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

Item 1: Opening Prayer

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

>>*Prayer*

Speaker (interpretation): Good afternoon, Ministers and Members. Proceeding to the Orders of the Day. Item 2. Ministers' Statements. Minister Picco.

Item 2: Ministers' Statements

Minister's Statement 127 – 2(2): Yastushiro Collection

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon. In 1958 and 1959 a researcher from McGill, Dr. Toshio Yastushiro collected household surveys, material culture surveys, interviews with Inuit about recent changes and their future, genealogies, maps, origin stories, photographs, movie footage and comments on government activities in Iqaluit. There are over 20 hours of tapes and more than 400 pictures.

Mr. Speaker, Nelson Graburn, a former student of Dr. Yastushiro, worked in Kimmirut in 1960. He spent a year collecting and preserving this material. Mr. Graburn also worked in Iqaluit in 1986 and 2000 where he focuses on Inuit concepts of memory and history. His most recent material will be published shortly.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to inform my colleagues that Mr. Nelson Graburn will be presenting a complete collection on CD at the Nunavut Research Institute and to the Museum during his visit to Iqaluit April 26 – May 16, 2005.

A public viewing and talk will be held at the Iqaluit Museum on Thursday May 5. What an opportunity to learn more about the Iqaluit families and the changes that were occurring as people moved into the community. Should any of the Members or public require further information, they can contact Brian Lunger at the Museum or Mary Ellen Thomas at the Nunavut Research Institute. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements. Minister Tapardjuk.

Minister's Statement 128 – 2(2): Inuinnaqtun Interpreter/Translator Program

Hon. Louis Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am very pleased to announce that six students recently completed their first year of training as part of the Inuinnaqtun Interpreter/Translator Program in Cambridge Bay.

This program is an initiative of the Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth and was developed in partnership with the Kitikmeot Inuit Association and Nunavut Arctic College.

The first year of this program was designed to improve the language skills of the students so that they could achieve full fluency. The College is planning two additional years of training to give students the skills they will need to be successful interpreters and translators.

Two students deserve special mention. Karen Ongahak is the first recipient of the new Alice Kinaviak Anablak Award for the outstanding effort in preserving and promoting Inuinnaqtun language and culture. Doreen Ayalikyoak Evyagotailak received the Amy Etibloena Award as the most hardworking and overall helpful student at the Kitikmeot campus.

Three of the top students will be employed by my Department's Translation Bureau this summer to begin giving them hands on experience.

Mr. Speaker, the Inuinnaqtun Interpreter/Translator Training Program is an important example of how government is working with communities to strengthen the Inuit language throughout Nunavut.

The program will provide students with skills they need for employment opportunities. It will ensure that a new generation of Inuit will fully develop their language skills in Inuinnaqtun. And it will ensure that this government will continue to deliver high quality services in Inuinnaqtun for many years to come. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements. Minister Tapardjuk.

Minister's Statement 129 – 2(2): Sivuliqtiksat Internship Program

Hon. Louis Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to take this opportunity to update my colleagues on my Department's Sivuliqtiksat Program, a management internship program designed specifically to increase Beneficiary employment in manager and director level positions in the public service.

We have just completed an extensive recruitment campaign for the program and I am pleased to report that seven new interns have started the program on April 1st. Adding to the two continuing interns will make a total of nine interns in the current group. Their internships range from two to three years in duration and during this training period, they will complete individualized learning plans that include on-the-job training, mentoring and group learning sessions and distance education.

Through on-the-job training and mentoring initiatives such as Sivuliqtiksat, our Government is demonstrating its ongoing commitment to our guiding principles of *Pilimmaksarniq/Pijaruiqsarniq* and *Piliriqatigiiniq/Ikajuqtigiinniq*.

In conclusion I would like to welcome the Sivuliaqtiksat interns to their new positions and recognize those who are busy completing their final year in the program. I would also like to acknowledge the continued efforts of Government employees who are undertaking training and mentoring responsibilities to ensure that the interns are successful in their positions. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements. Item 3. Members' Statements. Mr. Peterson.

Item 3: Members' Statements

Member's Statement 323 – 2(2): Hamlet Council Meeting

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to inform the House about a Hamlet Council of Cambridge Bay joint planning meeting that I attended on April 13, 2005.

Mr. Speaker, two committees of council, the Capital Planning Committee and the Lands Planning Committee, met to brainstorm about the future needs of our community. There is an old expression that says: "if you fail to plan, you plan to fail."

Like the Government of Nunavut, municipalities must plan for their future. It is not an easy task, because of competing demands and priorities in the face of limited resources. Hamlets have a reputation for being able to do more with less but it is becoming increasingly difficult to live up to this reputation for many Hamlets across Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, I outlined to the joint committees the Government of Nunavut Capital Planning process and the planning cycle.

Staff updated the meeting participants on the preliminary findings concerning a community development plan. Among other things, residents have told planners that Cambridge Bay needs a longer runway and a utilidor system; the sewer lagoon and metal

and waste dumps need to re-located; and there is a need for more commercial and residential lots to be developed in order to natural support community growth.

Residents also recommended that the community promote alternative energy sources and build on our long history of wind turbine technology. Also they said the governments should look at how to harness waste heat more efficiently.

Some residents in Cambridge Bay are hoping that entrepreneurs will come forward and build a movie theatre and open a hair dressing salon. As we know, Cambridge Bay has a dynamic business sector so these ideas are probably being considered by someone.

A comment was made at the meeting that the Hamlet is working with what is given to them from the Government of Nunavut as opposed to what they need.

The meeting participants reaffirmed residents' wishes and added to the list of growth needs. The committee members listed a new community hall, an alcohol treatment facility, and a new Nunavut Arctic College campus.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage the Government of Nunavut to work with the Hamlet Council of Cambridge Bay in the next few months to discuss their short and long-term Capital Planning requirements before completing draft departmental capital plans this fall.

As a resident of Cambridge Bay, I am very pleased that our Hamlet Council is planning for our community's future. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

Member's Statement 324 – 2(2): Acknowledgement of Dick Smith, Mary Cousins and Lou Budgell

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to acknowledge three very special people, who have made significant contributions to the quality of education in our communities, and who sadly will be leaving the education system this year.

Dick Smith, who was recently named Honorary Toonik, as Mr. Picco pointed out earlier in this sitting, during Iqaluit's Toonik Tyme celebrations, will be retiring from Inukshuk High School this year. He will be sorely missed.

Mr. Speaker, for many years Mr. Smith ran an excellent shop program at the High School and it is really too bad that he is leaving now just as this kind of programming is once again getting the kind of attention it deserves.

Mary Cousins will be retiring from Nakasuk School, where she was a teacher in the elementary grades for many years. Ms. Cousins has not only taught some of Nunavut's youngest students but she has also taught many adult students the Inuktitut language.

In recent years, Ms. Cousins returned to school herself, to obtain her masters degree, which I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate her on that achievement. I would like to wish her the best of luck.

Mr. Lou Budgell has served in the past four years as the President of the Federation of Nunavut Teachers, and before that taught in our High Schools for many years. One of Mr. Budgell's final tasks as President will be to host a reception of the upcoming event later this month. I look forward to being there to personally thank him and wish him well.

Mr. Budgell's work with the FNT has been much appreciated and I am sure that he will put his energy to many more good uses in the future.

Mr. Speaker, These individuals have inspired many young people over the years with their enthusiasm, with their love for knowledge and their devotion to the process of acquiring that knowledge. Their wisdom and expertise will be greatly missed.

I would like to ask the Members to join me in thanking and wishing them all a long and enjoyable retirement. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

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

Member's Statement 325 – 2(2): Thank Kendall Greenly Representing Nunavummiut

Hon. Leona Aglukkaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon everyone, greetings to the people of Taloyoak and Gjoa Haven today.

Today I would like to recognize the accomplishment of youth from Taloyoak. I would like to express my appreciation and recognition of a young lady from Taloyoak representing Nunavut, as one of the youth from Canada in the Netherlands this week. As you may be aware it is the 60th anniversary of the Second World War, the Liberation of the Netherlands, and Canadians played a major part of that Liberation.

As part of her preparation Kendall Greenley had to research the history of a fallen Canadian soldier. During this research she had a chance to find out about the war, itself, and this gave her a special appreciation for those that lost their lives, and or their loved ones.

I would like to thank Kendall Greenley for representing Nunavut and I look forward to talking to her about her trip once I am back in Taloyoak. As well as a young role model

for Taloyoak and youth today, I am sure fellow Taloyoammiut also look forward to hearing about her experience and what she learned from the veterans, the politician and other Canadian youth at this important event.

At the same time I would like to recognize a group of youth from Taloyoak for their recent accomplishments. Recently the Netsilik School in Taloyoak held a badminton tournament where 30 students participated. I want to offer my congratulations to the following individuals; Charlie Qayuttinuaq for first place, Mathew Uttaq for second place and Peter Totalik for third place. In the female category I would like to recognize and congratulate Cecile Lyall for first place and Kendall Greenley for second place and Lisa Totalik for third place.

In addition to this Mr. Speaker, I would like to offer my congratulations to the boys' soccer team that attended the boys 16 and under tournament in Yellowknife April 28, to May 1. The individuals from the Taloyoak team made it to the quarter finals and came in third in their division.

Congratulations go out to D.J. Lyall, Ernie Lyall, Johnny Tularialik, Simon Tularialik, Mathew Uttaq Jr., Peter Mannilaq Jr., Peter Aqqaq, Andy Aklah, Sam Alookkee and the coach, Wade Morrison. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Members' Statements. Mr. Evyagotailak.

Member's Statement 326 - 2(2): Congratulate Derrick for Mayorship

Mr. Evyagotailak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to congratulate mayor elect, Derrick Powers on his successful election yesterday. I have known Derrick for a number of years and I'm confident that he will bring energy and enthusiasm to the position of mayor.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Sandy Anablack and Peter Taptuna for entering this race. All three candidates received considerable support. Mr. Speaker, Kugluktuk is pulling together in facing the challenges ahead. I look forward to supporting the community in the months ahead. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

Member's Statement 327 - 2(2): Youth in Nunavut

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For all those individuals who are watching the proceedings, I wish them well, especially my constituents. I will be making my statement in English.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I want to again say a few words about our youth in Nunavut. I'm going to be reading parts of my statement of what I've received from the young people of Rankin Inlet.

I want to say to the government also and all the Ministers that you've got to do more for our people of Nunavut. What's happening is that when the school year ends, which will be ending soon, boredom will take over for many of our youth and we've got to keep these young people busy. We've got to find ways to make them volunteer their services for their community.

The government must not shut down when the holidays are down so that the youth can take part in providing important services to their community. Having made that statement I want to say to all the young people throughout Nunavut that you are important and that you are loved. We care about you. We need you for our future.

Mr. Speaker, I received a letter from Rankin Inlet. It says, hello, my name is Nancy Qabvituq. I'm 15 years old and in grade 10. I am from Rankin Inlet. I'm writing to you because I have a suggestion to make a teenage center. I am suggesting a teenage center because many people my age are getting high on drugs and they are drinking alcohol. My people could have fun in a teenage center with all kinds of games and other activities.

I got another letter from a 15 year old. Hello, my name is Edith Angalik. I am writing to you because there are some problems going on in Rankin Inlet. Some of the problems in Rankin Inlet are that teenage people are getting so bored they just start drinking and doing drugs for the fun of it because they have nothing to do. The person who wrote me is Edith Angalik.

Mr. Speaker, My name is Megan Siksik, I am 16 years old, and I live in Rankin Inlet. I am writing to you about what teenagers need in Rankin Inlet. The problem is teenagers today have no where to go after school. Usually after school, after doing homework, teenagers have nothing to do. This usually leads to trouble, drugs or alcohol. We need a place to hang out or have fun like a big recreation room or games and little places we can buy snacks and so on.

Mr. Speaker, the youth in Nunavut are crying out for help. It is time the government proposed volunteer services for them and offer them something to do to keep them occupied. Thank you.

>> *Applause*

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

Member's Statement 328 – 2(2): Lack of Recreation Facilities

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also would like to make a statement to the government in regards to the youth and community halls. When I visited the hamlets and the communities that I represent, then they kept stating that they lack community halls or sport recreation facilities.

It is not only that that we lack of facilities. When other community residents go to another community to play sport they say that the gymnasium in Grise Fiord, or the community hall in Grise Fiord is twice as small as regular ones in the other communities. And the other equipment that the community hall needs don't have any space at all.

They end up leaving the equipment outside and they deteriorate when they should be stored properly but aren't due to the lack of space. They just leave some of their equipment in the warehouse since they have no space in the community hall.

All the studies that have been done by the government and the inspector's reports have to be tabled to make sure that our youth are not left out. Our smaller communities require adequate recreational facilities to be used by the communities, just like the larger communities centres do have. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

Member's Statement 329 – 2(2): Thank Son for Gift

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today, although I am disappointed, as much as my constituents. There was a residential home that was burnt down. I apologize that they have no more home. I am glad that nobody was hurt even though the building burnt down.

I would like to talk a bit about something on the lighter side. I would like to thank, even though I mentioned it earlier, Joseph. He bought me a necktie in Ottawa, quite a while back and I want to thank him for that. As I've stated before I am proud of him as he was away on a land skills program through the school.

I was proud of him. Even though when I am always away, he is given an opportunity to go out hunting with the rest of the school student. He had caught a caribou. He came home with a whole caribou and I was very proud of him for that. That is why I rise today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Returning to the Orders of the Day. Item 4. Returns to Oral Questions. 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. It gives me great pleasure to welcome to the gallery some very special visitors. Earlier this week we had the opportunity to make an announcement where we put over 80 new teaching positions in our schools across Nunavut.

Today from the Grade 4 class at Nakasuk School here in Iqaluit, Mr. Rodney Corkum and class are here. You will note that Mr. Corkum has 27 students with him today. Mr. Corkum is the only teacher with those 27 students. It just demonstrates that we have a long way to go still to bring those numbers down across the board for individual classrooms.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Corkum and his Grade 4 class. I would like to ask if they could stand up. Mr. Speaker, one of the special people here with us is Mr. Iola Sheutiapik, a grade four student, all around sports person, and he just put his hand up. He is the son of the Mayor of Iqaluit. When Iola is bored, he puts on my CD and he tells me that brings him up. We want to take this opportunity to welcome Iola to the House.

>>*Applause*

Also, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome one more person to the gallery, and that is a very famous author, a raconteur, a business man, and he is not as well known, but if you read his columns on a regular basis and some of his letters to the editor, he is a bit humorous also.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome a constituent of mine, Mr. Ken Harper, to the Assembly also. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, welcome to the Gallery. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I too would like to welcome all the students whom my colleague recognized. Yesterday, my colleague for Iqaluit Centre had stated that he wanted to welcome all the visitors to Iqaluit, especially the people from the housing associations.

Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to recognize and welcome these individuals who are here to attend the meeting of the Housing Association Secretary Managers meeting during this

week. I am very pleased they welcomed me yesterday during a meeting when I met with them in the morning at the Navigator Inn. I would like to welcome the visitors, I am not too sure where they are sitting. We were going to have seating set, but they will have to rise once I call their names. Daniel Audla, David Alderdise, and from Cambridge Bay, Vicky Itauk.

>> *Applause*

Also from Chesterfield Inlet, Jeanine Ikpiak; from Clyde River, John Corkett; from Coral Harbour Kerran Nakoolak; from Grise Fiord, Ann Gardner.

>> *Applause*

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Gardner's daughter is well known, I have not seen her for a long time.

>> *Applause*

From Hall Beach, Ann Curley; Baker Lake, Sarah Kadjuk; Igloolik, Joanasi Saqpinak, also from Iqaluit Housing Association Susan Spring. From Kimmirut, Kolola Pitsiulak, also from Kugluktuk where they have recently elected their Mayor, Joanne Taptiuna.

>> *Applause*

From Gjoa Haven, Helen Tungilik; also from Kugaarjuq, Donat Rosa Nattuq, and from Taloyoak, Scott Edgerton.

I apologize, two communities are missing their representatives, Cape Dorset and Panniqtuuq, we are sorry not too see them here.

From Pond Inlet, Louise Premo, also from Qikiqtarjuaq, Mary Qiliktee, and she is a well known singer, welcome. From Rankin Inlet, Harry Niaquq, also Repulse Bay, Rassaline Tapaqti.

>> *Applause*

He was right behind me. From Resolute Bay, Janice Kalluk; also from Sanikiluaq, Allan Rumble, also from Whale Cove, Elizabeth Voisey.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to welcome them to the gallery as well as our staff for being here. I thank them very much for being here this week, and I look forward to working with their chair people again next fall. Thank you.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Welcome to the gallery. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, too, would like to recognize all the kids here today. Maybe in fifteen to twenty years, many of them will be sitting around this table, so we better make some good decisions as leaders now so that they can look forward to leading future generations of Nunavutmiut.

I, too, would like to recognize a lot of folks. I see a lot of folks here from around the Kitikmeot, Sue Primeau who used to be in the Kitikmeot whom I recognize. People from my riding are here today and I'd like to recognize, again, Ms. Vickie Aitok. Vickie is the manager of the housing association, and she's very involved in Cambridge Bay with daycare. She's also a former Hamlet councilor with me back in the early years of my political life as mayor, thank you for those days.

I'd like to recognize Mr. Dave Crockett, district manager of the Housing Corporation sitting over there. Mr. Paul Chaulk who's also with the Housing Corporation and he's also with that hamlet committee I just mentioned. He's worked very hard for the people in Cambridge Bay.

Sitting way over here is Mr. Mike Lowarski, he's from the Nunavut Housing Corporation. I also welcome him here today. I'm not sure what Bill's title is these days, but Mr. Bill Gofin was the district housing manager in Cambridge Bay until he took one year's sabbatical. He looks very well rested. He must be coming back from a very enjoyable year off to work hard to help us with our housing crisis. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

Mr. Evyagotailak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also would like to thank the students who are here and whom we should acknowledge. I also welcome the delegates to the Housing conference.

I would like to recognize a neighbour from Kugluktuk who I have worked with before I was elected to the Assembly in January and February, Joanne Taptiuna. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Welcome to the gallery. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Ms. Brown.

Hon. Levinia Brown (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think the people I wanted to recognize have disappeared... no, just kidding. Earlier, I joked with Minister

Picco and the teacher Ron when we saw the students come, I believe there were 27 of them. If you include my grandchildren, there are 29 altogether.

I just wanted to recognize some people, Abraham Tagalik whom I've known for a long time. Also, my sister in law, Elisapee Voisey, welcome. Over there is Patsy Owljoot and I once made a terrible mistake two or three months ago. I've been told that anytime, anyplace, you might run across someone who looks exactly like another person. I myself am sometimes mistaken for Cathy Pilakapsi and I would be asked who is older, me or Kuluak.

At that time, I made a similar mistake and said, "Hi Patsy!" and hugged her. It turned out it wasn't Patsy and I was so embarrassed. I'm glad to see Jennan Ipiak, it's been a while since I saw you. And the former students at Kivalliq Hall, Karen Nakulak, Sharon Imirtaut Irniq, Sarah Nakulak Kadjuk, now you'll be grounded tonight. But, be prepared to on time tonight for your curfew because we can't come in, and you don't want to be on extra duty during the weekend, right?

These people enthusiastically took their education, approximately 400 attended Kivalliq Hall. I recognize Harry Niaquq and Vickie Vicki who I met before she got married. Welcome to the gallery. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

Mr. Alagalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There are quite a number of people from Arviat that I would like the house to recognize and welcome to Iqaluit during their stay.

They also probably want to participate in the Scalpin derby that is going to be held in Arviat. That is going to be a very happy event this coming weekend. This individual I used to work with in the government is Patsy Alujjuk. I would like everyone to recognize her because she has contributed much to Arviat. There are also Sharon Irnik and Jimi Day. His little brother is the one who works for CBC North. They grew up in Arviat and I think they know Inuktitut.

Mr. Day is the Comptroller in Arviat. Abraham Taqalik from Arviat who has been there for a while and the other individuals who have now moved onto other communities, one to Rankin Inlet, Harry Niaquq, welcome, also Elizabeth Voisey. They are both from Arviat and I think it's about time that they moved back home. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Welcome. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Tootoo.

>>Applause

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I too would like to start off by recognizing the young people in the classroom. Who knows, one of these days, it could be one of you guys sitting in here and having some little kids watching you. Don't ever forget that. I'm really happy that you're here and that Rodney was able to bring you down to see how this Assembly works.

Mr. Speaker, I do want to recognize a few people. As I mentioned the other day in my Member's Statement, I said there were a lot of people here who I had the pleasure of working with. I don't know if it was pleasurable both ways but I would like to welcome the housing managers and the people working at the housing corporation to the gallery, especially Susan Spring sitting over there behind Mr. Tapardjuk. Also, behind Mr. Akasuk, as Mr. Peterson pointed out is Mr. Bill Gofin who is returning from a one year sabbatical.

I understand that during that time he spent many hours on his desk doing some arm curls to work on his physique. I know that's why he's looking in much better shape these days than he was when he left. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome him back. I understand he plans on coming back early and possibly going to Cape Dorset to do some work over there and I know he's very much looking forward to that.

I would like to welcome all of you guys here to the gallery and a special little mention goes to Bailey and Kevin as well. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Ms. Aglukkaq.

Hon. Leona Aglukkaq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize and welcome two individuals from Gjoa Haven and Taloyoak, Helen Tungilik, and Scotty Egerton who is the SAO in Taloyoak. From Kugaaruk, Delerosa. Welcome. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize individuals who are from my riding. I am very pleased today that there are three individuals from my communities. I would like to recognize Ann Akearok, from Grise Fiord. Also, Janice Kalluk from Resolute Bay. From Arctic Bay, we have Daniel Aula. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you Recognition of visitors in the gallery. Mr. Akasuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize Kolola Pitsuilak from Kimmirut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

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

Mr. Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This individual was already recognized, but he is my son-in-law. I would like to recognize this individual.

When we were having a meeting in Cambridge Bay I was using his hunting clothes. Again in Sanikiluaq, he was a hockey referee, Bill Gofin. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

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

Hon. Louis Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Before I recognize anybody in the House, I have somebody from Igloolik. Igloolik is not a part of Baffin Island, it is not in the Keewatin. It is somewhere in between the Baffin and the Keewatin so sometime, eventually, down the road, we are going to have to decide where we are going to fit in, or if we are going to become the fourth region.

Joanasi Sarpinak, I would like to recognize him and Anne Curley from Hall Beach. She was one of the members of the Qikiqtani Inuit Association. Those are the two individuals that I would like to recognize from my riding, Delores and Helen, who I used to go to school with. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Moving onto Item 6. Oral Questions. The Member for Rankin Inlet North. Mr. Curley.

Item 6: Oral Questions

Question 409 – 2(2): Provide Program Suggestions for After School Hours

Mr. Curley: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Education. Earlier I stated that teenagers are bored and they have nothing to do. Students are calling out for help and they are saying that the boredom leads to alcohol and use of drugs and so on.

Could the Minister of Education say to this House that he will find ways to keep the students busy and so on. Could the Minister respond to the fact that there may be some

programs that the Minister could initiate in order to ensure that the students are occupied and they have something to do during the after school hours.

Would it be possible to use the facilities that are there, in some places there are actually three or four schools, so that the students can actually find time to do something. This is important. The Minister should offer some suggestions because they are crying out for help. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): The Minister of Education. Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think all the Members appreciated Mr. Curley's statement on youth. I agree with him that we have a lot of issues with students across Nunavut. That is why within the Culture, Language, Elders and Youth budget, there are now opportunities within that budget for example, for infrastructure for youth centres and so on.

In cooperation with local DEAs at the community level, if the DEA feels that there is an opportunity for supervision to be used for a gymnasium at a school, where access would be available to the gym if there is no community hall, and so on, we try to make those types of spaces available.

There are programs run in communities through hamlets, through local youth councils and so on. Mr. Speaker, I think Mr. Curley has made a good point and that is that we need a coordinated effort not only through the Government of Nunavut but the different regional organizations as well as community based support.

For example, in his community there is a youth center that has programs run for youth. I know, for example in Kugluktuk, there is a fantastic program put in place called the Grizzly Program where it's done by the children and by the youth themselves. They run the organization, they have a canteen, they raise money and so on. These are types of initiatives that the Government of Nunavut supports and will be in a position to help. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): First supplementary. Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I think this is quite important. You've touched on the fact that there has to be better coordination.

What I'm suggesting to the Minister is that the Minister should make sure that the school can actually be used as part of a centre for youth after hours. We have these multimillion dollar facilities sitting there and after hours, when the students are not busy, they are not being used enough for youth who have nothing to do and are looking for things to do.

Would the Minister initiate and ensure that these facilities would be available to students in cooperation with school officials as well as hamlets and so on because in some aspects

they share facilities during working hours. Could the Minister be open to these kinds of suggestions from the communities? Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We are opening to those suggestions and indeed Mr. Speaker, across Nunavut our schools are in continuous use on the weekends and afternoons and so on for teachers taking their own free time to run programs like we've just heard today in the house with indoor soccer programs and so on.

Mr. Speaker, at the local community level, the schools are Government of Nunavut assets but the elected District Education Authority for every community has the opportunity to be able to provide that infrastructure, that asset to the community however there have been instances in the past where the District Education Authority has permitted usage of school gyms for example, and there were issues around supervision.

If there were people who were supervising students who are using the gym and making sure that there is no damage done to other parts of the school. There are some schools where the gym is not readily accessible from other parts of the school and that makes it a good vehicle to be used because you can't leave the gym and get into the other parts of the school if the supervision was an issue.

Mr. Speaker, the Government of Nunavut in short, agrees with the Member. School assets are controlled by the district education authority themselves and they have the opportunity to be able to use that asset after school hours, whether that's the 9 months from August to June or May or September or indeed in the summer as long as supervision is there. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 410 - 2(2): District Education Authority Representation

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is also for the Minister of Education. I am sure you also saw today the news release from the Minister of Education announcing the Departments plan for public phase of consultations on revision to the Nunavut Education Act.

The news release names the membership of the steering committee and I did not see any representation from any District Education Authority on that committee so I would like to ask the Minister, in light of that being one of the biggest concerns with the last attempt at an Education Act with the District Education Authority's involvement and representation and control and authority in power, which was supposed to be passed down to them, if you could tell the house who will be speaking for the District Education Authorities on the steering committee. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): The Minister of Education, Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the Member's question. The Steering Committee is really a clearing house for the information that comes forward from DEAs and other interested stakeholders.

The Member is correct, the Steering Committee is made up of representatives of the Federation of Nunavut Teachers, Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated, the Government of Nunavut, the Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Katimajit is also represented for Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit, the Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth, the Department of Education, and so on. So it has a great grouping there, including the Francophone School Board's commission is also represented.

I met with the Steering Committee this morning. They see their role very prominently of taking the information that will come from hearings and public information sessions and then bringing those forward. Each individual DEA in Nunavut will have an opportunity to have input into that process. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is interesting that the Minister just indicated that there was only one DEA represented on this committee. I was also under the impression the Department of Education was going to do a more complete job of developing a made in Nunavut Education Act.

I was concerned in the press release that it says that it's going to be doing revisions to the Education Act. Just for clarification, can the Minister explain why this process focuses on revisions to the current Act? Shall we expect just mere amendments instead of a whole new Act? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There is old saying: "You don't want to throw the baby out with the bath water." The old Education Act had some good points in it. There was considerable work, as the Member knows, done in the last Assembly with consultations, and so on.

What the Steering Committee group, and the consultation work that we did, and I in the last twelve months, have met with every DEA across Nunavut, in three different regional settings, as well as individual DEAs across Nunavut.

In all those meetings the same resounding choice of words came back and that was not to re-invent the wheel, but to take what was good within the existing Act and bring that forward into the new Act.

What we will see is the Act and the proposals in the new Act. From those two we would have our new Act. The idea is to have a new Education Act for Nunavummiut, made in Nunavut.

I think the process that we are beginning on right now will give us the opportunity to bring that forward and be expedient about it. The target is to have it in place for reading in March of 2006. I think that we are going to be well on the way. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I certainly hope, as the Minister indicated, especially the consultations that occurred during the First Assembly, especially the reports and the consultations of the Standing Committee, they did a very thorough round of consultations in different communities and got some very good and positive input into what they felt exactly, hopefully is going to be the same thing that adheres again. Hopefully they look at and use that information.

Can the Minister update the House on the projected timelines for the different phases of the revisions of the Education Act, including the public consultations that will take place, and which communities that those will take place in. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, the Member is correct. What we have done and that is why we are going a little slow on it, what we have done is we have taken all the consultative reports and all documentation, all the administrative and logistic issues that came out of the very good work that was done by the standing committee, as well as some of the other consultations that were heard on the first Act, we've taken those points, the ones that kept rebounding and echoing back to us and we've formulated those into some of the points that we want to bring forward in the new Education Act.

Mr. Speaker, a lot of that work has already been done. There is no need to reinvent the wheel and go back and rehash some of this stuff, on the points that were agreed to from the standing committee and from the public at large.

That's why we're going to move forward on the other issues that were outstanding from the Act as the Member knows. There were a few of them, for example, the power and authority of a local District Education Authority.

The second point in the Member's question was, when will this begin. Mr. Speaker, it's already begun and indeed, Ms. Thompson who is the legislative coordinator for the Education Act and myself have visited a few communities where we've begun the preliminary process.

Over the next coming weeks, Members will see newspaper ads, they will see householders and they're going to see brochures in everyone's communities outlining time frames and opportunities. There will be a web page up and Mr. Speaker, for the consultative community tours, all District Education Authorities are being contacted right now asking each individual district education authority when they would like to see the consultative tours begin

There is no sense in sending a group of people into Coral Harbour for example, when most people are going to be out on the land or it's not an appropriate time for them. That's the kind of work we're doing right now. Some communities are ready to go. Between now and I would say the 15th of June, we will be able to visit some communities.

The lion's share of the work will begin this fall after August, September and October when we will be trying to do as many communities as possible. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Minister raised a number of interesting points.

One of them was this brochure that is going to be mailed out. Reading from the news release, it was put out to inform the public about the purpose of the community visits. I think it's for your consultation on the Education Act I would hope.

Mr. Speaker, he indicated that they're going to be looking at doing these consultations in the fall but do they have a listing or a schedule of which communities that they will be visiting yet or is that something that is going to be developed before the fall. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I said just earlier in answer to the other question, that is part of the process right now that the steering committee and Ms. Thompson is contacting all the communities through the District Education Authorities to ask when the best opportunity would be to go visit each community.

So, I don't have a list right now because the District Education Authorities are responding back and saying please come in August, please come in September, please come in October or come right now, or in the next two weeks. While that process is occurring Mr. Speaker, I will be contacting each of the Members when we have a date and a specific time.

For example, if the group is going into Panniqtuuq then I would be in contact with the Member from Panniqtuuq to say the District Education Authority consultative group on

the Education Act will be in your community at a given date. That will be part of the information process. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Cambridge Bay. Mr. Peterson.

Question 411 - 2(2): Government of Nunavut Response to Nunavut Association of Municipalities Resolutions

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister Responsible for Community and Government Services.

Mr. Speaker, yesterday I tabled the resolutions from the Nunavut Association of Municipalities annual general meeting that were held at the school in Arviat. I know that the Government of Nunavut had a presence there.

My question for the Minister Mr. Speaker is, when can we expect the Government of Nunavut to formally respond and act on Nunavut Association of Municipalities' resolutions. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Minister Responsible for Community and Government Services, Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk: Mr. Speaker, regarding the copies that my colleague tabled, I've just been so busy today and this morning with my early appointment.

I haven't had a chance to go over the copies that my colleague tabled yesterday. However, having said that, with the resolutions that are directed towards our department will get its due response at the appropriate time, preferably sooner than later.

Recognizing that some resolutions may have some impacts on the departments which could delay our response. I will ensure that my staff gives the resolutions their due consideration in the fairly near future. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): First supplementary. Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the Minister for that response. The resolutions from NAM are very important, they help us as leaders of Nunavut to help hamlets. The mayors put a lot of time into those resolutions, they represent the concerns of their constituents.

Last year, I tabled the 2004 resolutions. I wonder if the Minister could tell me if he will be tabling the responses to the 2004 NAM resolutions in the House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Mr. Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was not quite prepared for that question coming from NAM. It is something I will look into, when I can table the 2004 resolutions. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In my Member's Statement, I mentioned the Cambridge Bay summaries for Municipal Capital Priorities. Can the Minister tell me when these priorities will be incorporated in the Government of Nunavut's five-year capital plans. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Your question is completely different from your original question. Perhaps if you give other Members an opportunity to ask, then you can go back to your second question. Thank you. Oral Questions. Mr. Netser.

Question 412 – 2(2): Coral Harbour Caribou Study

Mr. Netser (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask Minister Akesuk a question. We were meeting with him all morning. I am only kidding.

This winter, he mentioned that he will be providing one hundred thousand dollars for the study of the caribou in Coral Harbour. I want to ask when will that feasibility study will be started. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Minister for Environment, Mr. Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will try my best to respond. The feasibility study in Coral Harbour is scheduled to be completed this year, in June. It would be ideal to have it completed by June. I do not have all the details here, but it is scheduled to have it completed this year to see how many caribou there are. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Netser (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will be asking another question. In regards to the feasibility study, what does that mean? I thought it was just a caribou survey. That is how we understand it in our community. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Mr. Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On the caribou in Coral Harbour and Southampton Island, the community and biologists wanted to do a study on the sustainability of the harvesting level of the caribou, especially when they are being harvested for commercial purposes.

We just want to ensure that there is a stable supply of caribou to harvest. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Second supplementary. Mr. Netsier.

Mr. Netsier (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just before I arrived in Iqaluit, I went caribou hunting and I have been told quite a few times by the caribou hunters that the caribou population is depleting in Coral Harbour, and it's becoming evident to the hunters.

Last winter, some caribou died off. There needs to be a good survey and I am urging your department to do a proper survey. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Mr. Akasuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akasuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, we will be sensitive to your concern and properly count the caribou in Southampton Island. I know we have to be sensitive to the population to make sure the level of harvest is sustainable in Coral Harbour because of the commercial harvest for caribou there. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Final supplementary. Mr. Netsier.

Mr. Netsier (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In Coral Harbour, they had 4 thousand, 300 hundred caribou last winter. We want to be involved; there are hardly any employment opportunities, commercially harvested caribou is very beneficial.

It would be ideal, once the caribou feasibility study is completed, I would like to make sure that the Hunters and Trappers' Organization Chairman is involved when they start dealing with the total allowable harvest of caribou. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Mr. Akasuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akasuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When the communities work together to manage wildlife that is the best possible way to approach wildlife management. I will be sensitive to my colleague's concern, I will urge my officials to do the same and together we will make sure that the Hunters and Trappers' Organizations and Hamlets are involved as well as the Member for Nanulik. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Hudson Bay. Mr. Kattuk.

Question 413 – 2(2): Caribou Harvesting in the Sanikiluaq Area

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

In Sanikiluaq's islands, we have caribou that were transplanted there from the West, but today, we can't freely harvest caribou due to the low population. Is there a limitation by Government of Nunavut for caribou in Sanikiluaq? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Minister of Environment. Mr. Akasuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akasuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When the population is depleting, no matter where it is, we have to be look after those species.

When it comes to caribou in the Belcher Islands, if there is concern for the caribou population, I would agree to work with you on a recovery plan to increase the number of the caribou. Unfortunately, I don't have any information in front of me in regards to the Belcher Island caribou, so I don't know the state of the population.

If the population of the caribou is low, then we will have to remain cautious about it, especially because the caribou in the Belcher Islands don't migrate to the mainland.

We are sensitive to the concerns on wildlife. In dealing with the low number of caribou, perhaps the Member of Hudson Bay can discuss this matter with me.

We will also discuss the matter with the Hunters and Trappers' Organization in regards to the caribou in Sanikiluaq Island. We will look into the situation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): First Supplementary. Mr. Kattuk.

Mr. Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The reason why I posed this question to the Government of Nunavut, the HTO has been told by the government that they have limited number of harvest for caribou. I was wondering if your department has given any limitations on caribou harvesting to the HTO. Thank you

Speaker: Mr. Akasuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akasuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The government must work with the community HTOs on management plans in regards to the wildlife.

I can look into our policies; the wildlife division always prefer to work with the community HTOs, rather than making decisions arbitrarily. Personally, I would like to see the community do their work on a management plan rather than the government officials deciding for them. I believe we have to work with the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board also. Thank you

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for High Arctic. Mr. Barnabas.

Question 414 – 2(2): Federal Program Funding Agreement for Daycares

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

We have heard through the CBC national news that the Saskatchewan and Manitoba have signed an agreement with the Federal program of \$ 5 billion for day care programs. Is Nunavut involved in that agreement? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker the Member is correct, the federal government allocated in this budget \$5 billion dollars over five years for early childhood education programs, daycares.

Mr. Speaker we have not signed off with the Federal Government. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Barnabas: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Has the Minister discussed this with his federal counter part, Mr. Ken Dryden? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I spoke to Minister Ken Dryden last week by teleconference, I explained to Mr. Dryden at that time, that Nunavut still has some outstanding issues with the proposal that has been put on the table by our federal partner. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Barnabas: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. How much money has been requested by Nunavut? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker that's the issue that were having with Mr. Dryden and our Federal partner.

Mr. Speaker I met with Mr. Dryden and the other Ministers in Vancouver a few weeks ago, where we didn't have an agreement in place, the federal government is doing a bilateral arrangements right now. Mr. Speaker were their actually doing one off with each individuals jurisdiction.

Mr. Speaker out of the \$5 billion that has been put in place across over five years for Canada, across Canada for each jurisdiction, when I extrapolate, when I take out from that \$5 billion per capita number, that means that Nunavut will only get \$1 million.

Mr. Speaker, \$1 million over five years would be \$5 million and that's not very much money for us, so Mr. Speaker we have gone to our federal partners and said we need to have a floor or a base amount. Mr. Speaker we suggested to our federal partner that we have floor or base of \$5 million on top of the per capita allocation which is \$1 million and that would give us \$6 million a year, multiply by five which would be \$30 million.

Mr. Speaker with that money, we could do something good, however Mr. Speaker the federal government has not acquiesced to our request and therefore Mr. Speaker were still in the holding base we are in right now. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Final supplementary. Mr. Barnabas.

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Is the Minister working with the Government of Nunavut and the Yukon Territory or the provinces of Canada in regards to this issue? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The federal government has made a big point across Canada of selling their budget and the issues that we are seeing in Ottawa right now that one of their selling points is that they need this \$5 billion put in the budget and dispersed to jurisdictions across the country.

Ourselves, Mr. Speaker, Prince Edward Island, the Yukon, and the Northwest Territories, and yesterday, I spoke with Minister Dent from the Northwest Territories on this issue. Our Premier, Mr. Okalik will be raising it with the other Premiers from the Yukon and the Northwest Territories because we have not had any movement from our federal partner on providing that base or floor.

The federal government has offered us, Mr. Speaker, \$500 thousand as a base. As I said earlier, we had asked for \$5 million, and Mr. Speaker, at the end of the day, like every jurisdiction, we need whatever resources we can get from our federal partner. We are working cooperatively with Mr. Dryden, we have a good relationship with Mr. Ken Dryden, myself personally.

So Mr. Speaker, I am hoping that over the next couple of days, Mr. Dryden will be contacting me, if not, I will be in Ottawa next week meeting with some of our federal people, and Mr. Speaker, one of the meetings that we are seeking right now is to meet with Mr. Dryden and see if we can have an arrangement.

So we are working with the smaller jurisdictions like ourselves on the per capita or base amount. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 415 – 2(2): Capital Plans for Cambridge Bay

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I must apologize earlier for my change in the line of questioning.

In fact, Mr. Speaker, I had talked about the Nunavut Association of Municipalities' Annual General Meeting. There was a reference to a five-year capital plan. Mr. Speaker, the mayors are concerned that the Government of Nunavut is not listening to the communities on their capital plans.

So I wanted to ask the Minister of Community and Government Services, Mr. Speaker, if he will meet with the Hamlet Council in Cambridge Bay this summer to talk about their capital plan because it's requires as I mentioned in my Member's Statement. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Peter Kilabuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have heard from the Nunavut Association of Municipalities a number of times regarding the capital planning process and I am very pleased to report that I have now formed a very strong partnership with Nunavut Association of Municipalities, which will significantly improve the capital planning process.

Because of the way the partnership is formed, we are doing the consultations with Nunavut Association of Municipalities and Community and Government Services together, we will be visiting the communities to develop a five-year capital plan, which they will develop from their visits, and also, they will be presenting to the department for an annual proposal plus a longer-term capital plan will be developed from the consultations.

So the responsibility now will have a much stronger foundation because half of the partnership will be with Nunavut Association of Municipalities, which consists of mayors from throughout Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Speaker (interpretation): First Supplementary. Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the Minister for his response. It sounds like the department is doing a lot of work to improve the capital planning process.

I know when I was mayor, it was always a great struggle to get our points across throughout Nunavut. I am reassured and heartened by the Minister's comments.

When I met with the Hamlet Council and their planning committees, it seems like they didn't have a full understanding of how the hamlets' capital planning cycles tie in with the Government of Nunavut's planning cycle, so I explained that to them.

I think they would like the Minister himself to come to Cambridge Bay sometime in the next couple of months. There's great fishing this summer as well. I would like to have the Minister give us a statement saying that he'll come and visit us this summer and talk to the hamlet council and their planning committee. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Well that's very generous of my colleague to offer me that opportunity.

However Mr. Speaker I am more than willing to meet with the community of Cambridge Bay and also the other communities that I have planned to visit over the next little while.

Mr. Speaker just on the capital planning process, I can assure my colleague that the committee that will be set to develop the capital plan for the government and Municipalities will be geared towards getting the most up to date information and allow the opportunity for direct involvement of the municipalities to forward their request of items through the capital planning process, so there will be that opportunity for that community to take full participation in the development for that community. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the Minister again, I'll have the mayor write him a letter and ask him to come and visit this summer.

Last week Mr. Speaker I asked the Minister of Finance what the effect might be on the government's budget if the government of Canada was to call an election this summer.

The Minister of Community and Government Services made a statement last month about the gasoline tax, on how the revenues would benefit the municipalities. I'd like to ask the Minister if he could comment on what he thinks about the likelihood and possibility of the gasoline taxes deal falling through. If the budget in Ottawa doesn't get passed, what will the impact be on the capital planning process for the up coming years. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a not a good time for me to try and respond to something which may occur, or could possibly occur, but if it is any comfort to my colleagues, Mr. Speaker, I will commit to ensuring that the committee that will be

struck with Department of Community and Government Services and Nunavut Association of Municipalities will proceed to develop the capital plans for the funds that we have and also have access too.

Because if you look at the Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund, and also the Government of Nunavut funds, there is something to work there, but however, it would be at a reduced, working dollars, but the chance of the gas tax not going through all depends on what may happen if there is an election called, that is yet to be determined. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the Minister for that response. I know he is kind of caught between a rock and a hard place on that question. In fact, Mr. Speaker, the gas tax deal announced that Nunavut gets \$7 and a half millions per year for the next five years and \$37 and a half million per year after that. It's quite a significant amount, it's supposed to be for a sustainable type projects, water and sewer projects which are very important to Nunavut communities. I'm wondering, Mr. Speaker, if in the departments planning, if they've talked with the advisory committee that they established and developed a contingency plan that would go into effect should that \$7 and a half million per year for the next five years not materialize. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, I think the other Members are very envious of his six questions on this one.

Mr. Speaker, regardless of what the federal government may call us; we are committed to setting up the committee that will develop our five year capital plan and also to look at over the next little while...

Mr. Speaker, let me just back up, my department is watching the actions of the federal government very closely at this time because we know how big this gasoline tax money would be to Nunavut and recognizing over a billion dollars in deficit for our infrastructure needs in Nunavut, we really do have a big need for that.

This government will make the necessary announcement regarding what changes and impacts this may have on other programs depending on what happens down in Ottawa over the next little while. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 416 - 2(2): Plans to Build New Arenas for the Communities

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question about a comment that was made by the mayor in regards to the arena and the community complex. They built it when the population was a little over 1000 people and the population now has grown to about 3000. If there should be a proposal made from the community, what would you do in regards to increasing that size. We received a letter from a youth, Jerry Saumik, asking why is it that it's going to take so long to build a new arena for the community of Rankin Inlet.

Is it going to take that long or are you going to be able to build that arena within six years. It is a bit long to have to wait for a new arena and this individual is suggesting that it might be better if they built it in one year. Do you have a plan to build new arenas or new complexes in the communities or is it in the initial planning stages. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Minister Responsible for Community and Government Services, Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am happy the Member raised that question so that I can explain why there haven't been many changes to municipal recreation facilities. We have not had money set aside to be used for recreational facilities at the municipal level because of priorities that were set by the communities.

It seems just recently that we were able to see the light at the end of the tunnel because there were monies made available from the federal government to focus on these facilities. In regards to the support that we'll be getting from the federal government, we will now be able to start focussing on community structures like the arena for example.

In regards to the questions that were posed by the students, I can't say at this point but I can tell you that there will be monies available shortly to be used for municipal facilities like arenas and community complexes and currently it is difficult to determine which communities have been made a priority before the proposed community consultations. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank the Minister for his response.

I was thinking about the large number of communities that are experiencing forced growth. There are a lot of students that don't have anything to do after school hours. The Minister had stated that they have priorities other than those recreational facilities.

Mr. Speaker, what I would like to ask the Minister is in regards to those community centers; there are usually regional tournaments that are held on an annual basis, what we

can to focus on the community centres when you are prioritizing where those buildings are going to be built in consideration of this. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I can say right now that there is forced growth in the communities and there are also the issue of regional try-outs and tournaments, especially, those ones the communities that have those annual events. I will ensure that the planners and designers keep that in mind. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Oral Questions. Member for Iqaluit Center. Mr. Tootoo.

Question 417 - 2(2): Adequate Vehicles for Group Homes

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister Responsible for Health and Social Services.

Mr. Speaker, yesterday I asked the Minister a question in regards to the vehicle for the adult group home and it was indicated that the one there was not running properly. My first question is does that represent any kind of a liability problem for the department and for the government by not having an adequate vehicle there in case they need it.

We know that that home is a 24 hour, 7 day a week home and sometimes if something happens in the middle of the night or after hours, it would require them to have an adequate vehicle on site. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Minister Responsible for Health and Social Services. Ms. Brown.

Hon. Levinia Brown (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, of course, feel very strongly about this issue.

I have been told that there is another vehicle available for use and should they experience any emergencies, they have ambulance services available. As I told the Member yesterday, we are going through Community and Government Services to put out a request for tender put out and to have the vehicle come in by sea lift this summer. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Minister, I believe said that there is another vehicle available to them. Is that vehicle that she's talking about another government vehicle that has been left at the group home or do they have to make some kind of arrangements to get it when they need it? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Ms. Brown.

Hon. Levinia Brown (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a very important issue because I know exactly what happens when there is an emergency situation. From what I understand, that vehicle is over there by the facility. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, that vehicle at the facility, is that the replacement vehicle that the Minister is talking about or is it the existing vehicle. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Ms. Brown.

Hon. Levinia Brown (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. They have a vehicle that is broken down that is not functioning.

Because the vehicle is not functioning, we will be getting a replacement vehicle this summer by sea lift. There is a replacement vehicle at the moment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I know the van that they had there had specialized equipment for individuals that were staying at the home like a wheelchair lift and that.

The replacement vehicle, does it have or meet the same requirements that the needs that the home requires in order to be able to address the needs of the people staying in the facility or is it just like a vehicle, a truck without a lift or a van without a lift, and if that's the case, how do they expect to be able to utilize that vehicle for all of the people staying in this facility if they can't get into it? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Ms. Brown.

Hon. Levinia Brown (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As they have disabilities they have to be taken care of. For wheelchair accessibility, there currently is a vehicle that can take wheelchairs. As I received this information from my staff I trust the information they have provided to me. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 418 – 2(2): Update on the Federal Taskforce on the Slaughter of Inuit Dogs

Mr. Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Deputy Premier. In our Winter Session, there was a motion in regards to the dog slaughter.

Just afterwards, we heard that the federal government was going to put a taskforce together. I would like an update on this issue. The question is for the Deputy Premier. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Deputy Premier. Ms. Brown.

Hon. Levinia Brown (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I didn't realize that I was the Deputy Premier. Could you rephrase your question? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Mr. Kattuk, if you would rephrase your question, please.

Mr. Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is in regards to the Winter Session that we had when we tabled a motion on the issue of the dog slaughter.

We heard in the news that the federal government was going to set a taskforce in place. Could the Deputy Premier give us an update on the taskforce and what follow-up was done? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the acting Minister of Justice, the Premier had taken the question in the last Session as the Member has relayed it.

And indeed, the federal government, through the Standing Committee in the House of Commons, held hearings, and indeed, there were witnesses from Nunavut who attended the hearing and then gave factual accounts of issues around the slaughtering of dogs, and Mr. Speaker, as a result of that, the committee had made a motion asking for a full enquiry and it was also backed at that time, Mr. Speaker, by Makivik Corporation.

Mr. Speaker, as of today, that's the best information that we have where it stands. It's my understanding that the federal government has not responded formally to request of the Standing Committee. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): First Supplementary. Mr. Kattuk.

Mr. Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I didn't fully understand his response; which Standing Committee? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Standing Committee in question that I was referring to was the Standing Committee of the House of Commons in Canada, and I believe it's the Aboriginal Affairs Standing Committee. It is inclusive of our representative in the Federal Government, Ms. Nancy Karetak-Lindell, who I believe actually chaired the meeting.

Mr. Speaker, that is the standing committee where they actually called witnesses including, I believe, the president of QIA, who may have been a witness. I know that there was a person from Panniqtuuq and so on as well people representing Northern Quebec who brought stories of the slaughter.

Mr. Speaker, after hearing this factual testimony from these witnesses, that standing committee put forward a recommendation, a motion to the Federal Government for an inquiry. Mr. Speaker, it is my understanding that the Federal Government has not responded to that motion or to the standing committee to this date. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for High Arctic. Mr. Barnabas.

Question 419 - 2(2): Consultation to the Communities on Capital Planning

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Under my Member's Statement the Minister Responsible for Community and Government Services responded by saying that there will be consultations with the communities on a five year capital plan.

I'm wondering if the smaller communities will be consulted as well in regards to recreation and community centres. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Minister Responsible for Community and Government Services, Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I very much look forward to working together with the mayors when we go to the communities.

That committee will go to the different communities to find out what the communities consider to be a priority to them. We want to hear and involve all the communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I feel that the smaller communities are often penalized, especially when they're using criteria where they concentrate on the bigger communities because of the higher populations.

The smaller communities should be treated the same way. I wonder how this could be done. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I can assure my colleague that there will be no penalties for the communities that are smaller than others.

The intent of the development of the five year capital plan and the longer term plans, plus an annual capital plan to be brought forward to us annually will consider all needs in the communities of Nunavut. I can assure the Member that there will be no penalties for the communities when you look at the size of the community. It will be based on the needs of that community. Mr. Speaker, thank you.

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

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the Minister's response.

In some communities, including my constituency, the community centres are about 26 years old. The communities are growing and there haven't been any renovations or expansion to the buildings. I wonder if those communities will be considered because there may be safety issues.

When they perform inspections, the inspection reports are given to the hamlet council. When those reports come up, will they be included or considered as part of the five year capital plan. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The committee that will go to the communities will work for the department. There will also be a sub committee which will concentrate on how they can make improvements to renovation and also look at how they can be dealt with to include things that do not consume too much energy or have sufficient insulation. Those are the things that they will look at too, so the communities will be given enough time to say what their concerns are. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Final supplementary. Mr. Barnabas.

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If some of us are not elected again, those might not be looked at beyond 2008, so how are they going to be dealt with?

The five year capital plan that we see right now is there. Some of them are not scheduled until 2010. After this five year capital plan, how will they look at those? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The planning committee will be giving us a report on the plans. I am pretty sure that I have stated this before in the

House, and perhaps to the standing committee, the five year capital plan is not kept up to date annually because of the fact that some are delayed, or perhaps in one community there was a fire at the school, then what they do is they use that money to build a new school, instead of using the original plan. If this is the case, then on the long term plans we will try to target those. I am pretty sure that this will improve things in the future compared to what has been used in the past. This will be another tool for the committee to make improvements. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Question period is now over. Item 7: Written Questions. Mr. Netser.

Item 7: Written Questions

Written Question 033 – 2(2): Government of Nunavut Expenditures on Advertising

Mr. Netser: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Hon. Minister Kilabuk, Minister for Community and Government Services.

For the fiscal years 2001-2002, 2002-2003, 2003-2004 and 2004-2005, how much did the Government of Nunavut expend on print advertising for a) tenders, b) requests for proposals, c) employment opportunities and d) general notices, public advisories or other items. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Written Questions. Item 8. Item 9. Item 10. Item 11. Item 12. Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Minister Kilabuk.

Item 13: Tabled Documents

Tabled Document 145 – 2(2): Government of Nunavut Office of the Fire Marshal 2004 Annual Report

Hon. Peter Kilabuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table the following document: it's the Government of Nunavut Office of the Fire Marshal 2004 Annual Report. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Tabling of Documents. Item 14. Notices of Motions. Item 15. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Item 16. Motions. Item 17. First Reading of Bills. Item 18. Second Reading of Bills. Item 19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters; Tabled Document 101 – 2(2), Tabled Document 102 – 2(2), Bill 16, and Bill 17, with Mr. Netser in the Chair.

We will take a break for 20 minutes.

Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>*House recessed at 15:27 and resumed at 15:58*

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

Chairman (Mr. Netser) (interpretation): Thank you for coming back. During Committee of the Whole, we will deal with Tabled Document 101 – 2(2) and 102 – 2(2), Bill 16 and 17. What's the wish of the Committee? Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We would like to continue our review of Tabled Documents 101 – 2(2) and 102 – 2(2) concurrently and ask that senior officials be prepared to appear as witnesses. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Peterson. (interpretation) Do Members agree to proceed with the items mentioned by Mr. Peterson?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister and staff, could you please go to the witness table? Thank you. For the record, could you please introduce your witnesses. Mr. Minister?

Hon. Peter Kilabuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Again, with me today, to my immediate left; Mr. Tom Rich, Deputy Minister, and to my immediate right, Mr. Mike Rafter, (interpretation ends) He was also with us and they will be here with me today. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): I would like to welcome you, Mr. Minister and your officials. (interpretation ends) In accordance with Rule 77(2), subject to the discretion of the Chair, a Member may speak more than once to a matter under discussion, but not until every Member that wishes to speak has spoken. Thank you. Are there any questions? Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just a couple of questions on outlining the way that the report was, and I'll deal with the Procurement and Contracting Report to the standing committee, fiscal year 2003/04. It's the one with all the listings of all the contracts in it, it goes up to page 40 of 40 of the contracts.

I noticed when I first looked at this, that there's 03/04, all contracts details reports and it's appendix E. There's one section that deals with air charters and I think that's two and a half pages and there's one that goes into architectural engineering and one on construction over a hundred thousand, and then consulting services section.

If you go back before it has a breakdown of what the chart of contract type, whether it be air charters, any of those orders that are outlined there.

Does that total that is in that numbers come from the totals and the sections that are outlined in Appendix E? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My deputy minister will respond to that question. Thank you.

Chairman: Please proceed. Mr. Rich.

Mr. Rich: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The descriptive part, the first part with the charts and the diagrams includes all contracts which include the Legislative Assembly contract.

The detail listing in Appendix E is all contracts, but the Legislative Assembly contracts, which were tabled separately. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Go ahead, Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. When they determine these categories, is there a rationale behind putting them in the category that are outlined in the Appendix C and D, whatever the total one is, too many appendices, the total ones, the one that has the different categories? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Rich: I'll ask Mr. Rafter, who is responsible for preparing the report to make that response. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Go ahead, Mr. Rafter.

Mr. Rafter: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Table 1 on page 20 of 27 is the total for the rows in all of Appendixes C, not including LCA's for the Legislative Assembly and crown corporations. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. When I was looking through the list, everything from the \$3.00 one that Mr. Peterson mentioned yesterday to some quite substantial ones, but when I got further through Appendix E, I started noticing that there was some air charters and things that were not in the air charter section, and also some consulting services that were not in the consulting services section. I was wondering if we have an explanation as to why that happens to be like that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Rich.

Mr. Rich: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, as the Member suggested, there were a few errors and with almost 11 thousand contracts, we tried to pick up all the errors in coding that we could.

As the Member did, we discovered after this was printed and distributed, a few errors, we obviously regret that. This is the first time that we've run this sort of report off it. We caught an enormous amount of coding errors going through. It also gives us an incentive and reinforces the importance of proper coding when these are first entered into the data base and we are sure that we will pick up all or virtually all of the errors in future years. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Do you have any further questions Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Rich indicated that this was the first time they had printed off a report like this.

As you will recall, there was a document that I had tabled in the house that the Speaker later withdrew because it didn't have any indication of where it had come from. Since that time, it was discovered that it was in fact a Community and Government Services document.

I'm just wondering why you didn't use the information and layout that was in that document because it listed which ones were Inuit, which ones were local, which ones were northern and which ones were outside of the territory. It had much more detailed information on it as to the nature of the contracts and who the hires were.

Why did they choose not to use that type of a format with this report. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Rich: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The reports are for two different purposes. There is, at the request of the NNI Review Committee, various selected reports that are done and obviously critical to that are the issues of Nunavut based companies, Inuit based companies, etcetera. So, we do custom reports from time to time based on that. On this one, as I said, this is the first time a judgment had to be made of what fields to include.

We looked at the request from the standing committee and tried to reflect as best we could the requests from the standing committee on the report and we'll certainly look at what details are included in the report and discuss it with the Minister in future years. So, I'll say again, this is the first one.

I'm certain that all of us now see things that we want to change that will make readability easier etcetera. There was an enormous amount of work for which I want to thank the staff in Community and Government Services in doing this first report of almost 11 thousand contracts. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I can appreciate the amount of work that would have gone into pulling something like this together.

In terms of the fields Mr. Rich made reference to, and how they decided which ones to include, is there other information or other items that were not included in this report and if so, what information is missing that Members might feel would be pertinent or that they might like to see included.

I would just like to find out what's not there to determine what we might like to see included. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Mr. Rafter.

Mr. Rafter: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The data that is gathered generates the two reports that we have.

Most of the data is provided or summarized in these reports; the first report being the Procurement and Contracting Report to standing committee and the second report being the Annual Contract Data Report. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think what I was looking for was, and I'll just clarify, in this report it has description, location, department, vender, method and award value.

The other report that I talked about had a column for Inuit, northern, local, outside or whatever. I would take that to be in a field I guess. I'm just wondering what other fields or other types of information is collected in those reports that isn't included this report. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Mr. Rafter.

Mr. Rafter: Thank you. The Inuit, northern and local field information could be included in future reports Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. What other fields or what other information is collected in those reports that isn't included in these ones. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Mr. Rafter.

Mr. Rafter: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I can bring a sample of the data collection form tomorrow if that would be suitable. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would just like a listing of the things that they have information on and then we can look at to see if it is information that should be included in their reports. After we review it, we could make a request to the Minister to have that information included in future reports.

One of the other things that I wondered about when looking through this report is, well I'll go right to a specific one that I know that the Minister and Members will recall and that is found on page 5 of 40. It's on construction over \$100 thousand, it's the second last one there, the Kivalliq Health Center construction to Sanajiit Clark Joint Venture. PT, is that public tender, is that correct.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Minister, can you confirm that. Thank you.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk: Yes, Mr. Chairman, that is correct.

Chairman (interpretation): Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I wonder why that one is put down as a public tender when we know that it really was a negotiated contract after the public tender process had been put out.

I would assume, and I've been watching for this one, that it would have been considered a negotiated contract. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Mr. Rich.

Mr. Rich: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll have to, in all honesty, confess that we don't know the answer to that. We can check into the data for that. That predates, obviously the three of us at this table.

The information that was received was the information that was entered into the contract database, so we would have to go out and pull those specific documents and look at them. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. At the time, I think it was just after our sitting in Baker Lake, the Minister went in and negotiated the deal with the Sanajiit Clark Joint Venture.

It wasn't the lowest bidder on that contract as it turned out to be. We found after the fact. They went in and negotiated the price down. It was still higher than the existing, then, lowest bidder. One of the rationales behind giving it to this vender was higher Inuit employment intent on the contract.

I'm just wondering if the department that evaluates and monitors these contracts has the Inuit employment report and statistics from that project. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Peter Kilabuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That is something that we'll have to look into. We don't have that information readily available and we'll have to look into that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think one of the excuses that the government of the day gave for moving away from the regular process on a public tender and switching to a negotiated contract after the whole process had been put out publicly was higher Inuit employment that I think they had negotiated I think it was instead of 25 to 35 or 32 percent Inuit employment.

So I would be very interested in seeing exactly whether this experiment worked or not and we actually did see the Inuit employment levels that were achieved on this report.

So would the Minister be willing to provide copies or tabled those Inuit employment statistics and stuff that were kept on that contract? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Peter Kilabuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. No; I will commit to looking into providing that to the House once we have it available. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Tootoo, your time is up at the moment, but there are no names on the list, so maybe I can give you a couple more questions before we move on. Thank you. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am just wondering on something like this, and I know it was quite controversial at the time on the method, has that happened on any other cases or in light of the controversy that was raised at that time? Has any kind of policy or directive or something been drawn up if this is an avenue that the Cabinet is going to go in where it overturns the recommendation of the department and awards it to who they see fit? Has there been anything drawn up to deal with that in light of what happened in that last contract? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. I would like to remind the (interpretation ends) committee that we are dealing with Tabled Documents 101 – 2(2) and 102 – 2(2). You can ask questions on either one and please refer to the ones that you are asking of. Mr. Minister.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Well, I could respond in two ways. There's the Cabinet decisions where they make the decisions and it's up to their discretion. The Cabinet, at this time, have not made any directives or policies on this issue. Thank you.

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

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the Minister and his officials for coming again today. I have a question; I will just pick some contracts out at random throughout the report and I am at page 36 of 40 on Tabled Document 101 – 2(2).

There are two contracts here that I am looking at; External Review for Public Works and Services, External Review for Sustainable Development awarded to a company called the Radyls Equities Limited in the amount of \$7 thousand, 800 hundred each. I am wondering if the Minister and his officials can explain what the nature of those two documents were that are titled 'External Review'? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Rich.

Mr. Rich: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My understanding is that both of those results from a sequence of all departmental reviews that were done approximately two to three years ago and this was a component of those external reviews at the time. Every department had engaged in an external review process at that particular point in time. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Rich. Are these documents available to Standing Committees or Members of the House? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Minister.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In regards to the Member's question, this was the responsibility of the Department of Executive and Inter-Governmental Affairs, we could refer your question to that department. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Mr. Peterson, anything else?

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the Minister for the answer. On page 37 of 40 of the same document, about three-fifths of the way down, there's a contract called 'Financial Expertise Iqaluit Max Pierce' for \$14 thousand.

Could the Minister or his officials explain what that is for? I think we have staff here that provide financial experience in the Department of Finance. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Minister.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This was the responsibility of the Department of Finance. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will go over to page 40 of 40. There's one there: 'Airlift the P-50 Gas in Kugaaruk and Igloolik', it says: 'Location Various, Petroleum Products Division'. That's the Minister's department, so he is here.

I am sure we will get an answer. The amount of the awarded value is \$250 thousand. I asked a question last year to the Minister about communities that run out of fuel and how much it costs extra for the government to fly fuel in.

I am wondering if the Minister could comment on this particular contract and tell us if the government is still flying in emergency fuel supplies to the communities. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Minister.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In regards to this issue, we occasionally had to airlift fuel, especially to Kugaaruk, I don't know if that's going to be on an annual basis, but we were pleased that Kugaaruk had their sealift delivered first last year. Mr. Rich could make a supplementary comment. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Rich.

Mr. Rich: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In the previous, Kugaaruk was only serviceable by a Coast Guard cutter which could not carry in the entire year's fuel supply.

We did an upgrade of the tank farm in Kugaaruk so it was big enough to contain it, but because we had to transfer the fuel to the Coast Guard, we could not, in one sealift and in one time that they got in through that very limited window for that community, do the entire quantity.

So Petroleum Products Division and the Coast Guard worked closely with Woodward's to try an experimental run this past summer, which is what the Minister said. We were delighted that it was successful and for the first time, the fuel ship itself got directly in it, it followed the Coast Guard cutter in.

So we were able, this year, to do a full fuel to Kugaaruk, so we have eliminated the need for the air supply this year, which I understand is the first time there has not had to be an air re-supply to Kugaaruk. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Anything else, Mr. Peterson?

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the Minister and Mr. Rich. Airlifts are issues we will have to contend with as we try to upgrade all of the tank farms across Nunavut. These are the kinds of costs we can anticipate year after year until our tank farms upgraded. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Kugaaruk was not the only one that had to have airlifted gasoline. The communities in Baffin Island receive fuel through sealift, but on occasion, there is a necessity to airlift fuel. Communities are increasingly able to maintain their fuel supplies. Arctic Bay is the only one now that hasn't been able to keep up. We are hoping to see fewer and fewer airlifts going to the communities. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank the Minister. It's been a concern for many years, communities running out of fuel. I know the tank farms are undersized. In many communities, their population are growing, there's a larger demand. I recognize that there'll be some costs until we fully upgrade to the tank farms.

I was trying to get a sense, at what point will all the tank farms and fuel farms in Nunavut be complete and we don't have any situation where we have to airlift in emergency fuel supplies. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Minister.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Once we get Arctic Bay on line, we should have all our communities with the capacity to take on the necessary annual fuel re-supply load for all of the Nunavut communities. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the Minister. On the same page, 40 of 40, at the bottom, the very last contract for the 2003/04 Arctic Winter Games, it was again the Minister's department, it was First Air in the amount of \$949,059. Is this an annual cost that we anticipate every time the Arctic Winter Games are hosted, whether it's in Nunavut or elsewhere in Canada? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Minister.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The information that I have on this, this was for cost of transporting your athletes to and between Nunavut and Fort McMurray, for regionals too, as my deputy reminds me, so it was leading up to and for the games in Fort McMurray. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the Minister. I understand that it was for that, but is this the cost that the Government of Nunavut will pay every time there is an Arctic Winter Games. Will we be looking at close to a \$1 million dollars to transport our athletes to and from the various venues, where ever there held, say in Canada or Greenland? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Rich.

Mr. Rich: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Obviously, the cost will depend on where it is, the next game, if memory serves me right, are, I'm not sure if it's the next game or the game coming up, between the next one and the other one after that is in Alaska, and we don't know what the cost are going to be on that until we do tenders from it.

Obviously three years ago, when the games were in Nunavut, the cost were much less. There were costs because there were the regionals and territorials to prepare the teams to come to the games.

I might also mention that there is some cost sharing that we do on this, from Sports Canada which does assist on it.

But there's no question that the air transportation cost, when the games are not in the territory, can be quite substantial. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank Mr. Rich. I forgot about the United States when I was asking this, Canada and Greenland, I forgot about the good northern folks in Alaska.

On Page 33 or 40, there are two contracts. One is a pickup truck 4X4, in Iqaluit from Kingland Ford for \$61,831, and then a 2003 Expedition from Kingland Ford. It must be for more than one Expedition because the amount is \$165,900. I want to ask the Minister's officials, does the Government of Nunavut have a leasing policy with respect to leasing vehicles, rather than purchasing them? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Rich.

Mr. Rich: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Hopefully, there's a formal policy. Our general procedure is to, for a longer-term duration, if a vehicle is needed for the full service life of a vehicle to in fact purchase the vehicle, in most cases, it doesn't make a lot of sense for us to lease the vehicle because the cost of leasing are increased over the cost of purchasing.

If there's an emergency or a short-term use for a vehicle, which there can be from time to time in a community or a changing needs of a department or we have to wait, we then might entertain leasing, but generally, we don't lease, we purchase the vehicles. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Rich. And then on page 34 of 40 of that document, there's a contract described as healthcare system; it was awarded by your department to Tanburg Canada Inc. for \$503,022.59. Could the Minister or his officials tell us what we bought for that amount of money? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes; that was for the Department of Health and Social Services, Telehealth, I am told. Thank you.

Chairman: Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the Minister for that answer. On page 26 of 40, near the bottom, Sony Digital Camera through Arctic Ventures 2000 Ltd. for \$6,900. What kind of Sony Digital Camera would you be buying for \$6,900? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Rafter.

Mr. Rafter: I am sorry, I am not sure which line item the Member is referring to. Could he repeat his question please?

Chairman: Repeat your question Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson: Mr. Chairman, it's the Sony Digital Camera from the bottom. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk: Sorry, Mr. Chairman. We don't find that item on our list. Sorry, 26 of 40 is the same one. Just give us one second, please, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I was told that was a purchase for the Department of Health and Social Services, again. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to get a sense of the different contracts and what they were for. There's not an awful lot of description to them. We might have to make some recommendations for the department to be more descriptive when they prepare their report and how they number the contracts so we could refer to it a little bit quicker.

Yesterday, Mr. Chairman, I also mentioned that maybe we should establish a threshold that the department should not have to report on with so much detail. Anything under and I am just throwing out numbers, \$5,000 might be a number we don't need. The Minister is saying \$10,000 because it's a very long report. I don't think we need all of that kind of detail on every contract that the Government of Nunavut enters into.

How many did you say yesterday, Mr. Rich, eleven thousand contracts? That's a lot of contracts. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: The next person on the list is Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Now just to follow-up on his. If he thought \$6 thousand, 900 hundred was an expensive digital camera, if we go to page 28 of 40, there's one digital camera that's about a third of the way down that's \$8 thousand,500.

How many cameras do you buy for \$8 thousand, 500. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Are you guys in competition or what. Mr. Minister.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want you to keep in mind that the digital cameras are for other departments. What he is referring to is for the Department of Education. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think the reason that Mr. Peterson and I asked that is again because it goes back to the description.

If it is an \$8 thousand, 500 dollar camera then something is wrong here. If it is for a whole bunch of cameras then that's different. But again, in the description, it says it's for a digital camera. Those are the kinds of things that we need to look at. I've got no problem if it's a bunch of cameras but if it's an \$8 thousand, 500 dollar cameras, he may want to look twice at it. It's the same as with the one for \$6 thousand.

There are a number of ones in here, and the Minister had indicated that I think it was Kugaaruk where they had flown some fuel in but according to this, it looks like after that

was mentioned, two times they've done it and I know I had highlighted all the ones that were fuel related charters through the Petroleum Product Division.

Would that not go through the Petroleum Products Revolving Fund as all the other stuff goes through and instead of being listed in the books because all the fuel that we buy goes through there.

That's what that is if they're sending fuel up there. The transportation costs for that fuel go through the revolving fund and not through here. I'm just wondering why there seems to be a discrepancy in having the sea lift supply of fuel and the revolving fund and the airlift supply refuel of places.

There are a number of them. It's not just Kugaaruk. I've seen some for Panniqtuuq, Pond Inlet and a number of different places where fuel was flown in. I'm just questioning why we'd see that in here and not entered into the revolving fund. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Mr. Rafter.

Mr. Rafter: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The transactions are recorded in the revolving fund. Petroleum products is part of Community and Government Services.

In some instances and transactions they do make sure of the procurement purchasing services that government provides. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Rafter. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If that stuff goes in there, then maybe I missed it.

I didn't see the contracts for our fuel re-supply in here. If these ones here are included in there, why aren't those others ones also included, unless I've missed them. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Mr. Rich.

Mr. Rich: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. These are contracts that were entered into during 2003/04 fiscal year.

The fuel re-supply contract was first entered into in the 2002/03 fiscal year. So, it would have been reported in a previous year's report, had there been a previous year's report. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think my colleague alluded to it a little bit yesterday.

There is another area where I think there could be another section of the report on contracts that were multi-year contracts. I don't imagine that there are a whole heck of a lot of them. Those ones, we don't know about. Like you said, there were no previous reports.

I think it's great that some of this information is finally out there. I know yesterday, on the leases one, we discovered a lot of things that we're finding out for the first time, having looked at it and posed questions on it. I think it would be much clearer, much more open and much more transparent and less confusing for everybody involved if there was a way to include all that information in there.

I suspect we're not getting the whole picture. I think all of the Members here assumed that we would be getting the whole picture. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Minister.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, we know that this is a good starting point. I believe that the input that we are getting already, the input that we are getting from the Members of the Legislative Assembly as for the suggestions of other information which they would like to see in the next report that comes out. We agree that we should be in a position to provide this information more freely, but overtime, I am confident that we will be able to report more to the Legislative Assembly in a manner and form that's simplified. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Another one on page 21 of 40, and I am just wondering if this is again, not just one individual item, but more than one. Here is a Remington Marine's Magnum Shotgun for \$3 thousand, 400. I mean that's a gold-plated shotgun for \$3 thousand,400. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Minister.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk: Sorry, Mr. Chairman, I am looking for it. Okay, here it is. I will have to refer the question to Mr. Rafter for clarification, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Go ahead.

Mr. Rafter: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The item in question may have, in fact, been more than one firearm. It was purchased by the Department of Sustainable Development at the time in 2003-04. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will jump up to I think it's the service contracts, then again, I think there needs to be a more clearer way of, there's consulting services, of identifying what a service contract is and what goes through a purchase order of your book.

If you look through the entire list, I think some that could be or should fall under the other category, and how and why they are categorized in the way that they are I think needs to be looked at.

But on here again, there's one in looking at page 37 of 40, and it has marine re-supply service three times, two of them to the same person, one to a different one offered for the exact same amount. I am just wondering, again, what that covered off. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Minister.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Unfortunately, Mr. Chairman, we don't have the information in front of us, so we will have to get back to the Member with the information. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Your time is up at the moment. Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On Tabled Document 102 – 2(2) on page 23 of 26, I read in the notes, it says that percentages for Inuit labour paid for the Kitikmeot and Kivalliq Regions appear below the requirements because some low bids or the bidder did not meet the minimum requirement where accepted.

This is permissible in major works construction tenders, however, bidders must commit to the minimum requirements in writing before their tender is accepted, and it goes on: if these bidders fail to meet the minimum requirements, they will be assessed a penalty if the future tenders where this is similar in labour or bids may be rejected to be able to meet the minimum Inuit labour requirements.

A question for the Minister: I believe this falls under Public Works, how does the Government of Nunavut ensure that companies are meeting their contract requirements for Inuit labour content? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Rich.

Mr. Rich: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The contracts are supervised by project management staff from either the regional office or headquarters. In most cases it's the regional office other than the few that happen in Iqaluit.

One of the responsibilities of that is to collect the data on Inuit employment and to monitor the data and to provide letters to the company if they're not meeting the guidelines and also to report as part of the NNI process to both headquarters and also

ultimately to the NNI steering committee on whether or not the labor requirements have been met. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Rich. Do Government of Nunavut officials periodically visit the worksite to ensure that there is compliance and to ensure that their people are actually working, or do the companies have to self report? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Rich.

Mr. Rich: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The reporting is done based on salary because the labor requirements are adjudicated based on the amount of salary that is reported on Inuit employees which is the way the NNI is structured.

We do have project managers who do visit the worksite but they are not there with a piece of paper to count the number of workers that are there or to check on the status of the work. It is done based on the reporting of the salary amounts that are paid to beneficiary staff as opposed to non-beneficiary staff. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Rich. Maybe just to answer a nagging question I have, if they were the low bid but they didn't meet the specified Inuit content contract requirements, why is it that with major works construction tenders, it is permissible to award contracts as opposed to other types of contracts. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Peterson. Mr. Rich.

Mr. Rich: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In major construction projects, one may run into difficulties, particularly if they're multiple projects going on in a community where it is simply judged by the company, that it is not able in fact to meet the requirement and a judgment call has to be made then on whether or not the price on the tender outweighs the disadvantage.

If there is a large discrepancy in price with the low tender and if all other aspects are there, we at times will try to work with the construction company to build up to in fact meet the minimum requirement over a period of time even if it's initially low. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Mr. Rich. I don't know how many companies might be bidding on a major works contract, and I think you have a clause in

your tender document, but your lowest bid is not necessarily the one that is accepted. If you see a low bid, then obviously it must be enticing because you pay less money and that's what you want.

Governments are restricted by their budgets, but when you do your calculations and they add in Inuit content and that Inuit content takes their bid over the next lowest bidder, what would you do in that case. Would you award the contract to the initial lowest bidder or would you have to give it to the second lowest bidder. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Peterson. Mr. Rich.

Mr. Rich: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The way I understand it and the way the process works is first of all, well, I'll step back for one second.

There is a difference between a tender and a request for proposal. In a tender, the low price is accepted generally without exception, but that would be the low price after the NNI is applied. So, then you establish what the low price is based on the NNI.

In a request for proposal process, the low price may in fact not be the one that's accepted because the request for proposal allows one to evaluate more than just tender costs. Other issues are built into the bid proposal and bid into the project specifications.

Most construction projects are tender projects, so they would be based on the low price. If after the NNI is applied, if the then low company is awarded the bid and comes with a discrepancy on whether or not that company has met the minimum requirement, then we would ask them to commit in writing to meet the minimum requirement and work with them, and if the note suggest that they do not meet the minimum requirement, then a penalty is assessed to the company. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Mr. Rich. It sounds like a quite a complicated process and I'm sure it is.

Can Mr. Rich assure the House that when they do all these calculations, that all bidders are treated fairly, it's all on the up and up. Contractors and communities, wherever they are in Nunavut are being treated equally and fairly so that Government of Nunavut and our communities get value for their contract? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Peter Kilabuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, we agree that all bidders should get their fair recognition in either proposals or requests for information. I'll ensure the House that my staff and their involvement in reviewing bids for tenders, we'll do it in a fashion that is fair and consistent.

But, on top of that, there is also an appeal process open to other bidders or people bidding for tenders that may have abuse otherwise. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Peterson, are you finished? I have no more names on my list. In regards to Tabled Documents 101-2(2) and 102-2(2), does the committee agree that we are concluded with our debate on the tabled documents I just mentioned?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Thank you. What is the wish of the committee? I would like to thank the Minister and his officials for appearing before the committee. Do you have any closing remarks. Thank you

Hon. Peter Kilabuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: You're quite welcome. We will take a 10 minute break. Thank you.

>>*Committee recessed at 16:53 and resumed at 17:01*

Chairman: Order please. Thank you. At this time, I would like to report progress, and it's not debatable. All those in favour. All those opposed. Thank you. I will now rise to report progress.

Speaker (interpretation): Orders of the Day. Item 20. Report of the Committee of the Whole. Chairman Netser.

Item 20: Report of the Committee of the Whole

Mr. Netser (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Your Committee has been considering Tabled Documents 101 – 2(2) and 102 – 2(2) and would like to report that Tabled Documents 101 – 2 (2) and 102 – 2(2) are concluded with. Mr. Speaker, I move that the report of the Committee of the Whole be agreed to. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): There is a motion on the Floor. Is there a seconder for the motion? Mr. Peterson is the seconder. The motion is in order. All those in favour. All those opposed. Abstentions. The motion is carried. Item 21. Third Reading of Bills. Item 22. Orders of the Day. Clerk.

Item 22: Orders of the Day

Deputy Clerk (Ms. Tupik): Meeting announcements. Meeting of Standing Committee Ajauqtiit at 5:15 tonight in Tuktu Room. The Standing Committee on Health and Education meeting tomorrow morning at 10:00 in Tuktu Room. Meeting of the Regular Members' Caucus at 11: 00 tomorrow morning in Tuktu Room.

(interpretation) Orders of the day for Thursday, May 5, 2005:

1. Prayer

2. Ministers' Statement
3. Members' Statement
4. Returns to Oral Questions
5. Recognition of visitors from the gallery
6. Oral Questions
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8. Returns to Written Questions
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12. Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills
13. Tabling of Documents
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15. Notice of Motions for First Reading of Bills
16. Motions
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17. First Reading of Bills
18. Second Reading of Bills
19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole and Bills and Other Matters
 - Bill 16
 - Bill 17
20. Report to Committee of the Whole
21. Third Reading of Bills
22. Orders of the Day

Thank you.

>>*Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): This House stands adjourned until Thursday, May 5, 2005 at 1:30 pm.

Sergeant-at-arms.

>>*Session adjourned at 17:06*

