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Members Present:

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

Item 1: Opening Prayer

Speaker (Hon. Peter Kilabuk)(interpretation): Good afternoon. I would like to ask Mr. Curley to say the opening prayer.

>>*Prayer*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Today I'd like to say happy birthday to my daughter Lynn Kilabuk.

Orders of the Day for today. Item 2. Ministers' Statements. Minister for Health and Social Services, Ms. Aglukkaq.

Item 2: Ministers' Statements

Minister's Statement 059 – 2(4): May 31st is World No Tobacco Day

Hon. Leona Aglukkaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Welcome back to James Arreak.

The World Health Organization in 1987 set aside May 31 as World No Tobacco Day in order to draw global attention to tobacco epidemic and the preventable death and disease it causes.

In Iqaluit World No Tobacco Day will be observed with a special ten-day event. It will include interactive games on tobacco and a pledge where people can show support to those who want to quit smoking. There will be a special showing of a documentary "An Ordinary Canadian's Extraordinary Gift" about the late Heather Crowe, a non-smoker who died of lung cancer caused by secondhand smoke. Performers and refreshments will be on hand as well.

In Nunavut this event is part of an ongoing effort of the Department of Health and Social Services to promote good health. It complements the resources available at our health centres and public health units for helping people quit smoking and the work in schools and elsewhere to encourage people never to start.

The health costs of smoking are immense. We want to focus our resources and energy in keeping people healthy, not just on treating people when they're sick. But government can't do this alone. We all have a role to play: individuals, parents, and families. We all need to support the people who are trying to beat this deadly addiction. Mr. Speaker, parents especially need to be leaders and role models. It is parents who have the most important role when it comes to discouraging smoking by youth, both at home and in public.

I would invite all Members of this House to join me later today at the No Tobacco Tent Event to show our support for a smoke-free lifestyle. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Item 2. Ministers' Statements. Minister responsible for Community and Government Services, Ms. Brown.

Minister's Statement 060 – 2(4): Department Collaboration with Hamlets

Hon. Levinia Brown (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Like I said yesterday, James Arreak is here now, and you are, too, Mr. Speaker.

(interpretation ends) I rise today to inform the Members of this House on the department's ongoing collaboration with Nunavut's municipalities. Community and Government Services is the primary government department dealing with hamlets throughout Nunavut.

This relationship is one that CGS feels it is very important for both government and municipalities. CGS has regional staff who visit communities on a regular basis to assist with various aspects of the work community hamlets do and to listen and to respond to their concerns.

Recently, the Nunavut Association of Municipalities held their AGM in Iqaluit. The event was attended by mayors and SAOs, and was also well attended by members of the Cabinet, and their staff, including the Premier.

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank the members of Cabinet that did attend, and their staff for assisting and making the meeting a great success.

Mr. Speaker, I feel that a good relationship with the Nunavut Association of Municipalities will continue to assist in effectively handling the many mutual challenges that both the territorial and the municipal governments have in providing programs and services to Nunavut's citizens.

Mr. Speaker, this year, I am once again committed to having CGS staff visit our hamlets, and to continue to build on the good relationships that the department and the

Government of Nunavut have with one of our most important partners. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. Ministers' Statements. Minister responsible for Environment, Minister Netser.

Minister's Statement 061 – 2(4): Environment Week June 3 - 9, 2007

Hon. Patterk Netser: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. June 3 to 9 is Environment Week in Canada, and the Department of Environment is planning a variety of activities to mark the occasion.

Environment Week is a national event devoted to issues and activities which focus on the preservation, protection, and restoration of our environment. It takes place in early June to coincide with World Environment Day which is celebrating on the fifth of June.

Other important days to observe the week are Clean Air Day on June 6, and World's Ocean Day on June 8.

To promote Environment Week, I would like to invite all Nunavummiut to participate in a variety of activities that we are planning across our territory. These will include a regional photo contest depicting environmental scenes, a story/poetry contest related to climate change and its impacts, a local contest for secondary schools relating to climate change, and our usual annual community clean-ups.

Mr. Speaker, we welcome everyone to join us in celebrating the environment and help to increase and promote awareness of environmental issues in Nunavut, Canada, and the world.

Mr. Speaker, we continue to face many challenges, but I am confident Nunavummiut will do their part in finding ways to protect and preserve our environment as well as contribute to the overall reduction of greenhouse gasses and other air emissions. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Ministers' Statements. Orders of the Day. I am sorry Item 3. Members' Statements. Member for Akulliq, Mr. Mapsalak.

Item 3: Members' Statements

Member's Statement 131 – 2(4): Repulse Bay Public Meeting

Mr. Mapsalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to thank the people of Kugaaruk. On April 20 we had a meeting in Repulse Bay and there were various organizations that attended from Kugaaruk. They were able to make to Repulse Bay for us to meet with them. I would like to thank some of the ministers that were in attendance. There were a lot of questions from the public and I'm sure that the questions and the concerns from my constituents will be responded to.

I would like to again thank the ministers and whoever was in attendance of that meeting. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Mapsalak. Members' Statements. Member for Nattilik, Ms. Aglukkaq.

Member's Statement 132 – 2(4): Taloyoak Social Events

Hon. Leona Aglukkaq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to tell the Members about a very exciting event that took place in Taloyoak on April 23 to 27, the Nunavut Drum Dance Festival.

Mr. Speaker, there were participants from a number of communities and special events were held throughout the week. Each evening there were drum dancers performing and teaching the youth and others how to put the drums together.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the community of Taloyoak and the participants in the festival, I would like to thank Ollie Ittinuar of Rankin Inlet and Jose Angutingunerik of Kugaaruk for helping to teach these traditional skills. I would also like to thank CLEY for their contribution as well as all the participants that helped make this event a success.

Mr. Speaker, I would especially like to express my appreciation to Joseph Quqqiaq and Natchillingmiut Huqulariit for the efforts they have made to the success of the Drum Dance Festival.

Also, I would like to acknowledge the donation of items from the Paleajook Co-op and Northern Store in support of the Drum Dance Festival.

Mr. Speaker, the next Nunavut Drum Dance Festival will be held in Repulse Bay. Thank you Mr. Speaker

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Aglukkaq. Members' Statements. Member for Baker Lake, Mr. Simailak.

Member's Statement 133 – 2(4): Happy Birthday to Father

Hon. David Simailak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to say hello to the people of Baker Lake. It's too bad that this session today will be aired tomorrow.

I would like to be happy with the people of Baker Lake, especially to my father, Norman Atangalaaq. A lot of people in Nunavut know who my father is. Today is May 31 and his 75th birthday. He has not stopped doing things to help the young people of Nunavut. We are glad that we have done that.

My son is behind me, who is my father's namesake. I would like to be happy with my father today because he is celebrating his birthday. Thank you.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Simailak. I would like to wish Mr. Atanalaq a happy birthday.

Members' Statements. Member for Kugluktuk, Mr. Evyagotailak.

Member's Statement 134 – 2 (4): Kitikmeot Welcomes Second Airline

Mr. Evyagotailak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to say how pleased I was to learn that Canadian North will soon be flying to more communities in the Kitikmeot region.

Mr. Speaker, you will recall that on November 21, 2006, I seconded the motion moved by my honorable colleague, the Member of Quttiktuq, Mr. Levi Barnabas. The motion was that the Legislative Assembly recommends that the Government of Nunavut work with the airline industry to bring forward an action plan to improve the availability for affordable, reliable air service to Nunavut's smaller and underserved communities.

All of us in this House, our constituents included, have at one time or another expressed the need for more airline service in Nunavut. We depend on this service for our food, our mail, for travel, and for many other things.

Mr. Speaker, we have finally heard that, at least for the Kitikmeot region, we have more opportunities.

Mr. Speaker, I will continue to support my colleague, who moved this motion, to push for improved airline service for the High Arctic.

On behalf of my constituents, I would like to thank Canadian North for expanding their service. The reception held in my community was well attended. My constituents are very pleased to have other choices. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Evyagotailak. Members' Statements. Member for Tasiujarjuaq, Mr. Kattuk.

Member's Statement 135 – 2 (4): Inuit Traditions

Mr. Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to be able to talk about happy things, but we hear of bad news all the time. I will talk about my constituents.

I have spoken about this before in the House because the Inuit people have had a lot of challenges today and for the future. The American government is once again concerned about the polar bear situation here in Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, the Inuit people have tradition whereby if they catch an animal, they are very proud. They distribute the food amongst the community. When they catch an animal, if you can make some money out of it, then you buy stuff with it.

We are also proud that according to *Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit*, the animals are there for people to use. The people will not deplete the animals out there. Inuit people are very conscientious about managing our wildlife so that there will be more for the future.

I think we're going to have a challenging future if the American government does that to us. I would invite them come here to see the animals and the polar bears for themselves so they can have a true interpretation of what they are trying to do.

Why don't they come here so that we can talk with them and show them? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Kattuk. Members' Statements. Member for Whale Cove and Rankin Inlet South, Ms. Brown.

Member's Statement 136 – 2 (4): Community Constables

Hon. Levinia Brown (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would just like to say a little bit about Rankin Inlet since I represent them, and I also work well with Tagak Curley and other people in my constituency.

We now have constables in Rankin Inlet, and possibly throughout Nunavut. Special Constables Wayne Kusugak, Albert Qimaliarjuk, and I would like to recognize them. We heard that they were in training, and the hamlet and the RCMP joined together to train these special constables.

They will be looking out for speeding skidoos, Hondas, and cars in the communities, and they'll be monitoring them very carefully in the communities. They are working very

hard, and we want to recognize their contribution at the community level. They work for the hamlet in their communities. I would like to bring that out and maybe possibly some of the communities did also send their trainees to Iqaluit. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

Member's Statement 137 – 2 (4): Alaska Bowhead Hunt

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to welcome Mr. Arreak since he came in today and that he is able to join.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today because we heard on national news today that in Alaska and another place they were able to hunt a bowhead. The Americans are saying to us that since they are allowed to get a bowhead that they are helping them to get it.

The walrus and the polar bears, and also beluga whales in our communities, I would like to say that we need to be treated equally in Canada as well. The Alaskans and Russians are able to get bowhead whales, then we all should be able to get the same in our communities in Nunavut, and I wanted to stand up and say this to you because we shouldn't be left out in the hunting for wildlife because we live in the circumpolar area as well. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

Member's Statement 138 – 2 (4): N.P.C. Over-billing Customers

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to say further Mr. Speaker, that the Nunavut Power Corporation concerning the over billing in the communities and the estimate billings, and also their guidelines.

In Rankin Inlet particularly, I went on the local radio and many called in that there were many over billing bills that came in through the mail. When we were live on the radio station... this particular house was never checked because there is so much snow around the house, they've been over billing that homeowner.

They're just getting an estimate and letting them pay that amount. And, I was saying that I think the minister can rectify this. Mr. Speaker, he could rectify this problem and let him put it to stop and he can order NPC to stop over billing the customers, the users. I think it's a huge overpayment to energy, and if I were to ask...

Mr. Speaker, I would like to say as well that the over billing that is shown has no guidelines with NPC and they can over bill. Like they can bill any amount they want if it

doesn't show in the meter, it shouldn't go more than 25 percent, or even 30 percent. And I think the NPC is borrowing the money from the people and I think you would want to correct the problem with NPC for the next bill.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to say, in our community my constituents are tired. I wonder if the minister would say yes to this if he could look into the over billing of the customers and the users and if he could put a stop to that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Your time is up, if you want to extend your time you have to request.

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like [unanimous consent to conclude my statement.]

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Member for Rankin North would like [unanimous consent to conclude his statement. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Mr. Curley.]

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was saying there's no customer service in Rankin Inlet although its one of the biggest communities in our region.

If you put it into private sector, we have a problem with that through Northern Stores, and also long distance telephone calls are the same; we are using the Northern Stores to pay our bills. We need to have customer service agents through NPC in our communities because the Northern Stores is not able to look at the bills and try and find out if the invoices have been over billed. It doesn't look too hard to get customer service agents in the communities for energy.

I would like him to rectify this problem as soon as possible and also maybe look at the overpayments as well. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Member Statements. Member for Iqaluit Centre, Mr. Tootoo.

Member's Statement 139 – 2 (4): Support for New Deputy Minister of Health and Social Services

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to take the opportunity to use my time in this House today to express my support, confidence and best wishes to a constituent Mr. Alex Campbell, our new Deputy Minister for Health and Social Services. Mr. Speaker, I have known Alex Campbell for a number of years, he is a dedicated and experienced individual who I trust to take on the critical and challenging portfolio of health.

Mr. Campbell also benefits from having frontline experience in the Kivalliq, which I believe enables him to better understand the challenges facing frontline health care workers in our communities. I spoke yesterday about the need to strengthen morale.

Certainly, we all recognize that the fact of the average survival rate for Health Deputy Ministers is less than a year tells us about the need to ensure that this critical portfolio receives support from the top.

Mr. Speaker, I personally don't question his qualifications, I am pleased to extend my support to Alex and all the frontline staff in the Department of Health and Social Services and all the departments, now more than ever. They need to hear that their work is valued, and I would like to share something with them that I've learned over the years to do and that is: when you hear something, don't react to it, think about it and think about where it came from. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

Member's Statement 140 – 2 (4): Polar Bear Issue

Mr. Arreak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was not going to get up but it's nice to hear that they are welcoming me when I came back, thank you. I am able to be here with you. I would like to say a little bit about polar bear issues. The Americans in USA, there are sports hunters coming up from the U.S.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, saving polar bears will not save the environment, if anything, it will prolong their suffering. Mr. Speaker, U.S. agencies should look at regulating the ban of use and production of weapons of mass destruction that help to harm the environment and kill other human beings, then maybe, Mr. Speaker, we will agree to a ban of hunting our polar bears that supports our people for their consumption and economic development. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Arreak. Members' Statements. Going to the Orders of the Day. Item 4. Returns to Oral Questions. Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Premier.

Item 5: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and the members. We have an elder in the Gallery and I'm always happy to see him but sometimes I have a little bit of fear of him; I revere him. I would like you to welcome Mr. Irkidjuk.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Premier. Welcome to the Legislative Assembly. Mr. Netser.

Hon. Patterk Netser (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to welcome a visitor. (interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, on May 14, 2007, Ms. Anne Clark assumed

the duties of President and Chief Executive Officer of the Workers' Compensation Board of the Northwest Territories and Nunavut.

Graduate of the Bachelor of Law Program at the Dalhousie University, Ms. Clark brings with her a welcoming knowledge and experience from the workers compensation system. Formerly of Halifax, Ms. Clark previously served as the Chief Workers' Advisory in Nova Scotia.

Ms. Clark was influential in developing the Workers' Advisor Program in Nova Scotia. Ms. Clark's experience also influenced a number of years practicing as an associate lawyer. She is also publicly recognized for experience and expertise in the Workers' Compensation Board field. With her husband Ryerson, a professional photographer, Ms. Clark has now relocated to the north.

Please join me in welcoming Ms. Clark and her husband Ryerson to the Gallery and Nunavut.

>>Applause

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

Hon. David Simailak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to welcome the two visitors we had behind me, and they're happy to be here. The young man is my son, and he's named after my father.

And Amy Tootoo is next to him, also is from Baker Lake. Craig Atangalaaq is working with youth, along with Amy works with young people. They want to meet with some of the ministers. They are coming from Baker Lake so that the youth can be recognized in the communities.

They enjoy working with young people and they really support the youth in their community and in their committee. I know them both. They have been working for 15 months and working with young people in Baker Lake. Particularly, I know that the committee for the youth has supported two young people who wanted to commit suicide and they saved them.

I support them, and I know and recognize that they are able to do work when they want to. I am proud of these two young people who work for the youth in Baker Lake. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Simailak. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed. Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It gives me great pleasure today to introduce to the Gallery two very fine people. First of all, from the wonderful, award-winning newspaper, *Nunatsiaq News*, Mr. John Thompson is here.

Mr. Speaker, I know the members sometimes feel that what is being said in the House is sometimes misquoted in the newspaper, so it is great that Mr. Thompson is here at first hand in seeing what's up. So we congratulate and thank Mr. Thompson for showing an interest in being here in the Assembly today.

Second of all, Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure, again, to introduce a constituent of mine, a friend of mine, Mr. Simon Nattaq. Simon is serving as our Sergeant-at-Arms and has been with us all week.

I want to point out that last week we had a search and rescue here in Iqaluit, and when I was at the search and rescue early Sunday morning Mr. Nattaq was helping out and volunteering his time. Again, congratulations and thank you to a very good, dedicated constituent and resident of Iqaluit. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Picco. (interpretation ends) Welcome to the Gallery. (interpretation) Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Thank you. Item 6. Oral Questions. Member for Iqaluit Centre, Mr. Tootoo.

Item 6: Oral Questions

Question 176 – 2(4): Health and Social Service Finance Employees Transfers

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Finance.

I'd like some clarification on the process that was followed to inform the finance employees of Health and Social Services that their positions were being transferred. Prior to the meeting with officials from the Department of Human Resources and prior to the meeting with the Nunavut Employees Union, but after the public announcement, the Health and Social Services finance employees were advised that their jobs were being transferred.

Can the minister inform this House: on what date was the first meeting held with the Health and Social Services' finance employees to inform them of the transfer of their positions? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Minister of Finance, Mr. Simailak.

Hon. David Simailak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't have the exact date but at the time at that meeting they had to cut it short because of the blizzard. So

they were able to meet with them for only for four days. They met with the rest of them after the blizzard. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Simailak. Your first supplementary, Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am just wondering if the minister would be willing to commit to providing that information; if he can look up exactly what the dates are.

My next supplementary question is: can the minister inform this House which GN officials and, specifically, from which department were these officials from who first informed the Health and Social Services finance employees that their positions were being transferred? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Minister of Finance, Mr. Simailak.

Hon. David Simailak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I will get more information and let the member know after the first time that they had a meeting to inform the employees and exactly who was involved at that first meeting

Once I get that information I will give it to the member. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. Your second supplementary, Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I can understand the minister needing to get further information on exactly what dates and that, but surely he must know which government department officials met with those individuals to inform them that their positions were being transferred.

Were they officials from the Department of Finance, or Human Resources, or Health and Social Services? I'm just wondering; he must know from which department the individuals who first met with the affected employees. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Minister of Finance, Minister Simailak.

Hon. David Simailak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If I'm correct, my deputy was involved and the Deputy Minister of Health was at that meeting, but if I'm wrong I'll correct it and give him the proper information, but I believe those were the two. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. Your final supplementary, Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again, if the minister doesn't have that response, I look forward to a commitment from him to provide it.

Can the minister advise this House as to what exactly was told to the Health and Social Services' finance employees by these GN officials at the meeting when they were first advised, in person, of the transfer of their positions? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Minister of Finance, Minister Simailak.

Hon. David Simailak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. They were told that these positions were told to the Department of Finance. At that meeting they were informed which department they were going to and they were informed of that information. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 177 – 2(4): Cambridge Bay School Hostel Closure

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Education.

Mr. Speaker, in my riding there are three communities; two communities of Bathurst Inlet and Umingmaktok, and Cambridge Bay. Bathurst Inlet and Umingmaktok do not have schools. The parents must send their young children to Cambridge Bay for schooling. Mr. Speaker, in the past there were hostels in Cambridge Bay to accommodate out of town students but those hostels have been closed.

My question for the minister: can the minister explain why that decisions was made several years ago to close the hostel that accommodated out of town students from these two communities? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Peterson. Minister of Education, Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed. Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I believe the closure of the hostel facility was before this government.

The member did send me an e-mail on the issue and I think we covered it off quite well. It was my understanding that there just seemed to be a redundancy in the need for the hostel for those two small communities.

I believe the number of students from the two communities was less than a dozen and because of that need the hostel was closed. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. Your first supplementary, Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for that answer.

Yes, indeed, the minister did mention that to me, but that didn't satisfy my constituents who I advised of the answer. So they asked me to ask the minister again. Does the minister have any plans to provide a new hostel to accommodate out of town students from the communities of Bathurst Inlet and Umingmaktok? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Peterson. Minister Ed. Picco.

Hon. Ed. Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We do not have anything in a long range plan for a dedicated hostel for just a few students that attend school in Cambridge Bay from those two communities.

However, Mr. Speaker, accommodation, as the member knows, has been made available for those students. At the same time with a critical mass, then that would be willing to look at.

It is my understanding, Mr. Speaker, the facilities that we are able to use right now, for example home stay and so on, in Cambridge Bay is conducive to many of the students and we are not talking about a large amount of kids.

If we opened up a hostel, we would have to have staff for 24 hours and seven days a week for those students. We look, again, at the economic scale and it is not cost conducive. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. Your second supplementary, Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for that answer.

The government said in the past that youth are our priority and our future. It concerns me that it comes down to numbers when we are dealing with young children.

Mr. Speaker, there are probably eight students in Cambridge Bay who are being accommodated under the Department of Education home boarding program, and because there is no hostel, the parents of two or more children in a family are very concerned that their young children are being separated when they are sent to different private homes in Cambridge Bay.

My question for the minister: can he explain what role the Department of Education plays in ensuring that out of town students, particularly siblings, are accommodated together in the same homes in Cambridge Bay? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Peterson. Minister of Education, Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed. Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, I want to assure the member and to the families involved that before we place any child into a home for the type of home

boarding that we are talking about, that home has to be checked out by departmental staff, and there has to be an acknowledgement that it has to be a safe home and so on. That is almost a given in these circumstances.

I am not aware, personally, and I have not seen anything in writing to indicate that there is a concern with the families that are providing a service in Cambridge Bay by providing board and lodgings for the students.

Again, it depends on the numbers and we are talking about a small number of students. However, at the end of the day, the member is correct. If there is a concern with a home stay, and the member is aware of that, the member would let that information come forward to me with the names and the situation in writing, then I would be able to follow it up.

Again, I understand that this is not the place to discuss those types of things, but that is an avenue the member can follow. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. Your final supplementary, Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for his answer.

I think perhaps the minister misunderstood my question or statement that parents aren't concerned with the homes, they are more concerned with separating the children, young children being separated from their brothers and sisters when they are sent off to school.

That is something parents are concerned with. Parents like to keep their children together as much as possible, and in a safe and caring environment where they can study and be productive and learn and not be worried about anything, just going to school.

That leads me to my next concern. One of the issues that my constituents brought up was that they felt that the home boarding fees for students in home boarding environments are quite low. There seems to be an issue with students having to move around a little bit. They felt that perhaps the fee should be raised to encourage more people to offer their homes to students.

My question for the minister: can the minister explain what plans the Department of Education has to review the home boarding program and increase monthly home boarding fees in Cambridge Bay if his department has no plans to provide a hostel?
Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Peterson. Minister of Education, Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed. Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There are a couple of things that we're looking at in this situation. One is: is there an opportunity to partner with other facilities that may be brought forward, for example, in Cambridge Bay; I'm specifically thinking about the

hospital boarding home, if that would be an opportunity. Again, it depends on the mixture with the clientele; we don't want young people in with adults and so on.

I want to just clarify my earlier answer, and that is when siblings, brothers and sisters, are sent to Cambridge for schooling, where possible, Mr. Speaker, we want to keep those siblings together, and I know that's what's been tried.

On the issue with the boarding fee, the member has raised that with me. I am reviewing it right now. The standard for boarding fee or home stay, for example, which we follow is under the hospital allocations is \$50 per person a day for private stay. I believe the amounts that are available right now for students are a little bit less than that, so we are currently reviewing those dollar amounts. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Oral Questions. Rankin Inlet North, Mr. Curley.

Question 178 – 2(4): Tabling of the Nunavut Development Corporation and the Nunavut Business Credit Corporation Annual Reports

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Economic Development. Last winter, during our session and during the standing committee meetings, the minister said that he would start with the report from February 2007, from the Nunavut Development Corporation and Nunavut Business Credit Corporation, and that he was going to table those reports.

I would like to ask the minister if he's ready to table the report today, and if not, when you can report it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister of Economic Development, Mr. Simailak.

Hon. David Simailak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, the issue is still in the Department of Economic Development and is not completed yet. And once it is completed, then we will give the report to the Cabinet. Once we get the approval, then we'll table it in the House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Curley: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We understood from the minister that the report was in your hands in February, and you indicated to us that you will be tabling it this session. So will it be in this session that you will be tabling it? Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister responsible for Transportation, Minister Simailak.

Hon. David Simailak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Once it's completed we will be able to table it in the House. The report is being reviewed, although it was given to our officials but it's still under review now. Once the review is completed and once they make the required amendments we'll be able to table it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Curley: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I understood your response, Mr. Speaker. But my question was actually; will it be tabled during this session? If not, will it be tabled later in the fall or something? You had assured us that you would table it during this session so that is the point. If not this spring, then it would likely be a while. So could the minister clarify his response, please? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister responsible for Transportation, Mr. Simailak.

Hon. David Simailak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I apologize. There was a delay; they delayed the review, or the drafting of the report is still incomplete. So I will not be able to table that report during this session but I expect to table it this coming fall session. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Your final supplementary, Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is; the Nunavut Development Corporation has not had a president for over a year now. Can the minister tell us now when he will be making an appointment, and who is the acting president right now? Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Economic Development and Transportation, Minister Simailak.

Hon. David Simailak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The President of Nunavut Development Corporation has written a report to support the previous president and they've already written a report stating their support for the previous president.

The previous president's contract lapsed on March 31, 2006. The president will continue and he is still working under contract through the board, but we've asked the executive as to what we will be doing, whether we should open it up to the public. So we've asked that question already. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Uqqurmiut, Mr. Arreak.

Question 179 – 2(4): Search and Rescue Emergency Disaster Plans

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

Yesterday she made a statement about search and rescue in the north and that they would be providing \$1 million for three years. Last year, in the summer of 2006, for those of us who come from the central arctic, we had quite a bit of a scare when there was an earthquake in the ocean. We were scared of a potential tsunami.

Are the emergency workers making any plans for how to deal with such an issue? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Arreak. Minister of Community and Government Services, Minister Brown.

Hon. Levinia Brown (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank my colleague for his question.

The statement I made with regard to the \$1 million that will be used by the three territories; the Yukon, Northwest Territories, and Nunavut, has not be allocated yet. Once the funding has been allocated we'll find out how it will be distributed. We expect it to come to our community.

But with regard to your question, in all the Nunavut communities, they have received \$2,500. Also, for the planning, the department is involved with all the planning, and when there are emergencies, the Department of Community and Government Services is always available, and also the communities... it's evident that the municipalities are responsible for emergency measures. There is a Search and Rescue Committee and they are operating very well.

As the Department of Community and Government Services, we are in support of those committees and we're so proud of them. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Madame Minister. Your first supplementary, Mr. Arreak.

Mr. Arreak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank the minister for her response.

My question was regarding a potential tsunami. Are there any plans to put in some kind of testing equipment in the ocean so that we'll know whether a tsunami will hit our communities? Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Arreak. Minister for Community and Government Services, Minister Brown.

Hon. Levinia Brown (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Department of Community and Government Services has received personal locator beacons and they've been allocated to the communities.

But with regard to your question, to date, I have no knowledge of that but there has been some training programs for the communities. When they do provide training for search and rescue and they have annual meetings for the search and rescue teams for all of Nunavut.

In regard to the issue you're speaking to, I will look into that and get it back the information to the member. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 180 – 2(4): Update on Minister's Meetings in the United States

Mr. Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask a question in regard to my Members' Statement to the Minister of Environment.

We were so proud to see the minister go down to the United States but Nunavut residents would like to be informed and be knowledgeable in regard to your visit to the United States. What transpired from that meeting and what kind of expectation should we expect? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Kattuk. Minister of Environment, Mr. Netser.

Hon. Patterk Netser (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I visited Washington last winter because the United States Government wanted to put polar bears on the threatened listing. We went down to the States to oppose the proposal for polar bear being listed on the threatened species list. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Perhaps I will ask another question. In your meeting, what kind of response did you get from the United States Government? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Kattuk. Minister of Environment, Mr. Netser.

Hon. Patterk Netser (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In January 2007 a lot of things were covered. The minutes will be reviewed and then in January 2008, they'll be making a decision.

I would like to tell Nunavumiut that even if they put polar bears under the threatened listing, Inuit will still be allowed to harvest polar bears.

Speaker (interpretation): Oral Questions. Member for Arviat, Mr. Alagalak.

Question 181 – 2(4): Cancer Treatment Services

Mr. Alagalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will try and ask a great question because I did not ask a question the day before. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Health and Social Services.

First of all, I'll make a short preamble. Although we all know that it's not good to get cancer and we now are seeing many Inuit people in the world that have cancer sicknesses. We hear a lot of times that one out of 20 can recover from cancer. Sometimes the patients are told that you're too late to get treatment. They would be treated so that they could live as long as they can, even though the cancer will not be completely removed.

I would like to ask the minister if she discussed this with the federal government counterparts. When a patient leaves and they get tested by a scanner or by blood; the equipment to do testing is perhaps because they're too expensive or because Nunavut is too small, or perhaps we don't have a facility to put them in, can't we get those big testing equipment to come up to Inuit regions so that the Inuit can be tested earlier on? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Alagalak. Minister of Health and Social Services, Ms. Aglukkaq.

Hon. Leona Aglukkaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Although the last few years a lot of efforts have been made to try and do the diagnoses of various illnesses in the north, for example, mammograms, presently all cancer care treatments are done in the centres that can do the testing.

Presently in Nunavut we do not have the resources or the capabilities of providing that service as it stands right now. We're working towards trying to get further diagnostics done in the territory. At this point in time, we rely on the jurisdictions in Manitoba as well as Ontario, and Alberta to do the testing for us and then treatments. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Madame Minister. Your first supplementary, Mr. Alagalak.

Mr. Alagalak (interpretation): Thank you, Madame Minister and Mr. Speaker. I'm sure that's the case, but we are able to access diagnostic equipment, for example, mammogram equipment. We can find out whether the patient requires further treatment or not through diagnosis, and because of the diagnostic equipment, we can find out what kind of treatment the patient requires.

Usually what we do is to set aside funds that would be used for different facilities in Nunavut but it's also very important to make sure that the people of Nunavut are well and healthy. We're working very hard to make sure that we reverse or minimize global warming or climate change.

I think it's up to us to make sure that we have the best equipment available to make sure that the people of Nunavut are diagnosed as early as possible, so that they can be further treated and possibly go into remission. To date, what has the department done to diagnose or to... what is the treatment process of a person diagnosed with cancer in Nunavut? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Alagalak. To remind all the members, please make sure that you keep your questions and responses as brief as possible. Ms. Aglukkaq.

Hon. Leona Aglukkaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When an individual has been diagnosed with cancer, presently all those treatments are provided in jurisdictions that have the capabilities of providing the chemotherapy or radiation, in most cases mostly in Edmonton, Winnipeg, and Ottawa.

We don't have that service available in our territory as of right now. We don't have the capabilities, or the staff, or the infrastructure to provide those types of services.

What we try and do and in everyday, are to do preventative-type measures through initiatives for public health in our communities to get people to go for regular physical examinations and so on. It's a huge challenge for us. We are trying to bring some of these services to our territory, but as it is right now, it's very difficult to meet all the different types of medical needs services required in the territory. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. Your second supplementary, Mr. Alagalak.

Mr. Alagalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I agree with you wholeheartedly. But, Mr. Speaker, once a patient is diagnosed, they are sent out to a southern hospital for further treatment.

What I'm trying to say is that is it possible, with the cancer treatment, what is preventing them from going to the hospital for regular checkups, or is it their reluctance to go to the hospital or the health centre to find out what is wrong with them? Even though his wife might be urging him to go to the hospital or the health centre, he might not want to go.

I think it's up to the government to urge the people of Nunavut to go for regular checkups. What can we do to make sure that people go out there, or will be required to have a checkup every six months or so? Is it possible for your department to consider making it a requirement for all Nunavummiut to go for regular checkups every six months?

Speaker (interpretation): Minister Aglukkaq.

Hon. Leona Aglukkaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Through our public health and through our health centres, we have programs in place to encourage people to go for regular checkups at the health centre.

It's up to each individual person to request certain types of assessments, and it's up to individuals to come to the health centre. We have a number of programs where we try to educate the public on preventative measures. At the same time, testing can be done to prevent or diagnose cancer early on through public health.

One of the other areas that we're working on this year is the whole Public Health Strategy on initiatives to keeping people healthy and to strengthen that in terms of how we can work with our communities to better educate Nunavummiut in initiatives to keeping people healthy.

So that's part of the whole prevention plan, but I certainly take the member's concerns and will look to see what more initiatives we can do to educate the general public on prevention around cancer. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 182 – 2(4): Repulse Bay School Overcrowding

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

When you were in Repulse Bay, you heard from the DEA that the school was becoming overcrowded and too small for the size of the school population. What kind of review have you done to date on the size of the school in Repulse Bay? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Mapsalak. Minister of Education, Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed. Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to begin by thanking the member for inviting us to Repulse Bay to review a lot of community issues in the community.

We did have an opportunity to visit the school and I want to thank the principal and the staff for their hospitality. We met with the DEA. Although the school is full in Repulse Bay, the members saw while we were there, the school is in excellent condition.

We are looking for some opportunities for supplementary targets within the budget to see if there is an opportunity to do some work in the community with the school. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Mapsalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Has your department made a decision on when our school will be getting an addition, and can you let us know what year? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Mapsalak. Minister of Education, Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed. Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Like every government department, we have targets to meet under the capital. In this case, Mr. Speaker, on the supplementary capital budget of the government, we are looking at some opportunities for some dollar values there to see if we can bring the project forward.

If that is the case and if we get approval, we would be looking at the 2009, 2010, and 2011 for the period, which is not that far off when we look at where we are because we are planning the 2007 and the 2008, and then this fall we will be doing 2008 and 2009 capital budgets. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Your second supplementary, Mr. Mapsalak.

Mr. Mapsalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would also like to thank the minister for his excellent responses.

The DEA in Repulse Bay has stated that the school is now overcrowded and there is also a rapid increase in the school's population number. Do you agree with the Repulse Bay DEA that the school is now overcrowded and too small for the school population? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Mapsalak. Minister of Education, Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed. Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Very quickly, the school was built in 1987. We did a major renovation to the school in 1997. It is about 10 years since the last renovation.

The member is correct. We found that Repulse Bay is one of the fastest growing communities in Nunavut. We have a lot of families moving back to the communities and new families moving into the communities. That has put pressure on the school enrolment population, and right now we are at a 101 percent enrolment capacity at the school. The capacity for the school is, I believe, 263 students, and we have 266 students in the school. So the member is correct when he says that there is an issue with capacity.

We brought forth the supplementary target in 2006. We were not successful. It is something we are going to look at again this fall when we get the new numbers from

Repulse Bay on the enrolment, which will be about in October. We will then have an opportunity to bring the amount up to the supplementary target. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Your final supplementary, Mr. Mapsalak.

Mr. Mapsalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank the minister. First of all, will it be possible in the spring to identify some capital funding to expand the school in Repulse Bay? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Mapsalak. Minister of Education, Mr. Picco

Hon. Ed. Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Later today, or the next couple days after we finish the energy briefing, we might have an opportunity to discuss the supplementary capital budgets. And, we all know that there are some issues with the pressure on the capital budgets in that supplementary. I cannot commit at this time to be able to bring those monies forward.

What I can say is that when the enrolment numbers come in October, we will have an opportunity to look at the energy that may be around the opportunity for attendance at that time if they have increased. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. Orders of the Day. Item 6. Oral Questions. Member for Iqaluit Centre, Mr. Tootoo.

Question 183 – 2(4): Employee Transfer Policy

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

My question to the minister, I know there seems to be some ambiguity around how things are handled. I guess my question to the ministers is: when employees are being informed of changes to their positions or organizational structure that affects their positions, is there a standard practice or procedure of informing them in the process that is followed that the government uses? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Minister of Human Resources, Mr. Tapardjuk.

Hon. Louis Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When there is going to be a change of employment for an individual working in the government, the Department of Human Resources looks at helping out the departments the best way that they can to try and help that individual, and we give them information about the policy that we have. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Your first supplementary, Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There is a policy in place that is followed by the government. I can understand that the central agency that the Department of Human Resources provides that advice to the affected departments.

I would assume if a minister is aware of exactly what's in that policy, does it explain what employees are to be told when they're first informed? Does it outline exactly the process and options, or appeals, or any kind of process that write those rights an employee has under conditions of employment? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Minister for Human Resources, Minister Tapardjuk.

Hon. Louis Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If I understand his question, we have to be able to look at the job description, the job evaluation, and organizational designs.

The Human Resources Department is asked questions as to what the employee has to do. There is a division dealing with employees and they do evaluations on the individual, whether it has to be changed or not. We are asked by the departments whether we can assist them and how they can be assisted.

Also, the northern union has to be told as well because we have to tell them about the policy because of the agreement that we have between the union and the government. If we're going to change anything, then they have to be told. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Your second supplementary, Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was wondering in that policy or the procedures that are followed, is that something that is right in the collective agreement, or is it just a policy of the government? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Minister for Human Resources, Mr. Tapardjuk.

Hon. Louis Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In the collective agreement between the union and the government, we agreed that the information is already in there. If the government is going to let go of an employee, or they're going to change the job for an employee, we have to agree amongst ourselves with the union. It's all written in the policy about that information. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. Your final supplementary, Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't know if the minister has knowledge of exactly what is in that policy, but if he doesn't, I know it's probably not a short little thing in there, there are probably a number of steps in there.

I'm just wondering if he is aware of when an employee is informed that their position is being moved or their employment is being changed, is there a requirement for the employer to inform that employee of different options that are available to them? And, if he doesn't have that information, I would appreciate it if he could get that policy that he talked about and provide it to the Members of this House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. I believe Mr. Premier will take that question. Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I just want to make a couple of points on this matter. I've just been festering for quite some time.

My colleague advised us to check out the source of where you may rely on, where that reference was. I got this document that my colleague tabled, and it's referring to my Minister of Finance as having volunteered, that people have volunteered.

Speaker: Sorry, Mr. Premier, a Point of Order has been called. Mr. Tootoo.

Point of Order

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. He is not answering the question that I asked. I just asked if the minister had that information of what exactly was in that policy and if he could provide it to me. I don't know why the Premier has to stand up and try to cover things up by going off on a different angle.

So he's not answering the question. He can answer the question. He can take it as notice, or he can not answer the question, and he's not doing any of those.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. That is true to the fact, and I will ask Mr. Premier to stick to the question being asked. Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am trying to correct for the record, on this matter, the facts that have been presented to this House.

My colleague tabled a letter from the President of the Union saying that the employees volunteered. The reference on this matter was that the department had volunteered, so I just want to straighten out some facts...

Speaker: Members, I will make a comment on this question being asked. This question being asked by the Member for Iqaluit Centre should be answered to the question and there is some truth to his Point of Order.

With that, I will ask that the response be directly to the question being asked and that only. Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I am only trying to explain the background on this matter so that it's open and that it's clear for everyone, that this matter, which is rather insignificant in my opinion. No employees are losing their jobs; they are going to continue to be paid. This matter has been blown out...

Speaker: Mr. Premier, I will rule that out of order, and I will not allow any more discussion on this matter being asked.

(interpretation) Oral Questions. Member for Quttituq, Mr. Barnabas.

Question 184 – 2(4): Update on the Fuel Rider

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister responsible for Energy.

During the March sitting, I said that the smaller communities are paying a higher fuel rider. The minister stated that he would look at what the smaller communities are paying under the fuel rider. If you look at the utility bills, they pay more for the fuel rider. What stage is that in today? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Barnabas. Minister for Energy, Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed. Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The fuel rider is a mechanism that is put on the customers' bills to recoup any extra costs that have been incurred by the Power Corporation for the fluctuation of fuel prices. As members know all electricity in Nunavut are generated by diesel fuel.

That recommendation for the fuel rider was brought forward to the URRC, which is the Utility Rate Review Council. They review the numbers and facts and then they make a recommendation back on what has been asked by the Power Corporation, and therefore, the amount that we have on the bills today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. Your first supplementary, Mr. Barnabas.

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I know what the minister is talking about.

Will you be considering that the fuel rider be cheaper for the smaller communities because they don't have any jobs? Will you be looking at the subsidies for people that are paying more for their fuel rider? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Barnabas. Minister of Energy, Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed. Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Effective April 1, 2007, the amount of the fuel rider on everyone's bills across Nunavut, whether in the north, south, east, or west, is 6.65 cents. On each person's bill for the winter months, the six months of the winter months, you receive a subsidy up to, and including, the first 1,000 kilowatt hours of electricity used.

So we won't be reviewing that amount. What we have done is asked the URRC to look at the amount that we have put in place on April 1, 2007, which is the 6.65 cents, to see if that is a good amount or not.

If the Power Corporation recoups more money than it should in the fuel stabilization fund, then they have to rebate or give back that money to the customer. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I understand that's the way it is because the smaller communities are paying a lot more, and if they don't pay their bill right away, especially the elders, they tend to get cut off.

Will the smaller communities be given information about the fuel rider costs? Will you be going into the communities to explain this to them, rather than not getting any information; will we be getting some information on that?

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Barnabas. Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed. Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Every time the price of fuel goes up one cent on the world market, it costs Nunavummiut \$400,000 when we buy that fuel. So a once cent increase equates to a \$400,000 cost to us, to the Government of Nunavut, to the people of Nunavut. That's why we have a check and balance in place when we bring forward rates. That process is a public process and interested stakeholders and so on have an opportunity to address the URRC on what they believe the rider or rate should be.

In this case, Mr. Speaker, on everyone's bill the rider is spelled out in Inuktitut and English. We have a 1-800 number that is available in Inuktitut and English for clarification.

No, I will not be on the road with the Power Corporation explaining the rider. The rider is a temporary measure that is put in place to reconcile the extra fuel costs that are in place because of an increase in fuel. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. Your final supplementary, Mr. Barnabas.

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I understand what the minister is talking about. If you have your own house, then you know how much fuel you use. You pay 6 cents, and we all pay that equally, but when we get our power bill and we have to pay, how are you going to scale that? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Barnabas. Minister of Energy, Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed. Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Originally, when we put the fuel riser in place effective November 1, 2006, a little over six months ago, we had asked for 7.87 cents. As the members know, when we reviewed those numbers in March we actually decreased the fuel rider from 7.87 cents to 6.65 cents.

Another application has gone into the Utility Rates Review Council to review that amount. They will report back to me and then that information goes to all the hamlets and so on.

So when the member asks how we get information out to the communities; all hamlets, all MLAs, interested stakeholders and businesses, and so on, receive copies of that report. It is mailed out to inform of the amounts.

So the amount has decreased. It is a temporary measure that is put on the bill and we understand the cost implications and that is why per kilowatt hour on the rate, we put the subsidy in place, which the members thought that was a good move there of 1,000 kilowatt hour subsidy increase last spring. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. Oral Questions. Mr. Curley.

Question 185 – 2(4): Senior Citizens Fuel Subsidy Program

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister for Income Support, and he knows exactly what I am talking about concerning the senior citizens for the fuel subsidy program. Last year and this fall has been rectified a bit.

I gave applications for the people and they were denied even though they qualified. Why do the income support people deny their applications? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed. Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the member corresponding with me over the last several weeks on issues and I know we have helped out these constituents with this regard.

The Senior Fuel Subsidy Program is an excellent program. It is in place to better protect and help our senior citizens. Those senior citizens are people who own their own home and have a family income threshold of \$50,000 or less. We have increased that threshold from \$35,000 to \$50,000 in the last year to make it more eligible for clients.

Like any program, there are eligibility requirements. People come in and apply or the income support worker will look at that program detail and see if the qualifications are met and then the person would be able to be eligible or ineligible for the program.

66 Nunavummiut were helped on this program last year. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for the guideline that he just read. It seems pretty easy and accessible.

Like I said earlier, for those who qualified from the program and they had a \$39,000 level of income. The elders only get their Old Age Pension and they qualify under that today, and their applications were rejected.

I received a letter and that person was going to be helped for two months this year, but how come the minister did not help those people when they qualified? Can you look into that case particularly and review the program? Maybe you could put in the corrective measures for those kinds of people. Some of them are being ignored and that person is over 80 years old. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister of Education, Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed. Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For the record, I'll just read the qualifications the member is talking about. In the member's case we were able to help out those elderly people in the member's constituency.

To be eligible for the reimbursement for the Senior Fuel Subsidy Program, you have to live in Nunavut, you have to be alive, you have to be 60 years of age or older, you have to own your own home that you live in, and you're not supposed to be on income support, because if you're on income support, the fuel subsidy is covered for you anyway, and you need to be able to meet the maximum allowable income, which is \$50,000. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Curley: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. No one is disagreeing with the guidelines of the policy. They qualified then and they qualified again this year. The problem is that they were unfairly treated. They qualified but their applications were rejected. So will the minister review that case and explain to them why their applications last year or previous years were rejected?

They are now under opinion that the department is biased against them. So they qualified this year, and your officials have now given them two months of reimbursement. That's

the months of April and March; they cannot be reimbursed beyond that. And that is what they want you to inquire why they could not be given assistance last year when they qualified for all these months and this year.

So I ask the minister: will you review the case and report that to the House? Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister for Education, Ed Picco.

Hon. Ed. Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again, I want to say that, I want to thank the member for being proactive; he did bring the information to me. We did review it as a department; I reviewed it as a minister. I went through the information that was brought to us. I think we are being very expedient in addressing the needs.

There are other issues with applications and the application process. It's not appropriate for me to commit to the House to come back on a specific case and inform. What I will do, and what I will commit to doing is to contact the member by writing and Minister Brown, who is also a member for the community, and explain what has occurred on the file, and so on.

I think, if my memory serves me correctly, a letter has gone out from our office, from the income support worker in this case, who reviewed the file, and both members have been copied on it. And I will follow that up and I will make that commitment to the House and to the member. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. Your final supplementary, Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The minister clearly indicated that he responded expediently, but I gave you the information last year as well with the same couple. As well as earlier this year during the session, you were sitting there, and you wanted the names. I gave you the names but nothing had happened.

Only about two weeks ago, a week or so ago, I gave you the names again. That is the one that you alluded to, that you acted expediently on; not expedient last year when I gave you the names. They qualified then and they qualified today. So why are they unfairly, the couple, treated, or any couple, if they are 80 years of age or over, if they qualified?

So not only should you look at why you did such a good job, or your officials, in promising them they will be reimbursed for two months of April and May this year, but not any other years. Why? Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister for Education, Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed. Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will not rise to what the member has said. What I will say is this: in any case it is different.

The reason why the reimbursement is ready for April and May is because that's where we are, in the fiscal months of April and May, I can't pay October, November, December, 2007; we're not there yet. I can say, unequivocally, any monies owed to the people in this regard, will be, or have been, paid. I can commit to ensuring that that will occur.

There are other issues occurring here on the files that need to be clarified. Again, I thank the member for being expedient and raising the issue; at least part of the issue. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. Your time is up, Mr. Curley. Item 7. Written Questions. Member for Cambridge Bay, Mr. Peterson.

Item 7: Written Questions

Written Question 006 – 2(4): Administration and Enforcement of the Liquor Act

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My Written Question is for the Minister responsible for the administration of the *Liquor Act*.

1. On November 5, 2003, the Nunavut *Liquor Act* was amended to increase the fines for certain offences under the Act, including the illegal sale of alcohol. From November 1, 2005 to March 31, 2007, broken down category of offence and by community in which an offence occurred, how many fines were imposed for violations of the Act and what were the amounts of each fine?
2. What has been the total number of charges laid pursuant to the *Liquor Act* since November 1, 2005?

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Peterson. Item 7. Written Questions. Item 8. Returns to Written Questions. Item 9. Replies to Opening Address. Item 10. Petitions. Item 11. Reports of Standing and Special Committees. Item 12. Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills. Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Member for Cambridge Bay, Mr. Peterson.

Item 13: Tabled Documents

Tabled Document 088 – 2(4): Nunavut Association of Municipalities Annual General Meeting – 2007 Approved and Deleted Motions

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table today a package of the approved motions and other items from the 2007 Annual General Meeting of the Nunavut Association of Municipalities. I encourage all members to review these motions and I look forward to government's full response to them. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Peterson. Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Member for Cambridge Bay, Mr. Peterson.

Tabled Document 089 – 2(4): Letter to Minister of Finance & Minister Responsible for the Nunavut Liquor Commission Supporting Amendments to Nunavut’s Liquor Act re. Allocating Fine Revenue to Substance Abuse Programs

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table today a copy of correspondence that I sent to the Minister of Finance earlier this month. In my letter I raised the issue of allocating resources to substance abuse treatment programs. I look forward to receiving the minister’s reply to my correspondence. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Peterson. Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Minister responsible for Department of Community and Government Services, Ms. Brown.

Tabled Document 090 – 2(4): Leasing of Commercial Real Property – Consolidated Policy, May 10, 2007

Hon. Levinia Brown (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to table the following document: Leasing of Commercial Real Property – Consolidated Policy. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. Tabling of Documents. Item 14. Notices of Motions. Item 15. Notices of Motions for the First Reading of Bills. Item 16. Motions. Item 17. First Reading of Bills. Minister Picco.

Item 17: First Reading of Bills

Bill 13 – Nunavut Energy Efficiency Act – First Reading

Hon. Ed. Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Iqaluit West, that Bill 13, *Nunavut Energy Efficiency Act*, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. There is a motion on the floor. To the motion. Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Mr. Speaker, I would like to make comments on the principle of the motion.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. First of all, when it’s on the first reading, you can’t make comments. On the second reading you can make comments to the motion. All those in favour. Opposed. The motion is carried and Bill 13 has had first reading.

Item 17. First Reading of Bills. Item 18. Second Reading of Bills. Item 19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters. Bill 10, Bill 11, and Tabled Document 49 – 2(4) with Mr. Barnabas in the Chair.

Before we go into Committee of the Whole we'll take a 20-minute break.

Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>*House recessed at 15:21 and Committee resumed at 15:48*

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

Chairman (Mr. Barnabas)(interpretation): Good afternoon, Members. Thank you for coming back. In Committee of the Whole we will be dealing with Bill 10, Bill 11, and Tabled Document 49 – 2(4). What is the wish of the committee? Mr. Evyagotailak.

Mr. Evyagotailak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We wish to commence the review of Bill 10, and the supporting budget detail document, followed by Bill 11. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Evyagotailak. Does the committee agree that we deal with Bill 10, *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 1, 2007-2008*? Does everybody agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. I would like to ask the Minister of Finance, Minister Simailak if he has opening comments. Minister Simailak.

Hon. David Simailak (interpretation): Thank you. If it's okay with you, I would like to make opening comments on both Bills 10 and 11, (interpretation ends) if I may, I'd like to speak to both Bills 10 and 11. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Simailak. You can proceed on Bill 10 and 11, with your opening remarks. Thank you. Mr. Simailak.

Bill 10 – Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 1, 2007-2008 – Consideration in Committee

Bill 11 – Supplementary Appropriation (Operations & Maintenance) Act, No. 1, 2007-2008 – Consideration in Committee

Hon. David Simailak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Supplementary Appropriation Bills 10 and 11, Mr. Chairman, Bill 10 appropriates supplementary capital monies in 2007-08 in the amount of \$88,215,000 for the following departmental 2006-07 capital

carryovers, and also, replacement of, and new purchase of diagnostic, medical, and dental equipment.

Over the past two years, Mr. Chairman, capital carryovers have increased significantly. This is primarily due to not cash flowing multi-year projects to reflect project timelines. We have begun, however, to take steps to improve the cash flowing of multi-year capital projects with the support of the technical division of CGS.

So starting with the 2008-09 capital planning process, the technical division of CGS will review all substantiation sheets for all multi-year capital projects to determine the following:

- reasonability of annual cash flow requirements;
- community capacity issues; and,
- the ability of project management staff to oversee project delivery.

In the short term, the Department of Finance will work with departments to re-profile shortfalls in multi-year projects from existing capital carryovers. This, Mr. Chairman, can be achieved by re-profiling funds from capital projects, where the funds are not required until later years of the five-year capital plan.

Bill 11 appropriates supplementary operations and maintenance monies in 2007-08, in the amount of \$45,382,000. This supplementary appropriation will provide funding for such items as the following:

- departmental forced growth requirements;
- *Family Abuse Intervention Act*; and,
- funding for Eco Trust projects.

Departmental forced growth requirements were prioritized based on increased costs for the delivery of existing programs and services, resulting from the uncontrollable impacts of population growth, inflation, rate increases, or demographics. Departments will absorb some of their forced growth within the existing budgetary resources.

As a result, departmental internal budgets will be realigned to more accurately reflect the actually spending patterns of expenditures that occur during the course of the fiscal year. Departments, Mr. Chair, have also been instructed to maintain expenditures at the levels that were approved by the Legislative Assembly for the 2007-08 main estimates until the federal budget Bill C-52 receives Royal Assent.

I look forward to answering questions from my colleagues. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Simailak. Do you wish to bring your officials to the witness table?

Hon. David Simailak (interpretation): Yes, I'd like to.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Simailak. Does the committee agree that the minister go to the witness table along with his officials?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Sergeant-at-Arms, can you escort the officials to the witness table.

Thank you, Sergeant-at-Arms. Minister Simailak, can you introduce your officials for the record?

Hon. David Simailak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On my left is Peter Ma, and to my right is Mr. Roy Green. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. (interpretation ends) Before we proceed, I would like to remind members of the following: according to Rule 77(1), you have 10 minutes to speak, and according to Rule 77(2), subject to the discretion of the Chair, a member may speak more than once to a matter under discussion but not until every member wishing to speak has spoken.

I suggest to the members that whenever possible, you ask your detailed questions during the page-by-page review of the departmental estimates. Do members have any general comments? (interpretation) Any general comments? There are no general comments.

We'll proceed with page-by-page of supplementary appropriation. We'll start with page 4. (interpretation ends) *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act #1, 2007-08*. Department of Justice. Capital. Not previously authorized. Registries and Court Services. \$67,000. Total Registries and Court Services. \$67,000. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): [Thank you.] (interpretation ends) Total Registries and Court Services. \$67,000. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Not previously authorized. Corrections. \$2,227,000. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Total Corrections. \$2,227,000. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I see something in here that I'm very happy to see. Unfortunately, I'm happy to see it, but it's something that's been long overdue and it's dealing with a women's correctional facility.

I remember when I was the chair in the First Assembly of *Ajauqtiit*, that was something that was raised in reports that was needed and there is some funding here for it. I'm glad to see it's coming there.

But I'm just wondering if we can get an idea of when that facility will be operational. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. David Simailak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. To the Premier please. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Simailak. Minister of Justice, Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Currently we are using a trailer that was originally dedicated for delivering programs at the BCC. It hasn't been working to our expectations, so we've made the decision to start constructing this. I will require the legislature's approval to start the detailed work, and hopefully we can get this done fairly quickly.

It's not a big facility but it will alleviate some of the stresses that we are experiencing right now at the current facility. So, hopefully, in the next year or two we can get this done. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Premier. Are there any other questions? Thank you. (interpretation ends) Not Previously Authorized. Corrections. Total Corrections. \$2,227,000. Do members agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Total Department. \$2,344,000. Do members agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Now go to page 5. (interpretation ends) *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act #1, 2007-08*. Culture, Language, Elders and Youth. Capital. Not previously authorized. Directorate. \$3,382,000. Does the committee agree? Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just a question I had and it deals with the recreation facilities; there's \$207,000. The substantiation sheet indicates that that is the capital grants and contributions program. I am just wondering if that carryover is tied to any specific project, what they are, and where they are. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Mr. Minister, do you wish to respond or another minister? Minister Simailak.

Hon. David Simailak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, to the Minister of CLEY, please. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Simailak. Minister of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth, Mr. Tapardjuk.

Hon. Louis Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We did not use the funding because we were short of staff, but at this time, this year, the funding that is being requested is a lot more than what we originally put out. It was due to the fact that we had a shortage of employees. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If I understand correctly, it is not tied to any particular project.

The substantiation sheet indicated it's driven by applications and that they didn't get any applications to use up that funding. Is that correct, or have applications been received and these funds are already going to be used towards any specific project? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Louis Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, it is true. We used this funding to review the applications.

Also, this year the applications have been more numerous than the actual budget line item. So it's evident this year that this funding for this line item for capital recreation facilities and others... I am sure that this line item will be depleted because there have been more applications than the actual funding. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Tapardjuk.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The applications that he is talking about, this is last year's money. The applications that he's talking about are quite numerous. Are they from last year or are they from this year? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Louis Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We have informed the people in the public to make application prior to March 30, 2007. We have notified the public starting in April. They reviewed the applications. They totalled over \$1 million

but we can allocate to only some of the applications because we still have some leftover. This is for 2007-08 applications. We have none for last year's applications, but we have applications for this upcoming year. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm not saying that I do not believe that these kinds of projects are needed and necessary, but I'm just looking at the process here. To my understanding, carryovers that are to be approved are funds already tied to a specific project and didn't get completed in that time period, for whatever reason.

I guess I have a little bit of a concern. It seems like this is strange where you might have money that you didn't spend under that money in a previous year and that you want to just add it to the budget for the next year. My understanding is that's not how the government operates in their budgeting process. If there are funds that aren't used are committed, they're lapsed, and then go on to next year's budget.

So I don't know if I could just maybe from someone get an explanation on that because it just seems a little odd. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Louis Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We have an official, David Kolot, or David Akeagok is here. If either one of them can respond to that they can make that explanation.

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

I would like to ask the members if you would like the two officials to go to the witness table. Does the committee agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Sergeant-at-Arms, if you can escort the officials to the witness table.

First of all I would like to thank Minister Simailak and your officials. I know you'll be coming back to the witness table.

Minister Tapardjuk if you can go to the witness table. Does the committee agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you for coming down to the witness table. Minister Tapardjuk, please introduce your officials for the record. Minister Tapardjuk.

Hon. Louis Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. To my left, my Deputy Minister for Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth David Akeegok, and also to my right, Finance Comptroller David Kolot.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Tapardjuk, and your officials. Welcome. If one of your officials can respond to the question that was posed. Minister Tapardjuk.

Hon. Louis Tapardjuk (interpretation): Our finance comptroller will respond to the question that was posed, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Tapardjuk. Mr. Kolot.

Mr. Kolot: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The \$207,000 that's been identified as a carryover for recreation facilities' project is a result of funds that were unspent as of March 31 of 2007. The Department of CLEY is asking for approval for these funds to be carried over for the 2007-08 fiscal year in anticipation that there will be sufficient demand to address these amounts.

So there'll be sufficient applications to address with carryover amounts in the fiscal year. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Kolot. Questions. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I welcome the minister and his officials to the table.

One would assume that with any other year, as soon as there have been lapsed funding that you're asking to get carried over, what budget amount do you have for that for this fiscal year? So this would be on top of the approved budget amount that you were approved for this year. This is going to go on top of that. Is that my understanding, just so I can figure out what amount was approved for this year? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

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

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Tapardjuk. Mr. Akeegok.

Mr. Akeegok (interpretation): Thank you. The 2007-08 fiscal year capital was \$8,298,000 and that amount would be on top of \$207,000 for the whole Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I know I heard \$8 million. I bet you wish that was right. I just want to get a clarification on the amount for that particular grants and contributions program that were approved for this year. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Louis Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will have David Kolot respond. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tapardjuk. Mr. Kolot.

Mr. Kolot: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The carry over is \$207,000 and adding that to what has been approved in the 2007-08 capital for recreation facilities' projects, we will have an excess of \$875,000 for this budget category. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. So I'm just hoping the amount that was approved in the budget for this year was on the substantiation sheet to be \$668,000.

Like I said, I do not argue the need of that, but it is just from a financial management practice perspective I think that it is a dangerous precedent for the departments to carry over. I do not mind right here, but I just want to have some assurances from the Minister of Finance that any other program that does not use it's funding, it gets lapsed and it goes back into the general revenue. All the ministers know very well that they sit around the table each year and come out with new targets for their budgets. I do not mind to approve this but I just do not want to see that practice happen. To me it is very abnormal. I think that kind of goes against the budgeting process that the government uses. I am a little surprised by it.

My background is recreation so I know the need is out there and I have no problem of approving that but I want to see some assurances that that type of thing does not happen. I am sure that any minister would lapse some funding in one area and say that, "Oh yeah, we need to carry it over," and just top up your budget for the next year that has already been approved. Believe me, I know that that is not the case in this situation, but that leaves a potential for that to happen and that is why we do that. That's why it's approved every year.

I would like to thank you for coming forward and giving us the straight goods on it and saying that this is what it is. I have no problem with approving it, but I want assurances from the Minister of Finance that that will not happen, it shouldn't happen, and it won't happen again. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. David Simailak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Unfortunately, that is one that we missed, it should not have happened and it will not happen again. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Simailak. At this time I would like to ask Mr. Peterson if he would like to ask the question to the Minister of CLEY, or does he have a question to the Minister of Finance? I would like to get clarification first from Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I can ask the question to the Minister of CLEY since he and his officials are here at the table. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Peterson, please continue.

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I welcome the minister's witness to the witness table.

I was reading the substantiation sheets on the project Nunavut Heritage Centre. I was reading where you say that the third party funding in the amount of \$50 million will need to be secured from potential third party funders. I'd like to know for the record: what type potential third party funders you're considering to approach to seek funding? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Louis Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. At this time, while we're planning for the heritage centre, we will table... while we are requesting an individual who will work and he will be contracted out, and we'll be looking for funding to pay for \$50 million.

We're looking at it twofold: the federal government funding. The prior government had previously approved it, but with this new government has not approved it yet. Once we get an employee we'll try and get some funding from the federal government, and we've also thought about private sectors.

While we are trying to collect money that this individual would work and I believe that this year, prior to this 2007-08 fiscal year is over, I believe that we will work on this issue. And that's what we're planning on. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the minister for that answer. Minister, the total amount of the project appears to be \$60 million. The Government of Nunavut is going to contribute \$10 million, so you're seeking an additional \$50 million that will make the project \$60 million. The construction of facilities are expected to occur in 2009-2010.

I'm wondering if you could give me any idea if you or your officials are concerned that you know, two years from now that inflation will probably and most likely will increase the cost of the project, and if you factoring that into the overall design and delivery of the project, and you may require additional funds beyond that \$60 million, even if you're successful in securing that additional \$50 million.

I'm wondering if you could comment on the record for that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

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

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

Mr. Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Yes, we are concerned, and those inflation factors are one of the driving factors that the amount goes to different occasions. But we are factoring that in when we are going through the request for proposal.

One of the things that we'll be putting forward is to try and get an actual amount that would help towards identifying the full amounts right now. That amount is something that we are looking to secure but until we get close to that will we actually have the actual amount for the total project. Thank you.

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

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the minister's official for that answer.

In the event that you are unable to secure the funding, the additional \$50 million, and then possibly more funding on top of that, prior to your scheduled start up time of 2009, what would your department do? Would you cancel the project, or delay it further until you try to secure the additional funding? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Louis Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Department of CLEY is not the only one that is working on the heritage centre. We are also working with Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated, and we are working very closely with them.

In the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement under *Article 33*, there is a requirement to establish a heritage centre, and following those specifics, the Government of Nunavut is required to set up a heritage centre under the agreement under *Article 33*.

It is a requirement to have one established. Should we have any problems and should we not be able to set up the heritage centre, we will have to do something about it because there are specific requirements for the establishment of one.

With that specific mandate, we are going to try to make sure that it does get off the ground.

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

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

I understand what the minister is saying but my concern is that if you don't raise the additional \$50 million, or even a possible \$60 or \$70 million from other sources, and you have that requirement under the land claim agreement that your department, the Government of Nunavut, will have to fund it with our limited capital budget.

As we are already aware, the municipal deficit in Nunavut is \$600 million which places demands across all government departments, and I think the most we have every year is like \$100 million.

I'm worried that we may have to start funding the difference. If we have \$10 million, but if we have to raise another \$50, or \$60, or \$70 million on top of that, and if we can't get it from third party funders, that we have to do it internally, and that is going to create a lot of difficulties for the other government departments that we're looking at.

So I just thought I would raise that concern, and perhaps the minister could comment on the point I just raised. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Louis Tapardjuk (interpretation): For example, there is the \$10 million. There has already been an agreement signed with the federal government, and we can assure you that we have \$10 million. It is an agreement between the Liberal Government at that time, but at this time, since we now have the Conservatives, we're on unsure footage.

If there are any changes in the dollars, we will have to go back to the House as we can't make that decision alone as a department. We will have to ask for further instruction from the Legislative Assembly should we come to some kind of problem. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tapardjuk. We are on page 5. Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would also like to ask the minister about this \$10 million that the government has set aside.

My questions are in regard to whether we have people making plans for the heritage centre, if there are any staff in place, and if they're any design plans in the works. Have you completed the work that is required beforehand? Thank you.

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

Hon. Louis Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We're working with the Inuit Heritage Trust and Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated and we also have a working group doing the foot work at this point.

We will be asking for people out there who are interested in working for the proposed heritage centre and we're also looking for a fundraiser. We're also talking about whether there's going to be a board, and so on. We have not finalized those stages.

We also have to talk about the governance of the board and where we are going to get additional funds. This is the work that is required prior to the establishment of the Heritage Trust. We're going to be looking for a person who will be a fundraiser, specifically. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tapardjuk. Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you. We've got a little more information about what's in the works for the heritage centre, and I'm sure that there's going to be people interested in applying for this position.

I also have another question. Are we going to be able to raise the money? Can we get the assurance as to when and if we're going to be able to get the working partnership with the third parties? I am sure about the \$10 million that is going to be put up by the Nunavut Government, but we're not sure if we're going to be able to get the money from the outside sources. Can we scale it back to, let's say \$20 million?

Once we get the design and once the construction starts, then it's going to be a little hard but it would be good to know how much it's going to cost for the design phase and for the construction phase. Just looking at the amount for the total construction and the inflation, and so on, we don't know whether we are going to be able to put up the required amount.

Is it possible for your department to, let's say get a drawing of the heritage centre and is it possible for the member to get feedback, or get some kind of information across to find out what's happening with this project.

That's my question, Mr. Minister. Thank you.

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

Hon. Louis Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We had the cultural resource and planning management work contracted in 2002 to look at the fiscal aspects of the Nunavut Heritage Centre so that we could get an idea of what price range it would cost. So that is what we're using to date.

We've been told by the private sector that they are more than willing to make contributions, or to give some kind of support in constructing this Nunavut Heritage Centre. They would be willing to put in kind, like putting in the piles for the building. The Legislative Assembly in Yellowknife was put up by various sources of donations, in kind, and so on.

So we're looking at that type to put up the construction, and with that, we are looking at getting a permanent position set in to do some fundraising. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tapardjuk. Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you. I'm sure there is a consultant report, but I think it's very general.

It was written in 2002, and the construction costs are probably way, like 10 percent more, with the construction and the price of gas and so on. They were talking about \$50 million, and I'm sure that it's doubled in 2007.

If we should build a heritage centre with the same costs... it was just a general plan, and I'm sure they were using Iqaluit as an example. They were using Iqaluit costs per square foot. We can't really tell how much it's going to cost if we don't know exactly how big the building is going to be. So it's up to the government to be very specific about the size of the building, and I think that's the only that we'll be able to sell this to the people of Nunavut. Thank you.

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

Hon. Louis Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, like I said, we have to get somebody to construct the building. We will be able to have somebody look over it to see how we can fix it, or whether we have to do the changes. I will be giving the briefing to the Members of the Cabinet if we have another need, or if we have to do some changes.

It's a lot of work but it is expected that we will have to get a heritage centre. That's where we are at right now. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. We're on (interpretation ends) *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act #1, 2007-08*. Culture, Language, Elders and Youth. Capital. Not previously authorized. Directorate. \$3,382,000. Does the committee agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Total Directorate. \$3,382,000. Does the committee agree?

Chairman (interpretation): I'm sorry. Minister Simailak.

Hon. David Simailak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) We have to make one slight correction on this page, but my notes are over there. That is why I was trying to get your attention before you proceeded with these numbers. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Simailak. I would like to thank Minister Tapardjuk and his staff. Sergeant-at-Arms, can you please escort the minister and his officials so the Minister of Finance can return to the witness table, Mr. Greene and Mr. Ma included.

Does the committee agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you.

Thank you, Sergeant-at-Arms. Welcome back, Minister of Finance and your officials.

I think we are going to be doing this for the time being in accordance with the questions from the members. Minister Simailak.

Hon. David Simailak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This first item on the last page about the Baker Lake Territorial Library it says \$969,000. (interpretation) It has to be corrected. It is supposed to be \$113,000. I think they put it in with the community, heritage, elders and youth centres.

(interpretation ends) So that correction should be made, please. The Baker Lake Territorial Library, \$913,000, and then add in community, heritage, elders and youth centres, \$856,000.

Unfortunately, those two items were added together and both went into Baker Lake Territorial Library on page 5. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Simailak. We are just trying to understand whether the total is the same or amended. Minister Simailak.

Hon. David Simailak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The total will not change. It is still \$3,382,000 for those items, but the Baker Lake Territorial Library should be \$113,000 only. The difference is \$856,000 community heritage, elder and youth centres. Overall, it is the same total. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Simailak. I think the members understand the correction.

Is that agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): We are at (interpretation ends) *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act #1, 2007-08*. Culture, Language, Elders and Youth. Capital. Not previously authorized. Directorate. \$3,382,000. Does the committee agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Total Directorate. \$3,382,000. Does the committee agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Total Department. \$3,382,000. Does the committee agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Page 6. (interpretation ends) Education. Capital. Not previously authorized. Corporate Services. \$20,629,000. (interpretation) Are there any questions? Does the committee agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Thank you. Total Corporate Services. \$20,629,000. Does the committee agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Thank you. Total Department. \$20,629,000. Does the committee agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Go to page 7. (interpretation ends) Health and Social Services. Capital. Special Warrants. Not previously authorized. Directorate. Special Warrants. \$21,527,000. Does the committee agree? Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): On this page, in the explanation, it states that in Igloolik, the nursing station boiler had a leak. Community and Government Services are talking with the people that built that nursing station in Igloolik.

That nursing station is exactly the same as the Pond Inlet Health Centre. Pond Inlet has the same problem as the Igloolik Health Centre. I would like to ask why, when they had these problems with leaking, they went and built the one in Pond Inlet?

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Arvaluk. Mr. Simailak, who would like you to have answer the question?

Hon. David Simailak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. To the Minister of Health, please. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Simailak. Minister of Health, Ms. Aglukkaq.

Hon. Leona Aglukkaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): I'm sorry. I was going to ask you if you would like to have your officials in the House. Minister Aglukkaq.

Hon. Leona Aglukkaq: I think I can address the member's question. The member is correct in that the design of the two projects is the same for Pond Inlet as well as Igloolik.

As it is right now we are dealing with some of the deficiencies in the facilities. Once a building has been turned over, most units are inspected and deficiencies are dealt with over the year.

Why did we go with the design back, what is it, three or four years ago, five years ago, on these? I'm not sure of the rationale behind that, but I understand the deficiency of that design was a repeat for those two projects at the time.

Since that time there have been some concerns related to the building pipes freezing up and so on, and those are deficiencies that we're working through with CGS at this time.

And, from what I'm aware of, we're not looking at the same design at this point in time for other projects, is what I understand. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Aglukkaq. Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The health centre in Pond Inlet has been up for some time. Didn't you find out before you built the one in Igloolik that there would be some pipe freezing problems?

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Arvaluk. Minister Aglukkaq.

Hon. Leona Aglukkaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. At the time, the health centre was completed I believe we had already proceeded with the Igloolik project before Pond Inlet was finished.

When the Pond Inlet Health Centre was completed, the whole process of turning over the facility to GN was the next phase where we worked with CGS to identify those deficiencies.

I believe at that point in time the Igloolik project had already proceeded in tender costs and so on. The deficiencies in the Pond Inlet Health Centre continue to be addressed at this point in time with CGS and the contractors.

The exact rationale behind why: I can't respond to that. I'm not aware of the decision at the time. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Madame Minister. Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Lastly, Mr. Chairman; the government planners for capital projects have funding of \$23 million. Why wasn't this noticed right away; the Pond Inlet Health Centre problems? Why couldn't they get it right away because they must've known there was going to be problems, because there is a lot of GN staff that do planning of buildings?

Maybe perhaps the GN planners should be able to notice something like that when there's going to be deficiencies. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Arvaluk. I didn't hear a question, but would you like to respond? Ms. Aglukkaq.

Hon. Leona Aglukkaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The member raised a very good point and that is a concern and that is something that we have to work with, with the project managers and the architects, and so on, with the Department of CGS to try and resolve these issues. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Aglukkaq. We're on (interpretation ends) *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act #1, 2007-08*. Health and Social Services. Capital. Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My question is about the Kivalliq Health Centre. I think there's three items I'd like to ask the minister, in regard to \$700,000 for the Kivalliq Health Centres' furniture, fixture, and equipment. Totalling those for the Kivalliq Health Centre, will you be able to open the doors of the health centre for patients to come in?

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Madame Aglukkaq.

Hon. Leona Aglukkaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The items on page 7 relate capital projects that proved in November last year. These are carryovers into this fiscal year to complete the purchase of equipments, shipping of equipments, and testing of equipments.

At the same time, the carryovers from the capital projects approved in November relate to addressing deficiencies within the facility and so on.

The members' concern related to operations and services. We are trying to move towards the opening of the facility outside the capital projects which involves O & M fundings, boarding homes, housing, and so on. So, eventually, that is the plan for the department to deal with some of that. But right now, before us, is we're dealing with the carry over of capital projects approved in November's session. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Aglukkaq. Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate the minister and her response. Mainly because I wasn't here during the fall session, during the capital estimates when they were presented, but I would assume all the equipment that are required there related to capital, that will actually help enable that facility to serve the people.

We had recently had a very unpleasant situation that happened because like the conditions like the person who died recently should've been in that hospital, should've been treated in that hospital before waiting until the last minute with the last breath of his life to happen.

So I'm asking the minister, will all these capital projects that are trying to get the operational requirements, will they enable it to actually function 24 hours a day? If not, why not? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Ms. Aglukkaq.

Hon. Leona Aglukkaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Again, these items relate to, for instance, the 246 is an installation of electronic medical records systems within the health facility. Some of them relate to dealing with deficiencies in the building, for instance, the chimney situation. The other is equipment for use to be used for treating patients, and so on.

Will these three items allow for that to be a full time facility? The answer to that question is no because these three items are not all that it takes to open that facility. We need other sources of funding: boarding homes, staff housing, salary dollars, and so on, to open the facility. So if your question is related to these three items: will these three items achieve that ultimate goal? No. There are other factors that we need to deal with, aside from these three areas. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Curley: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Could the minister table, or at least present to us exactly what she means by deficiencies because I can tell the minister that all the deficiencies within the public buildings are normally the responsibility of the contractor. Exactly what do you mean by having to create an account and asking us to cover the

contractor's responsibility? It says, "Deficiencies are normally part of the total costs." Because there are normally stipulated by inspectors, and so on. Only the inspector can find deficiencies, whether it is engineering, or any other specs.

So how much and exactly what deficiencies is the minister alluding to? Thank you.

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

Hon. Leona Aglukkaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Again, these figures are a carryover from approved capital projects from November. One example I can share with the individual is that the Kivalliq Health Centre, \$302,000, related to the air handling system that required some changes in order to work properly. Architectural and engineering services have been slow to respond to that request to correct the building deficiencies around that, as an example.

So it's partially completed, and additional areas around parking space are not completed. Areas that were not completed in that fiscal year, that funding carryover for the project managers, CGS, to ensure that contractors finish off those projects, and so on.

In this area, \$302,000, they're telling me that the project, as approved in the capital, will be completed by this summer. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Curley: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The significant amount of deficiencies for any project; to be given that amount of deficiencies, whether it be air handling unit, or what not, again, these should be covered by the warranty. What percentage, if not all, will the minister's budget staff recover from the contractor because I am sure these units are still under warranty? Why should the GN cover 100 percent of the costs of these deficiency requirements? Are we not just paying double for some of these capital items, when in fact; they are the responsibility of the contractors to pay for these facilities? Thank you.

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

Hon. Leona Aglukkaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Again, these are not any enhancements to the budget that was approved in November. The work that's required to finish in this fiscal year is what's being carried over. These were already budgeted into the system in November. They're not new money; they're not new projects, but rather we need to carry the remaining fundings to this fiscal year to finish off the project, as approved in November.

So there is no new funding. This is part of the work that is required to finish off in this fiscal year. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Curley: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate the minister's response. I understand what you mean, but I assumed that the project when it is designed including all the mechanical and all the other technical specs, they are normally specified before the construction proceeds.

Therefore, the contractor has the responsibility to pay for these and bill the government for that. My understanding is they have already been built or you have paid for them already. Why are you trying to, since last fall, agree to pay for them again when they are in fact the contractors' responsibility to complete them.

Therefore, they are not new. They were part of the engineering or technical specs. Were they not included in those regional specs, as a result, you are now paying for this additional expense? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Leona Aglukkaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Again, these are not new monies. We are carrying over the project as approved in November. There is no new work with this. We are carrying over money from one fiscal year to another to finish off a project as per the specs approved for the project.

So I do not know how much more clearly I can be on that in trying to explain that it is a carryover. It is not new funding. It is to finish off the project as approved and as awarded in the contract some time ago. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Curley: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I understand the minister fully. The minister earlier stated, to the committee, that these were to cover the deficiencies of some mechanical and their handling units.

I am trying to make a point that the contractor is responsible to cover the deficiency. Why has the minister agreed to pay 100 percent of the deficiency when they are in fact the contractors' responsibility? Are they not the responsibility of the contractor? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Leona Aglukkaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Obviously, we have not paid 100 percent if we are asking for a carryover into this fiscal year.

The air handling system, we required some changes and we have asked for those changes. We have not paid for that. It is their responsibility to address and fix those, but we have not paid for the project 100 percent.

We are asking the House to approve a carryover of those projects into this fiscal year so that we can proceed and complete the project. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister. We are on page 7. Health and Social Services. Capital. Directorate. Special Warrants. \$28,527,000. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Not previously authorized. \$17,845,000. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Total Directorate. Special Warrants. \$21,527,000. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Not previously authorized. \$17,845,000. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Total Department. (interpretation ends) Special Warrants. \$21,527,000. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Not previously authorized. \$17,845,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Thank you. Page 8. Environment. Capital. Program Management. Not previously authorized. \$899,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It's not directly here in this but I seem to understand that Nunavut parks; Uvajuq and Ijiralik Parks, concerning those. There's one in the Pond Inlet area; it's a national park; the federal and GN, are they working together? For this reason, in Pond Inlet, there's a relay system that is used by CB. They don't use a lot of these in that area because they're used for the hunters only.

Can the environment people tell the federal government to use the equipment that are pertaining to the parks, or would they be helpful to the communities, particularly for the relay switches? We cannot use the CBs for long distance purpose because we have many

mountainous areas. Once we get behind them we cannot use these CBs. Can they start to use these in our area? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Arvaluk. Minister Simailak. If you wish to respond or get another ministers' response, Mr. Simailak.

Hon. David Simailak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Environment Minister please. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Minister Netser.

Hon. Patterk Netser: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We are dealing with the supplementary appropriation and not with the CB beacons or transmitters. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll raise this question during Question Period because it would've been nice to see this, especially under the federal government. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Arvaluk. Page 8. (interpretation ends) Environment. Capital. Program Management. Not previously authorized. \$899,000. Does the committee agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Total Program Management. \$899,000. Does the committee agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Thank you. Total Department. \$899,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Page 9. Page 10. Community and Government Services. Capital. Mr. Evyagotailak.

Mr. Evyagotailak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a couple of questions on this page, page 8, to uphold the water treatment and also the Kugluktuk Hamlet office building. The hamlet office building substantiation sheets indicate that this is no longer a feasibility study and that construction of a new building will start in 2009. I would like to ask the minister: what is the estimated total cost of the new hamlet office in Kugluktuk? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. David Simailak: Ask this to the Minister of Community and Government Services, please.

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

Hon. Levinia Brown (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Under 2006-07 it stays at \$100,000. That was put aside. Total, \$200,000. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. It's entirely up to you if you want assistance from your officials while looking up that information. Mr. Evyagotailak.

Mr. Evyagotailak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My next question is on that Kugluktuk water treatment. This project was in the 2001-02 capital estimates. The RFP for the detail design has closed. My question is: what will the scope of the water treatment process be? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Evyagotailak. Minister Brown, I think you will be getting a number of questions. If you wish to go to the witness table along with your officials, it's entirely up to you. Minister Brown.

Hon. Levinia Brown: Yes, I agree.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. Sergeant-at-Arms, can you please escort the minister and her officials to the witness table.

Welcome minister and your officials. For the record, please introduce your officials.

Hon. Levinia Brown (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On my right is Deputy Minister Pam Hine, and to my left, Mike Rafter.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. Welcome. Going back to Mr. Evyagotailak's question, can you respond please? Minister Brown.

Hon. Levinia Brown (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have to organize my papers first.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. Going back to Mr. Evyagotailak's question. Can you repeat your question?

Mr. Evyagotailak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Perhaps I can go back to the first question that I had because she had given me a couple of numbers. I'll just go back to the hamlet office building.

My question is: what is the estimated total cost of the new hamlet office in Kugluktuk? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Levinia Brown (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The total for the hamlet office in Kugluktuk at this time is \$2,700,000. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Evyagotailak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Madame Minister, for giving me a total.

My next question is with the Kugluktuk water treatment. The RFP for the detailed design has closed. What will the scope of the water treatment project be? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Levinia Brown: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The evaluations of the proposal this year are to be completed this month and a contract will then be issued to the successful proponent. Design is scheduled to be completed in time to tender the construction of the water systems upgrade for the 2008 construction season. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Evyagotailak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. During the investigations of the water treatment, how has the hamlet been involved throughout the investigation? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Levinia Brown: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The regional staff in CGS continues to work with the Hamlet of Kugluktuk. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Evyagotailak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'd like to thank the minister and I hope that this water treatment will be in proper operation because we have been going through a lot of problems with it. I had brought you down to the intake water treatment during the time it was not in good shape. I hope that it will be in better shape for a long time because water treatment is very, very important to our community.

That's all I have for the minister. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Levinia Brown (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I didn't hear a question. We will try and assist and I will send people to the community because I know they're working very hard in Kugluktuk.

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

Mr. Alagalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My question is under supplementary appropriation. Because these were not completed under five-year capital plan, were they all under the five-year capital plan?

Mr. Evyagotailak mentioned that the water treatment in Kugluktuk in 2001-02, it was under capital plans and this hasn't been worked on. So I'm just wondering if all of these were under the five year capital plan. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Levinia Brown: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, these were all in the five-year capital plan. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Alagalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That's all I have for now. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Alagalak. Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As a committee chair of CGS in Rankin Inlet, the sewage treatment plan was in the capital plans but the carryover is 100 percent. I wonder if the minister knows why they didn't start the work last summer, and did they find a contractor? Why didn't they find this last summer? Because I think it's delayed now.

Can the minister elaborate more on this? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Curley. Minister Brown.

Hon. Levinia Brown (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Rankin Inlet water treatment... they reviewed and found that there needed to be more work so they have identified that July 31, 2007 because we have to wait for the licenses that we have to get from the Nunavut Water Board. And they were delayed from six to nine months because of that. But at this time the design is completed. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, I understand that, perhaps the water board has completed their review and given the license to the municipality board, or are they almost near completion? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Levinia Brown (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The issue assessed was before the design has been completed. Everything has been completed, so it will be given to the Nunavut Water Board. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Arvaluk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On the substantiation sheet for project #507074, the Pond Inlet major works for community hall/arena. In the substantiation sheet, in the middle paragraph, it says that the existing arena was built in the early 70s in a simple steel shell. During winter it is often too cold to use the arena. Support infrastructure, canteen, change rooms, center are also substandard. Technical evaluation has confirmed that is more economical to build a new arena.

On this carryover from 2006-07, \$849,000 has also it is budgeted another \$960,000 for 2007-08, totalling \$2,914,000. Does that include building an arena adjacent to the community hall that is presently being constructed, 35 percent complete?

Will the arena be built immediately after the community hall is completed because I have not seen the foundation or the steel piles being done for the arena that is supposed to be connected to the community hall as per this substantiation sheet? Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Arvaluk. Minister Brown.

Hon. Levinia Brown (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The design of the arena and the specifications are 65 percent complete. That's what it shows. I will have Mr. Rafter respond.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Brown. Mr. Rafter.

Mr. Rafter: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. So by combining the two facilities there are economies of scale and the local government will save money. So it is approximately 35 percent completed. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Arvaluk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I understand that only the community hall is 35 percent completed, and the arena, I believe, is also budgeted in the capital plan as per the substantiation sheet. Even the steel piles or any kind of foundation is not being done. Are you saying that 35 percent is only reflected into the community hall and not the arena? Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Arvaluk. Minister Brown.

Hon. Levinia Brown (interpretation): Thank you. Yes, that's correct. That's how it is: 35 percent.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Brown. Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Then when are you going to start putting percentages into the arena because even if you completely finish the community hall, you will only be 50 percent complete because the arena is not being built yet. It's not being built at the same time.

When will you specify that the arena will be built? Are you going to wait until you completely finish the community hall first, and then start building the foundation, or drilling the steel piles for the arena? Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Arvaluk. Minister Brown.

Hon. Levinia Brown (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll have Mr. Rafter respond. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Brown. Mr. Rafter.

Mr. Rafter: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The regular member is correct. The overall project is about 35 percent complete. Sometimes it's difficult to envision exactly how that is if we don't see physical structures fully on the ground. But, the overall project is 35 percent completed. The arena and the complex are expected to have substantial work completed over the course of the 2007 summer.

I hope that fully responds to the member's question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Arvaluk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. So for your total project of \$2,914,000, also include the arena part of the complex. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Arvaluk. Minister Brown.

Hon. Levinia Brown (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, that's how it is, and you're correct, Mr. Arvaluk. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I welcome the minister and her officials to the witness table.

I'd like to follow up on some comments my colleague from Rankin Inlet was asking earlier, specifically with a project that needed water board approval. As we are all aware from the media reports, the executive director of the water board and three or four of his senior staff quit recently, and they're trying to hire new staff. I noted in the supplementary appropriation there are a number of carryovers that are specific to water.

My question for the minister and her officials is: have they determined what impact the water board's current staffing situation would have on the timelines for these water related Government of Nunavut projects, in terms of being approved and completed? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Levinia Brown (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll have Mr. Rafter respond to the question.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Brown. Mr. Rafter.

Mr. Rafter: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It is, to answer the member's question, expected to have a negative impact on a number of projects that do require regulatory approval. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the minister and Mr. Rafter for that answer. Could Mr. Rafter clarify what he means by "negative impact"? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Rafter: I apologize for that statement. It will delay certain projects. Some projects will be delayed, possibly significantly. It really depends on how quickly positions are staffed, and how quickly regulatory approvals are able to be received. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Rafter for that answer.

I am wondering if the minister or Mr. Rafter can give us a quick rundown on which of these projects are currently before the Nunavut Water Board, and which could face significant delays. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Levinia Brown (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will try and explain. In Rankin Inlet, that's what we just spoke to, I think that would be delayed due to the Nunavut Water Board. While we're waiting for Nunavut Water Board decision, and also Kugaaruk sewage lagoon; that project will have to wait for Nunavut Water Board approval. Also in Cape Dorset, the sewage lagoon will have to be completed, too.

Ones that pertain to the land and/or the water; if the assessed projects are going to have an impact on the land or the water, then they require the water board's approval.

These are the three projects that I can identify. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

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

Have you discussed these projects where the potential delays are? Have you discussed them with the community councils in the communities where they are going to be developed? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Levinia Brown: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Our regional staff and CGS staff have direct communication with the hamlet councils in the communities. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the minister for that answer. I hope that they are not delayed too long. They are very important projects for the communities.

I went through the binder you gave us with all the substantiation sheets and I was working my way down the list. I came to one called a Nanisivik facilities technical evaluation for \$200,000 in the binder that came with our package. It is not really a substantiation sheet that I am familiar with, but it identifies the project as a Nanisivik facilities technical evaluation.

Over in the area where you described the project, it says that this carry over request does not meet Financial Administration Manual under section 302-5 paragraph 4.3 because the project has not started nor contractual or financial commitments exist and no funds are being spent.

In fact, there are two projects like that. There is another one called the Nunavut Management Program that has the same description. It does seem odd it's in there in your capital appropriation submission carryover; there's these projects. The relevant sections does not meet the FAM and the FAM is of course, I have the directive here it says that the capital carryover does not meet 4.3... project has not started nor contractual or

financial commitments exist and no funds are being spent will be considered a new request. It should be either re-phased into the five-year capital plan or presented to the Financial Management Board as a new project.

I am just wondering if the minister or her officials could clarify what that is all about so that we understand what the process is here. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Levinia Brown (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will have Mr. Rafter respond to your question.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Brown. Mr. Rafter.

Mr. Rafter: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Sometimes there are projects that do not technically qualify for carryover criteria in every aspect of it. These are in fact two examples.

There is inherent value still in the projects with respect to the Nanisivik facilities projects. It will see a facility salvaged from Nanisivik and relocated to Arctic Bay for use either by the hamlet or used by the Arctic airport at such time that it is relocated.

The timing, unfortunately, with this it was not able to be completed in this past fiscal year. It was entirely dependent on the mine operator's schedule.

The second part to the question with respect to the Nunavut energy management projects; this is a relatively large project that was started some time ago. Investment grade feasibility studies have been completed with respect to that project.

Over the course of this 2007-08 fiscal year, it is expected that the project will be concluded with a combination of two types of projects: additional investment grade feasibility studies examining an inventorying technology that will save energy in government owned facilities across the territory, as well as paying down investment in these facilities allocated in Iqaluit. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Rafter for that answer. These certainly seem to be worthy projects worthy of funding from the Legislative Assembly, but there is the policy in the Financial Administration Manual, which clearly says that they should already be rephased into the five-year capital plan or presented to the Financial Management Board as a new project.

This is information you guys provided to us, so what policy, or procedure, or clause allows you to include these two projects in this capital supplemental appropriation application? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Levinia Brown: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will direct Mr. Rafter to respond to that question please. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Brown. Mr. Rafter.

Mr. Rafter: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The inherent value on the projects is what carried those forward. The management board does have the discretion to approve projects that are technically non-compliant, but still have merit, by deconstructing the garage in Nanisivik and relocating it to Arctic Bay, is a substantial savings to the government in the future.

As with the energy management program, it will be substantial savings to government in the order of \$10 million in as many years. And the sooner those projects are implemented, the sooner savings will occur, particularly with the energy management program. So while it does generate carryovers into the next fiscal year, they are, in effect, using government resources effectively. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'd like to thank Mr. Rafter for the answer. What I'm trying to ask Mr. Rafter, or the minister, is there something written down somewhere that you could provide us to reassure us that there something written down somewhere that defines inherent value, particularly in your department or the FMB, used to justify including them into supplementary appropriation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Rafter: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Overall the department was compliant with most of the carryovers, I believe in excess of 95 percent of the carryover brought forward for consideration.

These were, and continue to be the exception to the rule. The Financial Management Board does have the discretion to make the recommendation to the facility to carry the funds forward if the management board feels that there is a financial and a substantial reason for doing so.

And in this case the Financial Management Board felt, based on the departmental recommendations, that there was value in bringing these forward to the fiscal year. The comments are understood though. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the minister and Mr. Rafter for their answer. I'm not quite sure how to interpret all that, but I'll ask the minister, if you're asking us to approve supplementary appropriation today. I don't know if we'll get around to approving it, will we be breaking any laws in the Legislative Assembly?

If these two projects, as it says, don't qualify under section 302-5 paragraph 4.3, would we be breaking laws, our laws, if we were to approve those two projects? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Levinia Brown: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. No, we will not be breaking any laws. I can reassure you that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Brown. Thank you. At this time I will have the bells rang, as we don't have a quorum anymore.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I guess, also with the questions raised by Mr. Peterson, I don't know if the Financial Administration Manual that is broken is breaking the rules I guess not the law but the rules. By us approving this, it's asking us to break the rules.

It says, if we didn't stumble upon this, we wouldn't even know that we were doing that. The whole thing, I'm not arguing whether there's merit or not. Is there a record of decision or something that we can be made aware of to show that those other steps were taken. If it just went through like this, I'd like to ask Sheila Fraser what she would have to say if she ran across something like that.

I don't know; I wish she was here to ask her. But I don't feel very comfortable with that, and even if I identified that issue with CLEY earlier and then now this one, its total is \$1.2 million right here that we've never seen or heard anything about. According to the bill that we're looking at, the supplementary appropriation bill, and I'll read it for that whole page. The top part says to "provide funding of \$15,189,000 for the carryover of the following capital projects."

Well, that's not exactly true. Two of those are not carry over projects. I don't know. Maybe if the Chair of the Financial Management Board who had approved those changes could explain to us why we weren't informed or made aware of that during our briefing.

Just to me, having it worded like that is inaccurate. It says right here that the substantiation sheets were not carryovers; they don't meet the criteria for the carryover project. Unless Mr. Picco has a better answer or an explanation that could clarify for us, this could explain why. Maybe there is a good explanation for that but I'd like to hear it. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Ms. Brown.

Hon. Levinia Brown (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends). The department is recommending that we proceed, and we understand your concerns. However, maybe if the Chairman of the FMB could allude to that answer. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Brown. Minister of Finance, Mr. Simailak.

Hon. David Simailak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Unfortunately, this was an oversight on our behalf when we were at the FMB meeting approving these carryovers, and I apologize for it. They are good projects; they are valuable projects. I can't really say any more on that. It was an oversight on our part, and we apologize for it. It's entirely my fault. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate the minister's comment there but they're not carryover projects and it says that there. I don't know how that could be missed, or not felt that it was important. These are brand new projects, by the looks of it.

Maybe I can ask the departmental officials if they could explain the sheet that we have here. The Nunavut Management Program is all it says; the sheet that was in our substantiation sheets. It says it's \$1,005,000 and its \$932,000 in here. It says, "The RFP is currently under review and will be issued shortly. Unique nature of RFPs causes delays. FMB approved the quest to initiate this project in the fall of 2006." I would assume. "All projects will improve the efficiency of GN buildings and guarantee savings."

Then it goes on to say, "This carryover request does not meet FAM under section 302-5 paragraph 4.3 because the project has not started. No contractual or financial commitments exist, and no funds have been expensed." And that's the exact same thing it says for the other one.

How can you say that those are carryover projects if they don't meet the section of the Act if they have to go as new projects? I am just wondering how. One thing here it is saying that they're not carryovers. They don't meet the criteria for a carryover. And then we're here saying that it is a carryover. The document before was saying it was a carryover project.

So maybe I could get an explanation as to how they can consider these carryover projects. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Minister of Finance, Mr. Simailak.

Hon. David Simailak: I am sorry, Mr. Chairman. The member is entirely correct. It is our mistake. They do not meet FAM. They should not have been listed in here as carryovers. So if need be we can pull the two out and bring them back in the fall session. They are very good projects but they do not meet FAM. Like we were told earlier, they can't technically be done here but the member is absolutely correct, they do not meet FAM, so we should pull the two out and bring them back later in the fall. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I don't know. It's not up to me, but if we can have that page of the bill amended to actually show what is really there and the fact that those are not previously authorized projects with new money.

Again, I'm not arguing the merits or anything of the project, but this is not accurate information that we're looking at. I don't know if I want to approve inaccurate information. Would the minister commit to coming back maybe tomorrow with an amended page 9 that would show those not as carryovers but as actually new projects? Maybe we could go from there.

This is definitely not a carryover project. I'd just ask if maybe that's something that the minister would be willing to correct. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. I think the members will have to consider these. If you want to respond, Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed. Picco: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The member has raised a couple of issues here. The project itself should not have been identified as a capital carryover, specifically to the amount of dollar values that are available there.

What I would ask for, with the member's indulgence since the member wants an explanation, there are concerns raised with being FAM admissible. If I could ask Minister Simailak, along with the minister's staff, to go to the witness table to explain the process of the financial issues under FAM and the amount of dollar values that have been brought forward in this supplementary, because again, there is a prerogative under the Financial Management Board to be able to bring monies forward. However, the identification of said monies has a capital carryover and the supplementary is incorrect.

But, if I could get Minister Simailak to go to the table with Mr. Ma and the staff, I think it would be good for everyone to understand what is occurring on the file. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I don't know. That's not how it should be. The Minister of Finance has already indicated that. The House Leader has already indicated that.

Like I said, if he could just come back with an amended page that shows accurately and reflects what things actually are, then I would be prepared to move forward, but I'm not going to approve something that is inaccurate. If it was the old Finance Minister, maybe I would think it was done on purpose.

>>*Laughter*

Or the old, old Finance Minister. The one that is not here anymore. Not you, the other guy. That's the one thing about being in here; we're protected. We are not willing to do that. I wouldn't want to say to Ms. Fraser, "you are right, Ms. Fraser, we agree, we do things that are incorrect." This Bill is inaccurate that is before us. It was an honest mistake, or whatever, but I think it should be fixed before we approve it.

So maybe with that, Mr. Chairman, that will give the minister and the House Leader the time to talk about it, and maybe contemplate on what to do. Ed's having a hard time hearing these days. So make sure that he gets it explained to him very well. I would like to recognize the clock and report progress. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. There is a motion to report progress that is not debatable. I'm asking the members if they are in agreement to report progress.

Thank you, Minister Brown, and your officials. Sergeant-at-Arms, please escort the minister and her officials.

We have to vote in agreement with the motion to report progress. Carried. Thank you. I will now rise to report progress. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you. Orders of the Day. Item 20. Report of the Committee of the Whole. Member for Quttiktuq, Mr. Barnabas.

Item 20: Report of the Committee of the Whole

Mr. Barnabas: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Your committee has been considering Bill 10 and would like to report progress. Mr. Speaker, I move that the Report of the Committee of the Whole be agreed to. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. There is a motion on the floor. [Is there a seconder?] Thank you, Mr. Netser. The motion is in order. All in favour. Opposed. The motion is carried.

Orders of the Day Item 21. Third Reading of Bills. Item 22. Orders of the Day. Mr. Clerk.

Item 22: Orders of the Day

Clerk (Mr. Quirke): Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Orders for the Day for June 1:

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Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Clerk. This House stands adjourned until Friday, June 1 at ten o'clock in the morning.

Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>*House adjourned at 17:58*

