we have consensus from at least ten members here that would like to see that information.

My next question; I am just wondering if the Government of Nunavut would voluntarily disclose how much it paid in performance bonuses for 2003/04 and 2004/05 or would the Members of the Legislative Assembly have to submit more written questions to get this information publicly revealed? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Mr. Premier.

**Hon. Paul Okalik:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We can provide the amounts that were paid out in bonuses and disclose them. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I know that the Minister of Energy and the Auditor General pointed out some facts of the exorbitant performance bonuses that were paid out at the Power Corporation to the select few people that could get away with it; I guess anywhere from 15 to 25 percent or 30 percent.

I know that within the rest of the civil services there are performance bonuses and it's based on a much lower amount.

I am just wondering if the people that are running the departments; when they are evaluating for the performance bonuses, if the department overspends the budget for what they have allowed for, does that affect what the performance bonus would be? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Mr. Premier.

**Hon. Paul Okalik:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Each case is different. In cases like health where there's an emergency in health there's no way of stopping overspending in some cases, we don't want anybody to die.

So, in those cases, we have to judge accordingly. Yes; it forms part of my decisions when I am determining bonuses. At the same time, I don't want to put anyone at risk. So I will continue to make sure that that forms a large part of the bonus reviews, but that's not the sole factor. After each situation where circumstances may dictate that a particular department may have to go over what was budgeted for in any given year. So each case is different. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Mr. Tootoo.



**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This question is more following up on a question I asked earlier during the sitting to the minister, and it was in regards to providing members with the official ministerial travel and other information that was tabled here in the House before. The minister committed to providing that information to the House.

I am just wondering if that's something that he would consider doing voluntarily on an annual or bi-annual basis, so that we don't have to always ask questions to get information out there, that it's more voluntarily disclosed. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Mr. Premier.

**Hon. Paul Okalik:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I could probably provide it on an annual basis. Bi-annual would require additional resources. So annually would be a lot more doable than bi-annually. So I am more than willing to provide this on an annual basis. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Mr. Peterson.

**Mr. Peterson:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My question is related page B-9 of the Business Plan for the department. I have a question on there's a blurb here called a deputy minister's subcommittee will coordinate the cost of the department's land management issues arising as a result of economic development proposals.

I am wondering if the minister could explain what that subcommittee does in terms of helping issues arising from land management in the Kitikmeot. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Peterson. Mr. Premier.

**Hon. Paul Okalik** (interpretation): I apologize. Can you indicate what page you are at? We are looking at B-9 and it doesn't seem to be there.

**Chairman:** Mr. Peterson, could you direct the minister to where you are. Thank you.

**Mr. Peterson:** I have B-9, the second bullet from the top here. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Do you get it now, Premier?

**Hon. Paul Okalik** (interpretation): As government we have to try and treat everybody the same and we want to support the mining industry. So we also want to treat them the same and we don't want to slow them down. So, that was why that Committee was set up. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Mr. Peterson.

**Mr. Peterson:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Perhaps the minister could explain who sits on the deputy minister's sub-committee and who chairs it? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Premier.

**Hon. Paul Okalik** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There are deputy ministers from Environment, Economic Development, and Justice. Thank you.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Mr. Peterson.

**Mr. Peterson:** Thank you, minister for that response and the minister could explain to me how they work together with their mandate is in terms of arriving at a decision. Who takes the lead role in sorting out the land management issues and then advising the ministers? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Peterson. Mr. Minister.

**Hon. Paul Okalik:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It depends we work whenever a proposal comes forward to our government to for us to have a role. We want to make sure that is coordinated so it depends on any given situation. We want to come out with a coordinated approach so that's why we set this up. So, I'm neglected to make some Department of Community and Government Services also a part of this Committee.

So, each situation varies but at the same time we do not want to hamper developments to take place so that's why we formed this committee to try and facilitate our regulatory roles as government. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Premier. Mr. Peterson.

**Mr. Peterson:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, minister for that response. So, we did run into some conflicts last summer as the minister well knows what the two departments on the hearings, Cambridge Bay public hearings for the Nunavut Impact Review Board with Miramar and it caused a lot of problems locally people didn't know who's taking the lead role.

I believe the minister said that Economic Development or the Department of Environment would take the lead role on behalf of the government. I have been in contact with Miramar Mining and they advised recently that they're proceeding quite well. They are going to request a part five public hearing with NIRB.

I hope that the problems that we had last summer are sorted out so that when we get these public hearings that we are very clear on which government department is taking lead and which ones we should be supporting helping the mining company.

I believe that's the reason that the Department of Sustainable Development was split last year so that the Environment would be taking the environmental side, protecting the

environment, and the Department of Economic Development and Transportation would be supporting and helping the mining companies and so there is some clarity.

I hope that this subcommittee will be able to report to the two ministers and support the Kitikmeot, and the other regions as a go forward. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That's more of a comment.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Peterson. We are on B6. Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs. Branch summary. Communications and policy and planning and evaluation. Total operations and maintenance. \$2,258,000. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm going to ask this question under Policy and Planning and Evaluation, it does kind of tie into the next stage as statistics too. It's just a branch of the department that is supposed to be carrying out the evaluation end of things on behalf of the government.

I'm just wondering how many positions, out of those ones that they have there, are filled right now. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Mr. Premier.

**Hon. Paul Okalik:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. From what I understand in the Evaluation section, there is one so far and advertising for our Director at this point. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. So is one of those people a local long term resident, or is it someone that was brought in from outside. How many vacant positions are there? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Mr. Minister.

**Hon. Paul Okalik:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There are positions for Evaluations and one is filled so far by a local Inuk. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That's good to hear. I wish the department luck in filling those other positions locally with Inuit.

One of the other areas that I talked about and I know the Premier is quite aware is something that I've talked about for a number of years now, and I still can't stress enough the value in doing it for the government and for this assembly, for providing vital information on assessing what we're doing and that's in the area of Performance Measurement.

I'm just wondering what areas of government activity the government sees as being priority areas to be looked at first for Performance Measurement. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Mr. Premier.

**Hon. Paul Okalik**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. To date we've done it by invitation from any given department. Once we get it staffed up, I'm sure we'll be in a better capacity to evaluate additional programs that we have. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Premier. Are you done? Thank you, Mr. Tootoo.

Branch Summary. Communications. Policy, Planning and Evaluation. Total. Operations and Maintenance. \$2,258,000. Do you agree?

**Some Members**: Agreed.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you. Onto B-7. Mr. Curley.

**Mr. Curley** (interpretation): I wanted to ask a question on the other page.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs. Branch Summary. Statistical Service. Total. Operations and Maintenance \$453,000. Do you agree?

**Some Members**: Agreed.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you. Onto B-8. Mr. Curley.

**Mr. Curley** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I believe the Premier was having a meeting with the Minister of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development to discuss various issues and I think we know that there is approximately \$600,000 in all the line items that he's identified.

I don't believe the Premier had an opportunity to talk to the people about what they discussed at that time on behalf of the people of Nunavut. Can the Premier give us a brief outline of what Andy Scott thought, and for exactly what purpose he came up here to Nunavut for. Thank you.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Premier.

**Hon. Paul Okalik** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The minister is directed by the Prime Minister to identify the needs of Nunavut and what we can do as a government to work together. There is Nunavut, the Yukon and the Northwest Territories. We have had opportunities to meet together to talk about the needs of Nunavummiut; this is the reason why he came here. He also went to Cambridge Bay and Yellowknife.

We had brief meetings. I had a brief meeting with him to give him an overview of what we are trying to do as a territory and how we can progress. There was the issue of housing that's an ongoing concern of this government, and especially Inuit housing. As you know, there are aboriginal peoples in Canada who have access to housing funds.

I tried to tell him that we could benefit from getting monies from this pot of money and he stated that he would meet with the Minister responsible for Housing and discuss what they can do so that they might help us up here. We are going to keep discussing this as long as it's an ongoing concern.

We are progressing and I have told him exactly what we have been doing up here. We will be available to meet with him again in the beginning of December and we are also planning for those meetings. Again, all the agreements are going to have an affect on Nunavummiut.

We want to be a part and to cooperate. I told him that the issue of fishing is a major concern and I also told him that we should get our fair share quota for deep sea fishing. In regards to an agreement, and especially about Article 23, what can we do as a government to be a part of those discussions and also to increase Inuit employment within our government; we wanted to see what we can do further as a government.

This is just a brief outline of the discussions that took place between me and the minister. It seems like we've got a better working relationship because quite a few years ago they were not even listening to us. It seemed like he was more than willing to help us out. Thank you.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Curley.

**Mr. Curley** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to thank the Premier and I would also like to remind him that when we meet with other jurisdictions, I would like him, as long as he has an opportunity, to inform the public out there; there would be more support shown, especially in this house, to lobby the government we can table a motion. We were able to make a motion on the dog slaughter and I'm sure that if we work together and if we make announcements to the public that we could get more support.

At times, we need to get an update because of course, as Members of the Assembly, not all of us can meet with the Minister of the Department Indian and Northern Affairs Canada. I have heard that there is going to be \$5 million through the lobbying of Inuit

Tapiriit Kanatami and Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated. We are opposed to this and what was his response? Thank you.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Premier.

**Hon. Paul Okalik** (interpretation): Well, I told him that we should just go ahead. Of course, as Inuit they don't even think about us. I don't know what the amount would be, but they are their own government and because like myself, I don't want to be told by other jurisdictions what to do.

As Inuit, we are waiting and there are other aboriginal people who are getting all of those benefits and dollars and we want to be treated the same as Inuit. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Mr. Curley.

**Mr. Curley** (interpretation): Thank you. I heard the Premier say that Andy Scott was more receptive and he also went to Cambridge Bay. The Premier stated he was more open and more receptive.

So can you anticipate a better working relationship or a better cooperation between our government and the federal government? And if so, I think it should not be hard to get Nunavut more self-reliant and we need development to get us going. Could you elaborate on that further? Thank you.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Mr. Minister.

**Hon. Paul Okalik** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. These ministers have gone up here, and for quite some time, the federal government representatives were not very receptive with meeting the needs of our government, but he stated that he would be willing to review and to take into consideration, and he was more than willing to work together with us. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Are you done? Thank you, Premier. Thank you, Mr. Curley. (interpretation ends) Mr. Peterson.

**Mr. Peterson:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the minister for those comments to my colleague.

I just want to follow-up on those comments a little bit as the Minister Scott was in Cambridge Bay last weekend and one of the big issues we have had in our region for many, many years is lack of a federal government presence with respect to the Department of Indian and Northern Development and we raised it again with the minister.

I mentioned a story I read in the newspaper from last November where the acting regional director for Department of Indian and Northern Development said that there were going to be some more positions placed in the Kitikmeot at some point in time, and I am wondering, Mr. Chairman, if the Premier has had a chance to have discussions with the federal minister to put more federal positions into places like the Kitikmeot.

We are part of Nunavut, but it seems like we have to come to Iqaluit where we have to be the federal government, and yet I hear there are anywhere between 400 and 500 federal government positions here, and outside the RCMP I think we only have one Department of Indian and Northern Development official in the Kitikmeot and that's based in Kugluktuk.

So with the increasing activity over in the Kitikmeot with mining and other resource management, we think that the time is right to start thinking about moving some Department of Indian and Northern Development positions to the Kitikmeot, and I wonder if the Premier has had a chance to talk to the minister about that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Peterson. Mr. Minister.

**Hon. Paul Okalik:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The only discussion I have in relation to mining is that I don't want federal bureaucrats running our mining sector. I want our government to run that department. So that has been the focus of my intention is trying to push along devolution.

So that will continue to be my message that I don't want Department of Indian and Northern Development running the mining sector.

So that's only discussions that I have had with the minister in this area; that our focus is on devolution and devolving this authority to our government so that we can run it ourselves. In that context that has been the only real discussion on trying to get presence in terms of the mining sector.

In terms of other presence I have mentioned to various ministers and said; 'Look, we don't have federal presence in Nunavut period. In terms of the military; we have one Captain and we could sure use some search and rescue capacity that is provided for elsewhere in the country.' So I have been pressing the issue of federal presence throughout Nunavut in that context. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Premier. Mr. Peterson.

**Mr. Peterson:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the Premier for those comments. I agree with the Premier with respect to Department of Indian and Northern Development, we don't want them running our show for us up here. The problems over the years in getting approvals out of Ottawa, more recently in the last few months, it's evident that we have to move a lot of decision making from Ottawa to Nunavut.

In the meantime, I know it is going to take a while, we have to deal with Department of Indian and Northern Development officials, and most of them are based here in Iqaluit or Ottawa, in the continuing effort to streamline the process to speed up the paperwork.

We feel that we need a presence in the Kitikmeot for some of these officials because it's just too difficult for us to commute over here to meet with their officials or commute to Ottawa. It's extremely difficult and I feel that we should have a presence in recognition of the tremendous mineral potential that we have in the Kitikmeot.

On the other comments that the Premier made about more federal presence in all areas in Nunavut, I am aware of an organization or a committee called Nunavut Federal Council made up of a lot of the federal government departments; it could be 25 or 30 of them.

I am not sure what their rule or mandate is up here, but they travel around once per year to some part of Nunavut and meet on different initiatives or ideas. I talked to local people and I never seem to see any results that come out of those Nunavut Federal Council meetings. I am sure that they report to their deputy ministers and their ministers in Ottawa.

I am wondering if the Premier could shed some light on what the Nunavut Federal Council's role is in terms of helping us access federal programs and services here in all of Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Peterson. Mr. Minister.

**Hon. Paul Okalik:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The problem that we have is that it's a Federal Council, so we don't have all the information and we don't seem to know what they really do. So we sometimes get invited to them to present, but other than that that's a federal institution that we have no way of controlling. So I am at a loss, like the member, of what really takes place. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Mr. Peterson.

**Mr. Peterson:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the Premier for the candid comments. I am at a loss, but I have heard of stories where ministers have been invited to attend the Nunavut Federal Council meetings and it seems odd that the ministers of our government or senior officials have to appear before the Nunavut Federal Council. It makes you wonder who is reporting to whom up here.

Nunavut is run by elected officials such as ourselves, and the people of Nunavut look to us for leadership and guidance. So we should be having those folks come and meet with us when we have meetings.

I would surely like to know what the role of the Nunavut Federal Council and if the Premier and his officials can at some point, maybe for our next sitting in April, if they



could gather some information and just explain to us, as members in the House, what the role is of this Council is, how they benefit us as elected officials, and how they benefit all Nunavummiut. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Mr. Premier.

**Hon. Paul Okalik:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do not recall any Minister appearing before this council. Maybe one of our officials have been invited to explain their housing situation in the past but other than that I don't have any information to enlighten the members on anything else other than that. We will try and request information and see what they've been doing and where they plan to go. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman (interpretation):** Thank you. Mr. Peterson. Are you finished? Thank you, Mr. Peterson. We're on page B-8. Mr. Curley.

**Mr. Curley:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes I had one more question with respect to the cabinet. We're not 100 percent sure whether the cabinet Ministers are required to live in Iqaluit or whether they're commuting and whether the policy was announced is flexible or not and if so, what kind of travel return home policy do you allow the Ministers to enjoy. Thank you.

**Chairman (interpretation):** Thank you. Mr. Minister.

**Hon. Paul Okalik:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It's flexible. Each Minister decides whether they can live here depending on the work load. I left it flexible and we provide assistance in terms of accommodations to our Ministers because that this their role to take part in our government and in particular, when we're in session, yes, they have to be here.

So, that's their job is to account for this house. The only real factor that prevents it sometimes from taking part in the legislature is FPT's that are crucial to Nunavut on any given day. That's the main factor that prevents us sometimes from taking part. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman (interpretation):** Thank you. Are you finished? Thank you. Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, Branch Summary. Nunavut's Cabinet. Total operations and maintenance, \$3.915 million. Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I just have one question here. I know, as I mentioned earlier, as all members are aware, all the benefits and everything that the members of the Legislative Assembly are tabled annually in the house and are required by law to be tabled annually in the house. I know that cabinet Ministers receive additional benefits on top of those that get through the Legislative Assembly.

I'm just wondering if the Minister would be willing to commit to tabling what those additional benefits are for cabinet members that they get in their capacity as a cabinet Minister through the department because all of our regular member information is put out

there and it's only part of the executive council members' information that is put out there. Just to bring more clarity and openness to it, I just wondered if he would be willing to table that information on a regular basis. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you. Premier Okalik.

**Hon. Paul Okalik:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. All of our salaries as well are disclosed along with our colleagues. Mine is public. What else are we supposed to provide? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I know, aside from probably yourself and Mr. Picco, ministers get a housing allowance, removal costs, so many trips, they're allowed to go back to their home community if they have relocate here to fulfill their duties as the Minister. Those are the types of things that I'm looking at. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Premier Okalik.

**Hon. Paul Okalik:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I could do that further and see what we can do. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Are you finished? Thank you. Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs Branch Summary. Nunavut Cabinet. Total operations and maintenance, \$3,915,000. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairperson:** Thank you. Executive B-9. Executive and... Mr. Curley.

**Mr. Curley:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There was one question in the house that the term of the commissioner will be expiring at the end of this month.

So, I think by convention I know that mostly the Federal Minister normally seeks advice of the Premier, the Executive Council and it even use be whole caucus when I was in the earlier legislature.

So, in your view, the Federal Minister indicate whether or not there will be change and it is becoming rather short notice whether or not someone should pack and go and get to go home on 31<sup>st</sup> of this month for our current commissioner. Thank you.

**Chairperson:** Thank you. Mr. Premier.

**Hon. Paul Okalik:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I know in the first government the Minister of Indian Affairs wrote to us for recommendation but in this instance that has

not occurred. It is a Federal appointment and I have not received any correspondence requesting the recommendation so far so, I await the decision of the Federal Government on this matter. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Curley.

**Mr. Curley:** Thank you. Yes, I understand it is a Federal matter by convention you know the Indian Affairs normally seeks some advice and so on. Regardless of whether or not he will ask, as the Premier have you recommended anyone? Or any change to that effect? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson:** Thank you. Mr. Premier.

**Hon. Paul Okalik:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have spoken with the Minister and have asked what is going to take place so, so far I'm waiting for an appointment. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you. Is that it? Thank you. B9. Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs. Branch summary. Commissioner of Nunavut. Total operations and maintenance. \$196,000. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairperson:** Thank you. B10. The executive and intergovernmental affairs. Branch summary. Intergovernmental Affairs. Total operations maintenance. \$958,000. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairperson:** Thank you. Executive and intergovernmental affairs, branch summary on B11. Aboriginal and circumpolar affairs. Total operations and maintenance. \$629,000. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairperson:** Thank you. Going back to B14. I'm sorry. B4. Executive and intergovernmental affairs. Department summary. Details and expenditures. Total operations and maintenance. \$10,069,000. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairperson:** Thank you. Wow. I believe, are we agreed executive and intergovernmental affairs is concluded?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairperson:** Thank you. If you have any closing remarks. Mr. Premier.

**Hon. Paul Okalik** (interpretation): Yes, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank all my colleagues for passing the main estimates for our departments and I'm sure that we have a lot work ahead of us and I thank all my officials and have a safe trip home and have a good rest.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Premier.

>>*Committee recessed at 16:34 and resumed at 16:49*

**Chairman** (interpretation): We are now on the Office of the Legislative Assembly. Mr. Speaker, do you have any opening remarks.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Yes I do.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Go ahead, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It's a pleasure for me to appear before the Committee of the Whole today to present the 2005-2006 Main Estimates and Business Plan for the Office of the Legislative Assembly.

The 2005-2006 budget is the seventh budget since Nunavut came into existence. In 1999-2000, our very first set of main estimates budgeted a total of \$13,151,000 for the Legislative Assembly.

Seven years later, our 2005-2006 main estimates project total expenditures of \$13,262,000. This is an increase of less than one percent since our first year of operation.

Although the budgets of most Government of Nunavut departments have increased substantially since 1999, I am pleased that we have been able to contain expenditures.

Mr. Chairman, I would like to take a moment to highlight some of our expenditure priorities for 2005-2006.

As members will recall from the Arviat Full Caucus Retreat, we have committed to establishing an Electoral Boundaries Commission in 2006. Preliminary funding for this body has been built into our 2005-2006 budget, although I anticipate that the majority of the Commission's work will be accomplished in 2006-2007.

Other priority areas for 2005-2006 include:

- Continuing to expand, display and safeguard for future generations our extensive collection of Nunavut artwork;
- Refurbishing the Assembly's committee rooms;
- Enhancing the functionality of our audio-visual equipment; and

- Developing a new series of public information materials and brochures to inform Nunavummiut and visitors of the work of the Assembly.

It should be noted as well that we have been able to provide relatively high levels of Inuit employment in keeping with our obligations to the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement and in providing support to elected members in their language of preference. At present, our Inuit employment level is approximately 50 percent.

In addition, the Office of the Clerk has been dedicated to training and development opportunities for beneficiaries in the workplace. Currently, four positions are targeted for trainee opportunities with two positions finished or in the final stages of being successfully integrated into the office environment.

That concludes my opening remarks, Mr. Chairman. I would like to thank members for their support, and I welcome your comments and suggestions. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Do you have any officials that you would like to bring here?

**Speaker** (interpretation): Yes.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Would you like them to go to the witness table.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Yes.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Mr. Speaker, if you could introduce your officials for the record.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Mr. Chairman, on my right is John Quirke, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, and on my left Mr. Steve Pollock, Corporate Affairs.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you. Welcome Mr. Pollock, and Mr. Quirke. Are there any comments from the members? No. There are no comments from the members.

Office of the Legislative Assembly, Branch Summary. \$6,345,000. Mr. Picco.

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Speaker's office represents all members whether they are in Cabinet or in the Regular Caucus.

I have just a quick comment first of all. The role of the Speaker in the Legislative Assembly is to serve all members and I just wanted to make a couple of comments and just one quick question. First of all, I would like to thank the Speaker. I think the Speaker has done an excellent job for all members. He's been fair and he's done an excellent job outside and inside the Legislative Assembly itself.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Quirke. I think it's exceptional and I think the members just saw it in the budget. The Legislative Assembly's budget has only increased one percent since 1999 and when you look at the rate of inflation and so on, I think Mr. Quirke, the Clerk and his staff should be commended for their money management skills and I meant that in all sincerity and honesty.

I just have one question and it concerns the Electoral Boundaries Commission. I would suggest to you because the population has increased and so on, the Electoral Boundaries Commission may be in a position where they'll actually increase the number of members.

The building that we're in right now was actually supposed to be a government office building. We did not receive the federal incremental funding for a new Legislative Assembly Building. NCC, through the good work that they did through their former CEO and President, who may be still around, here did an excellent job in having this building renovated and fixed to be an Assembly. That's one of the reasons why the library is on the third floor. Most libraries are on the bottom floor because of heaviness and weight.

Given those conditions and so on, I'm wondering if the Speaker or the clerk could inform us if we've moved any steps further to see what will be the implications, based on the Electoral Boundaries Commission results, and the size of this current building and plans, for looking at another facility. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you. There has been an increase of only one percent and all the departments should learn from the Legislative Assembly's budget. If there are no more comments. Mr. Curley.

**Mr. Curley** (interpretation): I would also like to congratulate the Office of the Legislative Assembly because John Quirke always welcomes all of the members, and our research staff, as well, are very receptive to us and even Mr. Pollock, that as ordinary members, we use a lot of support from them. I would like to thank the staff and the Speaker. What I wanted to do is I wrote a letter saying that I would like to have a better coffee area; that's the only complaint that I have. Thank you.

**Chairman**: Thank you, Mr. Curley. Are there any more comments from the members; questions; nothing? Legislative Assembly. Office of the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly. Total. Operations and Maintenance. Mr. Picco had some comments. \$6,345,000. Do you agree?

**Some Members**: Agreed.

**Chairman**: Thank you. Mr. Picco.

**Hon. Ed Picco**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Very quickly, I am wondering if the Speaker or the Clerk's Office could answer my earlier question when I asked that are we moving forward any type of logistic or administrative plans for the contingencies based on the

Electoral Boundaries Commission and the issue with the possible redundancy of this facility. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): We have to look at that. That's all I can say at this time.

**Chairman:** Mr. Picco, if you can wait. Any more questions? Mr. Picco.

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am wondering if there has been any administrative or logistic work done or would it be coming up in this fiscal year for those contingencies that we have just talked about. That's in regards to the possible redundancy of the current facility based on those expectations from not only the Electoral Boundaries Commissioner, but the staffing size of the current building. And if that is the case because of the land acquisition issues, have they looked at okaying or looking at securing a site for such a facility? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): I will let the Clerk respond to that.

**Chairman:** Mr. Quirke.

**Clerk:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The answers to the questions raised by the Honourable Member is yes. The administrative work has been done and everything in terms of what if, the Boundaries Commission does, in fact, increase the number of members in this Assembly, to a possible identification of land. All of that work has been done.

Bear in mind, too, that we don't know what the outcome of the Boundaries Commission's Report will be and bear in mind, too, that we are looking at the fact that this facility has about 15 plus more years to go in terms of its lease.

So all of those things are being considered as different forms of options; remain in the building; we may be doing some modifications of the building, look at new facilities, and do modifications to the building, look at new facilities, and look at potential sites.

I think it's prudent that the Assembly is asking in the direction that we should look towards the future and it's a matter of seeing exactly what does transpire when the first Boundaries Commissioner Report comes out because that could accelerate the process. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Any more questions, Mr. Picco?

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Mr. Chairman, no thank you; that answers my question. I just want to ensure that indeed, there was a plan in place and I understand that the life expectancy of this building has several years to go. So it is prudent to be able to try to plan for the future

and be proactive. So, again, kudos to the Speaker and his staff. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you. That was just a comment. Mr. Alagalak.

**Mr. Alagalak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The original question that I wanted to ask was: during the First Assembly, they would go to different communities to have sessions; I wonder if this is still being considered for the future. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): If you wish to hold a session outside of Iqaluit, all of the members have to take a vote; first we take suggestions of communities, and then it's up to the members; they take a vote and specify which community they would go to.

**Chairman:** Mr. Alagalak.

**Mr. Alagalak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think it would be better if we went to a more central place rather than meeting mostly in the east. What was the cost that time? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): I'll let John respond to that.

**Chairman:** Mr. Quirke.

**Mr. Clerk:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The cost of holding the session outside of Iqaluit, when we had four of them are incremental costs or additional costs above our standard cost, was just under \$1 million in total for all four and that does not include the cost of administration from the government departments; their costs were separate, but the Assembly's cost indirectly was just under \$1 million. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Mr. Alagalak.

**Mr. Alagalak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. How about looking at it; was there an improvement like the way we meet; were there discrepancies or problems meeting in other communities?

**Chairman** (interpretation): Mr. Clerk.

**Mr. Clerk:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Any move, no matter which move we did when we first went to Rankin Inlet, and then to Cambridge Bay and then to Pangnirtung, and then to Baker Lake, we always had the same challenges.



It was the logistical move of all our equipment, in particular our recording equipment for Hansard, and the ability to get it from A to B. When we went into Pangnirtung for example, we had three charters. When we went to Cambridge Bay we basically filled up an entire 737 with our cargo. So those are the types of challenges we faced.

It was no different in Baker Lake. The charters were hard to predict, the logistics of moving the equipment, and the set up of the facility, and they have all been in the high schools, they would normally take us three to four days to set up. Although, I must admit once we finished it takes us one day to finish, to knock everything down.

And then the other challenge has always been in the accommodation on office space, but all in all they are basically the four main challenges that we always faced, no matter how many times we went, we always had those four challenges. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Mr. Alagalak.

**Mr. Alagalak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I believe we are on A-6. I think we finished A-5. I have a question.

During our Standing Committee meetings, the members from different communities; some members' communities are quite far, and yet at the same time, their budget is almost the same, even with the members from Iqaluit.

I wonder if it has ever been considered to try it, especially when we have to bring in stuff and we have to pay for half of it we also have to pay our Constituency Assistants or even the Pages of the Assembly or the Sergeant-at-Arms. I think our budget is just right. Maybe it should be looked at the way they are used or spent or the distances and accordingly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): I'll let the clerk answer that.

**Chairman:** Mr. Quirke.

**Mr. Clerk:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The member's budgets, the constituency budgets, the constituency salary budgets, the other programs such as the Page's Program, Sergeant-at-arms' Programs are reflective of the made in Nunavut approach two years into the life of the Legislative Assembly.

Having said that, it's been now 3 years plus since we have reviewed the criteria that established those budgets. We have agreed that all those budgets programs that we offer to members would be reviewed by staff and we'd send it to the Management Services Board to allow for any changes wherever necessary. So all of those programs are being reviewed. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you. Are you done? Thank you, Mr. Alagalak. Mr. Curley.

**Mr. Curley** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In regards to the Page Program, I've asked about this before. I wonder if the Speaker can support us.

When the pages are going to Iqaluit from our communities, we were asked that we have to pay for them ourselves. That is why I've never brought anyone from Rankin Inlet because I use my budget for travel because if we bring in Pages from our community, we have to pay them but we were told we pay up to 50 percent.

I wonder if this program can be set separately so that those young people will have an opportunity to learn and more people would be able to come to our meetings. So, that's my request, Mr. Speaker.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): I'll let the Clerk respond to that.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Mr. Quirke.

**Mr. Quirke**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Part of the review, as I had mentioned to the member from Arviat, the Pages Program is part of that review.

I am very confident that that particular program that the Management Services Board will actually make a decision on that program by the end of April because that program itself has been a work in progress and the briefing note, discussion paper on that particular item is just about complete and members of the Management Services Board will get an advance copy of it in the next week or two.

I'm certain that a decision on that particular program would be made by the end of April. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you. Are you done? We're on Office of Legislative Assembly. Total. Operations and Maintenance, \$6,345,000. Do you agree?

**Some Members**: Agreed.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you. Office of the Legislative Assembly. Branch Summary. A-6. Expenditures on behalf of Members. Total. Operations and Maintenance. \$5,147,000. Do you agree?

**Some Members**: Agreed.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you. Page A-7. Office of the Speaker. Total. Operations and Maintenance, \$210,000. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you. Page A-8. Office of the Legislative Assembly, Branch Summary. Office of the Chief Electoral Officer. Total. Operations and Maintenance. \$750,000. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman** (interpretation): A-9, Office of the Legislative Assembly. Branch Summary. Office of the Independent Commissioners. Total. Operations and Maintenance. \$690,000. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you. Back to A-4, Office of the Legislative Assembly. Department Summary. Detail of Expenditures. Total. Operations and Maintenance. \$13,142,000. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you. Do we agree that the Legislative Assembly is concluded. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker and your officials. Do you have any closing comments?

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you for supporting us.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for being a good Speaker.

>>*Applause*

**Chairman** (interpretation): We are going to X-1. Summary of amounts to be voted. Summary of Operations and Maintenance. Revised amounts of \$833,209,000. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Go to Bill 8. In your white binder is Bill 8. It looks like this.

We are on Bills 8. Appropriations. Operations and Maintenance Act, 2005-2006. Definitions. Clause 1. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Clause 2. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** We have a motion on Clause 3. Ms. Aglukkaq.

**Committee Motion 006 – 2(2): Bill 8, Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance)  
Act 2005/06 of the Schedule Be Amended**

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move that the schedule to the Bill be amended by striking out:

- a) \$16,278,000 in item 9, and by substituting it with \$16,128,000
- b) \$132,655 in item 10, and by substituting it with \$132,155,000
- c) \$833,859,000 wherever it appears and by substituting it \$833,209,000

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** The motion is in order. Are you agreed?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you. Clause 3. Motion. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Ms. Aglukkaq.

**Committee Motion 007 – 2(2): Bill 8, Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance)  
Act 2005/06 Subclause 3(2) Be Amended**

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move that sub-clause 3(2) of the Bill be amended by striking out \$833,859,000 and by substituting it with \$833,209,000. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** The motion is in order. Are you agreed?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Clause 4. Lapse of Appropriation. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Accounting. Clause 5. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Does the Committee agree to Bill 8 as amended?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you. Is the Committee agreed that Bill 8 is ready for Third Reading?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

>> *Applause*

**Chairman:** Thank you. Mr. Peterson.

**Mr. Peterson:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We wish to deal with the following Bills in this order: Bill 12, Bill 11, Bill 9, Bill 10, Bill 13, and then Bill 14. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Peterson. Does the Minister of Finance have any opening remarks? Please proceed Ms. Aglukkaq.

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am going to read my opening for all of the four bills at the same time.

I am pleased to appear before the Committee of the Whole to speak to four proposed bills; Bill 9, Bill 10, Bill 11, and Bill 12.

Bill 9 is the 2004/05 Supplementary Appropriation for Capital #3. This supplementary appropriation would provide funding of \$1.289 million for the increased cost of the Kivalliq Health Centre, \$255,000 for tenant improvements at the Igloodik Research Centre, and \$490,000 for the purchase of three properties in Gjoa Haven for staff housing.

Bill 10 is the 2004/05 Supplementary Appropriation for Operations and Maintenance #3. This appropriation would provide funding of \$22 million to the Qulliq Energy Corporation to meet their current revenue requirements and funding of \$1.1 million to address a deficit balance in the Petroleum Products Stabilization Fund in excess of its legislative minutes.

Bill 11, the Loans Authorization Act for 2005/06. The purpose of the Loans Authorization Act is to authorize the Government of Nunavut to make loans to municipalities for land development and community infrastructures' priorities. This would benefit municipalities, which may not have the ability to borrow from commercial lenders.

The upper loan limit request is \$1 million and loans would be based on application and review by a Debenture Committee comprised of the Departments Community and Government Services and Finance.

Bill 12, the Write-off of Assets and Debts Act. The Financial Administration Act requires that all write-offs that individually exceed \$20,000 be written off through a Write-off of Assets and Debts Act. There are two components to this Bill.

1. The first component pertains to the write down of inventory for the Nunavut Development Corporation as part of its retail and wholesale operations. The corporation has reduced prices periodically to solve slow moving items. For accounting purposes, this reduction in price is reflected in the value of inventory of \$55,931 for fiscal year 2004/05.
2. The second component pertains to the write-off of debts that can't reasonably be collected; every effort must be made to collect the amounts owing before debt is written off. The total amounts being written off is \$189,880.16 for accounts owing to the Government of Nunavut.

Mr. Chairman, I would be pleased to answer questions from the Committee Members pertaining to Bills 9, 10, 11, and 12. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Ms. Aglukkaq. Does the Chair of the Standing Committee have any comments? Mr. Peterson.

**Mr. Peterson:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have comments on Bill 12. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman, the Standing Committee on Government Operations and Accountability has had the opportunity to review Bill 12, Write-off of Assets and Debts Act, 2004/05.

Mr. Chairman, the Standing Committee had no objections to the proposed legislation and recommends the passage of Bill 12 to all members. Individual members may raise their own comments and questions as we proceed.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Peterson. Ms. Minister, do you have any witnesses you would like to bring to the table? Thank you. Please bring one of them over.

Thank you. Could you please introduce your witnesses, Ms. Minister?

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. To my right is Bob Vardy, the Deputy Minister for Finance and to my left is Paul Suvega, the Assistant Deputy Minister of Finance. Thank you.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Welcome Mr. Vardy and Mr. Suvega. (interpretation ends) Before we proceed, I would like to remind the members of the following: the rule 77(1) you have 10-minutes to speak, but according to rule 77(2) subject to my discretion each member may speak more than once to a matter under discussion, but not until every member wishing to speak has spoken.

Are there any general comments? Mr. Curley.

**Mr. Curley** (interpretation): Thank you. I would like to make a comment to Bill 11 and the main reason why I wanted to make a...

**Chairman** (interpretation): Wait, just a minute, Mr. Curley, (interpretation ends) we are dealing with Bill 12 right now. (interpretation) When we go to Bill 11 you can make your comment. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Thank you. (interpretation) We are dealing with Bill 12 at this point. Are there any general comments about Bill 12? (interpretation ends) Nothing. (interpretation ends) What's the wish of the committee? We are going to go clause-by-clause?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Agreed to. (interpretation) We are going to deal with Bill 12. (interpretation ends): Write-off of Assets and Debts Act, 2004/05. Go to the next page. Schedule Part I. Assets Written-off. Retail Arts and Crafts Inventory. Total of \$55,931, do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Part II. Debts Written-off. Total of \$189,880.16, do you Agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Go to Write-off of Assets, Clause 1, do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Clause 2, do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Does the committee agree to Bill 12 as a whole?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Is the committee agreed that Bill 12 is ready for third reading?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Thank you. We will do Bill 11 and I understand Mr. Curley has comments on that. Mr. Curley you have 10 minutes.

**Mr. Curley** (interpretation): I am not going to take 10 minutes because we want to go home.

**Chairman:** Mr. Curley, I am getting ahead of everybody here. (interpretation) We will go with the chairs opening comments first of all. You can make your comment afterwards. (interpretation ends) I apologize, Mr. Peterson.

**Mr. Peterson:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will try not to take 10-minutes either.

Mr. Chairman, the standing committee on Government Operations and Accountability has had the opportunity to review Bill 11, Loan Authorization Act, 2005/06.

During the First Legislative Assembly, some of the bills were introduced for the fiscal years 1999 – 2000, 2000/01, 2001/02, and 2002/03.

Mr. Chairman, the Standing Committee had no objection to the principle of the Bill, which is to allow the Government of Nunavut to make loans to municipalities. Chairman, the minister has appeared before the committee. Members were pleased to secure a commitment on a part of the minister to review the issue of interest rates, charge in relation of loans made under the Act.

Members will note that the detail pursuit is in the government's Financial Administration Manual; covering loans to municipalities have not substantially updated since 1996. Members would wish to be kept informed on an ongoing basis of loans made under the authority of the legislation.

Mr. Chairman, the Standing Committee recommends the passage of Bill 11 to all members. Individual members may raise their own comments and questions as we proceed. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Peterson. General comments. Mr. Curley.

**Mr. Curley** (interpretation): For the record, I had mentioned it during our committee meeting.

I would first of all, like to thank the communities that this \$1 million loan will be available for all 26 communities, but I'm sure that not all communities will be accessing this amount. Most of it will very likely go to Iqaluit.



What I thought was, every year this Bill comes up on an annual basis and because of that it's usually the first year is the largest and then it keeps getting smaller every year. What I thought was that the communities don't have enough money for operations and maintenance first of all, so I would suggest that there is no interest at all.

When this Bill comes up again, I would like to make sure that the \$1 million loan can be accessed by the communities without any interest at all. Some communities have a very hard time repaying the loan when they use those funds for land development. I think that we should seriously consider making it an interest free loan and to increase the amount. Thank you.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Are there any other comments? I have no more names on my list. We will now proceed to go clause by clause of the review of Bill 11.

Bill 11, Loan Authorization Act 2005/06. Clause 1. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Clause 2. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Clause 3. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Clause 4. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Clause 5. Do you agree?

**Some members:** agreed.

**Chairman:** Clause 6. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Clause 7. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Clause 8. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Clause 9. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Clause 10. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you. Does the committee agree to Bill 11 as a whole?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you. Does the committee agree that Bill 11 is ready for Third Reading?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you. We'll then deal with Bill 9. Are there any comments from the chair? Madame Minister, do you have any comments to Bill 9.

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I included my comments on Bill 9 in my opening remarks. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you. We are doing Bill 9, Supplementary Appropriation Capital # 3, 2004/05. Page 4. We were asked to slow down by our Deputy Clerk, so we will slow down for her.

Page 4, we are doing. Health and Social Services Capital. Not previously authorized. Directorate. \$1,289,000. Total. Directorate. \$1,289,000. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you. Page 5. Environment Capital. Not previously authorized. Program Development. \$255,000. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Total Program Development, \$255,000. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Go to page 6. Nunavut Housing Corporation. Capital. Not previously authorized. Nunavut Housing Corporation. \$490,000. Total Nunavut Housing Corporation.

Just a minute.

**Chairman** (Evyagotailak): 2004/05 Supplementary Appropriation. Capital # 3. Mr. Netser.

**Mr. Netser** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to ask a question in regards to Nunavut Housing Corporation in regards to \$21,199,000. I was wondering what this is for. Thank you.

**Chairman**: Thank you, Mr. Netser. Madame Minister.

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The \$490,000 that is before us is to purchase two one-bedroom units, one two-bedroom unit and one three-bedroom unit. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman**: Thank you, Madame Minister. Mr. Netser.

**Mr. Netser**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Are these units owned by private individuals. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman**: Thank you, Mr. Netser. Madame Minister.

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. One is and two are owned by the bank Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you, Madame Minister. Mr. Netser.

**Mr. Netser** (interpretation): Thank you. I would like to ask, in Chesterfield Inlet that was repossessed by the bank. Would you be able to purchase these units? Thank you.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Netser. Madame Minister.

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. What will happen there is Nunavut Housing Corporation would be advised to do an expression of interest in those communities to look at the same option that we've considered for Gjoa Haven. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman**: Thank you, Madame Minister. Mr. Netser.

**Mr. Netser** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Then Nunavut Housing Corporation, who can approach them. Would Nunavut Housing Corporation approach you? Thank you.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Madame Minister.

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Based on the discussions that we had at the Standing Committee, I conveyed those similar types of questions to the appropriate minister.

The appropriate minister would be the Minister Responsible for Housing Corporation. That minister would be the person to go through the expression of interest to determine needs in those communities. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Madame Minister. Mr. Netser.

**Mr. Netser:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Could a particular person who resides in Chesterfield Inlet, I know he has been trying to sell his house for the last year, or so. If I gave him the names of the people and give him the name to your people, would you get in contact with him? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Netser. Madame Minister.

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The appropriate individual to contact would be the President of the Housing Corporation and we can provide that contact information to the member. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Madame Minister. Mr. Netser.

**Mr. Netser (interpretation):** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Every time teachers arrive, they end up having to rent or lease a building. If these units were purchased by the government then there would be more accommodations for the teachers that come into our community and it would alleviate the problem of having to look for other accommodations. I thank the Minister for reviewing that.

**Chairman:** Thank you for being able to ask the questions. If you can get back here.

**Chairman (Netser):** Thank you. We are on page 6. Nunavut Housing Corporation. Capital previously not authorized. Nunavut Housing Corporation. \$490,000. Total Nunavut Housing Corporation. \$490,000. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Go to page 3. Capital not previously authorized. Total Capital. \$2,034,000. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Thank you. To Bill 9 for Clause-by-Clause. Bill 9. Supplementary Appropriation Capital Act #3 2004/05. Clause 1. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Clause 2. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Clause 3. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Clause 4. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Clause 5. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Clause 3 was agreed to. (interpretation ends) How about Clause 1, Total Capital? \$2,034,000. Total Supplementary Appropriation. \$2,034,000, do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Do you agree with Clause 3?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Clause 4. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Clause 5. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Clause 6. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Clause 7. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Are you agreed to Bill 9 as a whole?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Are you agreed that Bill 9 is ready for Third Reading?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Bill 10. Supplementary Appropriation. Operations and Maintenance #3 2004/05. We are starting at page 4. Operations and Maintenance not previously authorized. Centrally Administered Funds. \$22 million. Total. Centrally Administered Funds. \$22 million. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Thank you. I am sorry. Total Department. \$22 million. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Page 5. Community and Government Services. Operations and Maintenance not previously authorized. Directorate. \$1.1 million. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Total Directorate. \$1.1 million. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Back to page 3. Operations and Maintenance not previously authorized. Total Operations and Maintenance. \$23,100,000. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** To Bill 10 for Clause-by-Clause. Bill 10. Supplementary Appropriation Operations and Maintenance Act #3 2004/05. Definitions. Clause 1. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Clause 2. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Clause 3. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Schedule vote 1. Operations and Maintenance. Total. Operations and Maintenance. \$23,100,000. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Total Supplementary Appropriation. \$23,100,000. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Back to Clause 3. Clause 3. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Clause 4. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Clause 5. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Clause 6. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** And Clause 7. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Are we agreed to Bill 10 as a whole?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Are we agreed that Bill 10 is ready for Third Reading?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Ms. Aglukkaq, do you have any more comments for the House?

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to take a minute to thank the finance staff for all their work that they have been doing to ensure that we remain on a firm financial footing and in preparation for this important Session. I am sure that we are all aware of the workload that this committee dealt with during the budget season.

I would also like to express my appreciation to all the Members of this Assembly who have put in long hours of preparation in order to ensure that proper scrutiny of Government of Nunavut expenditures take place in a public domain. We all know that even though this can seem like a stressful exercise, it's very important to all Members of this Assembly that each and every one of us represents his or her constituency to the very

best of our abilities. Budget reviews is a very important tool to ensure that we are accountable spend wisely when dealing with our limited resources and increasing needs.

Again, I wanted to thank all my colleagues in the House, Assembly staff and finance staff, and all those that make this Budget a success. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Aglukkaq and your officials for appearing before the Committee. We thank them.

(interpretation ends) Bill 13 and 14, Wills Act and Miscellaneous Act. I would like to ask the Minister responsible for Justice to make his opening remarks. Mr. Premier.

**Hon. Paul Okalik** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am pleased to appear before you to consider the proposed amendment to the Wills Act.

A will is a document that a person can make where they can say who shall look after their affairs after they have died. It can also say who shall receive the things the person owned at the time of death.

Nunavut has a law which is called the Wills Act. This law is very strict about how the will should be signed, who should be the witnesses when it's signed, and where they should sign it as witnesses.

Sometimes it seems quite obvious of what the person had in mind when the will was made, but if it's not signed and witnessed in the way that the law says it must be done, the will cannot be used or followed. The reason for these strict rules is to prevent dishonesty from happening.

One of the reasons why the government is seeking to make changes to the Wills Act is to allow the Court to state that a document is really the will of the person who has died, if the judge believes that's the case, even if some of those strict rules have not been completely followed.

Nunavutmiut are keenly interested in matters to wills and estates, and would like to know more about these subjects. The proposed amendments will make it a little easier for Nunavutmiut to attend to their affairs in that regard, including the use of Fill-in-the-Blanks type of wills, sometimes referred to as a Wills Kit.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Those are my comments. I will be pleased to respond to any questions that members of the committee may have. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Premier. Does the Chair of the Standing Committee have any opening remarks? Mr. Mapsalak.

**Mr. Mapsalak:** Mr. Chairman, the Standing Committee Ajauqtiit has had the opportunity to review Bill 13, an Act to amend the Wills Act.



Mr. Chairman, the Standing Committee understands that this Bill will make changes to some provisions of the Wills Act such as the form of a will, the signing and witnessing of a will, ways of writing a holograph will, the revocation of a will, and the formal requirements of writing a will.

The committee recommends a Public Awareness Campaign to inform Nunavutmiut about the effect of having a will, not having a will, and the role of the Public Trustee. This would assist Nunavutmiut in taking the steps necessary to ensure that their wishes as to the distribution of their property upon death are met.

The present Wills Act doesn't recognize many realities of modern life, such as common law relationships and divorce, and would like to see this recognized and given effect to.

The committee recommends a comprehensive review of all legislation that deals with the distribution of property upon death, including the Wills Act, the Intestate Successions Act, and Dependants Relief Act, with a view of both modernizing and legislation and incorporating Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit.

The Standing Committee supported the Bill at the clause-by-clause stage of Standing Committee Review and did a minor amendment due to an error in the French translation.

Mr. Chairman, this concludes my opening remarks. The committee recommends the passage of the Bill to all members. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson:** Thank you, Mr. Mapsalak. Mr. Premier, do you have any witnesses you would like to bring to the table? Thank you. (interpretation) Mr. Premier, if you could introduce your officials. Thank you.

**Hon. Paul Okalik** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. With me today on my left is my Deputy Minister, Marcus Weber from the Department of Justice and on my right is Diane Buckland, she is the Director of Policy and Planning.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Welcome. Thank you. If any of the members have any comments to Bill 13, an Act to amend the will acts. We have no hands up from the members. Mr. Peterson.

**Mr. Peterson:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the minister and his officials for coming. I think this is a great thing to do.

When I was mayor in Cambridge Bay, I had a lot of people come to me to help them sort out their personal affairs of relatives who died in trying to get their estates sorted out and it was very difficult for them.

In some cases, it took years to help them and I think it's very good that we help them streamline the process and use of the filling kit. I am hoping that when individual folks in

the communities get these filling kits that there's someone with a little bit of knowledge about wills who can assist them at the local level. I don't know who would be there to help them.

I know in Cambridge Bay we have the Kitikmeot Law Centre, where people can go to get help, but I'm not sure about other communities.

I think it's very important that the people in Nunavut are well aware of how important wills are to make sure that what ever you want to leave to your family after you pass away are respected. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Peterson. I have no more names on my list. We will now proceed to do a clause by clause review of Bill 13, an Act to Amend the Wills Act. Would you like to go clause by clause? Thank you.

Clause 1. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Clause 2. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Clause 3. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Clause 4. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Clause 5. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Clause 6. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Clause 7. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Are we agreed that Bill 13 as a whole is concluded.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Do you agree that Bill 13 is ready for Third Reading.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you. We'll move onto Bill 14. If you have any opening remarks Premier Okalik on Bill 14. Go ahead.

**Hon. Paul Okalik** (interpretation): I am pleased to appear today to present these proposed amendments. Miscellaneous Bills such as this one are commonly used in other jurisdictions in Canada to correct mistakes in Acts and to make other non-controversial changes.

In fact, many jurisdictions do one every year. The Bill amends ten Acts to correct errors. Each of those acts is also amended to change references to Northwest Territories so that they refer instead to Nunavut.

The Bill also updates the names of a number of public bodies. There are three public bodies in Nunavut whose names have not yet been changed in their governing Acts to reflect the division of the Northwest Territories, especially the Development Corporation, the Housing Corporation and the Status of Women's Council.

Amendments are included in this Bill to continue those bodies under their Nunavut names. The changes to those names also require consequential changes to the Public Service Act and the Financial Administration Act.

Finally, this will update schedules in the Financial Administration and the Public Service Act by changing the reference to the Nunavut Power Corporation in Schedule A of the Public Service Act to Qulliq Energy Corporation, changing the reference to the Legal Services Board of the Northwest Territories to the Legal Services Board of Nunavut and adding the reference to the Human Rights Tribunal in Schedule A of the Financial Administration Act, changing the reference to the Northwest Territories Business Credit Corporation and Nunavut Credit Corporation in Schedule B of the Financial Administration Act.

I thank the committee for its careful consideration of this bill. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you, Premier Okalik.

Does the chair of the committee have any opening remarks on Bill 14. Mr. Mapsalak.

**Mr. Mapsalak** (interpretation): Mr. Chairman, the Standing Committee Ajauqtiit has had the opportunity to review Bill 14, Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2005.

Mr. Chairman, the Standing Committee understands that this bill is largely a housekeeping initiative, in that it corrects minor editorial errors and changes references to the Northwest Territories to Nunavut.

However, Members noted that the amendment to the Judicature Act will also require that federal legislation be amended. Members will wish to be kept informed on this issue.

The Standing Committee supports the bill at the clause-by-clause stage of standing committee review.

Mr. Chairman, this concludes my opening remarks. The Committee recommends the passage of the bill to all members. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Mapsalak. (interpretation) Are there any comments from the members in regards to Bill 14? I have no names on my list. (interpretation ends) We will do Clause-by-Clause on Bill 14 and we are going to page 2. Bill 14, Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act 2005. Clause 1, do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Clause 2. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Clause 3. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Clause 4. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Clause 5. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Clause 6. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Clause 7. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Clause 8. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Clause 9. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Clause 10. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Clause 11. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Clause 12. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Clause 13. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Clause 14. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Clause 15. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Bill 14 as a whole. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Bill 14 is ready for Third Reading. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Thank you. (interpretation) Thank you. Mr. Premier, if you have any closing remarks to make to the members.

**Hon. Paul Okalik** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, I would like to thank the members for supporting the bill.

We have to be able to look at the Inuit ways of doing things and I will work with the Minister of Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth to see how we can look

at the Inuit traditional knowledge and their values. We will be looking at the Miscellaneous Act again and to be able to work with the elders.

I would like to thank the Committee Members when we discussed the bill for supporting it. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Premier. I thank your officials. Mr. Barnabas.

**Mr. Barnabas** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to make a motion to report progress.

**Chairman**: There's a motion on the Floor to report progress. The motion is not debatable. All those in favour of the motion. All of those opposed. The motion is carried. I will now rise to report progress.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Please be seated. Going back to orders of the day. Item 20, Report of Committee of the Whole. Mr. Netser.

### **Item 20: Report of the Committee of the Whole**

**Mr. Netser**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, your committee has been considering; Bill 8, Bill 9, Bill 10, Bill 11, Bill 12, Bill 13 and Bill 14 .

And, I would like to report that two committee motions were adopted and that Bill 8 as amended and Bills 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 are ready for Third Reading and, Mr. Speaker, I move that the report of the Committee of the Whole be agreed to. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): There is a motion on the floor. Is there a seconder to the motion? Mr. Premier. The motion is in order. All those in favour. All those opposed. Abstentions. The motion is carried.

Item 21, Third Reading of Bills. Ms. Aglukkaq.

### **Item 21: Third Reading of Bills**

#### **Bill 8 – Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act 2005-2006 – Third Reading**

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Panniqtuuq, that Bill 8, Appropriation Operations and Maintenance Act 2005/06 as amended by read for the third time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): The motion is in order. All those in favor. Please raise your hands. Opposed. Abstained. The motion is carried and Bill 8 has had third reading.

Third Reading of Bills. Ms. Aglukkaq.

**Bill 9 – Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act No. 3, 2004-2005 – Third Reading**

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for South Baffin that Bill 9, Supplementary Appropriation Capital Act 3, 2004/2005, be read for the third time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): The motion is in order. All those in favor. Please raise your hands. Opposed. Abstained. The motion is carried and Bill 9 has had third reading.

Third Reading of Bills. Ms. Aglukkaq.

**Bill 10 – Supplementary Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act No. 3, 2004-2005 – Third Reading**

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Iqaluit East, that Bill 10, Supplementary Appropriation Operation and Maintenance Act 3, 2004/05 be read for the third time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): The motion is in order. All those in favor. Please raise your hands. Opposed. Abstained. The motion is carried and Bill 10 has had third reading.

Third Reading of Bills. Ms. Aglukkaq.

**Bill 11 – Loan Authorization Act 2005-2006 – Third Reading**

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Rankin Inlet South/Whale Cove, that Bill 11, Loans Authorization, 2005/2006 be read for the third time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): The motion is in order. Mr. Curley.

**Mr. Curley** (interpretation): Mr. Speaker, I just want everybody to know that I support this loan, but that \$1 million loan, I think it would be best for all of Nunavut if it was an interest-free loan to the municipalities. The bigger corporations, we give them millions of dollars and that \$1 million loan should be interest-free and I wish to see it like that next year. Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): The motion is in order. All of those in favour. Opposed. Abstained. The motion is carried. Bill 11 has been read for the third time.

Third Reading of Bills. Ms. Aglukkaq.

**Bill 12 – Write-off of Assets and Debts Act 2004-2005 – Third Reading**

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move seconded by the Honourable Member for Baker Lake that Bill 12, Write-off of Assets and Debts Act 2004/05 be read for the third time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): The motion is in order. All those in favour. Opposed. Abstained. The motion is carried. Bill 12 has had third reading.

Third Reading of Bills. Mr. Okalik.

**Bill 13 – An Act to Amend the Wills Act – Third Reading**

**Hon. Paul Okalik** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move seconded by the Honourable Member for Amittuq, that Bill 13, an Act to amend the Wills Act be read for the third time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): The motion is in order. All those in favour. Opposed. Abstained. The motion is carried. Bill 13 has had third reading.

Third Reading of Bills. Mr. Okalik.

**Bill 14 – Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act – Third Reading**

**Hon. Paul Okalik** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I move seconded by the Honourable Member for Nattilik that Bill 14, Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act be read for the third time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): The motion is in order. All those in favour. Opposed. Abstained. The motion is carried. Bill 14 has been read for the third time.

Third Reading of Bills.

Before we proceed with the reading of the Orders of the Day, Mr. Clerk could you please determine if the Commissioner of Nunavut is prepared to enter the Chamber to give Assent to Bills?

**Assent**



**Bill 8 – Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act 2005-2006 – Assent**  
**Bill 9 – Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act No. 3, 2004-2005 – Assent**  
**Bill 10 – Supplementary Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act No. 3, 2004-2005 – Assent**  
**Bill 11 – Loan Authorization Act 2005-2006 – Assent**  
**Bill 12 – Write-off of Assets and Debts Act 2004-2005 – Assent**  
**Bill 13 – An Act to Amend the Wills Act – Assent**  
**Bill 14 – Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act – Assent**

**Commissioner Irniq** (interpretation): It is okay if you stand. Please be seated.

Thank you. As the Commissioner I give assent to the following Bills. Bill 8, Appropriation, Operations and Maintenance Act 2005, 2006. Bill 9, Supplementary Appropriation Capital Act 3, 2004-2005. Bill 9. Bill 10, Supplementary Appropriation, Operations and Maintenance Act 3, 2004-2005. Bill 11, Loan Authorization Act, 2005-2006. Bill 12, Write-off of Assets and Debts Act 2004-2005. Bill 13, An Act to Amend the Wills Act. Bill 14, Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act 2005.

Thank you to all the members of the Legislative Assembly and I wish you a safe journey home because we all fly in Nunavut and I hope your communities safe season and all your constituents. Thank you.

>> *Applause*

## **Item 22: Orders of the Day**

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Going to the orders of the day. Item 22. Orders of the day. Mr. Clerk.

**Clerk**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Orders of the Day for Tuesday, April 26, 2005:

1. Prayer
2. Ministers' Statements
3. Members' Statements
4. Returns to Oral Questions
5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery
6. Oral Questions
7. Written Questions
8. Returns to Written Questions
9. Replies to Opening Address
10. Petitions

11. Reports of Standing and Special Committees
12. Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills
13. Tabling of Documents
14. Notices of Motions
15. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills
16. Motions
17. First Reading of Bills
18. Second Reading of Bills
19. Consideration in the Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters
  - Tabled Document 52-2(2)
  - Tabled Document 100-2(2)
  - Tabled Document 101-2(2)
  - Tabled Document 102-2(2)
20. Report of the Committee of the Whole
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22. Orders of the Day

Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): This House stands adjourned until Tuesday, April 26, 2005 at 1:30 in the afternoon. Members please join in the Nanuq Committee Room, and staff please proceed to the Tuktu Room.

Sergeant-at-arms

>>*House adjourned at 18:21*

