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**Iqaluit, Nunavut  
Friday, April 29, 2005**

**Members Present:**

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

**Item 1: Opening Prayer**

**Speaker** (interpretation): I would like to ask Mr. Netser to open the meeting with the opening prayer.

>>*Prayer*

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Good morning, Mr. Clerk. Going to the orders of the day. Item 2. Ministers' statements. Mr. Kilabuk.

**Item 2: Ministers' Statements**

**Minister's Statement 113 – 2(2): Emergency Preparedness Program**

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good morning. As the Minister responsible for the Nunavut Civil Emergency Measures Act, I would like to inform my colleagues and Nunavummiut that on May 1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> is a National Emergency Preparedness Week 2005. This year's program asked a very simple question, "Are you prepared?"

Everyone has the social responsibility to examine their role in emergency preparedness and to be able to work together to more effectively face emergencies. Individuals can and do make a difference in an emergency if they are prepared.

At the community level, it is essential that all components work closely together – these include local governments, emergency services, volunteers, the media, health institutions and schools.

I would like to take advantage of this opportunity to remind all Nunavut's Hamlets that the Department of Community and Government Services, through its Nunavut Emergency Services division, offers various services and programs to the communities. I would like to stress the need for Hamlets to contact the department whenever emergency operations are undertaken to ensure that they take advantage of those services and programs.

Generations of Nunavummiut know through their experience on the land that emergency preparedness is everyone's business, and that by working together we can ensure a safer and more secure quality of life for all. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

**Minister's Statement 114 – 2(2): Home & Community Care Program**

**Hon. Levinia Brown:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to inform the members that the Department of Health and Social Services continues to build the Home & Community Care Program.

The Home & Community Care program is a very successful coordinated system of home and community based health services. The program is a successful initiative that enables our residents with disabilities, illnesses and the elderly to receive the care they need in their own home and in their own community. Home & Community Care services are available in all Nunavut communities.

The Home & Community Care program supports services such as homemaking, personal care, nursing care and respite care. These services are provided to individuals based on assessed need.

Today, approximately 860 clients are receiving services through this Program. This demonstrates a growth of 105 clients in a four month period.

Health Canada has provided an additional \$41,520 for recruitment and retention initiatives bringing our current funding for 2004-2005 to over \$4.8 million.

The First Nations and Inuit Home & Community Care program, which is supplementary to the previously existing Government of Nunavut, is now in its fifth year of implementation and delivery.

The Home & Community Care Program is essential as it contributes to our goal of bringing more care closer to home. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' statements. Mr. Tapardjuk.

**Minister's Statement 115 – 2(2): Certificate in Nunavut Public Services Studies**

**Hon. Louis Tapardjuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to take the opportunity today to update my colleagues on the Nunavut Public Studies Certificate Programs, which is an accredited program designed for Government of Nunavut

employees who are interested in gaining more knowledge, skills and insight in the area of public administration.

The Department of Human Resources partnered with Carleton University in 2002/2003 to develop this program, which consists of eight courses that make up one year of university towards a Public Administration degree. Courses in the program have been completed in three communities across Nunavut – Cambridge Bay, Arviat and Iqaluit. I am pleased to say that the course completion and enrollment rates for this program are increasing.

Although this program has taken some time to be fully implemented, the result is a very effective delivery model that includes customized curriculum for Nunavut, on-site visits by the instructors, learning facilitators in all three communities and web-assisted learning. It is through these support structures that our employees will succeed in completing the program.

The Certificate in Nunavut Public Service Studies is an excellent example of our commitment to *Ilippallianguinnarniq*. The participation of our employees in this program is commendable, given the course work involved and the participants' busy workloads and personal responsibilities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

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

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

#### **Member's Statement 298 – 2(2): Letters from Youths of Rankin Inlet**

**Mr. Curley:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to complete this statement because the documents that I received from the students is very important. I would like to read them. I remember when I was going to school in Ottawa there was a message in regards to the regulations on the Coates Island caribou. Patterk Netser and his father, at that time the government used to say things that weren't true and I wanted to see those documents and I wanted to see the policy and I didn't know what the policy was. That was the first assignment that I ever had.

The Maani Oluyuk students have requested quite a few things and I would like to ask the Minister of Education to listen to this. They have written to me in Inuktitut. I don't mind if it takes all day to read this, but some of those individuals are on a first name basis.

It says, "Dear Mr. Curley,

My name is Jerome Misiraalaaq. I am fifteen years old and I am a resident of your riding. The problem that I am writing to you about is the stuff up here are too expensive and it takes quite a while to get the stuff up here and we don't have that much money to take



care of some the stuff that we need to take care of. Examples, power bills, water, sewage and garbage.

The solution for that is the thing that I am thinking of is the road from Churchill to Arviat and later on we can start building roads to Whale Cove, other than Rankin Inlet. We would benefit by making prices down, example, airfares, more tournaments, and so on.

Thank you for your time and efforts, Mr. Tagak Curley. I hope to see you soon. I will be waiting for your letter.”

I would like the Minister of Transportation to take a note of that.

The other letter that I am reading is, “My name is Laurie Tagoona. I am fifteen years old and I live in Rankin Inlet. I am writing to you about recreational activities for youth. The MUI gym is always booked by the Hamlet and there is very little time for young athletes to practice.

I play for the Rankin Inlet girl’s soccer team and we only get one hour and fifteen minutes to practice. We also get another hour and fifteen minutes, which is shared with other teams. The gym is also closed during the summer, which really holds back an athlete’s potential to excel in whatever sport they are involved in.

During the winter the Hamlet has the gym from about six to eleven each night and during this time only people 18 or over could play or watch. Youth can’t even go jogging any more. I think the hamlet should get on, get their own facility to hold their own sports. It may be expensive, but it would really benefit the youth of Rankin Inlet. New sports could be introduced with more time to give out. MUI could be the gym work as they go during winter.

**Speaker** (interpretation): I’m sorry your time is up now. Mr. Curley.

**Mr. Curley** (interpretation): I seek unanimous consent to conclude my statement. They have to be in record. Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): The member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statement. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Please proceed, Mr. Curley.

**Mr. Curley**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If I don’t complete them today, I will complete them next week.

I think the hamlet should get their own facility to hold their own sports. It may be expensive, but it would really benefit the youth of Rankin Inlet. New sports could be introduced with more time to give out. MUI gym could be where young athletes go during the winter. The hamlet facility could be where the older group goes. Thank you for taking time to read this letter. It is greatly appreciated. I will be waiting for your response. I now submit this note to the Minister of CGS.

Hello, my name is Tara Green and I'm 15 years old. I live in Rankin Inlet. I'm writing to you about a new community gym.

Our community gym is right now located at MUI school. It is only open when the school is open. So, there is nothing to do in the summer when there is a holiday and teenagers should be able to participate in sports because you have to be 18 to participate.

I don't find that fair for us as teenagers, we have not much to do here. Also, the school needs the gym for their school teams. A new community gym would be good during holidays and summer breaks so that the athletes of Rankin Inlet will have something to do.

There should be days where the gym is only open to adults and days where the gym is only open to teenagers. It would also be good for the athletes at MUI because they would have more time to practice in their own gym.

Thank you for your time and effort. I will be waiting for you.

I just want to read one more note, Mr. Speaker. I know I'm taking time.

Mr. Tagak Curley,

My name is Victoria Itinnuar and I'm 15 years old and from Rankin Inlet. I'm writing to you about the gym being closed during the summer and not have any outdoor sports to play for kids that have nothing to do for the summer.

During the summer, a lot of youth don't have jobs because there simply aren't enough jobs for all the youth in Rankin Inlet. While the gym is closed during the summer, the kids without summer jobs don't have very much to do.

Also, there are outdoor events going on down south during the summer that some youth would very much like to join. But it would be hard to do that without any outdoor sports in Rankin Inlet. We would be much more successful to win if we have something to practice on outside.

I think that if we have an outdoor soccer field to practice during the summer, then youth that play during the winter would have bigger chance representing Nunavut Arctic Winter Games. Not only the Arctic Winter Games, but also other events going on in different places.

If it is not soccer, then I think there could be other sports like street hockey, basketball in better conditions, safer places.

I would like to thank you in taking time to read my letter and I hope to hear from you to see improvement in our own town. Thank you. Victoria Itinnuar.

I will continue with them next week. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

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

**Member's Statement 299 – 2(2): Environmental Issues – Contaminated Sites**

**Mr. Arreak:** Mr. Speaker, I rise today with respect to environmental issues that affect all of us. I have asked questions on these issues in the past, but they remain a great concern to harvesters in my community.

There are two well known contaminated sites in my constituency. Both Cape Christian and old Clyde River have received attention from the federal government and the Government of Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, in August of 2004, I received a copy of a letter from the Minister of Community and Government Services indicating that the Cape Christian site is a shared responsibility with the federal government and that the federal Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada had been unable to identify funding to undertake their share of the work. The letter further stated that the entire site may be a federal responsibility.

In December 2004, the second 2004-2005 capital supplementary appropriation was approved in this House. That appropriation provided for the carry over of the entire budget - \$300,000 – for the Cape Christian Environmental Impact project.

In response to questions raised during our review of the appropriation in Committee of the Whole, the Minister of Finance provided Members with a letter, dated December 15, 2004, indicating that discussions on the project were ongoing with INAC.

My constituents are extremely concerned by the impact that this contaminated site is having on wildlife and waterways in the area and through the wildlife, the impact on the people.

According to INAC's 2002-2003 Performance Report for the Contaminated Sites Program, the remediation risk management strategy has been completed but not yet implemented.

(interpretation): Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to conclude my statement.

**Speaker** (interpretation): The member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statements. Are there any nays. There are no nays. Mr. Arreak.

**Mr. Arreak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the House. (interpretation ends): It is not clear to me what the status of this site is now that we are in the 2005-06 fiscal year.

At the appropriate time I will asking the Minister on this issue and at the appropriate time I will be tabling the pictures of the Cape Christian site. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

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

### **Member's Statement 300 – 2(2): Protest in Kugluktuk**

**Mr. Evygotailak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Earlier this year I rose in this House to acknowledge the hard work being done by the Hamlet of Kugluktuk to reduce its deficit. I rise today to raise some concerns and seek solutions about this situation.

I'm sure that Members noted that Kugluktuk received front page coverage in News North this week. Approximately 50 people marched to the Hamlet office to protest the decision to close the arena complex this year.

This morning the Hamlet announced that the arena complex may be open next season.

The increased municipal funding that was announced last week will go towards ice in the rinks but it is not clear that it will be enough money to keep the arena open.

The Vancouver 2010 Olympic Organizing Committee recently chose their logo. I find it very sad that the 2010 Olympic logo will be an Inukshuk when Hamlets in Nunavut are struggling to keep recreation facilities open.

This government has frequently expressed its commitment to our youth. Closing recreation facilities can only harm them. There are young athletes in Kugluktuk who will not be able to practice their sport this winter if the arena complex is closed.

This government has also expressed its commitment to Elders. One of the signs held by protesters last Monday said: What about Elders? The Elders also use the arena complex for their events.

Mr. Speaker, I am seeking unanimous consent to conclude my statements.

**Speaker** (interpretation): The member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statements. Are there any nays. There are no nays. Mr. Evygotailak.

**Mr. Evygotailak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker and my fellow Members of the Legislative Assembly. (interpretation ends): One of the signs held by the protesters

last Monday said: What about Elders? The Elders also you the arena complex for their events.

I would like to see the Government of Nunavut working closely with the Hamlet to find a concrete solution to keep our arena open. I have stood in this House to applaud the work done by volunteers in Kugluktuk.

I believe that with support from the Government of Nunavut, volunteers and community groups can find a way to ensure that the arena is open next winter.

We cannot forget that the Hamlet's debt is a result of the completion of the arena floor. The Hamlet of Kugluktuk paid a lot to complete the arena.

If the arena is closed, the cost to the people of Kugluktuk will not be measured in dollars and cents.

It will be measured in a lack of opportunities to come together as a community, learn new skills and share knowledge.

In July 2004, a municipal supervisor was appointed for the Hamlet. The term of that appointment will expire in less than three months time. It is not clear what position the Hamlet will be in when that happens.

I will be asking questions on this issue at the appropriate time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

### **Member's Statement 301 – 2(2): Recognition of Lottie Pijamini**

**Mr. Barnabas** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to talk about the issue of carvers and artists in Nunavut. I am sure that you have seen carving, such as the one that is in the middle of the Assembly. This was made by Lottie Pijamini.

Lottie Pijamini was born in 1953 in Clyde River. He has been carving for the last twelve years. Mr. Pijamini has made 15 carvings per day at the maximum. In the 1980s he had an art show displaying his products. In the 1990s he had an art show depicting the metal works that he had created.

It shows you what you can do with the different products that are available out there. He has made rings and carvings and ornaments. He was also one of the instructors of the Metal Works program that was held in Arctic College.

Mr. Pijamini has had recognition of various types. Mr. Pijamini won the Eastern Arctic Fine Arts Crafts competition in 1994. He also won two awards for art work. There are

different artists in the Eastern Arctic including Labrador, Quebec, Greenland and Western Arctic.

This coming year, there will be another competition and again, Lootie was the winner.

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

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

**Mr. Barnabas** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker and my colleagues. In 1996 he was the first one to win a competition in the Great Northern Arts Festival in Inuvik as one of 70 competitors. Some were from Skagway, Alaska and all the way up to Grise Fiord.

He has also participated in the Nunavut Arts and Crafts Festival. Mr. Pijamini has made a huge contribution to give recognition to the arts created in Nunavut. His works of arts is recognized world wide, from Greece to Mexico, in the United States as well as Canada. It is little wonder that Nunavut arts is widely recognizable.

This carving that you see in front of you depicts a marine mammal and in Inuktitut we would call the mermaid Tuutalik, I don't know where Sedna came from, but in the Inuktitut language we call her Tuutalik. She is the mother of all marine life. As you can see, she is using marine mammals as her mode of transportation.

I congratulate Mr. Lootie Pijamini, his wife and their children and their two grand children, Lynn in Grise Fiord. He gives instruction in Nunavut communities in order to strengthen the quality of our work. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

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

**Member's Statement 302 – 2(2): Congratulations to Mona Evetalegak and Kelly Niptanatiak**

**Mr. Peterson:** Koana, Uqaqti. I am pleased to rise today to inform the House about the dedication, commitment and perseverance of two of my constituents who have pursued their educational and career goals.

On April 15th of this year, Mona Akoluk Evetalegak and Kelly Louise Kaiktak Niptanatiak graduated with Certificates as Educators in Inuit and Native Childcare Services.

Mr. Speaker, it wasn't easy for the two individuals but both met the challenge head-on and succeeded. Both are married and have 8 children between them.

Their spouses and children supported and encouraged them while they attended their program and held jobs at the daycare.

The program, offered by CEGEP de St. Felicien, a private college based in Montreal, began in 2002 with 12 students and was supported by the Hamlet Council and the Cambridge Bay Childcare Society. The Kitikmeot Economic Development Commission funded the program.

There were times, Mr. Speaker, when program funding was in doubt and qualified instructors to teach the courses were hard to find.

A former resident and instructor from Cambridge Bay, Treena Sturgeon, returned from Hall Beach specifically to teach the remaining course. We are grateful to her for doing that.

Mr. Speaker, it is comforting to parents to know that while they are at work their children are left in the care of trained and experienced childcare professionals. It is very reassuring when our children look forward to going to the daycare everyday.

There is an old saying that it takes an entire community to raise a child. Adults, whether they are parents, teachers, childcare workers, business leaders or politicians should always be searching for ways to make a child's life safer, loving, caring and fun as they grow up. I am happy to report that Mona and Kelly will make significant contributions to helping our children live very happy lives.

I would like the House to join me in congratulating Mona and Kelly. I believe that their accomplishment will inspire others to pursue their own dreams and to not give up when the going gets tough. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

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

### **Member's Statement 303 – 2(2): Passing of Two Elders in Pangnirtung**

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would just like to say good morning to the residents of Pangnirtung. I also wish to thank my constituents, while I was there. In between our break I was in Arviat, there were a couple of people who passed away in Pangnirtung. I would like to show my gratitude to the residents of Pangnirtung for their caring towards the people that they left behind.

Mr. Curley also came up to be with the mourning family in Pangnirtung and I would like to thank him. I also want to assure the people who were left behind that they are in our prayers. We are thinking of them.

We also wish to thank Peter Akpalialuk, who was a long-term government employee. He leaves behind a number of children, relatives.

Also Mosesie Nuvaqqiq, who passed away was known as a printmaker. He was involved in different committees in Pangnirtung. He also leaves behind a number of children and his relatives.

We wish them a good rest where they are now. Thank you.

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

**Member's Statement 304 – 2(2): Constituency Meeting in Gjoa Haven and Taloyoak**

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I say hello to Taloyoammiut and the people of Gjoa Haven. Qamukkanuaq, good morning.

(interpretation ends): I have had the opportunity to hold constituency meetings in both Gjoa Haven and Taloyoak. I want to express my appreciation to all my constituents who were able to make it to the meetings and bring out their concerns and issues. For those individuals that were not able to come for one reason or another, there will be meetings in the future and I encourage you to participate.

I want to thank everyone who was there and provided their contributions and comments to myself, to follow up over the summer months. I would also like to thank my staff John Kootook and Helen Tiringaniaq for organizing the meetings. And also to Rita Hummiktug for assisting with the meetings in Gjoa Haven.

(interpretation): I will see you soon from Taloyoak and Gjoa Haven. Thank you.

>>*Applause*

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

**Member's Statement 305 – 2(2): Sanikiluaq Residents Hunting for Geese/Fishing Derby**

**Mr. Kattuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't want to put too much stress because I have been told a lot of times that I don't smile enough on TV, but I will try to smile more.

This morning in Sanikiluaq a lot of residents expect geese in Sanikiluaq but unfortunately I have to be here at this time. The hunters in Sanikiluaq debate what kind of wildlife they should hunt because there are geese and there are whales.

In the past it didn't seem to be like that. Maybe it is because of climate change. They seem to come around at the same. Before geese used to arrive early before the whales but



those people who asked if the geese are there in Sanikiluaq now. I'm telling them that this week they are in Sanikiluaq and so the Sanikiluaq residents will be busy tomorrow. There will also be a fishing derby going on in our community.

The person who gets the biggest fish will get a four wheeler. I envy them, but unfortunately, I have to be here. I will be with them in my thoughts and I wanted to congratulate the person who will catch the biggest fish. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Item 4. Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Picco.

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

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the visitors to the gallery. Mr. Speaker, I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome and thank the two of the pages who have been working with us this week, constituents of mine. They are Andrea Parrot and Judah Attagoyuk. I would like to take this opportunity and welcome them to the gallery. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Welcome. Recognition of visitors in the gallery. Mr. Arreak.

**Mr. Arreak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize pages on my left is Josie Enuaraq's granddaughter, Nooveya Enuaraq and the one behind me is from Clyde River, Johnny Joanasie's daughter, Jane Joanasie is her name.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Item 6. Oral questions. Mr. Tootoo.

### Item 6: Oral Questions

#### Question 379 – 2(2): Complaints in the Workplace

**Mr. Tootoo** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today I would like to follow up on some questioning I did earlier this week with the Minister of Human Resources, in regard to workplace harassment. But, maybe I'll save that for another day just to give him a break.

Mr. Speaker, my question is really for... . It's Friday, so we better have some fun, eh?

It is really for the Minister responsible for Human Resources, on employee relations. Mr. Speaker, I got everyone going on that one, eh?

Earlier this week, I asked the minister some questions in regard to employees reporting wrongdoings that they see in the workplace. I got a response, an e-mail response from the minister indicating that they do not have anything in place right now, that in the interim, employees are regularly reminded that any breaches of policy and regulations involving financial matters can be reported confidentially to the Internal Audit Division of the Department of Finance.

For issues not involving financial matters, employees are reminded to contact the Employee Relations Division of the Department of Human Resources and that they are fully investigated, all allegations that are made.

My question is, how does the department regularly remind the employees of this? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Minister of Human Resources, Mr. Tapardjuk.

**Hon. Louis Tapardjuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If they do have complaints, they are encouraged to bring them up or if they witness or hear of any harassment or if there is any problem.

There is a section in Human Resources, the Employee Relations Division. Those people are responsible if there are any problems within the workplace. We let it be known that if you have problems, you can get assistance from a particular person here or any employee from either department. If they advise us that a superior or co-worker is not treating them well, then they can refer it to the Employee Relations Officer.

We also advise all the employees, and it seems to be appropriate at this time, that we are currently reviewing the Public Service Act. It very clearly states who to go to if they are encountering problems.

In regard to sexual harassment, those kinds of problems, we will also be reviewing that too. I responded to the member that I expect this to be made public by August 5. So, after reviewing them I will bring them up. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Tootoo**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm glad to hear that. In his response, it says that in the interim, employees are regularly reminded.

My question was, how do they regularly remind the employees? Are they briefed upon hiring, upon orientation? Is there an e-mail sent out through the help desk to everybody? Are there letters sent out to everybody individually? Is it something that is mentioned at

the regular staff meetings? I'd just like to ask if the minister could clarify exactly how they regularly remind the employees. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Hon. Louis Tapardjuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We usually hold workshops for all government employees, giving orientation as to if they have any problems, if there is any harassment, who they can go to, and how it should be in the workplace so that everybody will be happy and to make sure that there is wellness in the workplace, in the departments.

Even though we might encounter those kinds of things, when the departments get new employees, they are provided with our human resources manual, so those are communicated by the manual. They are also given information through various ways on what kind of rights they have while they are working in the Government of Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Tootoo**: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the minister: if a non-financial matter is brought to the attention of a supervisor or another employee within that department, are they required to follow up on that with the Employee Relations Division of the Department of Human Resources? Or, is that something that they can investigate and deal with internally in their department? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Hon. Louis Tapardjuk** (interpretation): Yes, the Department of Human Resources is usually asked, regarding the employees, whether that person should be terminated or replaced. The human resources department is usually asked by the different departments what procedures and policies they have to follow. When we're asked specifically if it would be better to do so in a different way, it is usually up to each of the departments.

But we usually advise them that we have these policies in place. It is usually up to their discretion, so as long as they follow the policies and procedures in dealing with the employees.

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

**Mr. Tootoo**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess the rationale behind dealing with the Department of Human Resources' Employee Relations Division is that the division has the expertise in labour relations and that the departments don't have people within their departments that focus solely on that, and I can appreciate that. I think that that is a good idea.

Can the minister give us an indication and tell us how many times the Employee Relations Division has been asked to advise on complaints relating to non-financial matters? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Hon. Louis Tapardjuk** (interpretation): Yes, I can put in a report on the complaints that we have received. I will be able to give you information as to exactly what situations have taken place and I can give you feedback on that with a report.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Oral questions. The Member for Kugluktuk, Mr. Evyagotailak.

### **Question 380 – 2(2): Operation of the Arena Complex in Kugluktuk**

**Mr. Evyagotailak:** I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Community and Government Services. Can the minister update this House with respect to Kugluktuk's municipal supervision order?

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

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have not been given anything new with respect to my colleague's question. Things are going ahead in the meantime. There is a manager in place. Also, in Kugluktuk, my staff and the hamlet staff continue to work together. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Mr. Evyagotailak, your supplementary question.

**Mr. Evyagotailak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. How is the minister working with his colleagues at the Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth to ensure that programs for elders and youth will continue to operate if the arena complex is closed?

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

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk:** I guess one of the only roles that I can play in the process is to lobby for support for the municipality to the appropriate department, but in the sense of having authority or a decision-making role as to what CLEY will give to the municipality, I do not have a role in that process. As I said, my biggest role in lobbying for the municipality is to convey those needs to my colleagues. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Evyagotailak:** I would like to thank the minister. My second supplementary is, have meetings been held with the volunteer organizations and the hamlet to discuss alternative service delivery options to keep the arena open? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, myself, am not aware of any discussions that might have taken place with the volunteers. However, that is information that I can seek from my staff, to update my colleagues on proceedings that may have taken place. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Last supplementary, Mr. Evyagotailak.

**Mr. Evyagotailak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Minister. Will the minister commit to working with his colleagues, the hamlet of Kugluktuk, and volunteers in the hamlet to find ways to keep the arena complex open? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk:** I will commit to directing my staff to get me an update on the proceedings and also to looking at options that could possibly be developed for consideration at a later date. I will commit to updating my colleague on those findings at the appropriate time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

### **Question 381 – 2(2): Update on Emergency Snow Clearing Fund**

**Mr. Netser** (interpretation): I wanted to ask whether the Uqurmiut MLA could kindly shave off his beard... (interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Community and Government Services.

On March 18, my colleague from Rankin Inlet North asked the minister about the possibility of starting an emergency snow clearing fund. At that time, the minister indicated that he would look into this. I would like to ask the minister what decisions have been made with respect to creating an emergency fund for snow removal? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Further to the questions and the information that I got back from my staff regarding a snow clearing fund for Nunavut, we are continuing to review this file.

As a matter of fact, we have started looking at possibly developing some options for consideration. One of the challenges that has come up regarding this file is to either proceed in setting up an emergency snow clearing fund or, possibly, look at properly equipping the communities that have had severe problems this winter. To look at these, if

this is something that we should look at in the very near future as a special pilot project, or if this is something that we will present to cabinet for a decision.

The discussions that have taken place, we are debating now as to which way we will go. I can assure my colleague that discussions are ongoing on this file. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Netser** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When I talked to my wife yesterday and this morning, there was another blizzard. Of course, the roads are getting narrow. There was a medivac but there were no roads open going up to the airport. At the airport, the hamlet is in need of emergency help.

I would like to ask the minister whether they would be able to review and make a faster response on these emergency situations.

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

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. What my colleague has commented about is what we have been previously informed about, with the situation in Coral Harbour with their problems regarding the snow clearing. I think that there are four other communities that are also in the same situation throughout the winter months.

I can tell my colleague that his question is being looked at, and this will continue to be reviewed, due to the hardships of what went on this past winter. We are in the process of developing a strategy to rectify this problem. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Netser** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The question that Mr. Curley referred to, and the response that he got from the minister was, (interpretation ends): "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will look into this issue in the Kitikmeot, Kivalliq, and Baffin. As I said earlier, we will see what has happened over this year and see if we need more funds. I could direct this request to the cabinet."

Has he requested to the cabinet to get more funds recently? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As of yet, no. As I said, with the additional options that have surfaced from my commitment to review this file further for a submission to cabinet, because of the additional options that we are looking at now, I still have yet to conclude the review. I have yet to present something to cabinet for consideration, as of today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Question 382 – 2(2): Municipal Operations Problems**

**Mr. Barnabas** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think today is Mr. Kilabuk's day because we all want to ask him questions.

I am representing communities that are non-decentralized communities. The two communities of Resolute Bay and Grise Fiord were given some responsibilities from Cape Dorset, but this operation now will move to Cambridge Bay.

Today the operation of the Department of Community and Government Services... This program was moved and the municipality is running into problems with their financial matters, with their operational finances, although the government has given telephones and office supplies to Cambridge Bay.

There are two problems. This other community is in a different time zone. I would like to ask the minister, did you get input and consult with the municipalities before the actual move of this municipal service program? Thank you.

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

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. With respect to the communities that the member mentions, and whether the communities were approached, I know that we've written correspondence to them on the process and the development. Also, in January 2004, all the communities were consulted by our officials to inform them of the office move. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Barnabas** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Once the communities were approached, the hamlets were then consulted approximately six months after that, to deal with the financial matters of the municipalities.

Once the office was moved from Cape Dorset to Cambridge Bay, the finance division had to make plans and the communities did not have any knowledge as to what they are to do financially after the move of the office. The municipality just recently found out about how this is done and doesn't even know now what to do, whether they should be making plans. Are they just going to be making estimates without any documents?

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

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. No, they will not be just be making estimates. When we were in Arviat at the Nunavut Association of

Municipalities meeting, I announced the additional funding that was allocated in the House and how much of those extra funds will be given to the communities.

With respect to my colleague's question whether estimates will not just be guesswork, my staff has worked on this issue in order for the transfer of these funds go smoothly. I can elaborate to my colleagues here that I will ask my officials to look at this issue regarding those two communities mentioned. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Barnabas** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Regarding the communities that are not decentralized, when is the government going to be moving some of their programs? They should be informing the non-decentralized communities and hamlet councils. Are you going to be informing the municipalities prior to you moving any offices to any other community?

Our community is a non-decentralized community. We are in a catch-22 situation now; if we are referred back and forth and it all goes back to the headquarters of Iqaluit. When we make that phone call, we are referred elsewhere all the time.

So, I was wondering if the department is going to be doing something like that, to keep the communities informed? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, this is very rare, that we move. Prior to the offices being moved to the other community, we had written to the communities, but unfortunately, the individuals that were going to visit the communities were unable to due to bad weather.

Now it is 2005. In January, the officials went to those communities. I agree with my colleague that the communities should be consulted with and if we're going to be moving offices and if it's going to have an impact on the community, the municipalities should be notified ahead of time.

I will relay this concern to my officials so that they can inform the communities ahead of time. Thank you.

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

**Mr. Barnabas** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We know that the cost of energy has gone up. In some communities the price of fuel is going to go up and the municipalities will have to identify their expenditures.



Are they going to penalize the municipalities? They have to operate and they have to make financial estimates, and I believe that those two municipalities are going to encounter problems prior to this being resolved.

We've been trying to ask questions to the Cambridge Bay office and they have yet to respond. My two questions are, will the departments that are being moved respond to us more promptly, and are the two affected communities going to be penalized? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, the communities don't need any additional burdens or to be penalized. They should not be penalized, because we provide funding to the municipalities and those funds are to be used for municipal services.

I will relay your concerns, and also the two communities' concerns, to my officials. If they want to inform us of their concerns that have yet to receive a response, we will take them and deal with those concerns if they haven't been resolved yet by the Cambridge Bay office. Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Oral Questions. Member for Uqqummiut, Mr. Arreak.

### **Question 383 – 2(2): Update on Negotiations on Contaminated Sites**

**Mr. Arreak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Community and Government Services.

Can the minister update this House on the current status of negotiations with the federal government for the cleanup of contaminated sites in Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Mr. Arreak, who are you directing your question to, to the Minister of Environment or of Community and Government Services?

**Mr. Arreak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I directed my question to the Minister of Community and Government Services. Thank you.

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

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I apologize.

In regard to the cleanup of contaminated sites, I'm not sure which sites he's talking about. Is he talking about old DEW Line sites or community dumps? Could the member further elaborate on his question. Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Mr. Arreak, please rephrase your question.

**Mr. Arreak:** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Community and Government Services. Can the minister update this House on the current status of negotiations with the federal government for the cleanup of contaminated sites in Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank my colleague for his question, but the minister responsible for this issue should respond to his question. Thank you.

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

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We have been working on the issue with the federal government. If the lands are owned by the federal government, then it's their responsibility. If it is on Inuit lands, we need to go through the Inuit agreement.

As a government, we usually review clean ups to make sure that the cleanup process is completed right. If they are on crown land, the federal government is responsible. We have more of a monitoring role in the cleanup of the sites.

Perhaps I could get further information from my colleague on which site he is talking about and whether the site belongs to Nunavut or the federal government.

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

**Mr. Arreak:** Can the minister describe the current status of the Cape Christian environmental cleanup? Thank you.

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

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you. Up to July 2004, they have been working on resolving this situation. In May, next month, they will have another round of negotiations to discuss land ownership. I'm sure we'll have a better idea on the Cape Christian site then.

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

**Mr. Arreak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Although, perhaps, the response is going to be the same, can the minister describe the current status of the cleanup of the Old Clyde River site? Thank you.

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

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is a work in progress and is currently under review. It is being analyzed by an engineering firm. The community HTO and the community members are working together with the federal government. Discussions are ongoing as to what steps will be taken. Thank you.

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

**Question 384 – 2(2): Community Gravel Pits**

**Mr. Mapsalak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Community and Government Services. I'm sure that this is not the first time that the minister has heard of this issue; it is in regard to gravel in our community.

My first question to the minister is, how many communities in Nunavut do not have adequate gravel pits? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have no idea. I'm not sure how many communities in Nunavut do not have adequate gravel pits. I don't have the information in front of me.

But there are communities where the gravel pits are too far from the communities. We are working on getting financial resources available to build roads to the gravel pits, but because of lack of resources, the roads have not been completed or have never made it to the required sites.

I can't tell you at this time how many communities don't have adequate gravel.

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

**Mr. Mapsalak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is not a new issue and this is not the first time that it is being brought up in the House or in Repulse Bay.

Repulse Bay did get a little bit of money to build a road to a gravel pit, but it's very evident now that it's going to have an effect on the community. For example, because of the large amount of snow that we have now, we have to maintain the roads and build the lots, so there won't be enough money left over to build a road to the gravel pit.

Could the minister tell us if there are any monies available to build roads to the gravel pit? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In regard to the community that he represents, I am well aware that his community has the most problems in accessing gravel to be used in the community.

We have been working for quite a number of years to rectify this problem and we have looked at various options. At this time I can tell the member that we are working on finding the monies. I will speak to my officials and have a discussion with the member. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Question 385 – 2(2): Superintendent Responsibilities for the Proposed Regulations to the Wildlife Act**

**Mr. Curley** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask a question in regard to the draft regulations that were brought up by the Minister responsible for Wildlife.

My concern is that there are many licences, permits, harvesting rights, commercial licences, there are many, many of those, but when reading the draft, I am concerned about the fact that this power is given to the superintendent. Why is it that the minister made it that way? Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): The Minister responsible for Wildlife, Mr. Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you. As you can see, the Wildlife Act is in draft form. There is a lot of room for changes to be made at this stage. As I stated earlier, it is in draft form, but if you have any concerns you should speak with your HTO. The department will be consulting with the communities and the affected parties.

At this present time, the draft regulations are not written in stone. We are going to be consulting with the communities, and if you have any concerns it is open for discussion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Curley**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is quite important that I get my comments clearly registered. There were some issues, like who has the authority to approve, finally, within the government, that are really quite important. That is why, with respect to licenses, under part one of general matters, the only role of the responsibility of the proposed regulation given the minister is what type of form should be used for such a licence.

That is the only role the minister has, is what type of form shall the licence be contained in, whether it is a booklet or that stuff. So, I do have a concern with that.

I think that all the references to the superintendent within the proposed regulations should be changed to the minister, so that there is a process leading up to the minister's final decision.

Having said that, the proposed regulations also, under part two, give the harvesting rights to the treaty or aboriginal rights. Could the minister explain to us which groups have the aboriginal or treaty rights that the minister proposes to give licences to for harvesting in Nunavut?

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

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): We are currently working on the draft, and as I stated earlier, this is not a final draft. We are currently working on the issue that the member is raising.

At this time I don't know who will be recognized as having aboriginal or treaty rights and who will be given licences; that depends on previous agreements and the results of consultations. The department will be discussing these topics in detail during the consultation process. Based on the consultations, we're going to be making changes to what is in the present form and we will address those issues that have been identified as concerns by the stakeholders. We're currently working on it. Thank you.

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

**Mr. Curley**: I'm not 100 percent sure we need to travel all over the place to say that certain groups should have treaty rights or this right or that right.

We had to negotiate our rights with the federal government and it is clear. We had to fight for our rights. I don't believe that Inuit have provincial rights or status or the ability to hunt in Manitoba, as they please, unless this is clearly defined. I'm not sure whether we have that in Manitoba or Saskatchewan, so why is the minister proposing, under part 2, that the regulations, under section 19, give the authority to the superintendent to consider issuing licences to the following groups.

I agree that there are some Inuit from Northern Quebec that should have hunting rights in this part of the world.

Section 19, subsection 3, this says aboriginal people in Northwest Territories. Do we have the reciprocal rights there as well as a member of a Manitoba or Saskatchewan band or any other aboriginal person with treaty rights?

Why are we opening our borders for any other possible challenges to try and get legal rights to hunt in Nunavut when we don't have the reciprocal rights throughout Canada?

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

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We will review this matter with the Northwest Territories and Manitoba. In the Land Claims Agreement under Article 40, we recognize the rights of other Aboriginal groups in Nunavut. It is clearly identified there.

We will look into your concern. We will take your comments into consideration and address the questions that were brought forward by the member. I'm sure there are going to be a lot of questions that need to be addressed during the initial stages, but if the other members have concerns, as I stated earlier, they are invited to discuss them with their HTOs and during the consultation process.

I think this draft is a good starting point. We will have to refine this draft. It is meant to be the beginning point of our discussions, and the discussions will be the beginning point of making amendments to the contents. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Curley** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The reason I brought up this issue is because during the negotiation process, we had to have a separate agreement on the provincial boundaries. But, even before the negotiations were completed between Saskatchewan and the Northwest Territories and hunting rights in the Kivalliq resolved, rights were already allocated. (interpretation ends) I think that should be taken under separate agreement, joint, provincial, Nunavut agreements, and maybe even federal.

(interpretation) Can you insist upon a separate agreement on this section when they get to it because there is this reciprocal situation that we have to take into consideration with government of the Northwest Territories and the provinces. I don't agree with giving them hunting rights when we don't get any in their provinces. Thank you.

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

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for the question. In regards to the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement, Article 40, we will review it again because, of course, we recognize aboriginal rights from other provinces. We could review this section with the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board and NTI.

We will work diligently on this issue. Of course, we will recognize the rights of aboriginals in the other provinces. We will look into the matter. Thank you.

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

**Question 386 – 2(2): Polar Bear Population in the Hudson Bay Area**

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

We've been hearing in the media that there was a concern about the polar bear population in the Hudson Bay area. Does this concern the whole Hudson Bay area? That is my question.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Minister of Environment.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The study you've heard about only affects the western Hudson Bay area. The Canadian Wildlife Service just did a study in the western section of Hudson Bay.

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

**Mr. Kattuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I had thought that the eastern Hudson Bay was a part of it, but since he identified it, is there going to be a study done on the eastern Hudson Bay? Are the hunters going to be a part of this study that is going to be done?

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Kattuk. Mr. Akesuk.

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Government of Nunavut and the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board are going to be working together if there is going to be a study done. Of course, we're going to include the harvesters and stakeholders affected in Nunavut. We will include all stakeholders if there is going to be a study in that area, not only for polar bears but also for other species managed by our government. Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Your second supplementary, Mr. Kattuk.

**Mr. Kattuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Hunters regularly discuss wildlife with one another. With respect to consultations on Hudson Bay, there doesn't seem to be too much concern over environmental impact on polar bears in my community. If a study will be carried out, it would seem incumbent upon the minister to consult with the hunters and stakeholders in Sanikiluaq and elsewhere.

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

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you. I understand your question. We will include the hunters as much as possible on projects like that. Thank you.

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

**Mr. Kattuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I raised this question this past winter on the upcoming study on polar bears, if it can be conducted before 2008. Because it will probably have an effect on the quota that we are going to have. So, I would like to hear what the status is. Thank you.

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

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At this time we are not sure if it can be done before 2008, or if we will meet the target date, because we only have about \$500,000 a year to do all of our population studies. The only way we could do a polar bear study in eastern Hudson Bay before 2008 would be to find more funding. We are targeting that date with people who will be working on it and also financially. We are still aiming for 2008. Thank you.

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

### **Question 387 – 2(2): New Members for Board of Directors for Qulliq Energy Corporation**

**Mr. Peterson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister Responsible for the Qulliq Energy Corporation. In light of the talks about a possible rate rider this year I was doing some research and it came to my attention that the Qulliq Energy Corporation's board of directors was to expire on Saturday, April 30, which is tomorrow.

I am wondering if the minister can update us on whether new members will be appointed. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): The Minister Responsible for the Qulliq Energy Corporation.

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The member is correct. What we have done, and, I, as the minister, have done over the last couple of days is brought forward the renewal of the current members on the board of the Power Corporation to this fall, September of this fall.

At the same time, in the next couple of days, members will see ads in the newspapers, as well as letters to the MLAs, requesting names to be submitted, for nominations to be made, to look at opportunities for new people to be put on the board.

At the same time there are a couple of vacancies, and I'm looking at the opportunity of maybe making the board a bit smaller. So, it depends on the names that come forward. All the current members have requested to continue. That is where it stands right now. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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



**Mr. Peterson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for that response. Can the minister tell us how many of the current board members are former politicians or senior Government of Nunavut employees. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That is a loaded question because it depends on what you define as a politician. For example, Mr. Dennis Lyall is on the board, he is a former mayor of Taloyoak. I would consider that a politician. Mayor Elisapee Shiutiapik is on the board; she is actually the mayor of Iqaluit, so I would call that a politician. Mr. Glenn McLean is on the board, who is a former MLA. I would suggest that he is a politician.

It depends on the breadth and depth of what is requested as “politician”. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Peterson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I’d like to thank the minister for that response. He didn’t tell me how many were former Government of Nunavut employees.

Can the minister tell us why he has left it so late to make appointments or re-appointments to the Qulliq Energy Corporation, in light of the fact that we keep hearing about possible rate riders early in this fiscal year? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. No, Mr. Tootoo is right, it is Friday and it’s a good day for humour. No, the minister didn’t know.

No, we didn’t leave it late. The board, as the members know, has gone through a process with the recent GRA that was recorded and reported back to this House during the last session, a few weeks ago, that just ended.

We felt that at that time that it would be best to allow the board to be in place. There are some opportunities for the board to be reviewing some of the current financial data and so on. I wanted to give an opportunity to Nunavummiut, through the members and everything, an opportunity to be able to look at some opportunities for nominations to come forward. So, members will be able to do that in the next few weeks. Then we will be able to look at the size of the board to see if we want to make it a little bit smaller for some economies of scale.

The current board members include: Elisapee Shiutiapik, who is the mayor, as we said; Mr. Jimmy Kilabuk, a former mayor; Mr. Simon Merkosak, a businessman and former mayor; Mr. Dennis Lyall is a businessperson and a former mayor.

The only senior person from government that I see on the list of board members is Mr. Ross Mrazek, who, most members know, is the former deputy minister of public works and services, so he has expertise in the area of POL and oil. We're quite pleased to have Mr. Mrazek's expertise on the board. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Peterson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for that response. The minister indicated that MLAs will be contacted for a chance to make recommendations.

I'm wondering if the minister can commit to allowing one of our standing committees to review all the nominations for the re-appointments and new appointments and review the qualifications of the officials recommended for the Qulliq Energy Corporation's board of directors. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again, the appointment process through the government, public agencies, and boards and Crown corporations is a transparent process.

Indeed, that type of public accountability is made right here through this Assembly. I have committed to the members just now, in response to their questions, that we will do a call letter to all MLAs and to the mayors and there will be ads in the papers soliciting names for the power corporation board.

At that time we will receive the names. Then, based on the members that are in place and the number of positions on the board, I would be very pleased to come back to the members and go through some of those opportunities.

Hopefully when the members are appointed, they are appointed on their expertise, the logistical, the administrative, and financial opportunities within their background, to be able to bring that forward. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Question period is now over. Back to orders of the day. Item 7. Written questions. Mr. Arreak.

**Mr. Arreak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At this time, I'd like consent to go back to Item 5.

**Speaker** (interpretation): The member is asking to go back to Item 5, recognition of visitors in the gallery. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Please proceed, Mr. Arreak.

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

**Mr. Arreak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker and my colleagues. At this time, I'd like to recognize people in the gallery. The furthest one, Ragilee Sangoya from Clyde River. She also volunteers a lot so, Minister Tapardjuk should recognize her.

Beside her is Nancy Sangoya, her daughter and Peter Iqalukjuaq, you probably heard him singing. He can sing better than Mr. Picco. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

**Mr. Barnabas** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to recognize Peter Iqalukjuaq. He is involved with the filming industry and is involved in gospel music also. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Behind me is a former resident of Kimmirut, but has been here for quite some time and also helped in the community, Kootoo Shaw. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

**Hon. Lavinia Brown** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When we first came here, I didn't know too many people in Iqaluit. Jane George, I'd like to recognize her because she was the first one to come and approach me. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

Back to orders of the day. Item 7. Item 8. Item 9. Item 10. Item 11. Item 12. Item 13.  
Tabling of documents. Mr. Arreak.

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

**Tabled Document 130 – 2(2): Photographs of Cape Christian Abandoned Buildings**

**Mr. Arreak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table a document, pictures that were taken in Kinguaqjuit, remnants of old houses, and the location of them, known in English as Cape Christian. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Item 13. Tabling of documents. Premier.

**Tabled Document 131 – 2(2): Ministerial Travel for Fiscal Year 2004-05**

**Hon. Paul Okalik** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I wish to table the following document, Ministerial Travel for Fiscal Year 2004-05. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Please pass the documents that are being tabled to the clerk, please.

Tabling of documents. Mr. Okalik.

**Tabled Document 132 – 2(2): 2005 Annual Report of the Utility Rate Review Council of Nunavut**

**Hon. Paul Okalik** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table the following document, 2005 Annual Report of the Utility Rate Review Council of Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Tabling of Documents. Item 14. Item 15. Item 16. Item 17, First Reading of Bills. Mr. Akesuk.

**Item 17: First Reading of Bills**

**Bill 15 – An Act to Amend the Wildlife Act – First Reading**

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Honorable Member for Amittuq, that Bill 15, an Act to Amend the Wildlife Act be read for the first time.

**Speaker** (interpretation): The motion is in order. All those in favor. All those opposed. Abstentions. The motion is carried and Bill 15 has had first reading.

First Reading of Bills. Ms. Aglukkaq.

**Bill 19 – Legislative Assemblies Statutes Amendments Act – First Reading**

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Cambridge Bay that Bill 19, Legislative Assembly Statutes Amendments Act be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): The motion is in order. All those in favor of the motion. All those opposed. Abstentions. The motion is carried and Bill 19, Legislative Assembly Statutes Amendments Act has had first reading.

First Reading of Bills. Ms. Aglukkaq.

**Bill 16 – Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 1, 2005-06 – First Reading**

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for South Baffin that Bill 16, Supplementary Appropriations Capital Act, No.1, 2005/06 be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker

**Speaker** (interpretation): The motion is in order. All those in favor of the motion. All those opposed. Abstentions. The motion is carried and Bill 16 has had first reading.

First Reading of Bills. Ms. Aglukkaq.

**Bill 17 – Supplementary Appropriation (Operation & Maintenance) Act, No. 1, 2005-2006 – First Reading**

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for South Baffin that Bill 17, Supplementary Appropriations Operations and Maintenance Act No.1, 2005/06 be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): The motion is in order. All those in favor of the motion. All those opposed. Abstentions. The motion is carried and Bill 17 has had first reading.

First Reading of Bills. Item 18, Second Reading of Bills. Ms. Aglukkaq.

**Item 18: Second Reading of Bills**

**Bill 16 – Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 1, 2005-06 – Second Reading**

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for South Baffin that Bill 16, Supplementary Appropriations Capital Act No.1, 2005/06 be read for the first time.

Mr. Speaker, this Bill makes supplementary appropriations for the Government of Nunavut to defray the capital expenses of the Government of Nunavut for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2006. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): The motion is in order. To the Principle of the Bill. Question has been called. All those in favour of the motion. Opposed. Abstained. The motion is carried. Bill 16 has had its second reading and now referred to the Committee of the Whole. Second reading of Bills. Ms. Aglukkaq.

**Bill 17 – Supplementary Appropriation (Operation & Maintenance) Act, No. 1, 2005-2006 – Second Reading**

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for South Baffin, that Bill 17, Supplementary Appropriation Operations & Maintenance Act, No. 1, 2005-2006, be read for the second time.

Mr. Speaker, this Bill makes supplementary appropriations for the Government of Nunavut to defray the operations and maintenance expenses of the Government of Nunavut for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2006. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): The motion is in order. To the Principle of the Bill. Question has been called. All those in favour of the motion. Opposed. Abstained. The motion is carried. Bill 17 has had its second reading and is now referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Second Reading of Bill Item 19. Consideration in the Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters: Tabled Document 100-2(2); Tabled Document 101-2(2); Tabled Document 102-2(2); Bill 16; Bill 17, with Mr. Evygotailak on the chair.

We will break for lunch and we shall return at 1 o'clock.

Sergeant-at-arms.

>>*Session recessed at 11:57 and resumed at 13:07*

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

**Chairperson** (interpretation): I would like to call the committee meeting to order. In the Committee of the Whole, we have the following items to deal with: Tabled documents 100-(2), 100-2(2) and 102-(2), and Bills 16 and 17. What is the wish of the committee? Mr. Peterson.

**Mr. Peterson:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We wish to continue with the review of tabled documents 100-2(2), entitled "*Government of Nunavut Leased Properties Report*". Once we have concluded with the leases, we will review concurrently tabled documents 101-(2) and 102-(2). We ask that senior representatives from the Departments of Community and Government Services, Economic Development and Transportation, Justice and Health be ready to appear before the committee. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson:** Thank you, Mr. Peterson. Are we in agreement that we deal with 100-(2). Leased properties. Does the committee agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairperson:** Thank you. Mr. Curley.

**Mr. Curley** (interpretation): What did you say?

**Chairperson:** Mr. Curley, I asked, are we in agreement that we deal with 100-2(2), "Leased Properties". Okay. Thank you. Minister Kilabuk, with your staff. Today is Friday.

Thank you, Minister Kilabuk. For the record please, introduce your witnesses.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have with me today to my immediate right, Mr. Chris Clark, and to my immediate left, Mr. Tom Rich, Deputy Minister. Thank you.

**Chairperson:** Welcome to both of you. Does the committee have any questions on "Leased Properties"? Mr. Peterson.

**Mr. Peterson:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'd like to welcome the minister and his officials again to this sitting.

I just wanted to follow-up on questions I had yesterday, I ran out of time. It was concerning the ten buildings that are leased from the Nunavut Construction Company. There was a small fine print on page 2.

I think I asked the last question on when the lease expires and I believe Mr. Rich said that it expires on 2019.

I would like to ask the minister, will the Government of Nunavut own the facilities at that point? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson:** Thank you, Mr. Peterson. Minister Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think I said yesterday that, no, the Government of Nunavut will not own those at the end of the lease. Thank you.

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

**Mr. Peterson:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the minister for that answer. Those are ten fairly major buildings across Nunavut. I don't know how many Government employees work out of the buildings, but I know its 14 years from now.

Does the Government of Nunavut have plans in place by 2019 to either lease new commercial space, with 10 buildings or will you be planning to buy the buildings? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson:** Thank you, Mr. Peterson. Minister Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The ten units in question are of a different nature all together because these were special leases done by the federal government. But, I will get Mr. Rich to elaborate more on the leases in question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson:** Thank you, Minister. Mr. Rich.

**Mr. Rich:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. These facilities, of course, are key office buildings for the Government of Nunavut in many communities, particularly many decentralized communities.

We have not actually, because of the length of time yet, left on the lease, started an expense process to look at the leases. As the minister said, they were special leases put in place in particular to assist in supporting Inuit organization in the birth of Nunavut. Over a period of time, as we assess the need for office space and the opportunities will certainly look at what the options are in those facilities. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson:** Thank you, Mr. Rich. Mr. Peterson.

**Mr. Peterson:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank the minister and Mr. Rich for that answer. Is one of the buildings the Legislative Assembly? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson:** Thank you, Mr. Peterson. Mr. Rich.

**Mr. Rich:** Mr. Chairman, yes it is. The Legislative Assembly is one of the buildings. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson:** Thank you, Mr. Rich. Mr. Peterson.

**Mr. Peterson:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Mr. Rich. You probably heard through the media and probably through the Minister that Legislative Assembly is already planning ahead for a new Legislative Assembly building in 2019 or 2020.

We're anticipating now that we are going to need a larger building when that lease expires. So, would you be working with the Legislative Assembly to help us with our needs and then what would happen to this building when the lease expires? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson:** Thank you, Mr. Peterson. I would like to let the members know that if you have your cell phones, please shut them off. Thank you.



Mr. Minister.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If I remember the question, yes, the process in place will be that the Department of Community and Government Services will be involved in the capital planning process for such a facility when presented. Thank you.

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

**Mr. Peterson:** I wanted to ask a question about one of the leases here that is striking me as being odd.

It's on page 1, under the Nunavut Housing Corporation. It's a 20 year lease for \$66 thousand per year. Being that we represent the government, we're leasing from our own agency, crown corporation. It's not a private sector organization, certainly. Perhaps the minister or his officials could explain how we come to leasing a building from our own government agency.

How does that structure work. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The lease in question is for the commissioner's house in Iqaluit.

How we got to there, I really couldn't tell you. I'll ask Mr. Rich if he has any information on this. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Mr. Rich:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Again, this goes back some time and the arrangements were made with the housing corporation to acquire the house as part of the program.

The funding has to come from some place to provide for that because it's of no use to the Nunavut Housing Corporation obviously if it's being used. The funding is funding that is cost shared between the Government of Nunavut and the Government of Canada. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Mr. Peterson:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Could the minister or Mr. Rich give us some detail on the size and type of house that we're leasing for \$66 thousand a year. I haven't seen the commissioner's house, but it's perhaps the biggest house in Iqaluit. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I don't know if we have the dimensions on the size of the building with us.

However, the unit in question is also where the commissioner has their office. Added to this, the landlord pays for all the operations and maintenance costs of this unit. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Mr. Peterson:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the minister for that reply.

Being a Member of the Legislative Assembly and traveling over here, I've noticed that the monthly rents on a three bedroom house are in the neighbourhood of \$3 thousand and \$35 hundred. I knew it was expensive but when I saw this figure, I wasn't sure \$66 thousand was fair market value.

If it includes utilities and all those operating costs and it has an office in it, I hope that it represents fair value. I'm wondering if the minister or his officials could confirm that that represents fair value. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I guess when you consider the fact that it is cost shared, it is fair value for the Government of Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

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

Further down on the page there are three leases in Ottawa. One is for R..E. Windover. It says refer to note five, which is month to month for a sick child from Clyde River and then there are two for Moreguard Investments Limited, three years and one year. Could the minister or his officials clarify what those leases are for? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The three in question, the first one which is a fine house in Ottawa, the use of space is for Health and Social Services. There is another one for the Delta Tower Suite in Ottawa and that is Government of Nunavut office in that building. Then again, also in that same tower, is an additional Government of Nunavut office space. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson:** Thank you, Minister Kilabuk. Mr. Peterson.

**Mr. Peterson:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Could the minister tell us how many units, it looks like over 100 thousand dollars a year leases for the officials in the Delta Tower. How many officials or how many staff do we have housed down there in those offices? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson:** Thank you, Mr. Peterson. Minister Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I don't have in front of me the numbers of staff, but my colleagues can help me with this one. However, I'm going to correct myself. The last Delta Tower Suites that I mentioned is closed, so we only have the first one, which is the Government of Nunavut offices at the Delta Towers Suite. The one at 38 thousand is closed. Thank you.

**Chairperson:** Thank you, Minister Kilabuk. Mr. Peterson.

**Mr. Peterson:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank the minister. Someone is going to answer, how many staff we have down in Ottawa, in those offices? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson:** Thank you, Mr. Peterson. Minister Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I stand to be corrected, I believe that it is three or four in that office. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Mr. Peterson:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Minister. I wanted to ask about this other one here, Churchill Frontier school division. It is a ten year lease for \$64,776. What does that represent? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson:** Thank you, Mr. Peterson. Minister Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm not sure if I understand my colleague's question. I'll get Mr. Clark to add to my comments, but the one in Churchill is for the Health and Social Services medical boarding home Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson:** Thank you, Minister. Mr. Peterson. Thank you, Mr. Peterson. Mr. Curley.

**Mr. Curley:** I was curious why there isn't, I assume that Government of Nunavut has a lease also for office facilities in Ottawa. There appears to be some representation in Ottawa from Nunavut, in terms of the Nunavut official there. Is there a lease agreement of some kind in Ottawa as well, for offices?

**Chairperson:** Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, the lease I was just talking about from my colleague's question from Cambridge Bay, the offices that we lease through EIA for EIA use is the Delta Tower Suite in Ottawa. That is what we considering as the GN offices in Ottawa. Thank you.

**Chairperson:** Thank you, Minister. Mr. Curley.

**Mr. Curley:** Thank you. Could the Minister maybe indicate, with respect to my comments yesterday, that it would be useful to have the type of contract mode that used to arrive at all these... I am not particularly interested unless you're volunteering to inform us of exactly which ones have an option to renew, have a sunset clause or a lease to own term.

If we know a number of them have that, it will enable us to shape up the policy of the government because many of them were, I believe, negotiated deals that were very lucrative and in the industry are referred to as sweat heart deals. Does the minister now see from this experience that we had. Will we be prepared to tender publicly in an open tender process and do away with the sole source arrangements for amounts over \$25 thousand or more. Thank you.

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

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As I indicated yesterday, out of 59 leases, six of those have been sole sourced and I will note my colleague's comments regarding tendering publicly and try to adhere to that as much as possible. I will note my colleague's comments on this matter. Thank you.

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

**Mr. Curley:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My other question has to do with part of the question that my colleague from Cambridge Bay alluded to with respect to long term plans for the Legislative Assembly building.

Speaking with the clerk of this house through other committees, we have tried to encourage him to begin talking about the kind of facility that would be here. It is also important for us to look at the type of financing that will be required long term, for the legislative building.

Given the fact that the clerk has now agreed to consult with other departments including yours and finance, would your department have the ability to deal with trying to set out some criteria for raising financing, other than Government of Nunavut resources and to try and include guidelines for investment from the public and what not.

Has the department got that kind of expertise in your shop or would you have to hire a consultant to do that kind of planning. Thank you.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My staff have had discussions with Mr. Clerk on this matter and we will again take the direction from the legislative committee on this matter.

We are also involving the Department of Finance and our own department, as well as the Legislative Assembly to look at this. Again, Mr. Chairman, we are open to different types of funding arrangements if we can get good value for our money. So, that option of partnering will definitely be considered.

Again, the Department of Finance is the lead on the funding options. I will follow up on those with my colleagues at the cabinet level. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Mr. Curley:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I don't think it's too early to start planning even it's 10 years down the road.

For the record, I had said to our clerk that I'm not talking about the Development Corporation or any type of corporation that we have up here. That will be up to the project management at that time to decide who they want the contract to do it. What I'm talking about is raising financing from the financial market or public investment from individuals or even trying to include some of the pension funds that we do have in the part of the world that they invest into that kind of arrangement.

When we talk about financing, it's generally known here in Nunavut to mean the Department of Finance or capital funds. What I'm saying for the record is raising financing doesn't mean and I think you should note that and close the door on this, that you will not entertain when you're considering the legislative building that it will not include a museum.

That should be competitive for that, because it should be located in Rankin Inlet unless you're going to move the headquarters to Rankin Inlet, then it would be okay to include that in Rankin Inlet. Thank you.

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

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In fairness to my colleague, the discussions that have taken place thus far have only dealt with the Legislative Assembly building issue and there have been no mentions of a cultural museum attached to the facility.

I will again point out my colleague's statement in our communiqué. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Mr. Curley:** Thank you. I will not ask for assurance from the minister just yet. I'm sure there will be more discussions on that matter later.

I do want to ask a question in view of the fact that the member for Arviat will not likely be arriving today. The planes are cancelled from Rankin Inlet as well. He did ask me whether I would kindly ask you what happened to the leases that you previously had with the former member of Arviat from the first assembly for the rental of four units for the housing corporation. Thank you.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Those were under the Housing Corporation and would not appear in this report. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Mr. Curley:** I will follow up then. Do you still currently operate the existing leases or have they been cancelled as of now. Thank you.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It has been a while since I've dealt with this issue and I don't have that information readily available in front of me.

I'll have to commit to providing that information to my colleague and the member from Arviat on the leases that were with the Nunavut Housing Corporation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm just going to start off my questioning reviewing yesterday's Hansard.

The minister indicated that they would be able to provide us with copies of expiry dates of the leases. I'm just wondering if he brought those here for us to look at along with this list. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do have the information here with me, so if I can, I'd like assistance from your clerk to distribute these other pages in the matter that you would like to proceed, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

**Chairman:** Hand them out to the members please. Thank you. Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As I mentioned yesterday, I think I finished off my questioning in regards to the largest lease that is on the list and that is one for a building in Cambridge Bay, at over \$1.1 million a year.

I pointed out yesterday that it is normal process if they take a look at different options five to seven years ahead of time and then the fact that nothing has been done and we won't have a decision on different options until four to six months, as the minister indicated yesterday.

It was also mentioned yesterday that leases over \$1 million require a Cabinet decision. So my first question on this particular lease is. Was there any ministerial direction given on it prior to where we are now, or any Cabinet direction given on this particular lease over the last five years. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. No. No Cabinet direction over the last five years. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The million dollar a year, and who knows it is just a large building. I know most leases they come with so much a square foot lease cost. Maybe if the minister has an idea of what the square footage, or cost of that facility, as outlined in the lease. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If the information that I have is correct, it is about 30,000 square feet. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I wasn't looking for the total square footage of the building, but when leases are drawn up, usually it's the cost of so much a square foot of what you are leasing.

I would just like to ask what the cost per square footage on this lease. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Again this is of a matter of a sensitive nature. I'd be hesitant to go into revealing this information during this presentation at Committee of the Whole. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I can imagine why it is probably sensitive at that amount. Is that one thing that the department looks at? I know through the Housing Corporation and the department that does build structures in all Nunavut facilities, do they look at what the cost per square footage of the lease comparing to the average cost of square footage to build?

Maybe in this particular case, I get an indication whether it is slightly higher, substantially higher than what the average cost per square foot to construct, or other leases in that community. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes the department does look at the costs of space. For the second part of his question, I am going to have to defer that to Mr. Clark. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, minister. Mr. Clark.

**Mr. Clark:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes we do compare the cost of various leases per square foot. You have to remember that the lease is made up, this particular lease, but many leases are net leases, which are made up of a base lease and operations and maintenance costs.

So the total sum square footage cost of the building is based on both of those. One you can control and one you live with. The one you live with is the base rent and the one you attempt to control is the operations and maintenance costs. So, yes, we do look at this particular lease in comparison to every other lease that we have. We do keep comparisons.

We look at particular communities. Like Iqaluit, for instance, we'll look at the cost per square foot of the buildings and it's difficult to compare Iqaluit and Cambridge Bay or the costs in Pond Inlet and the costs of Grise Fiord. Where possible, we do make comparisons on both of the base rents and the operations. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman and thank you Mr. Clark for that response.



The second part of the question would be is the cost of the square footage of that lease comparable to others for the same community. Is it substantially higher or substantially lower in comparison to other leases in that community. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Mr. Clark:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The prices for that building are comparable to other buildings in that region.

As a matter of fact, the base rate for that particular building is favorable in comparison to the rates in Iqaluit and Rankin Inlet. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That's good to know.

Mr. Chairman, another thing that was brought up yesterday was an indication that there were a number of items that went to arbitration because the parties disagreed on who was supposed to pay for what as outlined in the lease. How long of a time period did that encompass. Did it go on for the complete life of the lease, the last two years or how long has that been going on. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Mr. Clark:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Basically that occurred over a number of years. There were issues that we addressed in 2002 which had accumulated from practices over the years, interpretations of what was and wasn't acceptable.

It didn't all start out at once. As I said, basically it accumulated over a period of time. We stopped that with the 2002 year. Unfortunately we weren't able to go backwards. From a legal point it's called Stop AI. We stopped it then and it's not going forward in the future. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm very happy to hear that. I'm glad that someone is out there keeping an eye on those things.

Are those costs that were looked at, those other clauses that are in there, are those included in the lease amount or are they over and above what's recorded in the annual lease amount here in the report. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Mr. Clark:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The amounts are operations and maintenance amounts and yes they were included in the 1.18, 1.2 that was listed on the report. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just wanted to make sure for the record that there were no other costs to that facility other than the costs that the Government of Nunavut paid, other than costs outlined here in the lease. Is that correct. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Mr. Clark:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, those amounts were included. They are on that number.

I would like to point out though that we did recover costs from that arbitration which will reduce that figure of \$1.2 million quite substantially. Again, that is all from the operations and maintenance side of things. Yes they were included, but yes it has been reduced. Thank you.

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

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. When they get a finalized number and I'm sure they're working on it now, will that updated information be included as an amendment to this document.

Because of stuff in progress it appears as though it is an asset and you can't really blame them for work that is in progress. I would like to see what the amended amount is so that we have accurate information. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, as a matter of fact that will be included in the support material over the next month. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I want to go back to the whole process that I think normally starts five to seven years ahead of time when you're looking at what options to pursue prior to a lease coming to an end.

One of the things that minister's officials mentioned yesterday was that they look at the suitability of the existing space and that they've also completed a process in where they look at and determine what the requirements are going to be. Do they have proficient capacity there to meet the needs and if not what are they.

They said yesterday that an analysis has been done to determine what the government's needs are going to be in that community. I'm wondering what the results were of that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Mr. Rich:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. What we've been looking at are the options at the time of the expiry of the current lease on that facility.

Essentially we've identified five options that are being considered now and as we mentioned yesterday will be brought forward with a recommendation to the minister in the next four months or so. One obviously, is another long term renewal of the lease. The second is to have a short term renewal. The third would be to terminate the lease and tender for other space and the last is to look at using other vacant Government of Nunavut owned space.

Some space is becoming vacant in the community which might be used for office space. I might add that there is currently vacant office space in other buildings the Government of Nunavut uses in the community. So we're looking at that mixture of space. It's been of course, to our advantage that there has been recent building in that community which has provided some more options for us to look at in Cambridge Bay. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Realistically looking at it, given the timeframes involved, are our hands not tied? If we decide to terminate the lease, how many people working in that facility, if we don't have the existing office space to work out of? Or if they decide that they want to re-tender, shouldn't that be done at least a year ahead of time, so that anyone interested in supplying a bid, an RFP, or whatever, has an opportunity to do that prior to the year that its needed, because everything has to come up on the boat at least a year ahead of time. With the construction and everything else they do need some lee time, they can't wait.

That is something that really confuses me in this particular case where we have such a large facility, 30,000 square feet. How many people do you have working in there? To me those are all nice options that we are looking at, but do we really have a choice given the timeframe that is involved.

That is what I am wondering about. I am wondering if I could get a response or an explanation for that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. I would like to remind the members that before you leave to make sure that we have a quorum. That way I don't ring the chimes again. Just to remind you to make sure that everybody is here. Minister Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I agree with my colleague that there are some options that may not be realistic at this time in looking at the lease in question.

The two strongest surfacing options would be to look at, either short term renewal, and also using other vacant Government of Nunavut space, of course, the option of tendering for additional space would also be an option. I think those options are the most obvious ones at this time. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I know that at least one that I can recall that in the recent past of an RFP going out for a facility or leased property was in Rankin Inlet. That was for the Liquor Warehouse. That seemed like it went out in a very short time.

The only ones that it was kind of made for was that someone already had a facility there in place that could be used for that. There were other people who wanted to have a chance to bid on, but they couldn't because they didn't have the time to be able to do that, if you would allow more timing process.

We have learned that on our capital budget that by putting it in the fall, it would save us money, because we can plan further ahead and make arrangements. You get more bang for your buck, which is what it's all about.

If there is lee time into stuff like this so that people do have time to prepare then we will get a more competitive process in there so that someone knows that they are the only one in town and they are going to charge this and we have no choice but to take it because there is nothing else. We are never going to get further ahead.

Now it seems like we are in the same kind of a situation that we are finding ourselves in with this particular lease. We have to make sure that this kind of thing doesn't happen because we do have limited resources. It is up to us to make sure that we spread those as far as we can.

This whole process is like a way not allowing us to do it, for whatever reason which probably will always remain a mystery that this happened in this case. Something that I would really like to know is why.

That is something that is the largest lease that is in there and its 30,000 square feet. That is not something going to be overlooked and forgotten about. That isn't something that we have to do something about this before it's too late. Well it is too late.

I don't understand it. I am sure that there are different things that have happened. The complexity of leases, arbitration, and all this kind of stuff, but that still should not have slowed down the process.

That whole process of analyzing that is supposed to happen far in advance, five to seven years. That is something that didn't happen until about four years and kind of got bogged down again for another year. Now what is being done is that we are just looking at it and a decision is going to come out six months prior to the end of the lease. I think our options, unfortunately, are limited. I just fail to understand how we got ourselves boxed in to this kind of a corner in this particular situation.

I am just wondering if I could just get some kind of response from the minister or his officials on that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I hear my colleague's concern about this process and also the fact that the process and timelines that we were talking about yesterday, five to seven years and the fact that the expiry date is coming upon us for that lease. The five to seven years is pretty much how long this governments been in existence, about six years to be exact. Yes, under those circumstances that process should have been started at about that time. Unfortunately, as it is very obvious today that it had not.

So the concern that my colleague expresses on this issue regarding the short timeframe and as a result the reduced options that we have for this lease. Under normal circumstances we wouldn't want to be in this situation, but we are. To move forward the biggest factor in the decision process will be the fact that it's based on needs.

The options that we just went through are probably the most realistic option that is being considered at this time to meet that need for the office space in that community. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Kilabuk. Mr. Tootoo, your time has expired and I don't have any more names on the list. Mr. Peterson.

**Mr. Peterson:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to report progress.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Peterson. We have a motion on the floor to report progress and the motion is not debatable. All those in favour of the motion. Those opposed. The motion is carried. I will now rise to report progress.

Thank you, minister and your witnesses.

**Deputy Speaker** (interpretation): Please be seated. Thank you. Going to the orders of the day. Item 20. Report of the Committee of the Whole. The chair of the committee, Mr. Evygotailak.

## **Item 20: Report of the Committee of the Whole**

**Mr. Evygotailak:** Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. Your committee has been considering Tabled Document 102-2(2), and would like to report progress. Mr. Deputy Speaker, I move that the report of this committee be agreed to. Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker.

**Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, Mr. Evygotailak. There is a motion on the floor. Secunder to the motion. Mr. Peterson. All those in favour of the motion. All those opposed. The motion is carried.

Going to the orders of the day. Item 21. Third Reading of Bills. Item 22. Orders of the day. Mr. Clerk.

### **Item 22: Orders of the Day**

**Clerk:** Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. A reminder of a number of meetings. At half past two today, a meeting of the Standing Committee on Rules in Tuktu. Tomorrow afternoon, at half past one, the Standing Committee Ajauqtiit. On Monday a reminder of the meeting of Full Caucus at 10 o'clock, followed by meeting of the Regular Caucus at 11 o'clock.

Orders of the day for Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>:

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. Notice of Motions
15. Notice of Motions for First Reading of Bills
16. Motions

17. First Reading of Bills

18. Second Reading of Bills

- Bill 15
- Bill 19

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

- Tabled Document 100-2(2)
- Tabled Document 101-2(2)
- Tabled Document 102-2(2)
- Bill 16
- Bill 17

20. Report to Committee of the Whole

21. Third Reading of Bills

22. Orders of the Day

Thank you.

**Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, Mr. Clerk. This House stands adjourned until Monday, May 2, 2005, at 1:30.

Sergeant-at-arms.

>>*Session adjourned at 14:05*

