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**Iqaluit, Nunavut  
Thursday November 17, 2005**

**Members Present:**

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

**Item 1: Opening Prayer**

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

>>*Prayer*

**Speaker** (interpretation): Going to the orders of the day for today. Item 2. Ministers' statements. Item 3. Members' statements. Mr. Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to go back to Ministers' statements. Item 2.

**Speaker** (interpretation): The member is asking for consent to return to Item 2. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Mr. Kilabuk.

**Item 2: Ministers' Statements****Minister's Statement 004 – 2(3): Congratulations to Hamish Tatty**

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker and my colleagues. I would like to once again give congratulations to Mr. Hamish Tatty from Rankin Inlet for receiving the Young Entrepreneurial Award from the Business Development Bank of Canada. Mr. Tatty runs M&T Enterprises in Rankin Inlet.

(interpretation ends): M&T Enterprises was founded in 1979 by Mr. Tatty's father, Peter Tatty and his uncle, Ray Mercer. It provides cargo, fuel, construction, and supply services in Rankin Inlet and employs 60 in its peak seasons. It is 100 percent Inuit owned and has an 85 percent Inuit employment rate.

>>*Applause*

(interpretation): Mr. Speaker, the success of a young Inuit entrepreneur is very gratifying and a reason for celebration because the youth are the future of our territory. It is very good to see young people getting involved in helping to develop the economy of Nunavut and Mr. Tatty can serve as a role model for young entrepreneurs in Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, I would like the House to join me in congratulating Mr. Tatty on this significant accomplishment and wish him and M&T continuing success in the future. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements.

**Minister's Statement 005 – 2(3): Orientation Program for GN Employees**

**Hon. Louis Tapardjuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to announce that my department has expanded its employee orientation program to better meet the needs of Nunavut employees and departments. The goal is to offer orientation activities that will lead to improved employee knowledge, productivity, wellness, and overall retention of the government.

A new component of the orientation program is delivery of customized orientation sessions for specialized groups and other employees such as teachers and medical staff. A very successful pilot session was held on September 25 for 20 health care staff in Iqaluit, Rankin Inlet and Cambridge Bay using the Tele-health system.

Another customized orientation session was recently delivered in-house for Nunavut Arctic College instructors and staff. Mr. Speaker, I would like to also inform my colleagues that my department launched its cultural orientation program in August 2005. Under the guidance of Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth and Tukavik, two very successful on the land cultural orientation sessions were held in Iqaluit.

During those sessions participants learned about the history of Nunavut, Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit guiding principles, Pinasuaqtavut discussions, games, group work and traditional activities. Closing evaluations indicated that all participants left with a much increased understanding and appreciation of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit principles and how to apply them in the workplace.

Cultural orientation sessions in other communities will take place later this year. The Department of Human Resources plans on holding cultural orientation sessions and developing a series of workshops on Inuit societal structures, language, and culture.

I am also pleased to announce a partnership with Pauktuutit Inuit Women's Association. The publication of *The Inuit Way* will be updated and will be used by the Government of Nunavut later this year as a cultural orientation resource. Mr. Speaker, effective orientation programs demonstrate the Government of Nunavut's commitment to developing Nunavut's public service and implementing Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit in the workplace. By improving the programs offered to Government of Nunavut employees we enhance the knowledge and skills of the public service to better serve Nunavummiut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.



**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements, Mr. Picco.

**Minister's Statement 006 – 2(3): Underground Mine Training Program**

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mining is a promising industry in Nunavut and with it there are opportunities for Nunavummiut to obtain employment.....

I am pleased to announce that as a result of an innovative partnership we have eight individuals from the Kitikmeot Region who have started underground mine training. The underground mine training program is a joint venture with the Department of Education, the Kitikmeot Corporation, Diavik Diamond Mines Incorporated, the Government of the Northwest Territories, the Kitikmeot Cementation Mining and Development, and the Northwest Territories Aboriginal Human Resource Agreement Holders.

The Department of Education continues to support the development of such programs and is committed to supporting and working with partners to provide industrial training here in Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, there is a significant need for fully trained and qualified people to work in mine related occupations. These needs will grow substantially in both the Northwest Territories and here in Nunavut as current underground operations expand and new underground operations become reality.

It is widely recognized Mr. Speaker, that one of the greatest labour shortages over the foreseeable future will be for skilled workers in the mining industry. It is therefore important to provide training and employment opportunities for Nunavummiut to ensure that they can fully benefit from these ongoing activities.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements. Mr. Akesuk.

**Minister's Statement 007 – 2(3): Support Provided to Harvesters**

**Mr. Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Department of Environment and Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated are undertaking a joint review of Nunavut's Harvesters' Support Program.

Both Nunavut Tunngavik Inc and the Department of the Environment have heard that programs were not meeting the needs of harvesters and it was agreed that we would conduct this review together.

The focus of the joint review is to identify gaps in support and duplication between programs. This will enhance our programs and maximize value to harvesters given our current fiscal realities.

(interpretation ends) One of the major components of the review is to look at ways of improving program delivery. An integrated one window approach to program delivery is being considered as part of this evaluation.

I'm expecting the final report on the review to be completed in the very near future.

(interpretation): Copies of the final report will be provided to all Members of the Legislative Assembly for their review and consideration. I anticipate that new updated harvester's support policies could be in place by the beginning of the next fiscal year.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements. Ministers' Statements. Orders of the day for day, Item 3, Members' Statements. Mr. Alagalak.

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

#### **Member's Statement 024 – 2(3): Safe Drinking Water for Arviat**

**Mr. Alagalak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to address a concern in my community of Arviat. Mr. Speaker, providing reliable access to safe drinking water is one of the most basic responsibilities of this government.

We have seen that water quality is a major issue in many Canadian communities. Recent tragedies in Ontario should warn us that we need to be vigilant in ensuring that water quality is not compromised. Mr. Speaker, we know that there have been problems with the water supply in such Nunavut communities as Gjoa Haven.

In my community of Arviat, we rely on man-made reservoirs to supply us with safe drinking water. The community of Arviat is growing rapidly. We have new infrastructure such as new schools and new housing units. The demand for water is only going to increase over time. Last spring there were concerns in the community about the low level of water in the reservoirs. People noticed an unpleasant taste in the water.

I am putting the Minister of Community and Government Services on notice that I will be asking questions of her and her officials on their plans for Arviat's water supply when the department appears before the Committee of the Whole during our capital budget session. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

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

**Member's Statement 025 – 2(3): Rachel Uyarasuk's 94<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

**Hon. Louis Tapardjuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today like I did last year as a representative of the people of Igloolik. Our elder Rachel Uyarasuk is now 94 years old and I announce this to the members and say Happy Birthday to her. Thank you.

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

**Member's Statement 026 – 2(3): Appreciation to GN for Gjoa Haven Water Supply Repairs**

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Most members may be aware that we had a very serious situation in Gjoa Haven recently with the water reservoir. The reservoir berm ruptured, and we lost our supply of drinking water within the day.

I want to thank the Minister of Community and Government Services and her staff as well as the Hamlet of Gjoa Haven for their fast response to this emergency. So on behalf of the residents of Gjoa Haven, I want to express my sincere appreciation to everyone who helped address this situation to restore access to the water in order to avoid what could have been a very serious situation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

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

**Member's Statement 027 – 2(3): Bullying Awareness Week**

**Mr. Peterson**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to raise awareness of a painful and troubling issue that affects some of our youth across Nunavut today - the problem of bullying.

Mr. Speaker, this week, the week of November 14 to 20 is National Bullying Awareness Week. Bullying is a serious problem in our schools and in our communities. In some cases bullying can stop a child from attending school; it can lead to depression, or even worse, it can lead to suicide.

I know that many parents feel powerless to help their children. Many teachers are desperate for resources, programs, and materials to help put an end to this behaviour. Bullying is not just a playground problem. Bullying has a long-term effect on our society as a whole. Issues of self-esteem for both bullies and their victims affect their personal growth and their ability to achieve their full potential later in life.

Childhood bullies can grow up to be workplace bullies – affecting morale in the workplace. When childhood bullies become adults their actions can lead to criminal records and a troubled future.

There are a number of national groups and organizations committed to eliminating bullying from our schools and playgrounds. In past years, the RCMP in Cambridge Bay ran a great program in our local elementary school. In past years, the RCMP in Cambridge Bay ran a BRAVE program in our local elementary school. The BRAVE Foundation offers a number of suggestions for schools, parents and communities to get involved and address this problem.

I was pleased to learn that a national website, [bullying.org](http://bullying.org), founded and developed by a long-term Kivalliq teacher, Mr. Bill Belsey, is very active these days. I encourage teachers, parents and students to look there and other sites, such as the Stop the Bullying website, for ideas and support in raising awareness of bullying and helping put an end to it.

Under the current *Education Act* District Education Authorities are responsible for developing codes of conduct and discipline procedures in community schools. I understand that different schools across Nunavut have different policies, programs, and projects to address this specific issue. It would be good if the Department of Education could provide some specific territorial-wide support for all DEAs and schools to address this issue. I encourage the minister to direct his department to expand its activities in this area before the problem gets worse. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

### **Member's Statement 028 – 2(3): Transportation Issues – High Arctic**

**Mr. Barnabas** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon, and I send my regards to the people in my riding. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address the issue of transportation in the High Arctic.

Mr. Speaker, you may have noticed that the political cartoon in this week's edition of News North is about the problems that my constituents in Grise Fiord face when they travel out of their community and what the cartoon depicted were clients being kicked out of the plane with their suitcases.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, all of the three communities that I represent have brought transportation-related issues to my attention. The high cost of air travel is getting higher as fuel prices are increasing. The lack of competition in the small market does not create pressure to keep fares down. Changes in the schedules and services cause concern to my constituents.

I talked yesterday about the federal food mail program and the need for us here in Nunavut to lobby actively for improvements to the program. Mr. Speaker, constituents have talked to me about how they would like to have more options when it comes to sealift. I have written to companies like NEAS on this matter.

Mr. Speaker, I recognize that it will not be cheap to live in the High Arctic, however, we need to do what we can to help to support our residents who help assert sovereignty in the High Arctic.

I think that we need to lobby for an increase in the northern residence deduction for our taxpayers. Many people in the South forget that Inuit pay taxes like all Canadians. My constituency in the High Arctic is in a unique location and the amount of deduction should be reflected.

Mr. Speaker, I ask for unanimous consent to conclude my statement.

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

**Mr. Barnabas** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker and my colleagues. (interpretation ends) Beneficiaries are entitled to certain benefits through their enrolment status. I think that we should consider having these benefits reflect the higher costs for people in the most remote communities.

Mr. Speaker, when we begin the review of the capital estimates of the Department of Economic Development and Transportation, I will have questions on transportation specific to the needs of the High Arctic.

Later today, I will have questions for the minister on our transportation strategies. Qujannamiik Uqaqti.

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

### **Member's Statement 029 – 2(3): Elimination of Staffed Weather Stations**

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Across Canada, over the last several years, Environment Canada has closed down and automated many local weather stations.

Mr. Speaker, Nunavut is one of those locations that has seen an elimination of staffed weather operations. Mr. Speaker, it was seen that our forecasts are less accurate than ever before. This has implications for search and rescue operations, flight schedules, and so on. Mr. Speaker, this has also been raised in other parts of Canada.

I wrote the Federal Minister of Environment on two important issues:

1. Could the minister tell me and correlate the accuracy of your forecast today against the same period when stations were actually staffed? and,
2. Will the Federal Government review the current arctic weather forecasting and put warm bodies and not hot computers on the job?

Mr. Speaker, as one constituent told me, one wouldn't want to schedule one's day based on our weather forecasts. Coordination and forecasts are based on computer models 2000 miles away in Edmonton. It doesn't make sense Mr. Speaker.

Hopefully we can get the forecast to be at least accurate some of the time instead of now, which seems to be none of the time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

### **Member's Statement 030 – 2(3): Davis Inlet Quota Tonnage in 0A**

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today representing the community of Pangnirtung and I am very comfortable standing up today about the Minister of Fisheries and Ocean decision in respect to the turbot allocations in Davis Strait and region 0A.

Today Mr. Speaker, they seem to be talking with some of the companies about increasing the quotas for 0A, which is adjacent to Nunavut and one thing that I am very disappointed about is I was involved right from the beginning, studying what was being done before I became a Member of the Legislative Assembly. We started the fisheries and we didn't even know that there were any fish or if the fishing was viable up here; and, because we didn't get any support from the federal government we had to initiate our own studies to find out if fishing was viable up here.

We didn't get any support from any departments. Now they are talking with southern fishing companies and they are going to be allocating those quotas with southern companies so we are left out in the cold again.

This a viable business in Pangnirtung and we have been at it for a long time and we wanted to become a viable business and I am disappointed and ashamed of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans for allocating those quotas to southern companies.

And, I will note that there also have been decreases in the quotas. Now they are asking for our fish to compensate that. I would like to ask the Members of the Legislative Assembly here to support me, to lobby the Minister, and to allocate those quotas to Nunavut companies including the community of Pangnirtung. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Member's Statement 031 – 2(3): National Childcare Day**

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today in anticipation of tomorrow's events in Iqaluit to mark National Child Care day, which is this week. Mr. Speaker, children are our most precious treasures in our lives. Like every treasure we keep our children safe. Starting at three o'clock tomorrow afternoon a parade will begin here at our Legislative Assembly parking lot and end up in the Cadet hall, although I don't think they are going to cut through the parking lot.

Mr. Speaker there will be different activities for all participants. The daycares in Iqaluit do their job with very few resources and I want to pay tribute to all the child care workers who take care of our kids. What I would like is to express our appreciation to Rachel Clow of Pairivik Daycare centre and everyone else who has worked hard in organizing this event. Mr. Speaker I know that Rachel is also an expectant mother as well - in the next few weeks.

She has a lot of practice. She has worked at the daycare for a number of years doing a great job and I wish her well in all of that.

Mr. Speaker, the members of this house are fully aware that the recently announced federal plan for early learning and childcare funding will not adequately meet the needs of the north.

Like a couple of my colleagues this morning, I want to offer my support to the Minister of Education on this file and I know that he is working with his counterparts in Yellowknife and Whitehorse in stick handling their negotiations with the Federal Minister, Ken Dryden, to drive to the net and score a goal for our kids.

Although I'm not sure if the minister is playing left wing or right wing, I am certain he thinks he's playing centre. Mr. Speaker, much like old boxers who have taken too many punches to the head, in this case when the Federal Government and the Federal Minister are saying that Inuit aren't Aboriginal. Me, I'm not sure. It's questionable whether they've taken too many, or not enough pucks to the head.

>> *Applause*

Mr. Speaker, I would add that in this case, our minister is doing absolutely the right thing; he's identified an issue where more needs to be done. He's not satisfied with federal excuses that tell us to be quiet and to be uncritical and to be content with what we've got.

I certainly wish that... At this time Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask for unanimous consent to conclude my statement.

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

>>*Laughter*

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Knowing the next line, no, Mr. Picco didn't write that for me.

Mr. Speaker, as I said, he's identified issues and gone right to the point and not taken "no" for an answer and has not taken excuses. I would certainly like to see him be much more consistent in this regard when it comes to issues here at home.

Mr. Speaker, every member of this House is committed to our children. I ask all members to join me in acknowledging National Child Care Day. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements, Going back to orders of the day, Item 4, Returns to Oral Questions. Mr. Tootoo.

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

##### **Return to Oral Question 002 – 2(3): Literacy Programs and Initiatives**

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm not Mr. Tootoo. I'm a little taller and a little better looking.

>>*Laughter*

Mr. Speaker, I have a return to an oral question asked by Mr. Tootoo on November 15, 2005. Mr. Speaker, the literacy survey results, in response to the member's question, I am pleased to provide the following information, the summary of the 2005-06 monies in the budget for literacy.

Mr. Speaker, we have in the budget \$150 thousand for GED testing. Five thousand dollars of which is a contribution to the Literacy Council, \$212 thousand for the Literacy Coordinator, and \$4.215 million, Mr. Speaker, for adult basic education programs and literacy.

Mr. Speaker, the total was \$4.5 million for literacy across Nunavut and I want to add Mr. Speaker, the member had mentioned that the Yukon had put in the exorbitant amount of \$1 million. I believe we've almost quadrupled that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Returns to Oral Questions. Item 5, Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Picco.



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

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome a visitor to the gallery. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman needs no introduction of course, but I did want to make one quick comment on the editor of Nunatsiaq News who has had long service in Nunavut, almost 30 years, maybe more than 30 years.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mr. Jim Bell, the Pulitzer Prize Winner from Nunavut, for being here in the gallery today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

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

**Hon. Paul Okalik** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize one of my constituents who is our Audio Visual Manager, Mr. George Metuq. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker** (interpretation): Welcome to the gallery. Recognition of visitors in the gallery. Item 6. Oral questions. The member for Rankin Inlet North, Mr. Curley.

### Item 6: Oral Questions

#### Oral Question 022 – 2(3): Polar Bear Quota Study in Kivalliq

**Mr. Curley** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Department of Environment. First of all there was an agreement between the Greenlandic hunters and trappers. It stated that in Greenland some family groups and their hunting areas have their quotas recognized. I am very proud of those family groups. First of all I would just like to say that in regards to the Davis Strait polar bears that the Nunavut Government indicated that they are not at risk. The number has increased.

I would like to ask the minister, I wonder if you can work the same way similarly in the Keewatin region with the different organizations, like the way you did in Qikiqtaaluk? I wonder if this can be initiated in the Keewatin. Thank you.

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

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am more than willing work with the region because we want to work with the regions equally. We involve the communities. As you might remember in Gjoa Haven and Taloyoak we used Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit when we did a study around that area. The communities will be included more and we'll convey this to the Canadian organizations who do the surveys.

We are more than willing to work with the residents of the Kivalliq in regards to polar bears. I personally believe that the population of polar bears is increasing and we will be working closely with those different organizations. Thank you.

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

**Mr. Curley** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Mr. Minister. My concern is the Canadian Wildlife Service. Just this past spring they said that there are only 1,000 in the western Hudson Bay polar bear population and that there was a decrease of 200 from ten years ago. That is the statistic that was given through the Northern News Service and it is not accurate information. I wonder if using your authority that it can be amended. I was told by an elder that about thirty years ago they didn't have anything to shine their runners on their *qamutiks* but they have all kinds of things now because this does not support the Inuit.

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

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I will look at this closely. I have not yet received the information from CWS and when I have it in front of me I will be able to review it with the affected communities. We will be able to take a closer look at those figures because the Government of Nunavut is more than willing to do further work in regards to the polar bears.

And once we have that information we will take a closer look along with those affected communities in the near future. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Curley** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, that would be very well taken by the Kivalliq residents. This article that was in the News North edition of June 22, 2005, Ian Sterling, and he said and I will read it in English:

(interpretation ends): "Increased sightings of bears in towns may just be hungry bears attracted to the smell of food and garbage and not an indication of great numbers", Sterling said. Mr. Speaker. I think our elders are much more intelligent than that. You need to advise the Canadian Wildlife Service who is a respected agency providing information not only to Nunavut but to all world that they do a proper job in respecting elders and the advice of elders. So I urge you to get in touch with them and that they need not undermine the wisdom of our people.

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

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, it was very clear. Whether, it was just recent or a long time ago, the communities, the people, had enough food. I would be more than willing to take a look at this closer with the Member for

Rankin North. I wish to thank him for giving his report in regards to polar bears. Thank you.

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

**Mr. Curley** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My final supplementary in regards to the Davis Strait polar bears is that there was a press release that you put out last month. It stated that there is a survey that will cost half a million dollars, which will involve HTOs and Nunavik. Can you tell us when you think this will be completed? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The surveys that we do in Nunavut are three-year surveys. The cost will be between \$1.5 million to \$2 million for three years. Thank you.

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

### **Oral Question 023 – 2(3): Criteria for Cancellation of Competitions**

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question today is to the Minister responsible for Human Resources. Mr. Speaker over the last year I guess I have received, not only locally but right across the Territory, concerns from individuals that have applied for positions with the Government of Nunavut and turn around and find out those positions or those competitions have been cancelled.

I guess my question to the Minister is, are there criteria in place that the government follows when it decides for some reason or another to cancel a competition after it has been advertised? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Hon. Louis Tapardjuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, the job competition, the department, they take the job competitions, or they put job offers out and it's up to the individual department whether they should go ahead, whether there have to be improvements made, or whether it has to be further reviewed so it can be cancelled. If they find that there have to be improvements to the way it was written, and the other thing is that sometimes they don't even know if there is funding allocated for that job competition even though it is specified they might not have any funding to open or to carry out that job for that particular position.

That could be one of the reasons that the job competition advertisements can be cancelled even though those positions might be available. It states in Article 23, that if there were not enough beneficiaries that are applying for the job and sometimes, if there are

beneficiaries that don't have the qualification for that particular position, some of those can be reasons for cancelling the job competition.

We go by what the departments decide. For example, if it's health or social services and they wish to cancel the job competition, we try to find out what their reasons were to put a halt to it and if they wish to cancel then those departments have to make a requisition to the Deputy Minister of Human Resources whether it shall go through or not. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's good to hear that any of those requests have to go through the Deputy Minister of Human Resource for approval I guess, if that's what the minister has indicated.

But it is disturbing to hear that departments put out job ads for positions that they don't even know if they have funding. I know those job ads are not cheap to run. I would hope that the Department of Human Resources is only advertising for positions that they know they can fill and are not just trying to fill space in newspapers, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I guess my next question to the minister is; since the department, or all of those cancellations as he had indicated have to go through the Department of Human Resources, do they have a record of all the positions that have been cancelled after they've been advertised? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Hon. Louis Tapardjuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't have that information in front of me but I can give my colleague that information as to how many have been cancelled and how many per department. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I can provide that information to him later.

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

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wonder if aside from providing a department-by-department breakdown of cancelled competitions whether the minister could also commit to include what those positions were and the reasons why they were cancelled? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Hon. Louis Tapardjuk** (interpretation): Yes, it should be quite easy to get the information and I will be able to provide all that information of those competitions that were cancelled to my colleagues. I will also be able to provide the reasons for those. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The minister indicated that it should be quite easy to get that information. I'm just wondering if he could give us an idea of when we can expect to see that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Hon. Louis Tapardjuk** (interpretation): I will be able to provide that information during this sitting. I can reassure him that I will be able to provide that information during this sitting. Thank you.

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

### **Oral Question 024 – 2(3): Update on GN's Transportation Strategy**

**Mr. Barnabas** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Economic Development and Transportation. Earlier today, I talked about some of the issues facing constituents in the High Arctic.

Over the last few years, the Government of Nunavut has produced many strategies, documents, and studies on transportation and air services, and they are quite thick.

(interpretation ends) My question for the minister is, can he update the House today on the status of the Government of Nunavut's transportation strategies? Qujannamiik Uqaqti.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Minister responsible for Transportation, Mr. Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The report that my colleague was holding on to; it was created quite a while ago and it's a strategy for the whole transportation of Nunavut.

In that strategy, the Department of Transportation, I know, are making various transportation plans. Some of those plans have been completed, and once they are completed, I will table them in the House because they have more detailed information. Thank you.

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

**Mr. Barnabas** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) What is his department doing to work with groups like the Affordable Food Alliance to make it easier for our communities to reduce the cost of shipping healthy food into our communities? Qujannamiik Uqaqti.

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

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If we look at the plan for the government, they are trying to make it easier for communities to reduce the cost of shipping. The airlines own the freighters. If for example, they can be shipped cheaper, it makes the groceries a lot lower or when the cost of fuel is lower.

Mr. Speaker, through the Government of Nunavut's Income Support Program we do look for ways to give more support, we look at the government's overall plan.

Mr. Speaker, the benefit programs that we have in the Department of Transportation make it easier and they point of entry. They set up the point of entry from down there. Thank you.

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

**Mr. Barnabas** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. How does his department work with our airlines and the Northern Air Transportation Association on the quality of service provided to our communities? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. He is asking if I work with these airlines. Yes. Our officials work with these entities. I attended their meeting, and observed their meeting, when they had their meeting over here, when I was first given this portfolio.

The officials from various entities do have a say. As I have stated I went to observe their meeting. Our department is looking for ways to assist with lowering the cost of transportation or freight. Thank you.

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

### **Oral Question 025 – 2(3): Diabetes and Healthy Living Promotion**

**Mr. Evyagotailak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was talking to the Minister of Health and Social Services and this was raised by the member from Quttiktuq two days ago. (interpretation ends): Last month Arctic Cooperatives Limited wrote letters to MLAs on the issue of providing healthy, affordable food to our communities.

One of the issues that Arctic Cooperatives Limited raised is the increase in such serious health conditions such as type two diabetes. My question to the minister is this, what is Health and Social Services doing to help fight diabetes and other lifestyle related diseases? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): The Minister for Health and Social Services, Ms. Aglukkaq.

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The department is looking right now to develop a public health strategy for Nunavut. The public health strategy will address some areas related to nutrition, not only that but also in the area of healthy living. One of the things that we have been talking about in the department, looking down the road, is that in order to address the issue of the rising costs associated with health care we have to put more energy and resources in the whole area of prevention.

One of the areas that we are concentrating on is the whole area of public education for youth; one example is Drop the Pop in the north. We had a contest last year for the youth to educate youth about the harm associated with pop.

As it is right now there is work underway for nutrition programs and education in partnership with, not only the Department of Health, but also the communities and the Department of Education. Healthy living and healthy communities are the responsibility of each and every one of us and not just the Department of Health. The work is underway to partner with a number of agencies in the communities and in government to address the issue around healthy lifestyle and healthy eating. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Evyagotailak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Ms. Minister. Having access to affordable nutritious food is a health and wellness issue. What can her department do to help make healthy food more available to the communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Department of Health and Social Services is continuing to partner with INAC in relation to food mail. But as it relates to actually putting the prices for food in the stores we don't do that. But what we do is try to promote food mail and at the same time we have two pilot projects in Cambridge Bay and, I believe, in Kugaaruk on food mail products and education on healthy choices. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Evyagotailak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Minister. Has the Minister raised this issue with her federal counterparts and if so what can Health Canada do to assist us up here in our territory?

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

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We approached them not only in the areas of food but also the area of healthy living under the public health strategy. We participated in developing a Canada-wide public health strategy with the federal

government and at the same time within the Nunavut territory we are looking at developing our own public health strategy for Nunavut.

It will cover not only the area of food but also the area of healthy choices of foods. We continue to work with INAC related to food mail and I have mentioned earlier we have two pilot projects in Cambridge and Kugaaruk in the whole area of promoting healthy food. So, yes we have been in contact with the federal government, with Health Canada and, INAC. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

### **Oral Question 026 – 2(3): Addressing Bullying in Schools**

**Mr. Peterson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Earlier today I spoke about the destructive effects of bullying in our schools. We hear from our parents, concerned members of the community, and hear dramatic stories in the news.

We have not heard Nunavut-wide about this problem. My question to the Minister is, can the Minister tell the House if there has been a Nunavut wide assessment of bullying in our schools? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Minister for Education, Mr. Picco.

**Hon. Ed. Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The issue is bullying not only in school but on buses and also in playgrounds and it has actually become a national issue and concern. In the last meeting this fall, in September, where I met with the Council of Ministers of Education for Canada, the issue was raised not only how do we deal with it on a regional, provincial or territorial level, but at the national level.

Mr. Speaker, some work has been done with the Council of Ministers of Education of Canada. Here in Nunavut we haven't put in a coordinated effort on the subject itself but Mr. Speaker we have been made aware of the issue not only as parents but as politicians and as people who are involved in the education system in general. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Peterson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the minister's response. Can the minister clarify for the house the number of incidences of bullying across Nunavut that are reported on a consistent basis by the schools. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Minister of Education, Mr. Picco.

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Very quickly, as the members know in the House, the school operations are centred in the community. They are community-based



schools with a local District Education Authority. Most reports of bullying are usually dealt with at the first level within the classroom and within the school and then usually forwarded to the District Education Authority. So Mr. Speaker, that information is then passed onto the department, to the regional operations of the Department of Education. That is how the information is brought forward.

Mr. Speaker, it is usually dealt with at the local level at the community level with the local education authority and the school itself. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Peterson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister. Can the Minister clarify for this House what initiatives and resources are currently in place to assist teachers in schools and the district education authorities in addressing the problem of bullying? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I said earlier, we've seen issues, and the issue of bullying across the country on national news stories where it's gone beyond the usual name calling and so on to actual violence, and so on, such as hazing.

Mr. Speaker, we haven't seen that type of bullying on any large degree or scale in Nunavut. However, at the same time, we have recognized that there is an issue and we'll be working with the local District Education Authorities at our local regional offices to deal with it.

Mr. Speaker, I think it's very important as parents and as members, and myself as the Minister of Education, to make sure that children know that they do not need to be bullied at the classroom, on the bus, or in the playground. It affects their ability to succeed as students both academically and socially, not only in the classroom but in the community.

That is something that Mr. Speaker, I'm glad the member has raised because it is an issue that needs to be addressed at home, Mr. Speaker, in the community and in the school. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Peterson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister. I'm very encouraged by the Minister's comments that he recognizes that bullying is serious in Nunavut and in many of our schools. I've had several parents come to me or call me up to ask for help in dealing with it. I've assured them I would bring it up with the minister.

But I'm not quite clear. He says that it's an issue that the District Education Authority looks after and I know the current Education Act puts the onus on individuals and District Education Authorities to establish codes of conduct. This one falls into it.

Can the minister tell me or clarify for me in the House whether any consideration has been given to providing territorial-wide support for District Education Authorities to address this territory-wide issue? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In the process of looking at students at risk, some District Education Authorities have actually brought forward some good programs. I don't correlate the information on bullying as something as a student at risk, however I see students being at risk if there's an habitual problem of bullying.

As I said earlier, at the local level, at the school level, teachers and principals try to deal with it. If they're not able to deal with it within the classroom then they usually bring it forward to the local District Education Authority.

At the end of the day Mr. Speaker, it's important to note that a lot of the bullying begins from issues that occur sometimes in the home. In the past budget, not only did we increase the number of school positions, teachers and instructors, but we actually put counsellor positions, for example, in a lot of our schools. So Mr. Speaker, the counsellors can actually do family visits at home and so on.

Mr. Speaker, most of the bullying that we have seen that has been reported in Nunavut, is at the K to six level. Mr. Speaker, as a Member of the Legislative Assembly, I just recently, in the last couple of days, have been given information on bullying that has occurred on buses.

So, Mr. Speaker, I know, and I think the government realizes that there is an issue with bullying. We do have a program in place with students at risk and I will encourage not only parents and teachers but the Nunavut public at large that we need to be able to deal with this issue, not only at the school level, but actually in the home so that the children know that we have to respect each other and one another. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

### **Oral Question 027 – 2(3): Recruiting Health Centre Staff**

**Mr. Kattuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Health and Social Services.

I have a question that I spoke on earlier about the inadequate number of health staff for Sanikiluaq's growing population. Statistics show that population is increasing but the

staffing levels have not changed in a very long time. The population of 2002 shows as 500 and now there are 700.

(interpretation ends) I recognize that there are challenges including health staff, especially nurses, across Canada. I would like to ask the Minister of Health and Social Services when the staffing situation at the Sanikiluaq Health Centre was last reviewed. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Minister of Health and Social Services, Ms. Aglukkaq.

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The department right now is undertaking an international recruitment initiative and I believe there have been two individuals that have been allocated to Sanikiluaq from the pool of international nurses that we have hired. So, in terms of where the needs are, we have identified that already and the staff are being oriented in Iqaluit. Once they have finished their orientation here they will be going to their respective communities and one of those is Sanikiluaq. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Kattuk:** Thank you, Minister. Can the Minister clarify for this House how the number of staff is determined for Nunavut health centres? What kind of formula is used to establish the number of nurses and support staff for each community health centre? Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Ms. Aglukkaq.

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Most health centres will have two nurses and a community health representative as well as a translator and a custodial staff. Currently, there is no magic formula like the number patients seen or the number of cases per community. But as it is right now most of the health centres have a minimum of two nurses. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Kattuk:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Can the Minister clarify how often the staffing situation at each community health centre is reviewed and evaluated? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Ms. Aglukkaq.

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The issue around recruiting nurses in Nunavut has been a challenge for the last 5 years. The numbers that we have today are the best numbers in terms of actually having those positions filled since 1999. We have reviewed it on a regular basis, which resulted in a number of initiatives by the department.

One of them is in the area of training of nurses in Nunavut to hire for the community. Secondly in the area of international recruitment we recognize the major shortage of nurses. In the past few years we have been using an agency for nurses. The Member is aware that this has been discussed many times in this House. In terms of our vacancies, we review those on a regular basis for each community that requires nurses.

We are assigning those new recruits to those communities in recognizing the needs and I believe as I mentioned earlier, Sanikiluaq is one of those communities where the international nurses have been assigned and because we have reviewed it, one position has been allocated. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

### **Oral Question 028 – 2(3): Access to Broadband in Schools**

**Mr. Netser:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Education. Mr. Speaker, yesterday my colleague from Rankin Inlet North raised a very important issue of access to computer technology in Nunavut schools. Using computers for distance education and training has become standard across Canada and the world. Access to broadband communications technology makes this possible. Broadband technology is available in Nunavut, and I have access to it in my office over in Coral Harbour and so do a number of my colleagues.

My question is this, can the minister explain to this House why many of our schools in Nunavut don't have access to the broadband communications and what does he intend to do about it? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Minister of Education, Mr. Picco.

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Broadband communication, as the member has just brought up and mentioned, across Nunavut, has only been in most of our Nunavut communities in the recent past. It was this summer, I believe, when the Nunavut Broadband Corporation was able to basically throw the switch on and have broadband services in the communities.

It has started, Mr. Speaker. Almost all of our schools now, in communities, have access to the internet. If they have the high-speed internet available in the communities then it is also available in the school. Again, that would be the decision of each individual school and DEA to support the hook-up of the school to the broadband network that would be available. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Netser:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Can the Minister clarify, for this House, whether there's a specific plan for providing broadband communications to schools across Nunavut and how that plan will be implemented? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In the answer to the question by the member by Mr. Curley yesterday, I was explaining how, that over the last few years, technological changes within our communities and our classrooms have meant that we need other specialized positions, and some of those specialized positions include IT and so on.

Mr. Speaker, as Minister I want to ensure that new technologies, whether they are broadband or internet connections and so on, will all be available in the schools and that's a commitment that I have made as Minister. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Netser:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Did he just mention that he will put broadband in our schools across Nunavut? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. What I committed to doing is providing the technological opportunity for our schools, and Mr. Speaker, if that's broadband, shortband, sideband, single-sideband, citizens band, it's important that our students have access to that technology. And, that's something that I have made a commitment to. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Netser** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We have instructors in our community and there are quite a number of student who are taking computer training but we have internet access. Can the minister inform me of when Sakku School in Coral Harbour will be getting high-speed broadband internet access? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Hon. Ed Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The member is a great advocate for education issues in the territory and especially for his community.

Mr. Speaker, there are some technical issues around the installation of broadband and so on. So by way of the member's questioning today in the House, I will be able to ascertain when broadband can be installed in that school in Coral Harbour but at the same time we will try to figure out how many of our schools, at the present time, do not have access to broadband where it's already located in the school.

It's my understanding that every community now in Nunavut has it or has the opportunity for access to broadband. In the best of cases the next step would be to see how many of our schools have access to it. So that's something, Mr. Speaker that I would commit to follow up on. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Oral Question 029 – 2(3): HSS Staff Releasing Info on Clyde River HTLV-1**

**Mr. Arreak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Health and Social Services. On November 4 there was an article in the news about the sickness that happened in Clyde River. I am not blaming the paper but it is in regards to that new HTLV-1. For that reason the people of Clyde River were quite terrified about that.

It seems one high-ranking government official was the one that made that information public about that disease in Clyde River. We don't know who has that virus at this time. The Department of Health should keep it confidential as to which community this virus was found in.

I just wondered whether that individual has asked to apologize to the community of Clyde River. Does the Department of Health know the high-ranking official? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): The Minister for Health and Social Services, Ms. Aglukkaq.

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The member is correct; there was a report in the newspaper. The department, when we read that in the article we were very, very concerned because the position has always been of this government and this department that we don't stigmatize one community over another related to HTLV-1.

I talked to my staff about that. There was no information that came from the department. The concern that he expresses, I share with him. We have written to the paper as they can identify who the high-ranking official is. We have not been able to determine that internally. I can re-assure the member that I followed up with my staff and my staff are not aware who that individual is. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Arreak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If the department is not aware of who released the information, I think there should be some sort of an investigation to find out who that official was. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Ms. Aglukkaq.

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When the paper came out and I read the article I followed up immediately with my employees to find out what the paper meant by high-ranking official of the government. The department has no idea who that person is. I talked to my staff; they don't know who that individual is. We did not talk to the paper about HTLV-1 and what community. We didn't disclose any of that information. So the only people that would know are the people that wrote the article themselves.

Internally, I investigated the matter and we don't know who that individual is. So in order for me to address the situation and follow up with my staff, I need a name and I don't have that name. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Arreak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This was not a very good situation for my community of Clyde River. I wonder if the department, once they identify the individual, will they fire the individual, or would they demote the individual because I feel that that individual should be sought and found. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Ms. Aglukkaq.

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the department has also written to the paper to clarify the situation. They did not disclose any communities in any discussion. Again, I want to reassure the Member when we read the article in the paper it was an immediate concern and we tried to address it internally. We don't know who that individual is. If the paper themselves can provide that information to us then perhaps we can follow up and take appropriate action. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Arreak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a lot more questions on this issue. My final supplementary is, the people of Nunavut, are the communities of Nunavut informed or pamphlets handed out so the people of Nunavut would be aware of that virus. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Ms. Aglukkaq.

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Department of Health through the public health agencies have been in contact with every single community, nursing staff as well as community health representatives and the information package relating to HTLV-1 has been distributed to every single community and the health centre staff through their community health representatives have been providing public education related to HTLV-1. They have been on local radio and they have gone to Hamlet Council meetings and they have had meetings with local health committees to try and educate the general

public what HTLV-1 is and the options available to citizens should they want testing. Yes, the department has contacted every community.

I also took the opportunity to brief all the Regular Members as well as Cabinet on this issue. We've also have press conferences with local media in the communities to try and get as much information out. We continue to do that through the schools as well as through the health committees in each community. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Quttiktuq, Mr. Barnabas.

### **Oral Question 030 – 2(3): Immigration Meeting in Ottawa**

**Mr. Barnabas** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister responsible for immigration. (interpretation ends): The Minister recently attended the Federal/Provincial/Territorial Immigration meeting. Can the Minister update this House on that meeting. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Hon. Ed Picco**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I did attend the Federal/Provincial/Territorial Minister of Immigration meeting in Ottawa with the Minister Joe Volty the Federal Minister responsible. Mr. Speaker, there was a lot of discussion on the need for the labour market in Canada as a whole to look at the opportunity for immigration to fill the void of skilled labour. Indeed today we have heard today about skilled labour shortages in the medical professions and so on.

The Government of Canada, along with all provinces and territories, are working together on a common strategy to identify specific needs within the country, especially in the area of labour needs and to see if we can target immigration programs and policies to be able to facilitate that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Barnabas** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the Minister for answering my question. Is Nunavut welcoming immigrants. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Hon. Ed Picco**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, Nunavut has had an opportunity to have immigrants move to the territory.

Indeed, Mr. Speaker, in 2003 and 2004, we received eight immigrants into the territory. Three were from the skilled workers class of immigration, skilled workers class meaning that there was a shortage of people in those professions needed, and the other class, we



had five immigrants from the family class, and that's where an immigrant family may be residing in Nunavut and facilitated to bring other family members to live here.

So in the past fiscal year, as an example, eight immigrants moved to Nunavut. That is in line with the Northwest Territories, which had around 89 immigrants, and in the Yukon, which had 60 immigrants. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Barnabas** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We have recently realized that we have a shortage of health workers in Nunavut and that the government would bring health workers to the territory of Nunavut. (interpretation ends) What type of immigrants do we want in Nunavut? Qujannamiik Uqaqti.

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

**Hon. Ed Picco**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The member is correct. The Government of Nunavut, when we are talking about immigrants, immigrants are people who have actually chosen to move to the country.

So as an example, Mr. Speaker, we had someone who left South Africa and has moved to Nunavut to live and work, and has applied for immigrant status in the country, that's what we record and that's the numbers I gave earlier, the eight.

Other residents who come to Nunavut might be on a temporary work visa, and that's when we look at the medical professionals that the member has talked about. They are not considered immigrants and they don't appear in the Canadian Immigration numbers because they are temporary residents and they are here on work visas.

Mr. Speaker, the kind of people that we are looking for in Nunavut are those skilled professions and a good example are medical professionals, nurses and doctors. We have recruited from the Philippines, I understand that we are bringing in more nurses maybe from India. When I was Minister of Health, we brought in nurses from Australia as an example. We also need people in other trades, for example, accounting professionals. There's a dire need for financial people. So those are the type of immigrants that Nunavut is looking for. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Barnabas** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Is there any funding available to help those immigrants from the Federal Government? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Hon. Ed Picco**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The member is correct; there's an allocation by the Federal Government to Nunavut. The federal allocation to Nunavut is based on the

number of immigrants received throughout the jurisdiction the previous fiscal year. In Nunavut's case, that amount is \$109,000, which we received from the Federal Government to help facilitate the immigrants in the transition to the jurisdiction.

Mr. Speaker, right now, as Minister of Immigration, I am in discussions with our federal partner to open up a provincial or territorial nomination program and that nomination program is a program that the other jurisdictions have in place where we identify the skilled positions that we need as a territory that we have just talked about medical professionals and so on, and use that.

If that is the case, Mr. Speaker, if we are successful in getting the nomination program in place, then I expect that there would be more monetary support coming from the Federal Government. We didn't drop down from the \$109,000 from last year. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

### **Oral Question 031 – 2(3): Environmental Review Timetable**

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was going to ask the Minister of Education a question, but he seems to be having a little bit of a hard time in pronunciation of some words today, so I will let him rest.

As I said, Mr. Speaker, and my question is for the Minister of Environment. Mr. Speaker, I know our territory is becoming a gold mine, if you want to say that for mineral exploration and gas exploration and I understand that there are different agencies in place to approve, like the Water Board, and the Impact Review Board, that review these applications and give timelines and things like that for reviews to be done.

My question to the minister; is it his department, the Department of Environment as part of the government, that indicates how long these reviews need to be... how much do they have to do with them? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Mr. Tootoo.

The recommendations by the Department of Environment, as to what they are doing, they are appointed by the Federal Government and the Territorial Government and from Nunavut Tunngavik Inc and other organizations.

So, there are usually quite a number of things that the mining companies need to do right. Maybe within two months, we'll look at what activities will be going on and work with the mining industry. Thank you.

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

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. What I'm trying to get at is; is it the Department of Environment that reviews these reports, and is it the department that states how long it needs to review those reports? Or are those timelines set by somebody else? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is our mandate as the Department of Environment to make sure that we cover everything that the boards require, the regulations and procedures.

Our timeline is to make sure that we do our job in an appropriate time. We do our review within 60 to 90 days and we want to make sure that we keep it on that pace.

Again, there is a lot of exploration going on and we want to make sure we do a good job in order for us to be in good standing once we start devolution with the Federal Government. Thank you.

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

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The indicated that it's in their mandate to look at these reviews and review the information provided to them within 60 or 90 days.

I'm just wondering; that time frame, where does that come from? Is that something that is set up in regulation or is it something that is required by law? Where does that timeframe come from? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is required by law and we want to make sure that we follow the laws that are there, that we have to follow. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My final question to the minister is, I guess, have any of these reviews been ordered to have been done within less than the 60 to 90 days that is stipulated by law as he had indicated. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Hon. Olayuk Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We are still working on some of the projects that have been handed over. We're still looking at how many days

will be required and again, we're going to do our very best to make sure that we cover every issue that's needed in the Environmental Impact Statements.

So, we are going to do our very best to make sure that we meet the regulations to look into whatever we have to look into right now, along with the NPC and the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board. Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Question period is now over. Going back to the orders of the day, Item 7, Written Questions. Mr. Tootoo.

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

#### **Written Question 003 - 2(3): 2005 Fuel Resupply**

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This written question is for the Hon. Levinia Brown, Minister of Community and Government Services, and it is in regards to the 2005 fuel re-supply.

Expressing the data in the same format as that which was provided in Return to Written Question 24-2(2):

- (1) With respect to the 2005 Fuel Re-supply, broken down by community,
  - (a) What was the schedule for each community's fuel re-supply; and
  - (b) What was each community's planned re-supply order, by class of product?
  
- (2) With respect to the 2005 Fuel Re-supply, broken down by community,
  - (a) What were the actual dates when fuel re-supply vessels arrived; and
  - (b) What was the actual quantity of fuel delivered, by class of product?

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Written Questions. Mr. Peterson.

#### **Written Question 004 - 2(3): Status of Decentralization**

**Mr. Peterson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My written question is for the Hon. Louis Tapardjuk, Minister of Human Resources, and it's concerning the status of decentralization. My question is:

- 1) Expressing the data in the same format as that which was provided in Return to Written Question 026 - 2(2), what is the status of the Government of Nunavut's decentralization initiative as of September 30, 2005?

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Written Questions. Written Questions. Item 8, Returns to Written Questions. Returns to Written Questions. Item 9, Replies to Opening Address. Replies to Opening Address. Item 10, Petitions. Petitions. Item 11, Reports of Standing and Special Committees. Reports of Standing and Special Committees. Item 12, Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills. Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills.

Item 13, Tabling of Documents. Mr. Barnabas.

### **Item 13: Tabling of Documents**

#### **Tabled Document 008 – 2(3): Letter from Grise Fiord Regarding Increasing Fares and Rates**

#### **Tabled Document 009 – 2(3): Letter from NEAS Regarding Reefer Containers**

**Mr. Barnabas** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table a document in regards to a letter that was written by the Hamlet regarding the increases in airfare and cargo freight on First Air.

Another concern that I wish to table is in regards to the supply ship and correspondence that I received from that company. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Please pass the tabled documents to our Clerk. Tabling of documents. Ms. Aglukkaq.

#### **Tabled Document 010 – 2(3): Nunavut Status of Women Council 2003 – 2004 Annual Report**

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table the Nunavut Status of Women Council 2003 – 2004 Annual Report. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Tabling of documents. Mr. Evyagotailak.

#### **Tabled Document 011 – 2(3): Letter from Arctic Co-ops Re: Increased Freight Study**

**Mr. Evyagotailak**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to table a letter that I received from Arctic Co-operatives Limited on the issue of affordable food for our communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Tabling of documents. Mr. Peterson.

#### **Tabled Document 012 – 2(3): Presentation to House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance**

**Tabled Document 013 – 2(3): Expert Panel on Equalization and Territorial Funding**

**Mr. Peterson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to table two documents from the Nunavut Association of Municipalities. The Nunavut Association of Municipalities are all the Mayors of Nunavut. The first document is a presentation to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance; 2005 Pre-budget Consultations in Montreal on November 1, 2005.

The second document is a Submission to the Expert Panel on Equalization of territorial formula funding presented September, 2005. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Tabling of documents. Mr. Tootoo.

**Tabled Document 014 – 2(3): Kivalliq News Advertisement**

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to take the opportunity today to table an ad that was in the Kivalliq News on July 9, 2003. The ad that is in there is from Sanajit-Clarke Builders joint venture regarding the Kivalliq Health Centre. It outlines the fact that they've made a commitment with partners to create training programs and benefits for local Inuit labour in the community of Rankin Inlet and the Kivalliq Region. It also indicates that those individuals would be guaranteed jobs after. It indicates also that the Nunavut Arctic College and the Department of Education are partners with them. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Tabling of documents. Item 14. Notices of motions. Item 15. Notices of motions for first reading of bills. Mr. Premier.

**Item 14: Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills****Bill 09 – An Act to Amend the Exemptions Act – Notice**

**Hon. Paul Okalik:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Monday, November 21, 2005, Bill 9 – an Act to amend the Exemptions Act will be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Mr. Simailak.

**Bill 05 – An Act to Amend the Conflict of Interest Act – Notice**

**Hon. David Simailak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Monday, November 21, 2005, that Bill 5, an Act to Amend the Conflict of Interest Act be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Ms. Brown.

**Bill 11 – An Act to Amend the Fire Prevention Act – Notice**

**Hon. Levinia Brown:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Monday, November 21, 2005, that Bill 11, an Act to Amend the Fire Prevention Act be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Mr. Simailak.

**Bill 06 – An Act to Amend the Financial Administration Act – Notice**

**Hon. David Simailak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Monday, November 21, 2005, that Bill 6, an Act to Amend the Financial Administration Act be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Mr. Simailak.

**Bill 07 – An Act to Amend the Liquor Act – Notice**

**Hon. David Simailak:** Thank you, again, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Monday, November 21, 2005, that Bill 7, an Act to Amend the Liquor Act be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Item 16, Motions. Motions. Item 17, First Reading of Bills. Mr. Okalik.

**Item 17: First Reading of Bills**

**Hon. Paul Okalik:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I request consent of this Assembly to waive the two day notice requirement to allow for the first reading of Bill 9, an Act to Amend the Exemptions Act. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): The member is seeking unanimous consent to waive Rule 62-1, so that we can have the first reading of Bill 9. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Mr. Okalik.

**Bill 09 – An Act to Amend the Exemptions Act – First Reading**

**Hon. Paul Okalik** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker and my colleagues.

I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Iqaluit East, that Bill 9, an Act to Amend the Exemptions Act be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): The motion is in order. All those in favour? All those opposed? Abstentions? The motion is carried and Bill 9 has had first reading.

First Reading of Bills. Mr. Simailak.

**Hon. David Simailak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I request consent of this Assembly to waive the two day notice requirement to allow for first reading of Bill 5, an Act to Amend the Conflict of Interest Act. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): The member is seeking unanimous consent to waive Rule 62-1 to allow for first reading today. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Mr. Simailak.

### **Bill 05 – An Act to Amend the Conflict of Interest Act – First Reading**

**Hon. David Simailak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Pangnirtung, that Bill 5, an Act to Amend the Conflict of Interest Act be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): The motion is in order. All those in favour of the motion. All those opposed? Abstentions? The motion is carried and Bill 5 has had first reading.

First Reading of Bills. Ms. Brown.

**Hon. Levinia Brown** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I request consent of this Assembly to waive the two day notice requirement to allow for first reading of Bill 11, an Act to Amend the Fire Prevention Act. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): The Minister is seeking unanimous consent to waive Rule 62-1 in order that Bill 11 may be read for the first time today. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Ms. Brown.

### **Bill 11 – An Act to Amend the Fire Prevention Act – First Reading**

**Hon. Levinia Brown:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker and my colleagues. I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Iqaluit East, that Bill 11, an Act to Amend the Fire Prevention Act be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): The motion is in order. All those in favour of the motion? All those opposed? Abstentions? The motion is carried and Bill 11 has had first reading.

First Reading of Bills. Mr. Simailak.

**Hon. David Simailak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I request consent of this Assembly to waive the two day notice requirement to allow for first reading of Bill 6, an Act to Amend the Financial Administration Act. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.



**Speaker** (interpretation): The Minister is requesting to waive Rule 62-1 in order that Bill 6 be read for the first time today. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Mr. Simailak.

**Bill 06 – An Act to Amend the Financial Administration Act – First Reading**

**Hon. David Simailak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker and my colleagues. I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Amittuq, that Bill 6, an Act to Amend the Conflict of Interest Act be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): The motion is in order. All those in favour? All those opposed? Abstentions? The motion is carried and Bill 6 has had first reading.

First Reading of Bills. Mr. Simailak.

**Hon. David Simailak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I request consent of this Assembly to waive the two day notice requirement to allow for first reading of Bill 7, an Act to Amend the Liquor Act. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): The Minister is seeking to waive Rule 62-1 in order that Bill 7 be read for the first time today. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Mr. Simailak.

**Bill 07 – An Act to Amend the Liquor Act – First Reading**

**Hon. David Simailak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker and my colleagues. I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Iqaluit East, that Bill 7, an Act to Amend the Liquor Act be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): The motion is in order. All those in favour? All those opposed? Abstentions? The motion is carried and Bill 7 has had first reading.

First Reading of Bills. Going back to orders of the day, Item 18, Second Reading of Bills. Second Reading of Bills. Item 19, Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters; Bill 1, Appropriation (Capital) Act, 2006-07, with Mr. Netser in the Chair. We'll take a 30-minute break.

Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>*House Recessed at 15:34 and resumed at 16:14*

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

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you for coming back to the House. We are going to be dealing with Bill 1. What is the wish of the committee? Mr. Evyagotailak.

**Mr. Evyagotailak:** Mr. Chairman, we wish to continue with the review of the capital estimates for Health and Social Services. If time permits, we will then proceed to the

review of the Department of Community and Government Services. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Evyagotailak. We will do so then. (interpretation ends) Madam Minister, for the record, please introduce your staff again.

**Bill 01 – Appropriations Act (Capital) 2006-07 – Health and Social Services – Consideration in Committee**

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. To my right is Bernie Blais, the Deputy Minister for Health and Social Services, and to my left is Rosemary Brown, Capital Items Advisor. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you. Welcome. We are on page 8. Total Kivalliq Region. I believe Mr. Alagalak had a comment on that issue. Mr. Alagalak.

**Mr. Alagalak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. One of our colleagues made a comment on this issue; looking at the numbers here, it looks like we are not even going to be getting a dollar on capital items.

When it just says Keewatin Region, it's going to be used for all of the health centres. There's going to be a little bit of money, so I guess if they need pencils, they will buy them and not much else.

We have been making a lot of comments in the House in regards to different services, beds, midwifery equipment that is used for midwives and midwifery, also ultrasound and other equipment, and to update the outdated equipment that we have now.

In Arviat we occasionally get a doctor and he usually doesn't have any equipment to help him do his work. Another issue that I brought up as a statement was that there's a lot of work that was to be done on the health centre; the outside was going to be done, the grounds around the health centre were going to be fixed up, and you can't even get up the slope because it's almost at a 45 degree angle. If you were there, you would see it in person. We have very patient employees working there. There are elders who need help or assistance to go up to the entrance of the health centre. Those need capital dollars in order to upgrade them.

I'm just talking about one community. There are other communities in the Keewatin Region that I'm sure need equipment and renovations. I urge the department to come to the communities to find out what their needs are.

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

**Mr. Curley** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have another question for the deputy minister and it was brought up earlier, but the question is: what type of criteria was used for the continuing care centres?

I believe that was brought up by the Member for Cambridge Bay, but as a follow up question: how many communities were short listed for those long-term care facilities? That's my question.

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

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We identified four communities; the two communities announced, I don't recall if there were any other communities listed outside of those two that were announced. I can ask Bernie to clarify that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Mr. Blais**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The proposal that went to Cabinet in an RFD identified all Nunavut communities and their ratings based on the criteria, the needs criteria that were used and the four that were the top were moved. All of them were sent to Cabinet and Cabinet basically made the final decisions on those that were sent forward. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Mr. Curley**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the Deputy Minister for his response. I am sure the recommendations from the department that each community of the four communities all had strengths and weaknesses that were presented to each case. Did the community of Igloolik and Gjoa Haven, were they the top ones or was there a mix between the four? Qujannamiik.

**Chairman**: Thank you. Ms. Minister.

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The two communities that were identified were the top two of the study and the two that were recommended could only receive funding financially for two facilities in this capital-planning year. So only two communities were put forth for approval for this year's capital planning purposes. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Minister. Is there anything else Mr. Curley.

**Mr. Curley** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) My final question is the next two communities the strengths of the two according to the Financial Management Board and the Cabinet. Would they then be the next two if the same program is applied to provide funding for continuing care facilities in other communities or within the same region or were the other two from the same regions as well. Qujannamiik.

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

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I don't recall where the other two facilities are or the other top two communities were aside from Gjoa Haven and Igloolik. The recommendation would go back Cabinet and the Financial Management Board for a decision and it would be all based on the most needs again. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Qujannamiik. Proceed Mr. Curley.

**Mr. Curley:** It is not all that clear as to what the answer is. What I am trying to get at is; these continuing care facilities that were established to be funded by the Government of Nunavut are probably not a one shot deal and programs for that kind of facility continue for ever. So hopefully in the future we will continue with a similar program for other communities and regions. So my question is, would we apply similar criteria and if so would we be establishing continuing care facilities in communities other than Gjoa Haven and Igloolik.

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

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I apologize if my response was not quite clear. But what I did say was the criteria used to determine the location for Gjoa Haven and Igloolik will be the same criteria for the remaining two. That submission would go to Cabinet and the Financial Management Board for review and most likely it'll go in this coming capital year or the one after that for decision. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you. Is that it. We are on page H-8. Mr. Peterson if you would like to talk about page H-8. Mr. Peterson.

**Mr. Peterson:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to welcome back the Minister and her officials to our meeting. In the criteria for the continuing care centres, was the information that was used just based on the community information or did it include regional information? Was that a consideration when you decided where to locate the continuing care centres. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Peterson. Please respond, Ms. Minister.

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The criteria used was not only the community but also the current number of people residing out of territory from those communities. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Mr. Peterson:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the minister for that answer. For example the Continuing Care Centre in Gjoa Haven, did you just use information that only affected people that are living in that community, or who were residing out of territory that were from that community. It doesn't include people from Cambridge Bay,

or Taloyoak, or Kugluktuk, or anywhere else in the Kitikmeot. Am I correct? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Ms. Minister.

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think I need to clarify that any facilities of this nature are territorial facilities and if there is a vacancy, as an example, in the centre here, that vacancy would be an option for individuals requiring that care anywhere in Nunavut. One of the things that was used in the criteria, again I mentioned out of territory people that required care.

In addition to that, I am going to ask Bernie to elaborate again on the procedure and the criteria used to put forward those recommendations.

**Chairman:** Please proceed, Mr. Blais.

**Mr. Blais:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Again the criteria that we used is we looked at the number of elders that would be over the age of 55 for all 25 communities. We also looked at the socio-economic factors; like unemployment; social welfare; as another determinate because normally those are associated with other health status issues.

We also look at the number of existing facilities; some regions do not have nearly any facilities at all; whether they be group homes, elders' facilities, or children's facilities, especially for high needs.

Out of all of that we also looked at all of the out of territory adults and children to look at whether we could repatriate, or bring back some of those Nunavummiut by regions as well. So we use regional factors and community factors to arrive at a decision point. And we use that across the board for all communities. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Mr. Peterson:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the minister and Mr. Blais. If a person from Cambridge Bay needed to be placed in a continuing care facility how would you determine where that person would go? If there is an opening in Gjoa Haven, would they go there? If there's an opening in one of the other facilities in Nunavut, would they go there? Or would they be sent to Yellowknife? Or would they be sent out of the territories? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The way the system will work is depending on the kind of services that we have in Nunavut, we have our inventory of the kind of services provided in each of those centres. The other factor that we look at in deciding whether to send patients to these facilities or not is the kind of care the patient

requires. If it is high-end medical care then we'd have to look at whether our facilities are able to accommodate that kind of service or not.

So it all depends again based on the client and there would be a rating system for each client to ensure that wherever they are placed that the kind of service that the patient requires is available in that centre before they are placed.

So two things that we look at; we look at internally the kind of facility; whether it is youth or adult or a combination and the condition of the patient. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Mr. Peterson:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the Minister for that answer. It seems to me there is a huge demand or requirement for these types of facilities in Nunavut, including senior's facilities. I am wondering Mr. Chair if the Minister and her colleagues have considered using any of the Northern Strategy funding to help us to construct these facilities in different communities. Was that ever a consideration? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I don't recall this item being presented for consideration under the Northern Strategy. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Mr. Peterson:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, minister. I think it certainly could have been considered. It would have sped up the process because I think we are going to need a lot more of these facilities as we go along with our aging population and increasing growth in Nunavut. There are no two ways around that.

I would like to say on the comments you made in your opening statements yesterday on items that were not included in the capital plan, you mentioned the boarding home in Cambridge Bay. You said some design changes ordered by the Fire Marshall meant that materials needed for renovations missed this year's sealift. What specifically did the Fire Marshall order to be changed that caused the delay of the sealift. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. When the Fire Marshall did an inspection it was so close to the cut off date for the sealift that when they did the inspection we missed the cut off date. So from what Ms. Brown tells me it relates to the elevator to go to the second floor that is required for the renovation of the student hostel. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Mr. Peterson:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you minister for that answer. Do you mean these corrections were for the building, the physical structure that is there now or were they for the review of the design the architectural plans? I am not clear on your answer. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will try and answer that question and if I missed anything I will ask Ms. Brown to respond. The facility, the boarding home that is going to be used in Cambridge Bay is a old student hostel. The old student hostel is an old building. In order for us to use that as a boarding home we needed to look at making changes to the current structure and that is to add an elevator because all the rooms in that building are upstairs so if we are going to have patients stay there we needed to build that access to the second floor.

The inspections were done and they required us to add the elevator. At the same time I believe the Fire Marshall reviewed and added fire exits to the second floor. We needed to make modifications to the building around that. And I will ask Ms. Brown if she wants to add anything. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Minister. We are under Kivalliq region. Cambridge Bay is not in the Kivalliq region. After Ms. Brown explains or gives a clarification, we are still in the Kivalliq region and we will move onto the Kitikmeot region. Thank you.

**Ms. Brown:** Okay Mr. Chairperson. This does relate to the youth hostel in Cambridge Bay. The modifications upstairs there were two internal stairs. The Fire Marshall wanted doorways installed for both of those for extra protection because the clientele of youth is mostly involuntary and patients with crutches or wheelchairs. So they also require external exits to the outside. It required some renovations of the downstairs where we wanted to put some new bedrooms and plumbing for elders so that frail elders and people in wheelchairs, for their protection, wouldn't have to go up stairs.

Several reviews occurred with the fire marshal and he kept making further changes, and it got to the point where we just couldn't bring those things into service.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Ms. Brown. Mr. Peterson, when we get to the Kitikmeot Region, I don't know why they put the Kivalliq and the Kitikmeot Region in one page; maybe because their budget was so small that they decided not to waste any time and put it into two different pages like they did with the Qikiqtaaluk Region. So I'm going to go to Mr. Tootoo at the moment. Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Maybe they put it together on one page because they ran out of trees to make paper from.

Under the Kivalliq Region, there's \$100,000 for equipment and vehicles. I'm just wondering what the breakdown is between the equipment and vehicles for the \$100,000. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Ms. Minister.

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The equipment and vehicles; there's no breakdown that has been allocated to the region and each region prioritizes the allocation and distribution of that \$100,000. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. One thing I noticed for both the Kivalliq Region and the Kitikmeot Region is \$100,000; you look back at the previous page, only \$80,000 for the Baffin Region, which is twice the size of the other regions.

I'm just wondering how and if there must have been specific needs identified to come up with those numbers for that if they are not just putting historical numbers in there; that there are actually numbers that they could back up. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just to clarify for the Baffin, \$80,000 goes to the hospital here and \$100,000 is allocated to the Baffin Region. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Do you have any more, Mr. Tootoo?

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. How do they come up with those numbers; are they based on need or is it just a historical figure that they are plugging in there from previous years? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just based on information on page H-7, it looks like it was the same last year, but I'll have Rose Brown elaborate on that as she has more insight into the history of these items. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Ms. Brown.

**Ms. Brown:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. How the budget is put together is we take the base target, initially, that the FMB gives to the department, the multi-year projects are factored in; if it's an ongoing health centre or that we are committed to or a Government



of Nunavut priority like the continuing care centres, and then what money is left over, after we have put money towards those contractual commitments, is divided up between the regions.

And historically, it's been around \$100,000 to each region and then in the last two years, we had been requesting \$100,000 for the hospital, but because the hospital is now getting new furniture or equipment kicking in, for the next couple of years, we have dropped it to \$80,000.

It makes it basically a matter of available funds because we should be asking for that type of money out of the target and not out of supplementary funds.

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

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I guess, I know that many of the homecare or public health running a vehicle creates (inaudible) this year and they just took a hammer and pounded out the dents. I think it's been around for forever.

All the other government departments, they see nice new vehicles being purchased and I'm sure, again, that there are limited resources, which I understand but, pretty soon I think they're going to putting their feet through the floor and going like a Flintstonemobile.

I'm sure they'd appreciate something a little more reliable. My question is on something I don't see in here, and it deals with the Kivalliq Health Centre. I understand and Mr. Peterson was talking about some changes required by the fire marshal to a facility in Cambridge Bay.

It is my understanding that there were also some changes required by the fire marshal for the health facility in Rankin Inlet. I'm just wondering if I can ask the minister to elaborate on what those were? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. These are being addressed through the Department of Community and Government Services and I'll get Rose to explain why.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister. Ms. Brown, please.

**Ms. Brown:** Thank you, Mr. Chairperson. There were some electrical deficiencies identified, particularly by the electrical inspector, different things that he wanted on the master panel for the emergency generator.

These deficiencies have been corrected as we speak. The consultant draws up the plans, they're costed, and they're given to the contractor to make those changes. They should be

done, I would hope, before the end of November, so that the occupancy could be granted for the upstairs for patients right now. Staff can use the upstairs, but not the patients and it's basically as a safety precaution.

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

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm just wondering if there was anything other than the electrical thing that the fire marshal had concerns about? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As far as I know that was the only area, but Rose might know more on that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Madame Minister. Ms. Brown.

**Ms. Brown:** Thank you, Mr. Chairperson. As far as I know, the concerns of the fire marshal that were identified in previous inspections have been corrected. Sometimes they want extra sprinklers here and there when they do the final review.

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

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm just wondering, if these things... the plans for any building have to be reviewed, in my understanding by the fire marshal and I would think that a facility of this nature and (inaudible) would have gone at the drawing stage through all that stuff for all the inspections and everything like that.

I'm just wondering, if it wasn't caught at that stage, how did it... you know, and I understand that it's not the Department of Health's responsibility for looking at that, but I'm just wondering how did that stuff get missed? And, how much did it cost? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll start off with a response and then I'm going to refer it to Bernie.

As far as I know, with complex projects like that, there are different stages where inspections take place. Sometimes there are change orders within the project scope and before we can actually take possession of the building a final inspection occurs. Sometimes as part of that the different inspectors will require some change order and the Fire Marshall's change order being one example. But I will get Bernie to elaborate more on that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Mr. Blais:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Typically these types of projects you are planning these years ahead and the code changes as well. There will be changes that will happen in every jurisdiction that will require you to go back and revisit plans. That is one of the reasons why changes occur. And I've been building hundreds of millions of dollars of hospitals in my past, so I know.

There are also equipment requirements when you look at the equipment requirements today they will change as well, requiring different electrical capacity so that might also represent change and an order for that equipment closer to the opening and you will find it might not be necessarily compatible to what you anticipated when you got the plans 4 or 5 years earlier. So there are many different reasons. In my experience also they are inspected during the construction process and those kinds of things can be picked up earlier rather than later. There are contingencies in place in all construction projects to help address those as they are being built.

Those are kind of the general reasons why you will have those changes occur and sometimes even architects in the best of plans will miss something and again it is important for us to go back for safety and for functionality to ensure that discrepancies are corrected. Probably Community and Government Services will be able to answer on the process side because we are not in the construction business in health. We are basically recipients once they are completed. But we do participate in the steering committee as well. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman I will correct the Deputy Minister they are in the construction business for people not for buildings. We wanted to find out how many changes there were and what they were and what was the cost. That would be something that Community and Government Services would look after.

I will be asking those questions when Community and Government Services is in Committee of the Whole. That is just a comment. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman (interpretation):** Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. That was just a comment. Mr. Netser.

**Mr. Netser (interpretation):** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In regards to the vehicles they are requesting in the Keewatin; or we don't know where those vehicles are going. In the standing committee we got a commitment from the Department of Health and Social Services that the vehicles that they use in the communities that they are too small even to carry stretchers. I wonder if these vehicles or that vehicle will be big enough to hold a stretcher.

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

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will get Rose to answer that question.

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

**Ms. Brown:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. A few years ago smaller vehicles were bought in the federal government's program for home and community care. They're small Suzuki's and they were bought with federal funds so that the homecare nurses and homecare people could do home visits. So they were dedicated to homecare. Those are the small vehicles. The new standards that the Department of Health and Social Services has is a type of Explorer type vehicle that does have fold down seats in the back that can take a stretcher.

That was a specification that was written and approved by Community and Government Services, as they approve all the specifications for each department's vehicles. Within the approved government services vehicles they did not have one that could take a stretcher so they allowed the development of this vehicle.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Ms. Brown. Mr. Netser.

**Mr. Netser:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. So the new vehicle that you bought for the Department of Health and Social Services you have converted them to be able to handle stretchers. Are there children that you medevac out, or babies, because that is all that they are big enough for? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Ms. Minister.

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I didn't hear the last part of this question. If he can repeat the question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Can you repeat your question, please?

**Mr. Netser** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That vehicle that they are going to get is quite small. I think it is only adequate for children, especially when you see the size of the vehicle. Especially the one that we have in our community, the Ford Escape, I believe. It doesn't seem to be big enough to carry an adult sized stretcher. I don't know how they manage to make room because the health department made a commitment that they were going to provide bigger vehicles which were capable of carrying stretchers. Maybe it's only for children because that is all they seem to fit is the children sized stretchers.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Netser. I would like to remind you that we shouldn't make false accusations. Ms. Minister.

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. From what I understand Ms. Brown was describing a vehicle that is used for homecare visits. I am going to ask her to elaborate what services are used. Thank you.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. Ms. Brown.

**Ms. Brown:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It is the practice of the department of health to encourage community enterprises. We hope that there are businesses in each community that provide a vehicle for ambulance services, of which then the department can buy that service, as and when required. We want staff at the Health Centres to be providing health care not driving services.

So the vehicles that we buy for the Health Centres with the fold down stretcher capability now are for emergencies only. In some communities we don't have the bigger vehicles yet, either because there is a viable taxi, or other business and we don't want to be unfair with it. Also the vehicles we provide at the Health Centre would be ATVs or snow machines because of the size of the community that works for home visits.

So it really depends on the community, but we really don't want to be into the patient transport business.

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

**Mr. Netser:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I want to apologize to the minister for implying that the department lied to us, so my apologies. I heard what I wanted to hear.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Netser. At this time I don't have anybody else on my list. Kivalliq, H-8. Mr. Peterson.

**Mr. Peterson:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just to be certain: did you say Kitikmeot Region?

**Chairman:** No, Mr. Peterson. We are still on page 8. Tangible Assets. Kivalliq/Keewatin Region. Total Kivalliq Region. \$45,000. (interpretation) Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you for agreeing. Still under H-8. Mr. Netser.

**Mr. Netser** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Under Kivalliq Region, Joe Allen has been waiting for a long time, and even before Joe Allen, Mr. Peterson, when we get to Kitikmeot.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Netser. Page 8. Tangible Assets. Mr. Evyagotailak.

**Mr. Evyagotailak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) For the two regional health facilities opening this fiscal year in Cambridge Bay, I had some questions here. Is there a problem; in reading the budget there have been cost overruns. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. For the Kitikmeot hospital project, currently we are waiting for the final figures to be presented to the department. Kivalliq is within the approved budget. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Mr. Evyagotailak**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. What are the final costs for the Kitikmeot facility? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just responded to that question. We are waiting for the final submissions from the corporation that constructed the facility. When we have that, I will be able to share that information. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman**: Qujannamiik Minister. Mr. Evyagotailak.

**Mr. Evyagotailak**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thanks again, Madam Minister. Will the proposed services at the two regional facilities be immediately available or will some services be available at a later date? And if so, which ones? Thank you.

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

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Immediately, not everything will be available. One example is in the Kitikmeot; the health centre staff are moving into the facility today, and then we will proceed in hiring all of the positions required to operate that new facility.

So we are expecting that those services will be available within 12 months, but not immediately with the moving of those staff this coming week. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Mr. Evyagotailak**: What are the projected annual or main costs for the facility in Cambridge Bay? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I don't have that annual cost yet as we have not been in it for...we haven't even moved in yet. So after a year, we'll have a better idea on the annual costs to operate the facilities that we've just opened. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Mr. Evyagotailak:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thanks again, Madame Minister. Will there be further capital expenditures related to the delivery of services at the facility? Thank you.

**Chairman:** Madame Minister.

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Not that we're aware of. Thank you.

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

**Mr. Evyagotailak:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Madame Minister, what are the specific plans for the health centre in Cambridge Bay? Thank you.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Madame Minister.

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That's currently under discussion. We're looking at our needs as a department and we're looking at the best use of space in the community.

So, there has not been a decision made yet as to what will happen to that facility. We expect that within the regional office in the Kitikmeot once they've completed their needs for their own space, then we will be able to make a decision as a department, whether we need that facility or not. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Mr. Evyagotailak:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My colleague had asked this question on facilities, but I would like to know what specific services will be offered at the facility in Cambridge Bay?

Will there be diagnostic equipment, such MRI machines, a CAT Scanner and X-Ray machines? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Madame Minister.

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. For the first two items, the answer is no and for the third, we're looking at X-Ray machines. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Mr. Evyagotailak:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Does this mean that patients will still have to go out to either Yellowknife or Edmonton? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Madame Minister.

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Until such time as those facilities or that equipment is available, that is correct. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Mr. Evyagotailak:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Well in that case then, I'd like to ask a question about the boarding home in Yellowknife.

There was a concern from one of our members that came to a meeting. They were quite concerned about the boarding home in Yellowknife being so small. There are a lot of people that come in from the Inuvialuit side and from our region also.

Some of the patients have to stay at the hotel when either of the two boarding homes are full. They end up staying in a hotel. Will the boarding home be expanded? This is what one of the members from my community wanted to know. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Madame Minister.

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I should note that the issue was also raised during the Kitikmeot Inuit Association AGM. And what I said at that time to them also was that we have two years remaining on the lease of that facility.

We are going to initiate the discussion whether we require that facility or whether we need a bigger facility. We had concerns internally that, with the hospitals that are being constructed in Cambridge Bay and with the boarding home there, we also need to evaluate what the needs will be or what impact that will have the usage of the Yellowknife facility.

I said also I am open to all options around a partnership arrangement or constructing or reusing. But at this point in time all options are on the table for discussions and to move forward on that file. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Mr. Evyagotailak:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to ask a question on the continuing care centres. Is that similar to the 24-hour care facility? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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



**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There is one thing that I just wanted to add to his original question relating to the boarding home. I mentioned this yesterday that all the boarding home costs are currently covered by Health Canada under the Non Insured Health Benefits Program. If there is a need to expand to build a new program we have to negotiate the rates with Health Canada before we can expand or construct a new facility.

And I just want to make sure that the Members are clear that projects for boarding homes are contingent upon Health Canada agreeing to the set rates. So that is also another consideration that we have to make in dealing with the boarding home issue. As it relates to his last question it is a complex response and it relates to four levels and I will get Bernie to explain those four levels. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Ms. Minister. Mr. Blais.

**Mr. Blais:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The continuing care is basically a continuum of services from a lower end requirement to a 24/7 nursing care which would be in any particular facility. The two current continuing care facilities that we had proposed would be what I would consider a high end category 4 role where it would be nursing care 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Also there would be attendants on duty as well continuing care attendants that would be trained to provide certain levels of care as well.

Then we have the long term care facility which would be similar to those in Arviat. They may have high-end clients but for the most part the clients would be at a lower level of care. Often we may have a resident nurse that would come in during certain hours of the day to provide that service as we do also here in Iqaluit and the rest of the time there would be attendants in place to provide the support for those residents 24 hours a day.

We also have things like group homes as well which are a continuing care type of environment for either adults or children who require some medical support for the most part either it can be physically or mentally challenged and those are provided 24 hours a day by attendants who may or may not be necessarily have been trained at this point in time and that is something that we are working on.

Also, we will have what we call residential care and those are people who can live on their own, elders or otherwise, and we have such a facility in Rankin Inlet where we have moved a few of our clients out of the group home into one where a resident would be supported and homecare people would go in every day and provide support for those individuals.

What I alluded to yesterday is senior residents which are basically people who are independent that require minimal care. So continuing care is all of those things but the one that we are talking about is 24/7, those are the ones that we are building. The two would be the higher end facilities. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Mr. Evyagotailak:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thanks again Madam Minister and Mr. Blais. I had another question but he answered that question.

We have a building in Kugluktuk that has four units; it's a fourplex elders' home, which is a place where they can look after themselves. When the elders no longer can look after themselves they are sent out of our community and out of the territories. That is why we have been trying to ask for a 24-hour care facility in Kugluktuk. That always comes up in every constituency meeting in my home community.

Many projects for a group home are listed in the 2005-2006 capital estimates. Can the minister provide an update on the 24-hour care facility that is currently providing service in Nunavut? How many clients are being served? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yesterday a question around elders' housing was also raised and I think sometimes there's confusion on houses that were originally built by the Housing Corporation for seniors. In Gjoa Haven, as an example, there is a fourplex with common hallways for the elders' facility and it is designed to be more structurally suitable for seniors.

These are different from what we describe as the 24-hour facilities. Bernie has just elaborated on the types of service provided. All the facilities provide 24 hours, seven days a week service. And this differs depending on the type of level or type of facility they operate.

Yesterday I mentioned in Nunavut that there are ten facilities that range from group homes to mental health facilities to people at the high end, that Bernie described. One example is the Naja Isabella Home in Chesterfield Inlet and the home that Bernie also described for Rankin Inlet.

So that is what's in Nunavut today. Even with those facilities we are not able to accommodate every single need in Nunavut. We also have programs in place to provide assistance to elders through home care services. Sometimes, the member is correct, elders require additional care and the facilities that we have don't accommodate everything they'll need, which is why we have to go out of territory to look for space that can provide the service that the patient may require.

That I hope answers the question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Mr. Evyagotailak:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thanks again, Ms. Minister. As you know that fourplex in our community is mainly for elders who can look after themselves. There is another elder that just lives out of the fourplex unit because he couldn't look after

himself. He is different because his daughter decided to take him to her home. That is why the people are asking for a 24-hour care facility in my community, that is why I keep bringing this up.

My next question is, has the Government of Nunavut repatriated any Nunavummiut who receive long-term care outside of Nunavut? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As it is right now the department is visiting all the individuals that are receiving care outside of the territory. Some have been away from the territory since birth, some have recently been sent out of the territory.

There are 56 individuals that we have visited that require certain types of care and one of the things that we are doing is to try and get a real assessment in place to have a good understanding of what all of the needs are of these individuals.

Some needs in Nunavut...maybe we could accommodate all 56, but I don't know if we can accommodate all 56 people and their patient care needs, which is why we are going through the assessments, but one of the things that we have also looked at internally is to provide as much support to individuals in the community as possible and we have expanded the homecare support program in the communities.

So to answer the question have we taken back patients from out of jurisdiction; we don't have the facilities as it is right now. We are moving forward with those two high-end facilities for Gjoa Haven and Igloolik but until such time those facilities are in place we will not be able to repatriate people from out-of-territory. So as it is right now, we are unable to meet the demand of needs with our current facilities. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Mr. Evyagotailak:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thanks again, Madam Minister. Can the minister provide an update on the estimated needs for 24-hour care across Nunavut? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As I mentioned we are in the process of assessing the 56 and we know 56 require care as it is right now. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Mr. Evyagotailak:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thanks again, Madam Minister. My last question to the minister: can the minister provide an update on what specific plans are in

place or under consideration for delivering more services in Nunavut to youth that require 24-hour care? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The facilities that we announced and the criteria that we used to determine the needs for the two facilities that we announced include youth. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Madam Minister. Mr. Evyagotailak (interpretation) has no further questions. Mr. Peterson.

**Mr. Peterson:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As I was listening to my colleague ask his question, I started to get a little depressed thinking of all the needs across Nunavut. I wouldn't want to be in the minister's shoes because there are a lot of pressing needs in all of our communities for whatever, for group homes, continuing care, seniors' homes, you name it.

We have a lot of people. I know that my constituents are praying for the same kind of things as my colleagues around the table here. So it's something that we have to really look at and I hope in the future all of these new regional health centres, by bringing care closer to home, results in savings that we can turn around and reinvest into facilities to help people by opening up these facilities.

I want to follow-up a little on my colleague. There are a couple questions. Last year, we visited the boarding home in Yellowknife. At the time, Mr. Blais said it was around four years until the lease expired and then you were going to start looking at whether to construct or lease a new one.

In the intervening time I have had an opportunity to talk to a lot of my constituents, I have met a few in a boarding home and I encourage them to come back and give me reports, send emails, call me, or send a relative in to see me. Some of my older constituents have accidents in that facility; slipping in the bathtub and they can't sit down on the toilet properly, or they can't get up the stairs or open the doors.

While I appreciate the facility is 20 years old, I really truly believe that if we're going to have a facility in Yellowknife, that we have to build a modern one similar to the facility that exists in Edmonton, where I never hear a complaint.

Everybody would rather go to Edmonton if they have to go anywhere, than go to Yellowknife. Going back to May, we had a discussion on leases that were two or three years away from expiry. We have to start now, start the planning now, as to what type of facility is going to be used in Yellowknife for patients from the Kitikmeot that don't go to the health facility in Cambridge Bay. Otherwise you're going to be caught in a situation where you're going to possibly have to extend that lease or renew that lease for a facility

that isn't up to standards. They were up to standards of maybe 20 years ago, but they're clearly not up to standards today.

I talked to the operator of that facility and he gets a lot of complaints. He said that they're unfairly targeted at him. He's just the operator of the facility. He's not the owner of the facility and he says it's up to the government or the owner of the facility to make improvements.

Could the minister comment on how seriously they're looking at building a new facility, or leasing a new facility, or making basic improvements to the current facility so that patients from the Kitikmeot are safer and healthier in that facility when they do have to travel to Yellowknife. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do have constituents also that use that same facility and they share these constituents' concerns also. One of the things we need to do in any boarding home building or before we build or decide to build is that Health Canada covers the cost of all the boarding homes in Nunavut and outside of Nunavut.

So, before we proceed with any construction or renovations, or what have you, we continually need to negotiate with Health Canada the new rates to operate a facility. So, that's one piece of the bigger picture.

The other thing that we're doing as a department across Nunavut is we are developing boarding home standards. One operator in Edmonton, versus Ottawa or here, they don't necessarily always operate those facilities consistently. So, we've formed a task group to look at developing standards so that a Nunavummiut that goes to a boarding home in Edmonton, Ottawa, here, Rankin Inlet, or Cambridge Bay, knows what each centre provides and know up front the level of service to expect from the people operating those facilities.

So, that's another piece that we're looking at for operating boarding homes and how serious we are in terms of looking at dealing with the Yellowknife situation. We know there are concerns there. We don't know exactly at this point in time what impact the Kitikmeot's new facilities or hospital will have in terms of the usage of the boarding home in Yellowknife.

So, we have about a year to basically, not a year, actually a couple of years to get a better handle on that. But, we have had that interest in looking at that also conveyed to us at the AGM in Cambridge Bay, through KIA.

At that time I stated that I am open to all discussions and all options around that facility whether it be the Cambridge facility or Rankin facility or any facility. But at the end of the day whatever we decide, the rates have to be approved by Health Canada and are

contingent on Health Canada approving a certain rate for the type or the size of a boarding home facility that we operate. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Mr. Peterson:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the minister for that information. I am hoping, by us having this discussion now while we are three years away from the lease expiring or two years away from the lease expiring, that it will give you plenty of time to make plans for a new facility in Yellowknife or an upgraded facility for folks. People keep asking me and I have to try to give them answers.

The facility in Cambridge Bay is right across from my office and I always point out to people, when they come to tell me about problems, that is going to be a future boarding home. They don't know how many people it is going to accommodate and how it will work. How many patients around the region do you anticipate at that boarding home when it is fully operational? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The facility will have 16 beds. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Mr. Peterson:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Madam Minister. When you say 16 beds, will that necessarily include beds for entire families if they have to come in with a patient from out of town? A mother or father has to accompany their child or maybe bring two kids with them. Would it be that type of facility? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The facility will be for the patients and escorts. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Mr. Peterson:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Again, just for certainty purposes: in your presentation yesterday you said you anticipate the centre will be ready in early 2007 and I know you don't have any control over that. I have various pieces of correspondence back home in my files from the former minister and from yourself Mr. Blais saying that the facility will be ready at a certain time in 2004, 2005 or 2006, and now you are saying in 2007.

Can you give me a precise day or anything that I can tell the Hamlet or people, that it will be open by such and such a date, guaranteed? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I can't guarantee a date. I gave an approximate date, I mean last week, two weeks ago I mentioned to the Member the health staff would move into the Cambridge Bay health facility on November 2 because the Fire Marshall's report is not going through the system quickly. That date is now to this week. I don't want to specify a certain date but after the sealift of the equipment that is required and then give or take a few months to construct, we can give an approximate date of 2007. But I cannot pinpoint an exact date. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Mr. Peterson:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I probably knew you couldn't do that but I said give me a date in 2007. In the interim I take it that the patients will be accommodated in the local hotels. Has your department conducted any sort of assessment of the local capability for hotels to accommodate patients given that it's a regional centre? You've got a lot of other travelers coming to Cambridge Bay; business travelers, government travelers and then you have patients.

If you're going to have 16 patients at any given time, I don't know if the hotels can handle all patients plus all the regular business travelers that come to Cambridge Bay. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Earlier a member from Kugluktuk asked the question will services be available immediately at the centre in Cambridge Bay?

We're looking at a 12-month period before we're fully operational in delivering services out of that centre. So, 12 months from now, also related to the facility is the boarding home, so there won't be too much of an overlap of time, or of the use of hotels for a boarding home.

In terms of what have we looked at, other facilities for accommodations, we will be doing a request for proposals for private billets as well as for hotels for Cambridge Bay in the interim before the boarding home is constructed. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Mr. Peterson:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the minister for that information. I'm sure it will be well received back home.

Just to follow up on my colleague from Kugluktuk's question about the old health centre, I wanted to make the minister aware that the Hamlet of Cambridge Bay has expressed an interest in using that facility.

Their problem is that they don't have any money to buy it. That's their problem and they're looking ahead, I guess, to next year as well. As I mentioned yesterday, if the facility is going to become the boarding home, the facility that they currently use for their alcohol treatment programs and their anger management workshops, and so; when that facility is taken out, when it becomes unavailable, they won't have a facility to offer those kinds of services.

I would encourage the minister and the Minister of Community and Government Services to be open to approaches by the Mayor and Hamlet of Cambridge Bay to somehow use that old facility. When I say old, I mean old. It was built in 1958.

So, it's old for a building, not old for a human being, but old for a building in the Arctic. I encourage the Minister of Community and Government Services to be open to their approaches.

I would like to ask the minister if the existing continuing care facility that you've made mention of, the group home. What year was that built? Do you have that information? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I don't have that information but I can certainly provide it to the member tomorrow. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Mr. Peterson:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm thinking it's probably close to 20 years old. It was probably built with a 20-year usage in mind. It can accommodate six kids.

I think we have probably 20 to 30 kids in town that need that kind of service and I'm thinking if you're paying \$45 a day for foster care, that's a lot of money every year. Would it not be better to use some of that money to construct or expand that existing facility? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think we're not, as it is right now, the needs are greater than what we're able to accommodate in capital projects. The other areas that we've also been looking at in trying to provide this type of service is increasing the rate to foster parents.

At the same time we've made special provisions in the foster care rates to accommodate children with disabilities as well. We've looked at expanding supported living in the communities, as well as home care.



We recognize that we are not able to meet all the construction needs for capital projects to meet the needs currently in providing services to youth, or elders, or persons with disabilities. So we've been approaching it at different levels.

In terms of looking at other facilities of that nature, no we haven't. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Minister. We are dealing with capital estimates. Mr. Peterson, your time is up. I have no more names on my list as well. We are on page H-8, Tangible Assets, Kitikmeot region. Total for the Kitikmeot region; \$4,202,000. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Total tangible assets; \$22,732,000. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Go back to page H-4. Health and Social Services Departmental Summary. Detail of expenditures. Total capital expenditures; \$22,732,000. Do you agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Do you agree that the Department of Health and Social Services is completed?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Minister and your officials. At this time do you have any closing remarks?

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to thank the members for their questions and comments. I also wanted to thank my staff, Bernie Blais, Deputy Minister, and Rose Brown, as well as the Health and Social Services staff for their contribution to the development of these presentations today. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Aglukkaq, Ms. Brown, and Mr. Blais. Thank you.

>> *Applause*

**Chairman:** Now I would ask the Minister of Community Government and Services, Ms. Brown to make her opening comments. Ms. Brown.

**Bill 01 – Appropriations (Capital) Act, 2006-07 – Community and Government Services – Consideration in Committee**

**Hon. Levinia Brown:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am very pleased to appear before the Committee of the Whole with the Community and Government Services capital estimates. To start, I would like to briefly speak to you about several of my department's key initiatives this year.

Consistent with the objectives of *Pinasuaqtavut* we have developed a new Municipal Funding Policy which replaces the old Municipal Operating Assistance Policy. The new policy is easier to understand, thus reducing complexity and enhancing transparency. An additional \$4 million was provided for the new Municipal Funding Program. In addition, this year the municipalities directly benefit from \$2 million for further implementation of the Fire Protection Strategy and \$500 thousand for community Search and Rescue Organization support.

Another important initiative is the work of the Municipal Training Organization. The MTO was jointly created by the Nunavut Association of Municipal Administrators and my department and facilitated a wide range of training programs for municipal employees.

Recently, through a partnership with Nunavut Arctic College, the MTO initiated the Municipal Employee Certificate Program. It provides municipal employees courses focused specifically on municipal operations and certification in the career path of their choice.

As a result of these initiatives I am pleased to report that most of our communities are improving in their financial health. Enhanced funding has helped, as has the training through the MTO, but without the dedication of municipal employees and the effective monitoring and evaluation carried out by my department we would not be in this position. My department will continue to work in partnership with municipalities to strengthen municipal government and enhance self-reliance.

The department is also responsible for petroleum products. We continue to invest capital funding into lifecycle replacement and expansion of our tank farm facilities. We have also had to increase the price of our fuel products in response to world market prices. Nunavut is 100 percent dependant on imported fossil fuels. Significant price and supply fluctuations in the world have a tremendous impact on our national and local economy. With that in mind the price increase was kept as low as possible.

I am now pleased to tell you about several recent initiatives that will see significant enhancements and change the way we deliver municipal infrastructure in our communities. In August I had the privilege to host representatives from the federal government in Iqaluit to sign two important infrastructure funding agreements. They will see an additional \$53.5 million invested into municipal infrastructure over the next 5 fiscal years. This will almost double the level of capital investment in communities.

The intent of the funding is to provide sustainable and predicable funding for community infrastructure. We hope the funding from Canada will continue beyond the current 5 year time frame. This new funding will allow communities to make significant progress on their municipal infrastructure deficit.

The funding agreements were signed after the bulk of the work to prepare the capital estimates was completed. Thus their impact will not show in the estimates. In addition, some of the funding flows directly to communities and some only comes after payment claims are made. We are working with Finance to find better ways of reporting on the allocation of these funds as part of the capital estimates process in the future.

The government has taken these funding increases as an opportunity to better engage our communities in the capital planning process. In partnership with the Nunavut Association of Municipalities we have established the Nunavut Community Infrastructure Advisory Committee.

This committee, with representatives from the Nunavut Association of Municipalities, Community and Government Services and Finance will make recommendation for community infrastructure investment priorities. I believe the active engagement of municipal leaders in the capital planning process will provide better consultations and priority setting and the wisest allocation of our limited budget.

The Infrastructure Advisory Committee has already had several meetings and has made significant progress on this exciting new model for establishing priorities for municipal infrastructure funding. I look forward to working with the committee in advancing much needed infrastructure projects in municipalities.

I am also pleased to report that we had our first meeting of the Federal-Territorial Management Committee responsible for the management of some of the new infrastructure funding. I am pleased to report that the Federal Government is supportive of the Community Infrastructure Advisory Committee and the process we have outlined.

Now I would be pleased to answer any questions that you may have. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

>> *Applause*

**Chairman** (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Brown. Does the Chair of the Standing Committee have any opening comments? Mr. Curley.

**Mr. Curley** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We have a lot of comments and it's starting to get tiring, so I would like to report progress at this time.

**Chairman**: Thank you, Mr. Curley. There is a motion on the Floor. The motion is not debatable. All those in favour of the motion. All those opposed. The motion is carried. I will now rise to report progress.

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

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

**Mr. Netser** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Your Committee has been considering Bill 1, Appropriation Act (Capital) 2006-07, and Mr. Speaker, I move that the report of the Committee of the Whole be agreed to.

**Speaker** (interpretation): There is a motion on the Floor, is there a seconder? Ms. Aglukkaq. The motion is in order. All those in favour. Opposed. Abstentions. The motion is carried. Orders of the Day. Item 21. Third Reading of Bills. Third Reading of Bills. Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to seek the consent of this Assembly to go back to Item 5. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): The member is seeking unanimous consent to go back to Orders of the Day Item 5. Are there any nays? There are no nays, please proceed Mr. Tootoo.

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

**Mr. Tootoo**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and colleagues. It's a great pleasure to take this opportunity to welcome to the gallery four individuals, one big one and three little ones in stature.

Mr. Speaker, with us in the gallery here is a cousin of mine, the son of a colleague of yours, the Speaker from Manitoba, Mr. George Hicks Jr. here in the gallery. So I would like to welcome him here, along with his daughter Lily, and also my two younger children, Roseanne and Cedric who is down there being shy hiding behind the chair. So I would like to welcome them to the gallery.

>>*Applause*

**Speaker** (interpretation): Welcome to the gallery. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Going back to Item 21, Third Reading of Bills.

Item 22, orders of the day, Mr. Clerk.

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

**Clerk**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Orders of the day for November 18:

1. Prayer
2. Ministers' Statements

3. Members' Statements
4. Returns to Oral Questions
5. Recognition of Visitors In the Gallery
6. Oral Questions
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  - Bill 5
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  - Bill 9
  - Bill 11
19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters
  - Bill 1
20. Report of Committee of the Whole
21. Third Reading of Bills
22. Orders of the Day

Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. This House stands adjourned until Friday, November 18, at 10:00 a.m.

Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>*House adjourned at 17:51*

