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Members Present:

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

Item 1: Opening Prayer

Speaker (Hon. James Arreak)(interpretation): Good afternoon. At this time, I would like to ask Mr. Curley to say the opening prayer. Mr. Curley.

>>*Prayer*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Welcome and good afternoon, Mr. Premier, Ministers, Members, and Nunavummiut, and especially the residents of Qikiqtarjuaq. We send our condolences to the people who have lost a loved one, especially those who have sick relatives, we sympathize and offer our love and we will keep them in our thoughts.

Going to the Orders of the Day. Item 2. Ministers' Statements. (interpretation ends)
Minister of CLEY, Minister Tapardjuk.

Item 2: Ministers' Statements

Minister's Statement 203 – 2(4): North American Indigenous Games 2008

Hon. Louis Tapardjuk (interpretation): I think he forgot about my portfolio for a second. Thank you and welcome to the House.

Mr. Speaker, the 2008 North American Indigenous Games took place from August 3 to 8, 2008 in the Cowichan Valley of British Columbia. The team that represented our territory was made up of badminton and wrestling athletes from all three regions of Nunavut.

The team was lead by Chef de Mission Jeff Seeteenak, and had very good results, winning five gold medals, nine silver medals, and two bronze medals. Very good results from a team of 16 athletes.

The badminton participants were:

Stephan Angotialuk, Repulse Bay – Juvenile Men's Silver
Juvenile Men's Doubles Gold
Mixed Doubles Gold

David Paliak, Coral Harbour – Juvenile Men’s Doubles Gold
Juvenile Men’s Gold

Georgina Putulik, Repulse Bay – Juvenile Female Doubles Bronze
Juvenile Mixed Doubles Gold

Jocelyn Simik, Chesterfield Inlet – Juvenile Female Doubles Bronze

Alexander Tuktudjuk, Repulse Bay – Midget Men’s Gold
Midget Mixed Doubles Silver

Leroy Sanertanut, Repulse Bay – Midget Men’s Silver
Midget Mixed Doubles Gold

Jenna Kilabuk, Pangnirtung – Midget Female Doubles Silver
Midget Female Silver
Midget Mixed Doubles Silver

Carmen Aviak, Kugluktuk – Midget Female Doubles Silver
Midget Mixed Doubles Gold

The wrestling team members were:

Paul Utak, Igloolik
Aaron Tulugarjuk, Igloolik
Blaine Ell, Coral Harbour
Samuel Karetak, Arviat – Silver medal winner
Joe Karetak Jr., Arviat – Silver medal winner
Randy Nakoolak, Coral Harbour – Silver medal winner
Taylor Paniyok, Coral Harbour – Bronze medal winner
Jalen Ell, Coral Harbour – Silver medal winner

I would also like to thank the volunteer coaches, managers and mission staff that took time out of their summer holidays to allow our youth to fulfill their dreams.

Honourable colleagues, please join me in congratulating the entire team on their outstanding performances during the games. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. Ministers’ Statements. If there are no more, Item 3. Members’ Statements. Member for Hudson Bay, Mr. Kattuk.

Item 3: Members’ Statements

Member's Statement 501 – 2(4): Concerns of Constituents

Mr. Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to be attending this session and I wish to extend a “hello” to my relatives; my daughter and grandchild, who are currently on their own since my wife, Alicee is en route to the hospital. Be that as it may, they are fine. It just so happens that her appointment was during this period and she has to be in Winnipeg today.

Mr. Speaker, I stand today to speak to my last statement which I made at our last session stating that I believed that the spring session was my last. However, it was due to the fact that I had an appointment at the hospital on September 9. Since the appointment has been rebooked for another day, I am proud to be able to attend this last session of the Second Assembly and be able to sit for the entire duration.

However, Mr. Speaker, I stated previously that it was my last session since I would not be standing for re-election this fall. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I will be taking this opportunity to express my views and opinions during this last session about the concerns that both my constituents and fellow Nunavummiut have in relation to the government.

Mr. Speaker, I am happy to be able to speak my mind to the Government of Nunavut for the benefit of the people of Nunavut about issues I had during our last session. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

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

Member's Statement 502 – 2(4): Congratulations to Repulse Bay Graduates

Mr. Mapsalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am happy to be back in the House.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate this year's grade 12 graduates in Repulse Bay. In August of this year, I was pleased to attend our school's graduation ceremonies.

Last year, we celebrated the graduation of seven students. This year, nine students are graduated. This is the highest number of graduates we have ever had and the entire community is very proud.

As the MLA for Akulliq, I have spoken out on the importance of ensuring that support for education and lifelong learning is a key priority for our government.

We all want our young people to succeed in life and to take on the responsibilities of leadership.

In today's world, education and training are the keys to success, and I am committed to supporting efforts to strengthen our education system, and to help our youth achieve their full potential.

I encouraged all of our graduates to continue their studies. Learning does not stop when you leave high school. It has only just begun.

I also want to take a moment to recognize the commitment of our teachers, principals, district education authority volunteers and parents. Our hard working educators truly make the difference in the success of our children.

Mr. Speaker, this year's graduates were:

Robbie Aglukka, Carrie Angotingani, Darcy Katokra, Wendy Katokra, Marsha Kringuk, Dina Mablik, Stacy Milortok, Sarah Sivanirtok and Don Ullikatar.

I ask all members to join me in congratulating this year's graduates. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

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

Member's Statement 503 – 2(4): Commissioner of Nunavut's Official Visit to Baker Lake

Mr. Simailak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am so happy to be back in the House and I send my regards to all the people in my constituency of Baker Lake. Although there have been some sad events that have happened, Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a number of my constituents in Baker Lake who received Commissioner's Awards this summer.

Mr. Speaker, Baker Lake was proud to welcome Commissioner Ann Hanson to the community in August of this year.

Commissioner Hanson spent two days in Baker Lake and took part in a number of community events, including our school's graduation ceremony.

Mr. Speaker, the Commissioner's Awards recognize outstanding achievement in a number of areas.

This year, Commissioner's Awards for Bravery were received by Becky Iyago, the Late Francis Iyago, Joseph Scottie, Hugh Tulurialik, Margaret Amarook, Joedee Joedee, Ruby Paungrat, Corporal Cam Lockwood, Ronnie Nagyougalik, Victor Utatnaq and the Baker Lake Search and Rescue Society.

Mr. Speaker, Commissioner's Awards for Special Skills and Volunteer and Community Service were received by Robert Oolamik, Orin Drurey, Margaret Amarook and Victoria Nagyogalik.

Mr. Speaker, time does not permit me to provide a full accounting of the achievements of each recipient. At the appropriate time, I will be tabling the official citations for each award.

Mr. Speaker, we are very proud of those people. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Tununiq, Mr. Arvaluk.

Member's Statement 504 – 2(4): \$38.3 Million Federal Investment Announcement

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am extremely pleased to hear that the federal government and the Government of Nunavut concluded an agreement totalling \$38.3 million which is allocated for infrastructure needs of the communities.

It states clearly which communities will be receiving this funding and the press release states the communities that are receiving the funding. I am pleased and ecstatic for the communities on that list. By that, I mean I'm happy for these communities as they will receive infrastructure that they require. However, all of these communities are not in any of the ordinary members' constituencies.

An Hon. Member: Shame, shame.

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Perhaps this is not intentional. Now, the community of Pond Inlet, as the minister remembers well, Ms. Brown, when the capital planning for the community hall/arena complex was undertaken, it was agreed that the community hall and the arena would be build as one unit.

However, as events progressed, funding became an issue last year and the project was phased and only the community hall portion ended up being constructed. The understanding imparted to the Hamlet of Pond Inlet was, as soon as funding became available that the arena, which constitutes part of the planned complex and of that lot, would be constructed.

However, in the federal government announcement for the \$38.3 million fund, it is not even mentioned. Therefore, when we get to Question Period, I will be forwarding questions to Minister Brown on why this transpired since the project was already in the capital plan, why her department chose to throw out the capital plan and remove the project from future capital projects.

I would like to know if her department has that kind of freedom with federal grants and whether this was agreed to by the federal government. Was the Government of Nunavut included in allocation of these resources to the list of communities and projects contained in this announcement? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Rankin Inlet North, Mr. Curley.

Member's Statement 505 – 2(4): Help for Nunavummiut, or Lack Thereof by Government of Nunavut

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to raise a number of issues. First of all, I would like to send my regards to the people of Rankin Inlet and extend a greeting to my family. We are doing fine here and I would like to say "hello" to all the people of Nunavut who are watching the proceedings. We are proud of our fellow Nunavummiut.

Mr. Speaker, at this time, the people of Nunavut have been given a large responsibility with the upcoming elections at the federal level and with the upcoming territorial elections at the end of next month for their next representatives. This is the reason why I stated that we are proud of Nunavummiut.

First of all, I wish to thank all Nunavummiut who support our government and their elected representatives. During the last four or five years, we have been sitting in this legislature during our Second Assembly. This is the Second Assembly where members have been elected to represent the people in their constituents here in the legislature.

I would like to make this statement which defines the Nunavummiut character. Nunavummiut are the epitome of patience and they have endearing patience, and many Nunavummiut have stated that when we have our own representatives, it would be much better to run our affairs since we would have our own government and they would be accountable to the legislative members. However, many people are becoming despondent since there seems to be no progress.

An Hon. Member: Shame, shame.

We were told that when we have our own government, the smaller communities would be getting more assistance from this government. Due to these reasons, I wish to make this short statement, Mr. Speaker.

Due to the patience of the people of Nunavut, we are starting to see more progress with a better way of meeting the needs of the people. As an example, the government is looking into how the Cabinet can run this government better. We can talk about medical benefits,

medical care, medical travel, and other benefits. These types of services are starting to deteriorate and there is room for improvement. There is the rising cost of fuel that we can barely keep up with and we have to offer more subsidies or benefits for our people, other than just paying the bills.

I can also mention the ships and the shipping routes which must be managed better. Sometimes we are not even aware of these ships. This summer, we saw foreign ships with foreign flags coming up to Nunavut, with absolutely no contracted Nunavummiut on board. When the contractor could not get a ship, they hired a foreign ship and this ship came into Nunavut. (interpretation ends) That's not good enough.

(interpretation) We have to provide those types of services and there are two other contractors that are said to be 100 percent Inuit owned by Inuit from Nunavik and Nunavut. There is also an airline that is owned by the Inuit and the Inuvialuit.

Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to conclude my statement.

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

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Very briefly, the policies and programs' divisions in the government have to be more transparent and open to our people. There are 26 or 27 communities here in Nunavut. Some Nunavummiut see some communities that receive more than others and some communities that do not receive anything. This practice should no longer continue in this day and age.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to say in front of the people of Nunavut that we have to be more open to them and we have to assist our people and look at improving the present system. If we don't improve our governance, then none of us should come back here to the Legislative Assembly as members.

Due to this reason, amongst others, I would like to state, Mr. Speaker, due to the patience of Nunavummiut, we have undertaken the road towards progress made with them in mind, so we have to work harder at assisting them. We have to make sure that we improve the systems and services before the people lose their patience and become despondent about the lack of progress. If we are to ask our people if they want more support, we will have that opportunity for support from the people of Nunavut on October 27, 2008. Thank you.

An Hon. Member: Hear, hear.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Curley. Members' Statements. Member for Cambridge Bay, Mr. Peterson.

Member's Statement 506 – 2(4): FASD Awareness

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to say “hello” to my Cambridge Bay constituents. I understand this may be the first day that they will be able to see me on TV, so hopefully my hair isn't sticking up and my tie is straight.

>>*Laughter*

Mr. Speaker, I rise on this day, which is internationally recognized as Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Day, to join others across this nation and across the world in raising awareness of this entirely preventable affliction.

Mr. Speaker, while our own bells rang at 1:30 today, bells across the world were rung at the 9th minute of the 9th hour on this 9th day of the 9th month of the year to recognize FASD Awareness. We are almost synchronized with FASD Awareness bells being rung in Alaska.

Mr. Speaker, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders are caused by drinking during pregnancy and the only sure-fire cure to prevent it from happening is to stop drinking alcohol during pregnancy.

We can all play a role as individuals, partners, family members, friends and community leaders to raise awareness of the dangers of drinking while pregnant. We can all lend support to individuals and families who struggle with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders.

Mr. Speaker, the challenges of dealing with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders are many. These challenges are faced by individuals with FASD, by their families, by their communities and by their government, which has an obligation to provide services.

Beginning in childhood, both a child and his or her parents must struggle with life challenges brought on by FASD.

As a youth with FASD goes through the school system, special needs become an issue. In some cases, the difficulties faced by a youth with FASD lead to problems within the family or the community.

It is no secret that a high percentage of our correctional centre inmates suffer from FASD and often do not benefit as much as they might from rehabilitative programs.

Mr. Speaker, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder takes a heavy toll on our society.

As individuals, as communities, and as a government, we should all do what we can to raise awareness about FASD, through prevention, identification, care and support. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

Speaker: Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Iqaluit Centre, Mr. Tootoo.

Member's Statement 507 – 2(4): Third Annual Habitat for Humanity Golf Tournament

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and welcome back everybody. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the continuing success of the Iqaluit Habitat for Humanity Invitational Golf Classic.

Mr. Speaker, on August 15, the Third Annual Habitat for Humanity Golf Classic took place in the Ottawa area. Over 100 golfers took part and raised just over \$50,000 towards the Habitat for Humanity program here in Iqaluit.

Mr. Speaker, although we have seen progress in this area, not to mention the building of the most northerly Habitat Home in Canada last summer, the shortage of housing in Nunavut continues to be significant. The shortage of housing adds to a number of other social problems in our territory.

Mr. Speaker, the work of the dedicated and committed members of the Habitat for Humanity program plays an important role in promoting homeownership and helping families break out of the cycle of poverty.

The success of the Habitat Golf Classic was largely due to the support they received from many businesses and organizations who signed on as sponsors of the event. The ongoing support of the title sponsor, First Air, made it possible for a number of people from Iqaluit to attend the event. And Mr. Speaker, I believe that QIA made a generous donation of support this year or a contribution to the program and I would also like to acknowledge them as well.

There were a number of contests held during the event which were enjoyed by all but mostly won by individuals from the south. They had much more practice than us from the north. Modesty, Mr. Speaker, prevents me from naming the winner of the "Most Honest Golfer" but the award, I will tell you, went to an individual from Nunavut, and I think that individual represents Iqaluit Centre. So I want to make it clear that that honour goes to the highest score; it doesn't mean that I did very well, or whoever it was did very well.

I would like to acknowledge the work of the 20 volunteers who travelled from Nunavut, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Quebec and the United States to help make the event a great success.

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

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Specifically, I would like to recognize the stellar contributions of Iqaluit residents: Melanie Abbott, Jennifer Hayward, Al Hayward, Dave Fox, Deenah Kelly, Glenn Cousins and Don Sinclair-Chenier who was the original event organizer.

Mr. Speaker, the funds raised by the Third Annual Habitat for Humanity Golf Classic will go towards building another home here in Iqaluit next summer.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask all my colleagues to join me in congratulating the members of the Iqaluit Habitat for Humanity program on their good work. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Members' Statements. Member for Iqaluit East, Mr. Picco.

Member's Statement 508 – 2(4): Joint Task Force North

Hon. Ed. Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and welcome back to all of our colleagues. I guess, at this time, I would like to say our thoughts and prayers are with Mr. Kilabuk at home with his family.

Mr. Speaker, Joint Task Force North held military exercises here in South Baffin again this summer. Not only do operations like these assert Canadian sovereignty, ready and prepare our armed forces for arctic engagement, and test our readiness and capability by providing economic spin-offs, Mr. Speaker, the logistic and administrative preparations brought the expenditure of large funds to local businesses and people.

The Minister of Defence and the Chief of Defence staff were also here in Nunavut and we had an opportunity to meet with them. It is the second time in the past four years, Mr. Speaker, that we've had the top ranking military and civilian leadership here in Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, increased federal interest in Nunavut is well welcomed. We need to translate this interest by engaging all sectors of Nunavut's economy and people.

My personal opinion, Mr. Speaker, is that the best sovereignty of northern Canada is having a self-governing, democratically elected, constitutionally recognized jurisdiction, consisting of a population, Mr. Speaker, of which 85 percent have been here for over a millennium.

Mr. Speaker, it is this message, this signal, this Government of Nunavut, recognized nationally and internationally, that is part of a sovereign Canada, that is enshrined in legislation, Nunavut, our people, our Canadians, this is the greatest asset, this is the

greatest point and plus, Mr. Speaker, on the ongoing international sovereignty debate and control, that we see about in the national and international media in Arctic Canada.

Mr. Speaker, having 85 percent of a population governed, democratically elected, recognized nationally and internationally, Nunavut, Mr. Speaker, is Canada's best asset as sovereignty for Canada in the arctic. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

Member's Statement 509 – 2(4): Arrival of Son Cooper

Hon. Leona Aglukkaq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I would also like to welcome my colleagues back and as well, offer my condolences to our Speaker's family in Pangnirtung.

I want to take this opportunity to announce the arrival of my son, Cooper.

>>Applause

His Inuktitut name is Aglukkaq after my late father.

On behalf of my husband, Robbie, and my son, I want to take the opportunity to thank Laurie Barber at Public Health Clinic for guiding us through the nine months. At the same time, I would also like to thank the nurses in Gjoa Haven and in Taloyoak that I saw during the process over the nine months and thank them as well. I would also like to thank the hospital staff, Dr. Allen, for all her support during the delivery, and all the staff at the Qikiqtani General Hospital for making the experience a wonderful experience for me and my husband.

I also want to thank my mother. (interpretation) Mom, if you're listening, I would like to thank you for being at the hospital with me for the birth of my son. (interpretation ends) I would also like to thank my friend, Sheila Higden, and my cousin, Joey, and my brother-in-law, T.J., for helping us through the process.

Today, my son weighs over 14 pounds and has covered more miles in Nunavut, as well as through southern Canada. In fact, one of the members on the flight Tuesday, who is sitting in the Gallery, made the comment that he was a very well-behaved traveller.

At the same time, I also want to say that I'm so privileged to have experienced what all mothers experience and that is to have experienced the miracle of creating a little human being and the instant love one feels towards a little stranger the moment you lay eyes on your child.

So I feel honoured by that and I just wanted to share that experience with my colleagues here, as well as with all the other mothers that have experienced this and for the first time, to have known what I have been missing for so long. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you. Members' Statements. (interpretation) If there are no more, we will move on. (interpretation ends) Item 4. Returns to Oral Questions. Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Arvaluk.

Item 5: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I know everybody sitting behind me, but I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Namen Inuaraq from Pond Inlet. Thank you.

>>Applause

Speaker: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker and my colleagues. I would like to welcome you and all the people in the Gallery. I would like to welcome Mr. Gordon Rennie to the Gallery. He is well-known everywhere and he used to work for the Hudson's Bay Company in a lot of communities. Please feel welcome as you are part of the family here. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

Hon. Levinia Brown (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am very pleased that we are going to be seeing each other again during this sitting. I would like to recognize a few individuals today. I don't have much of an opportunity to recognize people in the Gallery, but I would like to recognize two individuals who work for the Department of Community and Government Services: Aseena Allurut and Liz Kingston, who is one of the MTO officials.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize an individual who was already recognized since he is an elder. I, too, would like to recognize Gordon Rennie. He used to work for the Hudson's Bay Company in the Keewatin area and he knew my father and the Voisey family. I would like to thank him for being in the Gallery today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

Hon. Louis Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would also like to recognize two individuals from Igloolik. Very well-known Mr. Ike Haulli, who is in the Gallery, and Elijah Evaloakjuk, whose father was a role model when he was a Member of the NWT Legislative Assembly, Mr. Mark Evaloakjuk. I would like to welcome these two individuals from Igloolik. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It gives me great pleasure, as I've done when the opportunity arose in the past, to recognize an individual who is seriously involved with Canadian North, a representative for Canadian North here in Iqaluit, and that's Ms. Eva Onalik. I would like to again welcome her to the Gallery. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed. Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It gives me great pleasure to also to welcome to the Gallery also a person that needs no introduction to the members and indeed, is becoming well-known across Nunavut with her work as an advocate for women and that's Kathy Hanson. I would like to welcome Kathy to the Gallery.

We're only allowed to welcome someone once in the Gallery, so I would like to take this opportunity not to welcome them but invite them, at the end of the session, to come visit me, and that's Aseena Allurut, who is sitting right behind me. Aseena worked for me for many years and I would like to take this opportunity to invite her to my office to talk about the situation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Laughter*

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. I, too, would like to recognize our visitors. It is my pleasure to recognize in the Gallery today Mr. Norman Pickell, our Acting Integrity Commissioner. Mr. Pickell is joined by his wife, Nancy.

Welcome to the Gallery, Norman and Nancy. They're sitting over there.

>> *Applause*

Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Item 6. Oral Questions. Mr. Mapsalak.

Item 6: Oral Questions**Question 615 – 2(4): Help for Homeowners to Address High Cost of Living**

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

Mr. Speaker, on June 27 of this year, the government announced increases to the price of fuel as a result of the high world price of oil. Homeowners in my constituency understand that the government cannot control the world price of oil but they are worried about the cost of heating their homes this winter.

Mr. Speaker, the minister has spoken publicly on the need for the federal government to provide additional assistance to the Government of Nunavut to help us address the high world price of oil. Can the minister update the House today on his discussions with Ottawa on this issue? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mapsalak. Minister of Energy, Honourable Ed. Picco.

Hon. Ed. Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The member is correct. In early June, we actually had an opportunity to meet with all the members in caucus and discuss the issue with the increasing cost of the price per barrel of fuel. And indeed, at that time, Mr. Speaker, the cost of a barrel of fuel was over \$140 which caused some concern for us. I believe the government was proactive in moving aggressively on July 1 to increase the price across the board, for all fuel products, by 22 cents a litre.

At the present time, I can update the House and say that right now, Minister Brown, through CGS, has been very proactively and actively working on the re-supply issues for Nunavut. We have only received about 46 percent of all of our supplies to date, which means, Mr. Speaker, that a majority of our fuel now is being purchased over the next few weeks.

We do see that the price per barrel of oil in the world is now about \$110 and again, that's a fluid figure, it continues to move. If the number of \$110 per barrel stays around that amount, then we will be in a better position to see where we are on our fuel expense bill by the end of October or the first couple of weeks in November.

At that time, the government of the day would have an opportunity to discuss and see what initiatives to take place. We aren't at that point right now because we have only purchased and delivered approximately 46 to 50 percent of our fuel. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Mapsalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I know that the Department of Education has a program to assist seniors aged 60 and older with the cost of heating their

homes. Is the government reviewing this policy to ensure that as many people as possible can benefit from it? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed. Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The government, again, I think, realizes the high cost of energy to heat our homes, especially for the most vulnerable people in Nunavut. So the government, and I'm glad the member has raised the issue, has actually increased, per household, if an elder owns their own home and their income is less than \$100,000 a year, Mr. Speaker, then the government has moved very quickly to be able to subsidize the total fuel expenditures for that family.

So in that case, Mr. Speaker, if the family, if a homeowner owns their own home, if they're an elder and they make less than \$75,000 a year in total household income, Mr. Speaker, then that family receives 100 percent of their fuel costs covered. If that person has over \$100,000 of income, then they can receive up to 50 percent of the coverage.

So again, Mr. Speaker, that's to help out our elders, the most vulnerable in our society, with a subsidy, especially when you look at the issue, as the member has raised, on home heating fuel. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Mapsalak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Is the government considering introducing any new programs for this coming winter to assist homeowners in Nunavut to pay for their home heating fuel? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Member. Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed. Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again, we have to wait until all the fuel has been delivered, and that should happen in the next six weeks, to see exactly what our final costs are so that we can actually look at the amounts of subsidy that may or may not have to be put in place. And indeed, if there's a reduction needed in the cost at the pump or out of the tank for families, it's a bit early to be able to say that right now.

What I can say is that we have put numerous subsidies in place. Right now, we're the only jurisdiction in Canada, I think it's important to point out, that almost 30 percent of our total budget, over \$300 million, goes directly into the purchase of fuel, the sale of fuel, the storage of fuel, and the subsidies of fuel and electricity in Nunavut. There is no other jurisdiction, Mr. Speaker, that even comes close.

When you're doing over 30 percent in subsidies in cost of fuel, as an example, that's money you can't put into education and that's money you can't put into health. So we need to be able to alleviate those costs and the government has moved in that direction with legislation before the House, as well as cost effective programs in energy. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Mapsalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I know here in Nunavut, we have the coldest weather in Canada.

(interpretation ends) Can the minister indicate to the House today whether more fuel price increases will be announced before the end of the sitting of the Legislative Assembly? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mapsalak. Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed. Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Unless the member wants to announce something on his re-election, I understand he is running and he made that public yesterday, unless he wants to announce an increase over the next two weeks, then I would suggest to him that that happen.

No, Mr. Speaker, there is no intention by the government to do any type of increase or decrease in the price of fuel by September 18, in the next two weeks. Again, we have only delivered and purchased almost 50 percent of our fuel supply at this time, so it would be premature to be able to make that type of statement.

Again, that will work and roll itself out over the next several weeks when the completion of sealift has occurred. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Oral Questions. Member for Iqaluit Centre, Mr. Tootoo.

Question 616 – 2(4): Additional Guidelines under Integrity Act

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Premier.

Mr. Speaker, I'm sure that the Premier is aware, and we are all aware, that our *Integrity Act*, under section 38, allows him, as the Premier, to set additional guidelines for his ministers on top of the provisions in the *Integrity Act*. Can the Premier indicate if he has, in fact, set up any additional guidelines and when they have been in place since? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I discuss these issues with the Integrity Commissioners to resolve the problems we have encountered. Any minister is able to discuss these issues with me to try and resolve the problems beforehand. So we try to be prepared prior to issues surfacing. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Maybe I need to clarify my question. In section 38, it says that the Premier, in writing, can ask the Integrity Commissioner to review the facts of a given report as to whether a minister has contravened any additional written requirements established by the Premier. So I'm asking: do those additional written requirements exist outside of the *Integrity Act*, as outlined in the section, and if so, since when? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I collaborate and work with all the ministers upon their appointment where we explore options and discuss any problems that the minister may run into, and we try to be as prepared beforehand as we can. This also occurs when we reassign portfolios to the ministers, where we try to resolve issues prior to problems, and we work with these Integrity Commissioners as well as the ministers. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's difficult to get an answer. Maybe I would like to ask the Premier a simple yes or no question. Has he issued any additional requirements, as outlined in section 38, for provisions for his ministers to follow, yes or no? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We work with the Integrity Commissioners on those. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Then I guess if you work with them on those that they do exist. So what's wrong with saying, "Yes, I do have them"?

I would like to ask the Premier: those additional requirements that he has outlined for his ministers, who is responsible for monitoring and ensuring that they are being followed? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The deputy ministers are given the opportunity to work with the Integrity Commissioner if there is going to be a conflict with the ministers. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 617 – 2(4): Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders

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

Mr. Speaker, early today I rose to recognize Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Day. I would like to ask the Minister of Health and Social Services what special activities have been undertaken by her department to acknowledge and celebrate this special day across Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. Minister of Health and Social Services, Honourable Leona Aglukkaq.

Hon. Leona Aglukkaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is one file that we have been working very hard on to promote awareness in Nunavut. In the past, I had stated and I'm proud that Nunavut is part of a seven-province coalition that studies the impacts of alcohol to the unborn child and studies around how to treat children born with the disorder. So it's one that continues to function and provide advice to us on how we can treat people that are born with this mental illness and of course, it was never the child's choice to be born with an FASD and how we can integrate them into the system.

So having said that, this month is, in fact, FASD, or Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, Month. The department will be sending out information to all communities in Nunavut through media and through materials developed. The campaign includes posters, pamphlets, t-shirts, bumper stickers, coasters, and fridge magnets. And the message of this new campaign is that everyone has a role to play in preventing FASD and features a variety of community members stating that they are helping to prevent FASD.

The department is also doing initiatives to train the trainer package that will teach employers and other community partners how they can support individuals with challenges in the workplace, similar to those of which may be encountered by adults with FASD, and will be piloted in November with the second phase to be introduced in January. The training package is to help educate men on FASD and the role they can play in this as well.

So there are a number of activities the department will promote, not only for this awareness week in September but throughout the year, and the department has been actively working with community organizations like the Qulliq Status of Women, the establishment that distributes alcohol to communities, and so on, to try and prevent a completely preventable illness. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the Minister of Health for that answer. I have a number of constituents in the Cambridge Bay riding who suffer from that disorder and it's very difficult for them, on a day-to-day basis, to make a go of it.

Mr. Speaker, raising awareness of FASD and providing support for those individuals and families struggling with FASD is not just something that should happen once a year. And the minister touched on ongoing activities. I wonder if the minister can update the House on what specific activities are undertaken by her department throughout the year and across Nunavut to raise awareness of FASD. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. Minister Aglukkaq.

Hon. Leona Aglukkaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First, the department is involved in the area of research with other jurisdictions just on this file. We have a Nunavut representative, a well-known individual, who is a member of the Canada Northwest FASD partnership, and that's Helen Klengenber. In that committee, there's a research committee that specializes in the review of prevention and initiatives across Canada, not just in Canada but the United States and other jurisdictions, that we draw on in terms of their experiences and attend conferences.

Having said that, that kind of information feeds into our organization as to what some of the initiatives that we can undertake in Nunavut. One that we do is in the areas of prenatal classes and through public health, that when a woman is pregnant and then public health officials will explain the impacts of FASD to the expectant mother as well as the family.

In terms of getting the information out on prevention, it is also shared through the public health initiative and recently, this past year, we tabled in this House a Public Health Strategy and initiatives in keeping people well and just the impacts of alcohol to the unborn child, but not only that, it's also smoking and eating well, and so on. There are a number of other factors.

But at the same time, the department is involved in trying to deal with the establishment of a Mental Health Strategy for Nunavut because many of the people that are born with FASD will face challenges throughout their lives. So it's not one particular file or initiative, it's a number of files that we're engaged in, along with our partners in Education and Justice. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. Your second supplementary, Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the minister's very detailed answer. I look forward to reading the *Hansard* tomorrow to fully digest the answer.

Mr. Speaker, my question for the minister: can the minister clarify what recent progress has been made in developing assessment tools and treatment programs for dealing specifically with FASD in Nunavut? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. Minister Aglukkaq.

Hon. Leona Aglukkaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We have people in the front lines that are mental health workers or nurses that assess individuals with FASD or who have the possibility of having FASD.

Part of the partnership that we're engaged with Canada Northwest FASD is also to learn, in other jurisdictions, what different assessment tools are in place that can help us guide and better assess our clients. So there are tools in Nunavut that I am aware of, but it's from the time the child is born to be seen by nurses, and so on, that that becomes known.

One of the things that we're trying to do in the work with the Canada Northwest FASD working group is to learn ways to assess children at birth and at different stages in their lives. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for that answer. I was encouraged when Nunavut became a member of the Prairie Northern Pacific FAS Partnership, a number of provinces and territories across Canada that address this important issue.

I wonder if the minister could update the House today on what activities Nunavut is discussing with the partnership and what information they are sharing with us that could help us address this FASD issue in Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. Minister Aglukkaq.

Hon. Leona Aglukkaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Canada Northwest FASD Partnership consists of seven provinces where we have ministers from the seven provinces that participate in the direction of a research subcommittee that functions under that partnership. That subcommittee is doing the actual clinical assessments and research in the areas of treating individuals with FASD, whether it is through special education or raising awareness of prevention, and so on.

They have also been partners in participating in an international conference, which was held in Victoria, where individuals born with FASD were leads in the discussions in trying to deal with and integrate individuals with an illness that is completely preventable. So that work is ongoing and we use reports from those jurisdictions to try and develop programs for our jurisdiction.

We do not have the capacity, as a territory, to do the clinical research and rely on other jurisdictions to assist us in those initiatives. By having a board member on that committee, it helps us to point out some of the challenges we face in the territory with our population that may have FASD. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. Oral Questions. Member for Baker Lake, Mr. Simailak.

Question 618 – 2(4): Status of Medical Staffing in Baker Lake

Mr. Simailak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, too, would like to direct my question to the Minister of Health and Social Services. I had asked the same question previously.

The community of Baker Lake has grown significantly over the past few years however the number of nurses providing services at the health centre has not increased. Earlier this year, I raised the issue of adequate medical staffing for the community of Baker Lake and the minister advised that her staff would be looking into the issue as part of the Public Health Strategy. Can the minister provide an update on the status of the Public Health Strategy and whether or not new nursing staff positions will be allocated to the community of Baker Lake? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Leona Aglukkaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If I understand the member correctly, he is asking if we are going to be increasing the PY allocation for the Baker Lake Health Centre. The listing that I have here so far does not indicate that there will be additional PYs and so on.

Having said that, I did commit to the member that I would look in to see where we stand in that through the regional office and I will commit to following that up today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Simailak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) Thank you, Minister.

As I mentioned during an earlier session, medical doctors never seem to have enough time to see all the patients on the list during their short visits to the communities. In fact, it has been suggested that given the current size of the population of Baker Lake, combined with the population at the nearby mining facility, a full-time medical doctor should be on staff in the community. Can the minister provide an update on what consideration has been given to allocating a full-time doctor position to the community of Baker Lake? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

An Hon. Member: Hear, hear.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Simailak. Minister Aglukkaq.

Hon. Leona Aglukkaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The members know that there are challenges that we face in our territory and other jurisdictions in recruiting physicians on a full-time basis. As it is right now, we have people that come in on short-term contracts, and so on, and that continues to be a challenge in recruiting physicians and doctors, not just in our jurisdiction but other jurisdictions.

Having said that, I will follow-up to see what work has been done to see if there is a requirement to have a full-time doctor stationed in Baker Lake, or the options of coming up with another model where we have doctors that travel to various communities to provide services, and get back to the member. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Your second supplementary, Mr. Simailak.

Mr. Simailak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If it is okay with you, I would like to speak to a related matter, although it is not entirely related to the issue and which I would like to pose a question towards.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, the community of Baker Lake has also noted that the number of visits by dentists is never enough to meet the needs for dental care. Can the minister provide an update on how dental services are determined for each community and what is done to ensure that there are an adequate number of dental visits to address the needs of Baker Lake residents? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. Minister Aglukkaq.

Hon. Leona Aglukkaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The dentist provides services in each community and a schedule is developed. In Baker Lake, the dedicated number of days the dentist is in that community currently stands at 100 days per year.

From what I understand with that information, the number of days is negotiated and agreed to through the Non-Insured Health Benefits Program. This is an area that the department has been working on for some time to try to increase the number of days for Nunavut.

I understand that we're near completion with some of our discussions with Health Canada on increasing those numbers of days that are required in a community to address not only the population growth but also the increases in services. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Simailak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) Thank you, Minister. I understand that Baker Lake's current dental therapist may soon be leaving the community. As you know, a dental therapist plays an important role in the prevention of dental problems especially in youth. Can the minister provide an update on what is being done to ensure that the community of Baker Lake continues to have dental therapy

services and what is being done to hire a new dental therapist for the community?
(interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. Minister Aglukkaq.

Hon. Leona Aglukkaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wasn't aware that the dentist was actually leaving the community. But the normal process is followed for any positions that are vacant in the government when we have a vacancy and that is to advertise through the normal competition process in recruiting positions that are vacant.

One of the things that I want to share also with the Members of this House is that the department is also looking to develop a dental training program in Nunavut as part of our Recruitment and Retention Strategy. That is one area that we are exploring as a program to offer in Nunavut for Nunavummiut so that Nunavummiut can be dentists and provide services at their community level. So of course, that's a long-term initiative that we're looking at, but there is, again, like any other health care field, a shortage of dentists in Canada and it is a bit of a challenge for us.

But currently, where there are no dentists in communities, we have contracts in place with companies and organizations that provide the services to us. With the position that is allocated to Baker Lake, I will see when the advertisement will be initiated. Usually, those are initiated when the incumbent has resigned from their position. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Oral Questions. Member for Tununig, Mr. Arvaluk.

Question 619 – 2(4): GN Five-Year Plan Does Not Include Pond Inlet Arena

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

As I stated earlier in my Member's Statement, I spoke to the issue of communities that will be allocated capital infrastructure projects and that the projects are listed in the capital plan. Although I read the entire 2009-2013 Five-Year Capital Plan, I didn't find the information I was looking for. As the minister knows, it has been two years since her department concluded an agreement with respect to this issue.

I was shown the correspondence that originated from the government recommending that it would be more cost effective if the community hall and the arena were built as one building. When the government stated that there weren't enough funds to build the single building, they stated it would be built in phases and only the community hall was constructed with the understanding that the arena would be constructed once the funds are earmarked for its construction.

I quickly reviewed the Five-Year Capital Plan and the arena project has been completely written out of the document, and there are no funds earmarked for the construction of the

arena, even though I checked it all the way to 2013. I would like to ask the minister: why was there a unilateral change in the plans without consulting with the people of Pond Inlet? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. Minister of Community and Government Services, Honourable Levinia Brown.

Hon. Levinia Brown (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was very pleased that I was able to come to your community to inspect the newly constructed community hall. In my opinion, it is a beautiful building that people should go and check it out. I am grateful, along with his constituents, that they have a nice new community hall.

In regard to the issue the member is referring to, some projects do get taken out and the government makes changes to the plans as required. That is the usual government practice. I believe the member knows the process since he has experience on the governance process and he ought to know how the allocation process is undertaken by the government as this has not changed.

However, I can state that, in regard to our plans to build a community hall/arena in his community, we could only build the community hall and the arena could not be built due to lack of funding. To date, we have the design drawings for the arena and they are now at the 99 percent review stage. If I could rephrase this in English, (interpretation ends) phase 2 arena drawings and specifications are at the rate of 99 percent review stage. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Your first supplementary, Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, we are well aware that design drawings can be and are usually completed for a project, but if there are no funds with which to construct the building, those drawings are useless and just collect dust, and that drawing cannot be utilized by the youth to skate in, perhaps only in spirit could they skate on that drawn arena.

I would like to ask this question, Mr. Speaker. I did not ask about projects that are taken off or put into the capital plan and how that process works. I'm familiar with that process, as is the minister. However, any kind of changes to the plans require substantiation and reasons that are behind these changes.

My question is this: what is the reason behind the removal of this project from the Five-Year Capital Plan? Why was Pond Inlet's arena/community hall project, which was originally in the capital plan with both phases listed, entirely removed from the plan? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Brown.

Hon. Levinia Brown (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I had indicated earlier in regard to the capital projects, our department cannot keep up with the capital projects requested by each community; we don't have the financial resources to build all required infrastructure that are requested and this leads to difficulties in trying to meet all of the capital infrastructure requirements.

We could probably look at the Building Canada Fund, and it may surface in that list of projects, and we are anticipating getting some additional funds through that fund. This will be reviewed later on this year and we do not always work on these projects on a speedy basis due to our lack of resources.

We also have to look at other communities which currently have no community halls, arenas, and other recreational facilities as our priority. We have to prioritize what is needed at the community level and which community should be placed first. That is part of the reason why we have to make changes, but we try to allocate them as fairly as we can. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am well aware of the process and we are well aware that we will never meet all the infrastructure needs of each community in Nunavut, irrespective of whether it is a dock or an arena. We all know how much it costs to develop the infrastructure as they are extremely expensive to construct up north, especially today, with so much development in Alberta and at the national level, and I am well versed in the challenges we face.

However, what I'm trying to state here is that the government gave false expectations to the community when they stated that they were going to be building a community hall/arena complex, and it was even placed in the Five-Year Capital Plan.

The government led the community to believe that the arena and the community hall would be built as a complex. They stated that they would only build the community hall for the time being because of the shortage of funds. The people of Pond Inlet believed the government, so they said yes because they're anticipating future building of the arena.

I wouldn't have anything to argue about if it wasn't written in the documents already; it was in the Five-Year Capital Plan. What I'm trying to ask the minister is: what reason was that deleted out of the Five-Year Capital Plan? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

An Hon. Member: Hear, hear.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Brown.

Hon. Levinia Brown (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank the member for his understanding. When there is a shortage of financial resources, we have to make some changes. I'm trying to be as accurate as possible and it's very likely that

this building might be built with funds from Building Canada Fund. We could look at it with that pot of money.

I apologize if I gave new hope to the people of Pond Inlet with the statement that the government made. We have put it in the Five-Year Capital Plan and we anticipate seeing it again sometime in the future because we have to meet the needs. I know that there are lots of requirements at the communities and I know that there are a lot of financial resources. We would like to assist all communities, but it's impossible to do so when there's always a shortage of money. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank the minister. I hope to see you come back again as the Cabinet Minister to the same department so we can see that built under the Building Canada Fund. When do you anticipate receiving the Building Canada Fund and where is it at? Could you give us an update on the negotiations on that pot of money? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Levinia Brown (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We have completed the Five-Year Capital Plan but that's a seven-year program. I think NAM and the communities are involved in the discussions, but I can tell you that, through the Building Canada Fund, the money will be made available to our territory for seven years. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Oral Questions. Member for Rankin Inlet North, Mr. Curley.

Question 620 – 2(4): GN Funding for Paving of Roads

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Premier.

During the Budget Address, the Finance Minister said that they will have some funding to pave the roads in Iqaluit so that the quality of life in Iqaluit would improve. On July 10 of this year, the Premier issued a press release in which he announced that \$12 million will go towards road paving in the City of Iqaluit over the next two years.

Can the Premier confirm exactly which department's budget this funding will come from, where they will get the third party funding, and which department will be working on the paving of the roads in Iqaluit? (interpretation ends) Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Premier of Nunavut, Honourable Paul Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The City of Iqaluit has their discretion as to how the money is going to be spent and they also provide money for themselves, so we work with the City of Iqaluit.

This can happen anywhere in Nunavut if communities want to gain town status. In that way, they would be able to work with the government to provide all these things. Iqaluit is a city and it is a taxed-based municipality, so we worked with them to have the roads paved here in Iqaluit. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Curley: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It was announced during the budget estimates speech that there would be extra funding for the City of Iqaluit for the paving of roads to improve the quality of life. Why is it that the quality of life in Iqaluit is the most important one and not important for other Nunavummiut?

That is the concern of Nunavummiut because I believe that the city is not able to raise that amount of capital through tax-based revenues. So therefore, the government comes in with the extra measures. Is the Building Canada Fund involved in this project or is the Department of Community and Government Services providing extra funding aside from the tax share of Iqalumiut? Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Curley. Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I invite all municipalities to become towns so that they can generate their revenues and help us out in creating wonderful projects like paving in other communities.

So the city has worked out an arrangement where we had agreed to, in this House, block fund the city and that money is already there. What we did was we advanced it by one year but that's it. We're not changing the amount; we're just advancing one year of additional dollars so that they can complete the paving project. We're not, in any way, increasing funding for anybody, so there's no favouritism.

The city is hopeful that they can get Building Canada funds for the project, but in the event that they can't do that, they're going to use the \$12 million that we allocated in this House. So that's the flexibility that they do have as a city with their own tax base. I invite other large communities to become towns so that they can do their part and fund innovative projects like this in their communities. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. Your second supplementary, Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank the Premier for explaining what the benefit of tax-paying communities are, but he failed to explain to Nunavummiut that there was a special arrangement entered into in 1999, or shortly thereafter, to provide

extra capital funding over a four or five-year period. I believe that has been extended. That is beside the tax revenues that the city, in itself, raised. So I'm not convinced that taxpayers, as it is, are a good example, as the way that the Premier explained to us. He cannot explain exactly what third party funding has been used to pay for paving roads in Iqaluit.

So my second supplementary, Mr. Speaker, is: local leaders in Rankin Inlet have expressed their disappointment that while the capital city enjoys new paved roads, the Hamlet of Rankin Inlet's request for assistance was apparently rejected. Can the Premier clearly explain to the House why Iqalumiut deserve paved roads but Rankin Inlet apparently does not and is not being provided with extra funding from the same sources as Iqaluit qualifies for? Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) The city has the freedom and flexibility to make those decisions. They are not dependent on our government to make those choices because they are a tax-based community. That's a freedom and flexibility that you do get by creating your own tax base.

What we have done through this House is approve a block funding agreement that was already approved in the budget, and the city chose to use that money for paving as opposed to other projects. So they're using their own source funding to fund other ongoing additional costs on their own.

So I invite other communities to do the same and create their own tax base where they can so that they don't have to rely on our government to make day-to-day decisions, basically, so they can do their part and fund projects like paving their own roads in other communities. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. Your final supplementary, Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Tax-based communities certainly appear to have some benefit but they rely on a significant amount of funding. Extra funding is required by this government, otherwise, the Premier would not have been part of the announcement unless he was putting extra, above and beyond funding from tax revenues alone.

Nunavummiut are not only hoping for fair distribution of programs and funding for municipalities, but they, too, are entitled to third party federal government funding such as the Building Canada Fund. Why do only some communities qualify from those funds and others don't? Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Curley. Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) There is a list that is attached to the Building Canada Fund, it's a federal list of what projects can be approved or not, so it's not our list. It's a list that we have to work with to finance and cost share projects throughout Nunavut. So that's a limitation that we have with the Building Canada Fund.

I must say that we didn't approve any additional dollars for the City of Iqaluit. We advanced by one year some of that funding that was already allocated in this House and it's a city that chose to spend that money that was approved in this House for the paving project. It wasn't our decision, it was the city's decision, and we accommodated their request. That's why we were taking part in the announcement by accommodating what had already been announced in this House. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 621 – 2(4): Fuel Delivery to Homeowners

Mr. Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Community and Government Services. I have asked this question many times as the minister knows.

People who own their own homes try to fill up their tanks themselves during bad weather. During the winter session, the minister stated that she would look into the issue that took place in Sanikiluaq. A person with their own home had to refill their own heating fuel. The people of Sanikiluaq are awaiting the reply from the minister. Can the minister give me an update on whether or not that issue has been resolved? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Minister of Community and Government Services, Honourable Levinia Brown.

Hon. Levinia Brown (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In different communities, various organizations are contracted to provide services, as an example, the local Co-op usually has contracts for fuel delivery, but it could be any local business that meets our criteria.

My department conducted a review on the issue raised by the member at our last session and the extenuating circumstances were looked at as well. It seems that some of the homeowners experienced difficulties and after conducting some research into the issue, it was found that some of these people were filling up their fuel tanks with jerry cans and this can be a dangerous situation when they are transporting the fuel.

The contractors tried to fulfill their obligations to the best of their ability as it relates to fuel delivery, but this occurred during a difficult time. The private homeowners were attempting to fill up their fuel tanks when the fuel truck was broken down. In the meantime, the private homeowners still had to fuel up in order to keep their houses

heated. The majority of the homeowners were utilizing the five-gallon jerry cans during this period, those red plastics cans, and this was how they were refuelling their homes, as people do not wish to run out of heating fuel, especially during the winter.

When your home runs out of heating fuel in the wintertime, it can lead to expensive repairs when the home is frozen. These people were just trying to ensure that they did not run out of fuel oil and that was their attempt at maintaining their homes, and this is what I have been apprised of in regard to that matter. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Is the minister saying that the contractors will now be fuelling up the private homeowners' tanks? Is this what the minister is stating, that these homeowners will no longer have to fill up their own fuel tanks? Do I understand that during times of bad weather or mechanical difficulties, the contractor will now fill up the fuel tanks with jerry cans? Is this what you are saying? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Brown.

Hon. Levinia Brown (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The government prefers to deliver fuel oil directly to the homeowners' tanks because it can become a dangerous situation and this can lead to fuel spills directly onto the ground. However, I am not saying that the contractors will be delivering fuel oil using that method. If the contractors are requested to fill up a fuel tank, they have to go and fill up the tank as requested. But in regard to private homeowners, not all of them are up to date on their fuel bills and they do not have any disposable income available for that.

In the case of mechanical failure, such as when the contractor's fuel truck broke down, which happened in this case, the homeowners are just trying to ensure that they have fuel to heat their homes and that is why they were using the five-gallon jerry cans to refill their tanks. This is a complex issue with no easy answers and we will have to review all of the circumstances. Perhaps if we were to stop someone who is undertaking that, it can be dangerous for all the parties. As a result of this practice being stopped and if the homeowner runs out of fuel, then who is going to pay?

The homeowners did whatever was necessary to protect their own interests at that time and the government prefers that this not be repeated. However, we cannot forecast times when mechanical problems will occur, so we cannot state unequivocally that this will never happen again. This did occur in the community of Sanikiluaq and we will have to be better prepared for those eventualities should they occur again in the near future. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think I understand the minister when she states that this problem will be rectified soon. If I understood the minister properly, can she tell me this: will this problem be resolved before the cold winter months arrive and that there is a plan? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Brown.

Hon. Levinia Brown (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I will have this matter looked into further. As well, the contractors have stated that if this reoccurs and the fuel delivery truck is mechanically disabled, then the contractor will deliver fuel using the 45-gallon drums and perhaps a hand pump to deliver fuel into the fuel tanks. This will ensure that the contractor provides fuel instead of the five-gallon jerry cans the homeowners are presently using to refuel their tanks due to the dangers associated with that practice. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Your final supplementary, Mr. Kattuk.

Mr. Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the minister for clarifying this problem. The people in Sanikiluaq now know what the government wants us to do. So the contractors will probably be delivering the 45-gallon drums to the homes of those home owners. This is not a question; it's just a comment, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Iqaluit Centre, Mr. Tootoo.

Question 622 – 2(4): Additional Guidelines under Integrity Act

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to follow-up with the Premier in the exchange that we had earlier. I didn't get very far in responses.

In the Premier's ability to set additional conflict of interest requirements for his ministers as outlined in the *Integrity Act*, I would just like to ask him to confirm that if something does come up that does contravene that, if those responsibilities would flow to the deputy minister of the department. So I'm just wondering: those additional requirements that he has set for his ministers, who's responsible for ensuring that they're complied with? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. Premier of Nunavut, Honourable Paul Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) We are bound by the conflict of interest provisions through the Integrity Commissioner, so anybody can enforce those provisions. If my colleague has an issue, he can file a complaint like he has in the past, so that's one way of enforcing it.

I work with the Integrity Commissioner annually and make sure that everything is in order, so I follow-up with my colleagues and report on any potential conflict. That's how

I work with my colleagues and it's worked to date so far. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. Your first supplementary, Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to clarify. According to section 38 of the *Integrity Act*, and here it says that only the Premier can ask the Integrity Commissioner, in writing, to review any facts and give a written report as to whether a minister has contravened any additional written requirements established by the Premier for his ministers.

I know that the *Integrity Act* itself is there for everybody but that gives the Premier the ability to establish additional requirements on top of the *Integrity Act* and that's, I believe, as he had indicated earlier, that those are in place and I was trying to find who is responsible for ensuring that those additional requirements that he has set for his ministers are followed. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) As I said, I meet with the Integrity Commissioner annually to see and examine if everything's going okay. So far, there has been no issue. It's been I don't know how many years this House has been sitting and so far, there has been no issue to report on. I'll always consult with my colleagues and make sure everything is okay. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. Your second supplementary, Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would just like to confirm, and I'm not asking the Premier on any of his things, but I know, as I said, he can and has, as I believe he indicated, set additional guidelines for his ministers and that specific section in the Act says that only he can request a review on there.

So from his response, I would assume that the Premier is issuing those additional guidelines as the one responsible for them being adhered to, as he indicated, since the beginning, that he has never asked the Integrity Commissioner to review anything in regard to the additional requirements that he has established for his ministers. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) Some of my colleagues have spouses working in the government and we try and avoid any potential for conflict, any perception. So we have set guidelines, I have insisted on guidelines, to manage their portfolios accordingly through the Office of the Integrity Commissioner.

We have clearly set standards to avoid any perception or potential violations of the *Integrity Act*. So that's what we have put in place as soon as they were assuming their new duties in different portfolios. I have insisted on those and those have taken place, and as I said, I meet annually with the Integrity Commissioner to make sure that those things are being followed through. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. Your final supplementary, Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm glad to hear in his comments that he wants to make sure that there are no conflicts of interest with his ministers anywhere and as he indicated, they are very thorough on that. Can he indicate if he is asked or received an opinion from the Integrity Commissioner in regard to... have there been any exceptions made to the additional requirements that he has set for his ministers? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I don't know what exceptions there would be. I insist that there be no potential or perceived conflict, and if they have spouses working in various departments, that there be clear standards in place for another minister to assume those responsibilities in the event of any potential conflict.

I haven't seen any exemption or exception to date. My ministers have been very cooperative and have done very well in informing me of any potential and working with the Integrity Commissioner to date on these matters. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Question Period is now over. Item 7. Written Questions. Item 8. Returns to Written Questions. Mr. Clerk.

Item 8: Returns to Written Questions*

Return to Written Question 013 – 2(4): Appeals under NNI Policy

Return to Written Question 014 – 2(4): Attendance and Graduation Rates in the Kitikmeot

Return to Written Question 015 – 2(4): Disclosure and Withdrawals under the Integrity Act

Clerk (Mr. Quirke): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of the minister responsible for this sitting of the Fourth Session of the Second Legislative Assembly, I am tabling Returns to Written Questions 13 – 2(4), 14 – 2(4), and 15 – 2(4). Thank you.

*See Appendix for full text of Returns to Written Questions 13 – 2(4), 14 – 2(4), and 15 – 2(4) filed with the Clerk.

Speaker: Thank you. 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. Mr. Premier.

Item 13: Tabling of Documents

Tabled Document 271 – 2(4): Ministerial Meeting Report – Council of the Federation, July 16-18, 2008 from Dept. of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to table the following document: the Council of Federation Meeting in Quebec City, July 16 to 18, 2008. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Can we have that document brought forward to the table, please.

(interpretation ends) Tabling of Documents. Mr. Simailak.

Tabled Document 272 – 2(4): Citations for Commissioner’s Awards 2008 to Residents of Baker Lake

Mr. Simailak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table today the citations for this year’s Commissioner’s Awards to residents of Baker Lake. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Can we have that document brought forward to the table, please.

(interpretation ends) Tabling of Documents.

Tabled Document 273 – 2(4): Integrity Commissioner Annual Report April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008

Tabled Document 274 – 2(4): Statutory Requirements for Tabling of Reports and Other Documents in the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut – September 2008

Members, I wish to table today the 2007-2008 Annual Report of the Integrity Commissioner of Nunavut to the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut. Thank you.

I also wish to table today the document *Statutory Requirements for Tabling of Reports and Other Documents in the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut*. This list is regularly updated by the Legislative Assembly and tracks the status of documents that are legally

required to be tabled in the House. This listing is current to September 3, 2008. Thank you.

Tabling of Documents. Mr. Clerk.

Tabled Document 275 – 2(4): Return to Oral Question 548 – 2(4) Monitoring and Enforcement of NNI Policy and Return to Oral Question 601 – 2(4) Summer Student Employment Equity Program in Baker Lake

Clerk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of the minister responsible, I am tabling Returns to Oral Questions 548 – 2(4) and 601 – 2(4). Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you. Tabling of Documents. Item 14. Notices of Motions. Mr. Mapsalak.

Item 14: Notices of Motions

Motion 043 – 2(4): Appointment of Integrity Commissioner – Notice

Mr. Mapsalak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Thursday, September 11, 2008, I will move the following motion:

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Honourable Member for Hudson Bay, that the Legislative Assembly recommend to the Commissioner of Nunavut that Mr. Norman Pickell be appointed as Integrity Commissioner, effective this day.

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

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mapsalak. Notices of Motions. Item 15. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Minister Tapardjuk.

Item 15: Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills

Bill 36 – Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 4, 2007-2008 – Notice

Hon. Louis Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Thursday, September 11, 2008, that Bill 36, *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 4, 2007-2008*, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Minister Tapardjuk

Bill 37 – Supplementary Appropriation (Operations & Maintenance) Act, No. 4, 2007-2008 – Notice

Hon. Louis Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Thursday, September 11, 2008, that Bill 37, *Supplementary Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, No. 4, 2007-2008*, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Minister Tapardjuk.

Bill 38 – Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 2, 2008-2009 – Notice

Hon. Louis Tapardjuk (interpretation): Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Thursday, September 11, 2008, that Bill 38, *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 2, 2008-2009*, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Minister Tapardjuk.

Bill 39 – Supplementary Appropriation (Operations & Maintenance) Act, No. 2, 2008-2009 – Notice

Hon. Louis Tapardjuk (interpretation): Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Thursday, September 11, 2008, that Bill 39, *Supplementary Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, No. 2, 2008-2009*, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Minister Brown.

Bill 40 – An Act to Amend the Revolving Fund Act – Notice

Hon. Levinia Brown: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Thursday, September 11, 2008, that Bill 40, *An Act to Amend the Revolving Fund Act*, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Minister Tapardjuk.

Bill 41 – Forgiveness of Debts Act 2008-2009 – Notice

Hon. Louis Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Thursday, September 11, 2008, that Bill 41, *Forgiveness of Debts Act 2008-2009*, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. (interpretation ends) Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Mr. Premier.

Bill 42 – Miscellaneous Justice Statutes Amendment Act 2008 – Notice

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I give notice that on Thursday, September 11, 2008, that Bill 42, *Miscellaneous Justice Statutes Amendment Act 2008*, be read for the first time. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Premier. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Minister Tapardjuk.

Bill 43 – Write-off of Assets and Debts Act 2008-2009 – Notice

Hon. Louis Tapardjuk (interpretation): Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Thursday, September 11, 2008, that Bill 43, *Write-off of Assets and Debts Act 2008-2009*, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Item 16. Motions. Mr. Mapsalak.

Item 16: Motions

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

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

Motion 043 – 2(4): Appointment of Integrity Commissioner

Mr. Mapsalak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

WHEREAS section 24 of the *Integrity Act* provides that the Integrity Commissioner is appointed by the Commissioner of Nunavut on the recommendation of the Legislative Assembly to hold office for a term of five years during good behaviour;

AND WHEREAS this position is currently filled on an acting basis;

AND WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly's Standing Committee *Ajauqtiit* has undertaken a merit-based selection process for this position;

AND WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly is prepared to recommend a permanent appointment to this position;

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Honourable Member for Hudson Bay, that the Legislative Assembly recommend to the Commissioner of Nunavut that Mr. Norman Pickell be appointed as Integrity Commissioner, effective this day. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Mapsalak. The motion is in order. To the motion. Mr. Mapsalak.

Mr. Mapsalak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to take this opportunity to speak to the motion that is before the House today.

As the members will recall, when former Integrity Commissioner Robert Stanbury retired, Mr. David Jones was appointed to serve as Acting Integrity Commissioner until such time as the standing committee had the opportunity to conduct a merit-based selection process for a new Integrity Commissioner.

In June of this year, the Standing Committee *Ajauqtiit* established a selection subcommittee to interview applicants for the position of Integrity Commissioner.

A total of 42 applications were received from across Canada. All of the five applicants who were selected for an interview are practicing lawyers. The standing committee was of the view that a legal background is essential for a position of this nature.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all applicants for having taken the time to apply for this important position.

The standing committee determined that Mr. Norman Pickell presented the best combination of experience and personal qualities.

We were particularly impressed with his background as a deputy judge and as a practice reviewer for the Law Society of Upper Canada.

As members may have noted from his official biography, Norman lives and works in a small Ontario community about the size of Iqaluit.

We believe that his residency in Ontario will help to ensure that he is clearly seen by Nunavummiut to be free from any potential conflicts of interest with respect to our territory and Legislative Assembly.

However, his personal background will help him to fully understand and appreciate the challenges facing us as MLAs, given that we all represent communities that are small by national standards.

As members will recall, the appointment of Mr. Pickell as our Acting Integrity Commissioner was announced on July 18 of this year. This appointment was made by our Management and Services Board following a recommendation made by me as Chair of the Standing Committee *Ajauqtiit*.

I am pleased that the House is now in a position to recommend a permanent appointment, and I look forward to the support of all members for this motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour of the motion, please raise your hand. All those opposed. There being none. The motion is carried.

>>Applause

Congratulations, Mr. Pickell. Welcome aboard. Item 16. Motions. Item 17. First Reading of Bills. Minister Tapardjuk.

Item 17: First Reading of Bills

Hon. Louis Tapardjuk (interpretation): Mr. Speaker, I request consent of this Assembly to waive the two-day notice requirement to allow for first reading of Bill 36, *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 4, 2007-2008*. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. The minister is seeking unanimous consent to waive Rule 62(1) to allow for first reading of Bill 36. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Please proceed, *Annuraaqatik* Minister.

Bill 36 – Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 4, 2007-2008 – First Reading

Hon. Louis Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Quttiktuq, that Bill 36, *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 4, 2007-2008*, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. The motion is in order. Question has been called. All those in favour, please raise your hand. Opposed. The motion is carried.

First Reading of Bills. Minister Tapardjuk.

Hon. Louis Tapardjuk (interpretation): Mr. Speaker, I request consent of this Assembly to waive the two-day notice requirement to allow for first reading of Bill 37, *Supplementary Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, No. 4, 2007-2008*. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. The minister is seeking consent to waive Rule 62(1) so that Bill 37 can have first reading today. Are there any nays? There are no nays. You may proceed, Mr. Minister.

**Bill 37 – Supplementary Appropriation (Operations & Maintenance) Act, No. 4,
2007-2008 – First Reading**

Hon. Louis Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker and my colleagues. I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Nattilik, that Bill 37, *Supplementary Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, No. 4, 2007-2008*, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. The motion is in order. Question has been called. All those in favour, please raise your hand. Opposed. The motion is carried.

(interpretation ends) First Reading of Bills. Minister Tapardjuk.

Hon. Louis Tapardjuk (interpretation): Mr. Speaker, I request consent of this Assembly to waive the two-day notice requirement to allow for first reading of Bill 38, *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 2, 2008-2009*. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. The minister is seeking consent to waive Rule 62 (1) so that Bill 38 can have first reading today. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Please proceed, Mr. Minister.

**Bill 38 – Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 2, 2008-2009 – First
Reading**

Hon. Louis Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Iqaluit East, that Bill 38, *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 2, 2008-2009*, be read for the first time.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. The motion is in order. Question has been called. All those in favour, please raise your hand. Opposed. The motion is carried.

First Reading of Bills. Minister of Finance, Minister Tapardjuk.

Hon. Louis Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I request consent of this Assembly to waive the two-day notice requirement to allow for the first reading of Bill 39, *Supplementary Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, No. 2, 2008-2009*. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. The minister is seeking consent to waive Rule 62(1) so that Bill 39 can have first reading today. Are there any nays? There being none. Please proceed, Minister.

**Bill 39 – Supplementary Appropriation (Operations & Maintenance) Act, No. 2,
2008-2009 – First Reading**

Hon. Louis Tapardjuk (interpretation): I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Iqaluit West that Bill 39, *Supplementary Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, No. 2, 2008-2009*, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. The motion is in order. Question has been called. All those in favour, please raise your hand. Opposed. The motion is carried.

First Reading of Bills. If there are no more, Item 18. (interpretation ends) Second Reading of Bills. Minister of Finance, Minister Tapardjuk.

Item 18: Second Reading of Bills

Hon. Louis Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Quttiktuq, that Bill 36, *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 4, 2007-2008*, be read for the first time, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Minister Tapardjuk.

Bill 36 – Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 4, 2007-2008 – Second Reading

Hon. Louis Tapardjuk (interpretation): I apologize, Mr. Speaker, if I may reiterate. I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Quttiktuq, that Bill 36, *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 4, 2007-2008*, be read for the second time.

I had made a mistake in my first comments; this is for second reading, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. The motion is in order. To the principle of the bill. Minister Tapardjuk.

Hon. Louis Tapardjuk (interpretation): Mr. Speaker, this bill makes supplementary appropriations for the Government of Nunavut to defray the capital expenses of the Government of Nunavut for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2008. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. To the principle of the bill. Question has been called. All those in favour, raise your hand. Opposed. The motion is carried.

Second Reading of Bills. Minister Tapardjuk.

Bill 37 – Supplementary Appropriation (Operations & Maintenance) Act, No. 4, 2007-2008 – Second Reading

Hon. Louis Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Natilik, that Bill 37, *Supplementary Appropriation*

(*Operations and Maintenance*) Act, No. 4, 2007-2008, be read for the second time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. To the principle of the bill. Minister Tapardjuk.

Hon. Louis Tapardjuk (interpretation): Mr. Speaker, this bill makes supplementary appropriations for the Government of Nunavut to defray the operations and maintenance expenses of the Government of Nunavut for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2008. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. To the principle of the bill. Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. During my previous statement, as well as in my line of questioning to the Minister of Community Government and Services, the funding that had been included in the previous years' capital budget, I was trying to understand why it was removed. Now, the minister wishes to plan for this in March...

An Hon. Member: A Point of Order.

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): I'm not asking questions and I believe that a Point of Order has been raised.

Speaker (interpretation): This is to the principle of the bill, which is the supplementary appropriation for operations and maintenance. The Point of Order has been rescinded. Minister Tapardjuk.

Hon. Louis Tapardjuk (interpretation): Mr. Speaker, this bill makes supplementary appropriations for the Government of Nunavut to defray the operations and maintenance expenses of the Government of Nunavut for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2008. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. To the principle of the bill. Question has been called. All those in favour, raise your hand, please. Opposed. The motion is carried. Bill 37 has had second reading and is placed in the Committee of the Whole.

Second Reading of Bills. Minister Tapardjuk.

Bill 38 – Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 2, 2008-2009 – Second Reading

Hon. Louis Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Honourable Member of Iqaluit East, that Bill 38, *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 2, 2008-2009*, be read for the second time.

Mr. Speaker, this bill makes supplementary appropriations for the Government of Nunavut to defray the capital expenses of the Government of Nunavut for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. The motion is in order. To the principle of the bill. Question has been called. All those in favour, raise your hand. Opposed. The motion is carried. Bill 38 has had second reading and is placed in the Committee of the Whole.

Second Reading of Bills. Minister Tapardjuk.

Bill 39 – Supplementary Appropriation (Operations & Maintenance) Act, No. 2, 2008-2009 – Second Reading

Hon. Louis Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Nanulik, that Bill 39, *Supplementary Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, No. 2, 2008-2009*, be read for the second time.

Mr. Speaker, this bill makes supplementary appropriations for the Government of Nunavut to defray the operations and maintenance expenses of the Government of Nunavut for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. The motion is in order. To the principle of the bill. Question has been called. All those in favour, raise your hand. Opposed. The motion is carried. Bill 39 has had second reading and is placed in the Committee of the Whole.

Second Reading of Bills. There being no more, Item 19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters. Mr. Tootoo.

Motion 044 – 2(4): Adjournment for the Day

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to Rule 46, I move, seconded by Honourable Member for Cambridge Bay, that the House adjourn early for the day. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. The motion is in order. All those in favour, raise your hand, please. Opposed. The motion is approved. We will now proceed to Item 22. Orders of the Day. Mr. Clerk.

Item 22: Orders of the Day

Clerk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A reminder that there's a meeting of the Standing Committee *Ajauqtiit* at 4:15 in Tuktu Room. Also, a reminder of the meeting tomorrow morning at nine o'clock of the Standing Committee on Health and Education in the Tuktu Room, followed by the meeting of the Regular Caucus at 10:30 with the Minister of Finance in the Nanuq Room.

Orders of the Day for September 10:

1. Prayer
2. Ministers' Statements
3. Members' Statements
4. Returns to Oral Questions
5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery
6. Oral Questions
7. Written Questions
8. Returns to Written Questions
9. Replies to Opening Address
10. Petitions
11. Reports of Standing and Special Committees
12. Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills
13. Tabling of Documents
14. Notices of Motions
15. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills
16. Motions
 - Motion 42 – 2(4)
17. First Reading of Bills
18. Second Reading of Bills
19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters
 - Bill 36
 - Bill 37
 - Bill 38
 - Bill 39
20. Report of the Committee of the Whole
21. Third Reading of Bills
22. Orders of the Day

Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you. Before we adjourn, I would like to read the following communication that has been received from the Commissioner of Nunavut. It's dated September 3, 2008.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to advise that I recommend to the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut the passage of the following bills during the Fourth Session of the Second Legislative Assembly:

- Bill 36, *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 4, 2007-2008*
- Bill 37, *Supplementary Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, No. 4, 2007-2008*
- Bill 38, *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 2, 2008-2009*
- Bill 39, *Supplementary Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, No. 2, 2008-2009*

Sincerely, signed Ann Meekitjuk-Hanson, Commissioner of Nunavut.

This House stands adjourned until Wednesday, September 10, at 1:30 p.m.

(interpretation) Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>*House adjourned at 15:51*

Appendix – September 9, 2008

Return to Written Question 013 – 2(4): Appeals under the NNI Policy

Asked by: Tagak Curley, MLA (Rankin Inlet North)

Asked of: Hon. Patterk Netser, Minister of Economic Development and Transportation

Date: May 26, 2008

Question:

- 1) The appointments of previous members of the Contracting Appeals Board expired on January 31, 2008. As of May 26, 2008, who are the members of the Contracting Appeals Board, established under section 18.1 of the NNI Policy?

Response:

As of July 21, 2008, the members of the NNI Appeals Board are:

Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated

Commissioner: John Ningark
Alternate Commissioner: not yet named

Chamber of Commerce

Commissioner: Robert Long
Alternate Commissioner: Allan Lahure

Government of Nunavut

Commissioner: James Cummings
Alternate Commissioner: Barry Cornthwaite

Question:

- 2) Section 18.31 requires the Contracting Appeals Board to submit an annual report to the Government of Nunavut and to Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated. The report is to include a summary of appeals heard and decisions rendered. The report is to be made available to the public. Since April 2000, how many annual reports have been prepared and submitted to the GN and NTI under section 18.31 of the NNI Policy?

Response:

The Nunavummi Nangminiaqqtunik Ikajuuti Secretariat Contracting Appeals Board was formally established within the Department of Economic Development and Transportation in 2004. As such our records commence in the 2004-05 fiscal year. Prior to that management of the *NNI Policy* was under the former Department of Public Works and Services.

Annual reports have been prepared for all years between 2004-05 and 2007-08. The annual reports have been submitted to the Government of Nunavut and to NTI.

Question:

- 3) When will the Contracting Appeals Board's annual reports submitted to date be tabled in the Legislative Assembly, as per the ministerial commitment made in Return to Written Question 19 – 2(3)?

Response:

The Contracting Appeals Board's annual reports for 2004-05 through 2007-08 will be tabled in the September 2008 session of the Legislative Assembly.

In order to provide necessary details to subsequent parts of the present written question, the annual reports for 2004-05 through 2007-08 are attached to this response.

Moreover, as set out in the NNI Policy, these reports are available to the public and can be obtained from the Department of Economic Development & Transportation.

Question:

- 4) For fiscal years 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 to date:
- a) How many appeals have been directed to GN contracting authorities under section 18.11 of the NNI Policy?
 - b) What were the circumstances of each appeal made under section 18.11 of the NNI Policy?
 - c) How many appeals have been satisfactorily dispensed with under section 18.11 of the NNI Policy? What were the circumstances in each case?

Response:

No appeals have been directed to the GN Contracting Authorities under section 18.11 of the *NNI Policy*.

Section 18.11 of the *NNI Policy* sets out how *challenges* are to be handled by Contracting Authorities. Challenges are not the same as *appeals* under the *NNI Policy*.

Before a business can initiate an appeal it must first go through the challenge process set out in section 18.11. The Contracting Appeals Board is not, however, involved at that stage and the *NNI Policy* does not require that information on challenges be included in the annual reporting.

Regardless of the outcome of a challenge to a contracting decision, an unsuccessful bidder retains the right to have its appeal heard by the Contracting Appeals Board.

Question:

4) For fiscal years 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 to date:

- d) How many appeals have been made to the Contracting Appeals Board under section 18.12 of the NNI Policy? What were the circumstances in each case?

Response:

In the 2006-07 fiscal year three appeals were directed to the NNI Contracting Appeals Board under section 18.12 of the *NNI Policy*;

In 2007-08 no appeals were directed to the NNI Contracting Appeals Board;

And to date in 2008-09 no appeals have been received by the NNI Contracting Appeals Board.

Summaries of the three appeals from 2006-07 are provided in the attached annual report; the circumstances of the appeals are as follows:

Appeal 1 – Atilu Real Estate & Property Management versus the Department of Community and Government Services (2006-07)

The Intent to Appeal was received by the Contracting Appeals Board on June 19, 2006, and the appeal proceeded to hearing on June 29, 2006.

Atilu Real Estate & Property Management claimed that the Department of Community and Government Services erred in the application of the NNI Policy.

This appeal was dismissed under Section 18.21 (a), with recommendations for the contracting authority (CGS). Details are provided in the attached 2006-07 annual report.

Appeal 2 – Nunavut Eastern Arctic Shipping versus the Department of Community and Government Services (2006-07)

The Intent to Appeal was received by the Contracting Appeals Board on May 1, 2006 and the appeal proceeded to hearing on August 31, 2006.

Nunavut Eastern Arctic Shipping claimed that the department of Community and Government Services erred in the application of the NNI Policy.

This appeal was dismissed under section 18.14. The details are provided in the attached 2006-07 annual report.

Appeal 3 – Air Nunavut Ltd. versus the Department of Health and Social Services (2006-07)

The Intent to Appeal was received by the Contracting Appeals Board on September 28, 2006 and the appeal proceeded to hearing on October 11, 2006.

Air Nunavut Ltd. claimed that the Department of Health and Social Services erred in the application of the NNI Policy.

This appeal was allowed under Section 18.21 (b); the Board made recommendations in connection with the appeal, and Department of Health and Social Services provided responses to those recommendations. Details are provided in the attached 2006-07 annual report.

Question:

- 4) For fiscal years 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 to date:
 - e) How many appeals have been dismissed without hearing under section 18.14 of the NNI Policy? What were the circumstances in each case?

Response:

Only one appeal, received during the 2006-07 fiscal year, was dismissed under section 18.14 of the NNI Policy. Circumstances are as follows:

Appeal 2 – Nunavut Eastern Arctic Shipping versus the Department of Community and Government Services (2006-07)

The Intent to Appeal was received by the Contracting Appeals Board on May 1, 2006, and the appeal proceeded to hearing on August 31, 2006.

Nunavut Eastern Arctic Shipping claimed that the department of Community and Government Services erred in the application of the NNI Policy.

This appeal was dismissed under Section 18.14 with no hearing, but administrative recommendations were provided for the NNI Review Committee, and can be found in the attached 2006-07 annual report.

Question:

- 4) For fiscal years 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 to date:
 - f) How many appeals have been heard within the time limit set out under section 18.17 of the NNI Policy? What were the circumstances in each case?

Response:

From the fiscal year 2006-07 to the present there were two appeals heard as set out under section 18.17 of the *NNI Policy: Atilu Real Estate & Property Management versus Community and Government Services*, and *Air Nunavut Ltd. versus Health and Social Services*. The circumstances in each case are set out in the attached 2006-07 annual reports.

Question:

4) For fiscal years 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 to date:

- g) How many appeals have been dismissed under section 18.21(a) of the *NNI Policy*? What were the circumstances in each case?

Response:

There was one appeal dismissed under section 18.21(a) of the *NNI Policy: Atilu Real Estate & Property Management versus Community and Government Services*. The circumstances are described in detail in the attached 2006-07 annual report.

Question:

4) For fiscal years 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 to date:

- h) Broken down by category of remedial action as set out in sections 18.21(b)(i) to 18.21(b)(vi) of the *NNI Policy*, how many appeals have been allowed by the Contracting Appeals Board? What were the circumstances in each case?

Response:

From 2006-07 there was one appeal allowed under Section 18.21 (b): *Air Nunavut Ltd. versus Health and Social Services*. The circumstances and categories of remedial actions are described in the attached 2006-07 annual report.

Question:

4) For fiscal years 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 to date:

- i) In cases where a contracting authority does not accept the recommendations of the Contracting Appeals Board, it is required by section 18.26 of the *NNI Policy* to issue reasons for its decision. In each case since April 1, 2000, where a contracting authority did not accept the recommendations of the Contracting Appeals Board, what were its reasons?

Response:

The NNI Secretariat's Contracting Appeals Board was formally established in 2004.

During the 2004-05 fiscal year there were no cases in which a contracting authority did not accept the recommendations of the Board.

During the fiscal year 2005-06 no appeals were received by the NNI Contracting Appeals Board.

During the fiscal year 2006-07 there were two appeals in which the Contracting Appeals Board recommendations to the Contracting Authority were not accepted: Atiilu Real Estate & Property Management versus Community and Government Services, and Nunavut Eastern Arctic Shipping versus Department of Community and Government Services. The reasons are provided in the attached 2006-07 annual report.

No appeals were received in 2007-08, and none have been received to date in 2008-09.

Return to Written Question 014 – 2(4): Attendance and Graduation Rates in the Kitikmeot

Asked by: Keith Peterson, MLA (Cambridge Bay)

Asked of: Hon. Ed. Picco, Minister of Education

Date: May 27, 2008

Question:

- 1) Within the meaning of section 27 and section 28 of the current *Education Act*, how does the government define, measure and track student attendance at Nunavut schools?

Response:

- 1) The government defines, measures and tracks student attendance at Nunavut schools through an electronic database where attendance data is entered and forwarded to the Department of Education. The data base contains:
 - The total number of possible days attended school for each month.
 - The total number of days the student was absent with an excuse for each month.
 - The total number of days the student was truant (absent without an excuse) for each month.

For enrolment purposes, as of September 30th, this electronic school database is uploaded into the Department of Education's Student Record (SR) database by each region's Information Technology Coordinator.

A non-attender is defined as having unexcused absences for at least 60% of school days in September. Non-attenders do not count as a full-time equivalent (FTE) for the school.

At the end of the school year, total attendance by student for the school year is uploaded, by each region's IT Coordinator, into the Department of Education's Student Record (SR) database.

Question:

- 2) Sections 27 and 28 of the current *Education Act* specify the requirements for attendance at school as well as the consequences for non-attendance. Since April 1, 1999, has the department received any reports or queries from schools or district education authorities on the implementation of these sections of the Act, and if so, what action was taken?

Response:

- 2) There have been at least two DEAs over the last ten years that have enquired about or discussed issuing fines under s. 28 of the *Education Act*. These discussions have never proceeded to the point where there has been any written correspondence or formal application of legal steps to levy a fine. The process is much more expensive than the fine recovers, and the process is long enough that the idea of levying a fine was dropped in favour of other, more constructive alternatives, such as counselling and communication with the student and their parents.

Question:

- 3) Broken down by school year, from 1999 to the present, what were the attendance rates for all Kitikmeot schools?

Response:

- 3) Attendance rates for Kitikmeot schools broken down by school year:

Cambridge Bay

Kiilunik High School

Academic Year	Total Possible School Days	Total Days Present	Attendance Rate
2001-02	28,042.5	21,063.5	75.1%
2002-03	30,693.0	23,190.5	75.6%
2003-04	34,117.0	25,590.5	75.0%
2004-05	32,519.5	22,577.0	69.4%
2005-06	35,007.0	25,965.5	74.2%
2006-07	33,298.0	24,119.0	72.4%

Kulik Ilihakvik

Academic Year	Total Possible School Days	Total Days Present	Attendance Rate
2001-02	37,938.5	32,289.0	85.1%
2002-03	38,797.0	31,474.0	81.1%
2003-04	33,444.5	26,788.0	80.1%
2004-05	37,526.0	30,778.0	82.0%
2005-06	32,198.0	26,668.0	82.8%
2006-07	34,918.0	28,487.5	81.6%

Gjoa Haven

Qiqirtaq Ilihakvik

Academic Year	Total Possible School Days	Total Days Present	Attendance Rate
2001-02	22,305.5	10,922.5	49.0%
2002-03	23,754.0	11,896.5	50.1%
2003-04	27,386.0	15,626.5	57.1%
2004-05	32,783.5	17,196.0	52.5%
2005-06	31,867.5	17,841.0	56.0%
2006-07	44,000.5	30,784.5	70.0%

Quqshuun Ilihakkvik

Academic Year	Total Possible School Days	Total Days Present	Attendance Rate
2001-02	32,057.0	20,872.5	65.1%
2002-03	31,336.5	21,040.0	67.1%
2003-04	18,198.5	12,454.0	68.4%
2004-05	31,554.0	21,877.0	69.3%
2005-06	30,239.0	20,033.0	66.2%
2006-07	31,568.5	21,963.5	69.6%

Kugaarjuk

Kugaarjuk Ilihakkvik

Academic Year	Total Possible School Days	Total Days Present	Attendance Rate
2001-02	7,760.0	5,455.0	70.3%
2002-03	38,413.0	26,487.0	69.0%
2003-04	39,582.5	28,188.5	71.2%
2004-05	40,219.0	31,114.5	77.4%
2005-06	46,545.5	35,765.0	76.8%
2006-07	40,362.5	31,258.0	77.4%

Kugluktuk

Jimmy Hikok Iihakvik

Academic Year	Total Possible School Days	Total Days Present	Attendance Rate
2001-02	38,099.0	27,506.0	72.2%
2002-03	35,953.0	27,214.0	75.7%
2003-04	32,114.0	23,441.0	73.0%
2004-05	32,707.0	23,058.5	70.5%
2005-06	32,663.5	24,215.5	74.1%
2006-07	33,330.5	22,259.5	66.8%

Kugluktuk High School

Academic Year	Total Possible School Days	Total Days Present	Attendance Rate
2001-02	23,534.0	15,477.0	65.8%
2002-03	29,427.5	18,455.0	62.7%
2003-04	28,834.5	18,210.0	63.2%
2004-05	27,313.5	13,826.0	50.6%
2005-06	24,114.5	13,638.0	56.6%
2006-07	32,332.5	18,963.0	58.6%

Taloyoak

Netsilik Ilihakvik

Academic Year	Total Possible School Days	Total Days Present	Attendance Rate
2001-02	39,104.0	27,732.0	70.9%
2002-03	38,940.5	26,386.0	67.8%
2003-04	40,681.0	28,751.5	70.7%
2004-05	43,120.5	29,632.0	68.7%
2005-06	42,841.5	31,566.5	73.7%
2006-07	45,262.5	33,587.0	74.2%

Question:

- 4) Broken down by school year, from 1999 to the present, what were the graduation rates for all the Kitikmeot high schools?

Response:

- 4) The graduation numbers for the Kitikmeot Region by Community from 1999 to 2007 are provided in the table below.

Kitikmeot School Graduation Numbers by Community 1999 to 2007

Kitikmeot Region	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Total
Cambridge Bay	8	9	8	3	3	3	2	3	3	42
Gjoa Haven	3	5	0	1	1	1	1	2	6	20
Kugluktuk	12	5	1	7	3	6	4	1	5	44
Kugaaruk	0	0	0	0	4	0	3	4	1	12
Taloyoak	1	3	0	1	1	2	6	10	0	24
Total	24	22	9	12	12	12	16	20	15	142

Return to Written Question 015 – 2(4): Disclosure and Withdrawals under the Integrity Act

Asked by: Hunter Tootoo, MLA (Iqaluit Centre)

Asked of: Hon. Paul Okalik, Minister of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs

Date: June 3, 2008

Question:

1. Within the meaning of subsection 15(2) of the *Integrity Act*, on how many occasions since March 1, 2004, has the Secretary to Cabinet recorded a disclosure and withdrawal under subsection 15(1) of the Act?
2. What were the circumstances in each case where a disclosure and withdrawal under subsection 15(1) of the Act took place?

Response:

All Executive Council documents are strictly confidential.

To maintain the traditions of and cabinet confidentiality, Executive Council members will not directly or indirectly communicate or reveal any matter considered by the Council, or made known to the members as a Member of Executive Council.

Documents registered with the Secretary to Cabinet are confidential to the Executive Council.