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Iqaluit, Nunavut**Monday, December 7, 2009****Members Present:**

Honourable Eva Aariak, Honourable James Arreak, Mr. Moses Aupaluktuq, Honourable Tagak Curley, Mr. Ron Elliott, Honourable Lorne Kusugak, Mr. John Ningark, Mr. Johnny Ningeongan, Mr. Paul Okalik, Mr. Eruk Pauloosie, Honourable Keith Peterson, Mr. Allan Rumbolt, Mr. Fred Schell, Honourable Louis Tapardjuk, Honourable Peter Taptuna, Honourable Hunter Tootoo.

Item 1: Opening Prayer

Speaker (Hon. James Arreak): Thank you. Before we proceed with our Orders of the Day, I would like to ask Mr. Elliott to say the opening prayer. Mr. Elliott.

>>*Prayer*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Elliott. A very good afternoon, Premier, Ministers, Members of the Legislative Assembly, and Nunavummiut.

Before we begin, I would like to inform the House that our colleague, James Arvaluk, will not be present in the House today and tomorrow, should we be meeting tomorrow. He will be out of town on duty travel.

(interpretation ends) Ministers' Statements. Minister Louis Tapardjuk.

Item 2: Ministers' Statements

**Minister's Statement 081 – 3(2):
Minister Shewchuk Absent from House**

Hon. Louis Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to inform the House that Minister Shewchuk will not be at the House on December 7 and 8 as he is on ministerial duty travel in Ottawa. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. Ministers' Statements. Premier Eva Aariak.

**Minister's Statement 082 – 3(2):
Tamapta Action Plan**

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Good afternoon. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to make an announcement. On April 1, our government committed to Nunavummiut that we would be guided by vision for Nunavut in 2030, with happy and healthy families, self-reliant communities, and an even better quality of life. We committed to reaching that vision by pursuing the priorities in *Tamapta*, Building Our Future Together.

Today, we are ready to share with you exactly how we will do that. Mr. Speaker, today at the appropriate time I will be tabling the *Tamapta* Action Plan. It outlines specific strategies for each of the priorities of our government. At the core of this mandate is that we will be working on better service to the public, a better public service, and growth through education with a consistent focus on promoting self-reliance.

(interpretation ends) On October 23, Mr. Speaker, we met as a Full Caucus to review findings of the report card and to discuss how our constituents from across Nunavut told us they would like our government to change.

In order to gain the most insight into what Nunavummiut want to see from our government, I encouraged Members of the Legislative Assembly to bring to the table additional views and suggestions, both their own and those of their constituents. We discussed all of those in the context of our *Tamapta* vision and priorities.

(interpretation) Mr. Speaker, through those discussions we established a list of priority areas. The essence of our discussions was reflected in the communiqué that we approved on October 26 and released to the public. Mr. Speaker, we involved government staff immediately in developing those statements of consensus into a plan for achieving them.

Last week, full caucus met again to review that plan and ensure everyone's views and suggestions had been incorporated. I would like to thank all of my colleagues for their comments and input to the draft action plan. Working together as a full caucus, I believe we proved that we can achieve when we work together.

(interpretation ends) However, Mr. Speaker, I also must emphasize this is only the beginning and the action plan will provide us a guide for our way forward. I look forward to working with my honourable colleagues to improve our government and services so that we can serve all Nunavummiut to the best of our abilities. This is not only our action plan but our also our commitment to this territory.

We trust that Nunavummiut will follow our progress closely and hold us accountable for achieving what we have

set out to do. We must provide ways of Nunavummiut to continue to tell us how we are performing through participation in government-led consultations activities and through our Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, the success of this government and this territory will come not from me, nor the eight members of the Cabinet, or from the 19 Members of the Legislative Assembly around this table alone. The success of this government and this territory can only come from all Nunavummiut working together and contributing actively to reaching our vision.

(interpretation) Mr. Speaker, we believe in Nunavut. We have hope for its vibrant future built by our pursuing their dreams and now we also know that Nunavummiut believe in Nunavut. They have our commitment for action. This government will not let them down. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Ministers' Statements. (interpretation ends) Hon. Lorne Kusugak.

**Minister's Statement 083 – 3(2):
Opening of Arctic Bay Community Hall**

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to inform members about a very important event taking place in Arctic Bay following this session. On December 9, weather permitting and if the airlines are travelling, I will be travelling to Arctic Bay accompanied by my staff and Mr. Elliott, the Member of the Legislative

Assembly for Quttiktuq, to open the new community hall.

Mr. Speaker, the Akinniaq Pinnguarvik, as it is called, was completed with the assistance of the Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund from the federal government. The total cost of this project was \$5,000,100. This project was planned, designed, and built with the participation of the residents of Arctic Bay through hamlet consultation and with the support of the Member of the Legislative Assembly for Quttiktuq.

Mr. Speaker, through the Municipal Rural Infrastructure Program, which we cost share with the federal government, Arctic Bay joins Pond Inlet, Cape Dorset, Sanikiluaq, and Whale Cove in receiving badly needed community infrastructure. My staff and I look forward to the community celebrations during our visit on December 9. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. Ministers' Statements.
Minister Peter Taptuna.

**Minister's Statement 084 – 3(2):
Iqaluit International Airport**

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to update members on the master plan for the Iqaluit International Airport. The Government of Nunavut has commissioned a new master plan for the Iqaluit International Airport to replace the existing plan which was completed in 1999.

Iqaluit International Airport has experienced high rates of growth since

1999 and the future outlook is for this high growth to continue. The airport will process about 115,000 passengers and 21,000 aircraft movements in 2009, yet if the current growth continues as expected, by the year 2020 passenger volumes will have increased by another 90 percent and aircraft movement by another 57 percent.

Iqaluit International Airport is coming under increasing pressure from the growing number of flights, aircraft movement, and air carrier, escalating security requirements, increasing frequent federal inspection, the introduction and growth of international traffic, and accelerating national interest in arctic sovereignty.

Mr. Speaker, in addition, as mining and mineral exploration and tourism recover from the global recession, increased activities in these sectors will put more stress on airport operations. The 2010 Iqaluit International Airport master plan addresses all these challenges. It considers the latest changes in airport and airline operating practices, regulatory and security requirements, and key safety improvements, the needs of modern airline fleets, revenue generation opportunities and other emerging needs.

When the City of Iqaluit and other stakeholders have been consulted I look forward to tabling the 2010 master plan for the Iqaluit International Airport in the House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. Ministers' Statements.
Minister Peter Taptuna.

**Minister's Statement 085 – 3(2):
Nunavut Summit on the Social
Economy**

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to inform the members of this House of an important meeting that took place here in Iqaluit on November 25 to 27, the Nunavut Summit on Social Economy.

This meeting brought together representatives from co-operatives, development corporations, Inuit organizations, society and volunteer organizations from across the territory. There are more than 300 of these types of organizations in Nunavut performing important work in our communities and delivering vital services that neither the government or private or profit sector are able to provide.

The summit explored the research currently being undertaken on the social economy in Nunavut, the issues and challenges facing those who work in the sector and the role of public policy in supporting social enterprises.

The Nunavut Summit on Social Economy was hosted by the Nunavut Economic Forum, the Social Economy Research Network of Northern Canada, and the Canadian Community Economic Development Network.

I am told, Mr. Speaker, that the summit was a great success and I congratulate all the participants for the work they are doing to raise awareness for the important role these organizations play in our communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. Ministers' Statements. Going back to the order paper. Item 3. Members' Statements. Member for Baker Lake, Mr. Moses Aupaluktuq.

Item 3: Members' Statements

**Member's Statement 118 – 3(2):
"Take Back the Night" in Baker
Lake**

Mr. Aupaluktuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today on behalf of my constituent, Rosa Kingilik, who passed away and we send our condolences to the family, and we send our prayers.

Last night there was a Take Back the Night Walk in Baker Lake. There were 25 who participated in the walk; both the young, students, and three elders with the help and support of the RCMP. It was -45 degrees Celsius last night, but they were participants and I recognize those individuals.

In Baker Lake, we've had problems where we didn't have any taxis, but I'm pleased to announce in the House for the benefit of Baker Lake residents that we now have a taxi called Greg's Taxi. The weather is very inhospitable at times.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of my constituents with special needs as well as all Nunavummiut who need additional resources and support to access their education.

Mr. Speaker, I was pleased to note that the Department of Education's capital estimates includes funding specifically to meet the requirements of special

needs students or staff by providing building upgrades such as the widening of doors, installing of access ramps, and perhaps even installing phonics systems in classrooms.

Mr. Speaker, while these infrastructure improvements are very welcome and will certainly help to improve physical access to our schools, there is also a need for additional support in terms of staff and resources. The identification of special needs students and the assessment of what kinds of support and resources they need is best done on a case by case basis and cannot be done without the cooperation of the Department of Health and Social Services.

The involvement of the Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth may also be critical.

Speaker (interpretation): Mr. Aupaluktuq, you have run out of time. If you would like to continue with your statement you will have to seek unanimous consent from the members. Mr. Aupaluktuq.

Mr. Aupaluktuq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I seek unanimous from my colleagues to conclude my statement. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Aupaluktuq (interpretation): Thank you. I wasn't watching my time and I

would like to thank my colleagues for allow me to conclude my statement.

(interpretation ends) The involvement of the Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth may also be critical. I wish the ministers of these departments to require their officials to work closely together and to ensure that the best possible supports are provided to students with special needs to help them access the best possible education that they can obtain.

Mr. Speaker, in the New Year, we will be reviewing the government's 2010-11 operations and maintenance budget. I sincerely hope that the adequate funding will be included in that budget to specifically address additional staffing and support requirements for Nunavut students with special needs.

(interpretation) Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Aupaluktuq. Members' Statements. Member for Kugluktuk, Mr. Taptuna.

Member's Statement 119 – 3(2): Kugluktuk Radio Fundraiser

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to speak about the spirit of Christmas. Over the last few weeks, my community of Kugluktuk has been busy fundraising for food hampers for those who are less fortunate through our radio fundraiser.

Mr. Speaker, this will be the seventh year in which the residents of my community of Kugluktuk will call into the radio fundraiser show with donations. Every hour throughout the fundraiser, there are draws for those who

have made donations of any amount for various prizes and the grand prize for donations over \$50 is free airline tickets for two from a sponsoring airline. Of course, this grand prize is always very popular.

Mr. Speaker, the evening is usually filled with live music by various performers, such as Colin and Gustine Adjun, the Akhaliak Band, the Kugluktuk High School Music Club, and the Anglican Church rectory members.

In one of the more successful years, the fundraising show was able to raise \$25,000 in a period of five hours.

Mr. Speaker, this year, the radio show is scheduled to take place on December 13 and the show will be dedicated to the late Marianne Bolt, who was a devoted volunteer and a loving member of our community.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this time to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of all of the volunteers of the radio show and in particular, Millie Kuliktana and Ron Tologanak who, over the years, have committed their time in hosting the radio show to raise funds necessary to help those less fortunate.

In the spirit of Christmas, let's take the time to see and notice those in our communities who may be less fortunate than ourselves and give to those in need.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I would like to wish my wife, Joanne, and my family a very merry Christmas. To all of my constituents in Kugluktuk, merry Christmas and I hope that you all have a joyous and peaceful New Year. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Taptuna. Members' Statements. Member for Nanulik, Mr. Ningeongan.

**Member's Statement 120 – 3(2):
Congratulations to Mine Training
Graduates**

Mr. Ningeongan (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am very pleased to rise today to congratulate the 12 graduates of the Mine Training Program in Coral Harbour. I am sorry that I cannot personally be in attendance at the graduation ceremony.

Mr. Speaker, the hard work and dedication of these graduates is an example to many. Education and lifelong learning are key to a productive future. I am sure that a few of these graduates will be able to immediately take advantage of employment opportunities in the mining industry as a direct result of this training. And some graduates will now have new opportunities for further training and future employment.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize and congratulate the following graduates on their success:

Logan Kadluk,
Geraldine Stanley Emiktowt,
Kenneth Ningeongan,
Geoffrey Jones,
Emily Eetuk,
Benita Shapangak,
Jonathon Emiktowt,
Patrick Murphy,
Justin Pameolik,
Cindy Ningeongan,
Madeline Shimout, and
Arthur Angootealuk.

Mr. Speaker, this is an important achievement and I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating these graduates on their success. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. Members' Statements. Member for Quttiktuq, Mr. Elliott.

**Member's Statement 121 – 3(2):
Reflections on the Budget Process**

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to offer some reflections on the budget process. Mr. Speaker, as a new Member of this Legislative Assembly, I found this process to be somewhat frustrating. However, it also been an illuminating experience in many respects.

Mr. Speaker, when I return home to my constituency, I will need to be accountable to my constituents and explain what we've accomplished as a legislature over the past few weeks. I will be reporting to Arctic Bay that, although it's not happening quickly enough, that the community's new health centre is, at least, clearly on the government's capital plan.

Mr. Speaker, having now observed the speed with which the government can react to motions passed in this House to delete funding for low priority capital projects, I anticipate that we will be seeing more of these in the future.

Although we also approved a praiseworthy motion regarding federal funding for health care in the North, I will continue to advocate for an

acceleration of Arctic Bay's new health centre, as I do not believe that health care should be delivered in aging and overcrowded facilities.

Mr. Speaker, I remained puzzled that the government can budget for a new fire truck only to cancel the project after the Assembly approved the funding. As I noted in my Member's Statement last week, the government needs to significantly be more transparent with the way it presents its small capital projects. We have seen this with the bulldozer for Grise Fiord. We have seen this in how certain projects in other departments are buried within the small capital line items. This practice must change.

Mr. Speaker, the government recently issued an RFP for a technical study to be done in relation to Resolute Bay's water and sewage system. I strongly urge the government to work closely with the community on this issue.

Mr. Speaker, I was elected to work with my colleagues in the spirit of consensus. I hope to continue doing this. However, I do want to express the importance of fairness and common sense in our spending plans.

If the capital city can be provided with millions of dollars for road paving, surely the government can afford the \$80,000 that it costs to maintain the road between Arctic Bay and Nanisivik.

If we have thousands of dollars to spend to fly delegations of politicians and bureaucrats...

Mr. Speaker, I would like to request unanimous consent to continue with my Member's Statement. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Mr. Elliott is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statement. Are there any nays? There are none. You may proceed, Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank my colleagues. If we have thousands of dollars to spend to fly delegations of politicians and bureaucrats across the Atlantic in carbon-spewing jumbo jets to attend the conference on fighting climate change, surely we can find the money to help the residents of the High Arctic deal with the high cost of air travel here at home.

Mr. Speaker, as the government gets ready to present its proposed 2010-11 operations and maintenance budget to this House for scrutiny and approval early next year, I hope that it keeps these observations in mind. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Members' Statements. Member for South Baffin, Mr. Schell.

**Member's Statement 122 – 3(2):
Holiday Wishes to Colleagues and
Constituents**

Mr. Schell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As we get closer to the end of our sitting, I'm pleased to take this opportunity to extend my warmest holiday wishes to my colleagues and constituents.

We covered a lot of ground in the House during the last two weeks, so I encourage everybody here to enjoy the

holidays as best as they can so that they can be well rested and ready to start up again in the New Year. I particularly encourage the Minister responsible for Housing to get a good rest because I'm very confident that he will be on feet quite often in the next sitting.

I would like to extend my Christmas greetings to my constituents in Cape Dorset and Kimmirut. I greatly appreciate the correspondence, calls, and conversations that I had with them over the past year. Mr. Speaker, their concerns are my concerns and I will continue to work hard on their behalf.

I hope that everybody is able to find some time to enjoy the holidays with family and friends, and I wish everybody a safe and peaceful holiday season. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Schell. Members' Statements. Member for Iqaluit West, Mr. Okalik.

**Member's Statement 123 – 3(2):
Reflections on Passing Year and
H1N1**

Mr. Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) Today, I want to rise to talk about the current year that we just went through and the challenges that we faced as we come to the end of the year.

The biggest issue for me, probably one of them, was the outbreak of the H1N1 virus and how we can learn from that experience. I appreciate the latest work that the Department of Health has done in vaccinating everyone. I appreciate

everyone in participating in that program. However, prior to that, we were faced with a real challenge throughout Nunavut. I want to learn from that and encourage the department to do more work so that we can prevent further outbreaks in the future.

A lot of issues have been raised about overcrowding in the homes that contributed to the problem. At the same time, a lot of our communities only have one store, one school, one of everything that everybody has to go to, which adds to contact with the viruses that permeate through the community. I would hope that the department can take a look at that. We're quite unique in that way from the rest of the country, so we have to have special programs to prevent further outbreaks in the future.

After that outbreak, we asked our Information and Privacy Commissioner as to what is a breach of health information from being disclosed, for example. The answer was, "... I can't think of any reason why the name of a community that has been hit by a communicable health problem such as H1N1 shouldn't be named. I don't know what the policies are of the Department of Health or why they have taken that position" that they have.

I would ask the department to re-look at your protocols so that we can prevent such bad outbreaks in the future throughout Nunavut. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Okalik. Members' Statements. There being none. Item 4. Returns to Oral Questions. Minister Tapardjuk.

Item 4: Returns to Oral Questions

Return to Oral Question 152 – 3(2): Current Status of Apprenticeship in Nunavut

Hon. Louis Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Elliott asked Question 152 – 3(2), Current Status of Apprenticeship in Nunavut. The response is quite long. I would like to give it to the House as being read.

Question (Second Supplementary): I'm specifically looking for the breakdown for the apprentices who are working for the Nunavut Housing Trust. In that breakdown, would it include what level the different apprentices are at in terms of level 1, level 2, and level 3?

Response:

The current status of the 48 apprentices who are working for the Nunavut Housing Trust as an updated number that was provided to the housing minister are as follows:

- 48 apprentices connected to the Nunavut Housing Trust
- 39 carpenters: 23 Level 1, 10 Level 2, 6 Level 3
- 3 housing maintainers: 3 Level 1
- 2 oil burner mechanics: 2 Level 1
- 3 plumbers: 2 Level 1, 1 Level 2
- 1 electrician: 1 Level 1

The numbers of registered apprentices for each trade and each level or year for all employers as of November 28, 2009, are as follows:

- 200 apprentices registered with the apprenticeship office (includes Nunavut Housing Trust apprentices)

- 1 aircraft maintenance engineer: 1 Level 1
- 1 appliance service technician: 1 Level 1
- 89 carpenters: 49 Level 1, 20 Level 2, 13 Level 3, 4 Level 4, 1 Trade Qualifier, 2 enrolled in the NEAT program
- 1 cook: 1 Level 1
- 21 electrician (construction): 10 Level 1, 4 Level 2, 2 Level 3, 4 Level 4, 1 Trade Qualifier
- 19 heavy duty equipment technicians: 5 Level 1, 4 Level 2, 5 Level 3, 4 Level 4, 1 Trade Qualifier
- 4 heavy equipment operators: 4 Trade Qualifier
- 28 housing maintainers: 10 Level 1, 15 Level 2, 3 Level 3
- 12 oil burner mechanics: 7 Level 1, 4 Level 2, 1 Level 3
- 1 painter/decorator: 1 Level 1
- 18 plumbers: 12 Level 1, 3 Level 2, 2 Level 3, 1 Trade Qualifier
- 1 small equipment mechanic: 1 enrolled in the NEAT program
- 1 steam/pipe fitter: 1 Level 1
- 1 sheet metal worker: 1 Level 3
- 2 refrigeration and air conditioning: 1 Level 2, 1 Trade Qualifier

By region:

- 37 apprentices in the Kitikmeot
- 58 apprentices in the Kivalliq
- 105 apprentices in the Baffin

Question (Third Supplementary):

I would also like to know if I could ask the minister if he could give us an update of the in-class theory training that's going on for apprentices, in terms of it's a level 1 carpentry being offered in

Iqaluit this spring. Is there anything going on in Rankin Inlet for housing maintainers?

Response:

Nunavut Arctic College and the Department of Education addressed a specific need to provide training for level 1 housing maintainer apprentices this year, one year before the trade centre in Rankin Inlet is scheduled to open.

Working between the Trades Division of the college and the apprenticeship unit of Education, as well as with the regional career and early childhood offices and employers, two separate intakes of level 1 housing maintainer technical training were offered in Rankin Inlet.

The first intake for technical training was delivered from May to July with all nine apprentices successfully completing and passing the level 1 exam. The second intake was from September to November with two of three successfully completing and passing the level 1 exam.

The use of the facility was only temporary and will not be used again for that purpose; the first scheduled delivery of housing maintainer technical training will be when the trade centre in Rankin Inlet opens for business next September. Level 2 training may be scheduled for Aurora College in Fort Smith if necessary.

NAC just completed technical training delivery for level 2 carpentry in Iqaluit. Of 11 apprentices in the technical training, 8 successfully completed and passed the level 2 exam.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. The response is being entered into the record as read. (interpretation ends) Returns to Oral Questions. Minister Lorne Kusugak.

**Return to Oral Question 158– 3(2):
Energy Efficient Homes**

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This was asked by Mr. Okalik, Member for Iqaluit West, Question 158 – 3(2) on December 3, 2009, titled, Energy Efficient Homes.

- We do currently provide an energy efficient rebate program to homeowners through the Nunavut Housing Corporation. The Homeowner Energy Efficiency Rebate Program (HEERP) provides up to \$1,000 in assistance to homeowners for energy efficient projects and has been very successful.
- NHC reports that as of the end of September of this year, NHC has approved 79 Nunavut homeowners for assistance through this program and another 128 applications are in processing.
- NHC has also added an energy efficiency aspect to their Home Renovation Program (HRP). Applicants that receive the maximum assistance of \$50,000 are eligible for a \$15,000 “top-up” to undertake energy efficiency related repairs or improvements.

- Beyond these programs, several GN departments, including CGS, the Energy Secretariat, and NHC, are currently working together to determine the most effective manner through which to deliver many other energy efficiency programs to Nunavummiut, including energy efficiency inspections of homes.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. Returns to Oral Questions. Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Item 6. Oral Questions. Mr. Okalik.

Item 6: Oral Questions

**Question 182 – 3(2): Family Abuse
Intervention Act**

Mr. Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am sure I am the only one who wants to ask a question. I would like to direct my question to the Minister responsible for Justice.

Yesterday, we had a candle light vigil for violence against women. There was legislation passed to eradicate violence and to ensure that it is geared towards healing. The legislation states that the minister has to table an annual report. The minister hasn't tabled an annual report yet, so I would like to ask the minister what the status of it is now. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Okalik. Minister of Justice, Hon. Keith Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I take it that the hon. member is speaking about the *Family Abuse Intervention Act*. I can tell the member that the staff is working on collecting that data and I'll be in a position likely to table that report in the winter session. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Thank you, Mr. Okalik. Oral Questions. Member for Nattilik, Mr. Pauloosie.

Question 183 – 3(2): Public Housing Units Used for Accommodation by Contractors

Mr. Pauloosie: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of the Nunavut Housing Corporation.

It is my understanding that when the Nunavut Housing Corporation awards contracts to companies to do work in the communities, one of the requirements, in other words; conditions in the contract, is for the contractors to use local businesses such as hotels for accommodations for the contractor's workers as a means of supporting local businesses.

Mr. Speaker, it has come to my attention that in my constituency contractors and construction workers are using public housing units for accommodations while they do work in the community. Can the minister confirm what the Nunavut Housing Corporation's practices are in this area and commit to reviewing the situation in my constituency? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Aupaluktuq. Minister responsible for Nunavut... I'm sorry. (interpretation) I mixed up your

name with someone else, Mr. Pauloosie. (interpretation ends) Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation, Hon. Hunter Tootoo.

Hon. Hunter Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank the member for raising that question. I know this was an issue I discussed with the municipality when I was in his riding earlier this fall.

Mr. Speaker, for the most part, if contractors are bringing in employees to work on these contracts from outside the community, they're required to stay in commercial accommodations. Having said that though, Mr. Speaker, there have been incidents where commercial accommodations have not been available.

There are cases where the commercial accommodation is available for this week, but then the people have to move out for a week and then move back again for a week, and it's back and forth. There is no commitment for them to be able to stay in one place. If they're in for a little bit and then out for a little bit, it makes it very difficult for the contractor to be able to obtain people to be able to stay and do the work.

Mr. Speaker, the incident I'm thinking that the member is referring to, the public housing unit that the contractor was staying in, is actually the one that nobody was staying in because it's under renovations. The individuals who were staying in that house were also working on that house as well as other houses in the community. But once the renovations were complete, they would be out of there. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Pauloosie: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The reason for this concern is I had complaints from local businesses about the fact that the contract workers are staying in public housing. A number of my constituents are not happy with the fact that the contractors are staying in public housing while, in fact, they have been on the waiting list for a long time.

As the minister is aware, there's a very long waiting list for Nunavummiut who wish to get into public housing units. Can the minister commit that public housing units won't be used for accommodations by contractors and construction workers who are undertaking projects on behalf of the Nunavut Housing Corporation? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Pauloosie. Minister Tootoo.

Hon. Hunter Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Like I said, I can commit if commercial accommodations are available and there are no other... the contractors are required, as I had indicated earlier, to stay in commercial accommodations.

However, when circumstances arise and that is not available and there's a requirement to bring in individuals to work on units from outside of town and there's nothing else available, we have to find some place to put these individuals in to be able to do the work. Otherwise, the work won't get done.

Again, as I indicated, if that particular situation that I referred to, where the

house was already vacant because it was under renovations, is not the case, I would ask the member if he could provide me with the specific details of the case that he's referring to and I can look into it and get a more detailed response for him. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Pauloosie: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank the minister. I will certainly get back to him with a long list of complaints I received. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Pauloosie. Oral Questions. Member for Baker Lake, Mr. Aupaluktuq.

Question 184 – 3(2): Status of Furniture at Kivalliq Boarding Home

Mr. Aupaluktuq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my questions to the Minister of Health and Social Services, the Hon. Minister Tagak Curley.

Mr. Speaker, earlier this year, during the minister's appearance before the Standing Committee on Social Wellness to review his department's draft 2010-11 capital budget, the issue of replacement furniture at the Kivalliq Boarding Home in Winnipeg was raised. At that time, the minister and his staff indicated that the contractor had agreed to fulfill certain obligations, including replacing the furniture.

As well, the minister is aware, for Kivalliq MLAs, including the minister

himself, visited the Kivalliq Boarding Home earlier this year to assess the boarding home in Winnipeg. I recently had the opportunity to revisit the Kivalliq Boarding Home and noted that the furniture has not yet been replaced. Can the minister provide an update on the furniture situation at the Kivalliq Boarding Home? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Aupaluktuq. Minister of Health and Social Services, Hon. Tagak Curley.

Hon. Tagak Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First off, I wish to thank my fellow MLAs who visited Winnipeg at that time, which Moses was part of, and this occurred in April last spring. The party included Johnny Ningeongan, Member for Nanulik, and my Cabinet colleague, Lorne Kusugak and I.

During our stopover in Winnipeg, this issue was brought up and at that time, the furniture was delayed in arriving, but I noticed several times in the summer and just recently that this is their priority. We held our meeting after we dug into the matter of the furniture.

However, only recently as of last week, did I receive an email in regards to that issue from the contractor, who was awarded the contract. I will provide you a copy afterwards, but it states in there that furniture has indeed been replaced and members were invited back prior to Christmas to view the new furniture. Thank you.

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

Mr. Aupaluktuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would also like to thank Minister Tagak Curley for his immediate response to my query.

I wanted to ask this question in House because the constituents need to hear this bit of news and I thank him for that response. Can the minister clarify for this House what steps his department and others are taking to monitor the services that contractors provide to Nunavummiut outside the territory? Thank you.

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

Hon. Tagak Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I did not get the gist of his question regarding contractors and what monitoring he was referring to. I would like him to clarify exactly what type of monitoring or services he referred to so that I can try to respond to his question. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Mr. Aupaluktuq, can you rephrase or clarify your question, please. Mr. Aupaluktuq.

Mr. Aupaluktuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm sorry that my question was discombobulated and that it was not properly understood. (interpretation ends) Can the minister clarify for his House what steps his department is taking to monitor the services that contractors provide to Nunavummiut outside of the territory? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Tagak Curley: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is still not as clear as I would like it to be because my department is not really responsible for monitoring contractors. If it involves the construction of a building or infrastructure, that should probably be directed to some other minister. I'm not really clear on exactly what the nature of the question is. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. Mr. Aupaluktuq's preamble started off with the status of furniture at the Kivalliq Boarding Home. Does that pertain to your first question? Mr. Aupaluktuq.

Mr. Aupaluktuq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That's exactly what I was asking. I guess in the shortest terms, will the minister commit to ensuring that the contractor for the Kivalliq Boarding Home meets the contract obligations? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Aupaluktuq. Minister Curley.

Hon. Tagak Curley (interpretation): Thank you. Yes, I understand your question now. We have a contract arrangement and an agreement for the Kivalliq Boarding Home and I believe that's what you're talking about.

They need to respect their contract obligations. I met with the board of directors last summer to make sure that the concerns are being met. We're now monitoring the contract applications, and also if the member would like to go to the boarding home anytime, along with the Member for Repulse Bay.

If you're interested in going to see the boarding home, we will go there. I can tell the member that we're going to be monitoring it. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. Thank you, Aupaluktuq. Oral Questions. (interpretation ends) Member for Iqaluit West, Mr. Okalik.

Question 185 – 3(2): Legislative Proposal to Combine Ombudsperson Type Functions with Privacy Commissioner

Mr. Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I would like to ask another question to the Minister of Justice. This one is relation to the creation of an ombudsman and a whistle-blower body.

During her appearance before the standing committee, we asked the Information and Privacy Commissioner if we can combine the functions of the role to include an ombudsperson and an official for the whistle-blower legislation. Our commissioner said, "It's not a bad idea to explore an ombudsman's office combined with an Information and Privacy Commissioner and a whistle-blower."

During our last term, I committed our government to looking at this idea and developed a legislative proposal, as you, Mr. Speaker, asked me to do so. I would like this government to see if they could do the same, if we can create this body so that we can have just one office for a lot of good work to happen. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Okalik. Minister of Justice, Hon. Keith Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for that question. Mr. Speaker, I recall in the Second Assembly, some colleagues of mine, when we were on the other side of the House, recalling quite strenuously for whistle-blower protection because employees were afraid of retribution if they made complaints.

The best response to Mr. Okalik is that this government can consider the recommendations in the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Commissioner's report. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) If my colleague recalls that we dealt with the *Family Abuse Intervention Act*, the *Inuktitut Language Protection Act*, the *Official Languages Act*, the *Education Act*, and we passed all of those Acts, it took a lot of time and effort on the part of everyone to do that work. So unfortunately, we couldn't do everything at once.

As you, Mr. Speaker, asked me to do so, I asked my officials to develop a legislative proposal just for this purpose. Unfortunately, it seems to have gotten lost with the change in government. So I ask the minister if he can put together a legislative proposal for us to consider on this matter. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Okalik. Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for that question. Mr. Speaker, this government is very busy as well with the legislation. We have just gone through the report card exercise on the last ten years, so we're very busy implementing that. The Premier announced that today. As I said to the member, we will take a look at the commissioner's report, and see where we go from there. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I know that we're under fiscal constraints. That's why I am asking to look at combining functions, so that we can use the economies of scale to do multi-tasks that a lot of our employees do. The Information and Privacy Commissioner found no problem with creating such a function. I hope that the minister can come forward with a formal response on this report perhaps in the next session. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Okalik. Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I again thank the member for that comment. I just said in my earlier reply that we will take a look at the commissioner's report and see what we can do with it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Thank you, Mr. Okalik. Oral Questions. Member for Quttiktuq, Mr. Elliott.

Question 186 – 3(2): New Cases of H1N1

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions are directed to the Minister of Health and Social Services.

On December 1, the GN's helpdesk issued a public health advisory stating that the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health is informing the public that there have been 15 new lab confirmed cases of the H1N1 virus in Nunavut in the past two weeks.

This is very likely the beginning of a second wave of the virus in the territory. I was just wondering if the minister could confirm if this is, in fact, the case. Are we in the second wave? Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Minister of Health and Social Services, Hon. Tagak Curley.

Hon. Tagak Curley: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, the department did issue a health advisory which was posted on the helpdesk throughout the Intranet services of the government.

It is confirmed by the chief medical health officer that this could be. He used the words "could be." I'm not in the position as a minister to confirm whether or not this is the second wave, but our chief medical health officer did indicate it could possibly be.

So the text and the message of that advisory is to encourage those who haven't taken the H1N1 flu shot to do so because in some cases and in some communities, the flu might still be active. To date, I can confirm as of

today, there were 32 new cases since October 1. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Could the minister update the House on how his department is responding to this second wave? Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Member. Minister Curley.

Hon. Tagak Curley: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I cannot confirm yet nor is the chief medical health officer whether or not there is a second wave, but it could possibly be. We are advising the public, at least those 40 percent of the Nunavut population that have not taken the flu shot that they should do so.

That's the nature of the message that is coming from the chief medical health officer, the community nursing stations, and throughout health centres, that we are encouraging people, particularly the vulnerable, the children and the elderly, to take the flu shot and they should do so without delay in order to protect not only themselves but their families and kids as well. Thank you.

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

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Could the minister confirm the total number of H1N1 cases in the territory, please? Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you. Minister Curley.

Hon. Tagak Curley: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As of the first wave that arrived

on May 28, to be exact, to the end of September, there were 597 confirmed cases. Since then, we have had 32 additional lab confirmed cases in Nunavut. So that would lead it up to slightly over 600. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Reflecting on Mr. Okalik's Member's Statement and on what the Privacy Commissioner has said, is the minister able to tell us which communities the H1N1 cases came from? Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Member. Minister Curley.

Hon. Tagak Curley: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I cannot really confirm whether or not that's related to what Mr. Paul Okalik indicated and I cannot tell the member which communities have been impacted the most or the least throughout Nunavut with H1N1. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Baker Lake, Mr. Aupaluktuq.

Question 187 – 3(2): Training Opportunities for Employees of Local Housing Organizations

Mr. Aupaluktuq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions are directed to the Hon. Minister for the Nunavut Housing Corporation, Mr. Hunter Tootoo.

First of all, I am pleased to announce that the Baker Lake housing board

elections will be held soon and I encourage all Baker Lakemiut to go and vote.

I was invited to attend a Baker Lake housing employees meeting this fall. It was stated by some of the staff that they were overlooked, or perhaps the necessary steps were not taken to offer training that is required to advance in the work place or even be able to provide the best administrative and professional services to Baker Lake residents. Yet, in the Nunavut Housing Corporation Committee of the Whole, it was stated and documented that Baker Lake staff didn't want training or were not interested in training.

Can the Minister of the Nunavut Housing Corporation enforce training opportunities for all local housing organization staff by means of announcing notices for training opportunities? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Aupaluktuq. Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation, Hon. Hunter Tootoo.

Hon. Hunter Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank the member for that question. I think he points out a very big issue and a big challenge that the corporation and our community partners, the LHOs face in being to obtain training for them.

Mr. Speaker, it is my understanding that the staff that work for the LHO in the communities work for... he had indicated the board of directors and it was underneath the board of directors and the management to identify and bring forward any requests for training.

I know when our program officers are in the communities, as we stated in the Committee of the Whole, they do provide training in certain areas on specific programs and things like that. They work with tenant relations officers and stuff like that. That does go on, that's in-house training within the corporation.

I would ask the member if he could convey to his constituents that if that's the type of training that they were looking for, that is something the corporation provides and it just needs to be conveyed through the LHO staff to our district office. In this case, for the Kivalliq, our district office is in Arviat.

If it is any type of professional development training that an individual employee may be looking at is offered outside of something that is handled through our community program officers, then I imagine that would be identified by the employee, brought forward to their supervisor. If that supervisor isn't the manager, then it would be brought forward to the manager as a request to the board of directors to identify possible training opportunities for them that way that may be outside our in-house training.

Maybe I could ask the member what type of training. Was it in-house training or outside professional development training? If it was outside of something that is offered by the corporation, let me know. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Aupaluktuq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'll be glad to provide some

information once I get an update from other staff that wanted me to ask these questions on behalf of the Baker Lake Local Housing Organization.

I just wanted to ask: can the Minister of the Nunavut Housing Corporation ask or direct the board of directors to share information or provide opportunities specifically for performance evaluation of all local housing organization managers with feedback from all local housing organization staff? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Member. Minister Tootoo.

Hon. Hunter Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I know with our management agreement that the corporation with the LHOs, there are some things that we can tell them to do and some things that we can't tell them to do. So I will look in to see if that is specifically something that comes from or is included within the mandate of the corporation to be asking performances or if it's something that would come from the local elected board of directors to do.

Mr. Speaker, I think it's no secret, as my former colleague from that riding used to say, that the Auditor General's report on the Housing Corporation did identify that the corporation needs to improve its support to our community partners and that's something that we are going to be looking at doing and finding better ways to support our community partners in delivering programs for us. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Thank you, Mr. Aupaluktuq. Oral Questions. Member for South Baffin, Mr. Schell.

Question 188 – 3(2): Update on New Power Plant for Cape Dorset

Mr. Schell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't have a question for the housing minister but I do have one for the Minister of Qulliq Energy.

With Christmas coming, all of the street lights up there, and all of the Christmas trees and everything, it's putting quite a strain on the old power plant that we have in Cape Dorset.

A couple of years ago, the Nunavut government announced that they were going to build a new power plant in Cape Dorset. My question is: what's happening with the progress on that? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Schell. Minister responsible for the Qulliq Energy Corporation, Hon. Hunter Tootoo.

Hon. Hunter Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's my understanding over the last little while that there have been some legal issues in regard to the land ownership for the site. The hamlet and the Qulliq Energy Corporation have come to an agreement. They're just working with a third party to resolve those issues before anything could be done. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Schell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. What is roughly the timeframe for it to be started? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. Minister Tootoo.

Hon. Hunter Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would say it would depend on the outcomes of the legal issues that they are facing with the private interest on the land. I think that once the legal issues around the ownership and the land transfer are sorted out, then we would be able to look at moving forward. Until that's done, we're kind of stuck there. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Schell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Once the legal issues have been settled, what is the timeframe that Qulliq Energy is planning on starting the project? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. Minister Tootoo.

Hon. Hunter Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I know that, as the member pointed out, it's been something that's been going on for a while now and it's been snagged up on the legal land issues. It's probably not the only project in Nunavut that has had challenges getting through those types of issues.

Mr. Speaker, it's my understanding that once that issue is brought forward, it would be up to the board of directors of the corporation to include any capital projects into the capital plan and bring that forward. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Schell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question for the minister is: is Cape Dorset the priority of the corporation for the next power plant to be built in Nunavut? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Schell.
Minister Tootoo.

Hon. Hunter Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the member knows and everybody knows, power generation and power plants are critical in every community in Nunavut and those priorities change. If something happens, we can't say that that one will be the next one. If something else comes up that's an emergency, if you look at the incident that happened in Rankin Inlet in the past, those kinds of things could leapfrog any projects in there.

As I said, Mr. Speaker, it's up to the board of directors to include projects and approve the capital budget for the corporation and bring it forward. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Thank you, Mr. Schell. Oral Questions.
Member for Quttiktuq, Mr. Elliott.

Question 189 – 3(2): Coordination of Apprenticeship Training Under the Nunavut Housing Trust

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation.

Mr. Speaker, as you know, I have been trying to get some answer relating to the status of training for those apprentices, who are working under the Nunavut Housing Trust. I asked the Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation, who referred me to the Minister of Education. I asked the Minister of Education, who in turn, deferred to the adult educators. The Minister of Nunavut Arctic College took

my questions as notice. Today, I received the written reply by the Minister of Education.

My reason for bringing this up is because it shows the confusion that our apprentices must go through to become qualified.

My question is what mechanism is in place between the departments to ensure that efforts are being coordinated and that those apprentices who are learning their trade through the Nunavut Housing Trust, which is managed by the Nunavut Housing Corporation under the apprenticeship program, which is managed and funded by the Department of Education with programs delivered by Nunavut Arctic College, will be able to reach their goal before the Nunavut Housing Trust program is completed. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation, Hon. Hunter Tootoo.

Hon. Hunter Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for his question.

Mr. Speaker, the Housing Trust program is a program that finishes this year. This is the last year of the trust, so any of the apprentices who are working and started their apprenticeship program under that trust are being carried forward into this new stimulus package of money that we received from CMHC over the next two years. In a lot of cases, because of our construction season, it takes a minimum of four to seven years for individuals to finish their apprenticeship program.

There has been excellent cooperation and collaboration with, as the member pointed out, the Nunavut Housing Corporation, providing the opportunity for these individuals to get their training through the Department of Education, to be able to sponsor and have these people through the apprenticeship program, and also a great effort by Nunavut Arctic College in being able to put on additional pre-trades training courses for these individuals to be able to move into the program.

As long as those individuals are working, they get the hours that they need to progress to the next level of their apprenticeship program. After each year, I would assume that the hours that they need for each year, that they're required to take a theory program, which the requirements are outlined under the Department of Education, but the program is offered through the college. Once that happens, then they go on, they go back to work.

It's not something that I can say that they're going to be done by the end of the trust, that's going to be done this year, but there is coordinated effort on behalf of the corporation, the college, and the Department of Education to ensure that these individuals get the attention, the hours, and the training that they need to move forward on their apprenticeships. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for that answer. I just wanted to clarify. Is it your department that is ultimately responsible for making sure

that they receive their training? Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Minister Tootoo.

Hon. Hunter Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I said, it's not a department, it's a corporation. The Nunavut Housing Corporation, through the Housing Trust and through this new \$100 million of the stimulus package that we received for housing, is providing the opportunity for those individuals to get the hours that they need in whatever particular trade that they're working in. So we provide them with the opportunity to get the hours they need to do the practical work for all that.

It would be up to either the Department of Education or the college to provide the actual theory component of their training. It's basically a two-pronged approach as we provide the opportunity for them to get the work. The formal training is the responsibility of another department. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Oral Questions. Member for Hudson Bay, Mr. Rumbolt.

Question 190 – 3(2): Vaccine Availability for H1N1

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

In the minister's response to the question from Mr. Elliott concerning H1N1, he said he is encouraged that all Nunavut residents who have not taken the H1N1 sought to do so. It's been brought to my

attention that it's not as simple as walking into the health centre to get the H1N1 vaccination.

In fact, when you go to the health centre, your name goes on a list of people wanting the H1N1 shot. When a list of 10 names is accumulated, they are then able to get the vaccination. Can the minister confirm that this is the common practice throughout Nunavut? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Rumbolt. Minister of Health and Social Services, Hon. Tagak Curley.

Hon. Tagak Curley: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for the question, a very important question. I cannot confirm whether that is the practice. We are encouraging every individual and the public out there who require an H1N1 shot, who have not taken the shot to do so.

I will instruct my officials that we shouldn't be collecting names. This is not a lineup required to get a flu shot, it is important. The vaccines are available in each health centre and I will advise my department that they be treated as a priority. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for his response. Just one more question: are local health centres actively contacting Nunavut residents to get the vaccination or is it just they come in and ask for the vaccination? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Rumbolt. Minister Curley.

Hon. Tagak Curley: Mr. Speaker, the vaccination came that went out obviously ended about a couple weeks ago though, but it is where the uptake was low in some parts of Nunavut that they can possibly go in and do a more massive vaccination program.

Where there is a manageable level of individuals that are not taking a flu shot, they are encouraged to go into the community, to go into the local health facility and take their shots. We have the information packages. They are continuing to encourage people to take the flu shots not only themselves but their families as well. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Thank you, Mr. Rumbolt. Oral Questions. Member for Quttiktuq, Mr. Elliott.

Question 191 – 3(2): Concerns about Contamination at Arctic Bay's New Airport

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions are for the Minister of Economic Development and Transportation.

As the minister is aware, I tabled an aerial photograph of the new Arctic Bay Airport as well as in a correspondence with him regarding my community's concerns in relation to the Arctic Bay Airport development project. One major concern is the proximity to the lake that supplies the community's drinking water and fears that chemicals used for de-icing aircraft at the airport can enter the water supply.

In a letter to me dated January 22, 2009, the minister indicated that runoff from the airport, including de-icing chemicals, were flagged as a potential concern in the initial development of the airport site. The engineering design firm determined that any runoff entering the watershed would go downstream of the water lake.

Can the minister indicate what his department has done to ensure that no runoff from de-icing chemicals enters the water of the lake supply? Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Minister responsible for Economic Development and Transportation, Hon. Peter Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for that question. In my correspondence to the member, I believe we made it very clear that there was no possible chance of any contamination in the drinking water from the de-icing chemicals that are used on aircrafts. If there is any evidence of it, I would like to see that if the member has that. If there is any evidence, I would like to see that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. No, I just wanted to make sure that everything was in order once the airport is finally open next year to help with my community's concerns about the water lake being so close to the airport. Can the minister indicate if there are any terms and conditions the Nunavut Impact Review Board issued in relation to the environmental screening of this project? Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As Minister responsible for Economic Development and Transportation, there are some cases where I don't get into all those finer details of environmental impact statements and whatnot. The overall summary is what I look at. For the finer scientific details, I am not aware of, but I can assure the member that I will try and get all of these scientific details that he is asking for. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank him for that commitment. In the letter, it mentioned that there were some potential concerns and I'm assuming that all of those concerns were taken care of in the review.

If the minister is willing to give me more information, that would be great. I just want to have something in the written record that everything is safe and my community will be able to have safe drinking water from now until the end of time. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. I didn't hear a question. I believe that was just a statement. If you would like to respond, Mr. Taptuna, you may do so. Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for his comment. During the initiation of the construction phase, everything is looked at, the environmental consequences.

I can assure the member that if there is any danger of affecting the community drinking water, I'm pretty positive that no development goes forward. They have to be proven through technical and scientific evidence that there will be no damage to the environment, especially the drinking water of the community.

Having been to Arctic Bay a couple of months ago, I have to say that the drinking water quality there is excellent. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Oral Questions. I have no more names on list. Mr. Okalik.

Question 192 – 3(2): Performance of Government Ford Escape Hybrid SUV

Mr. Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The minister tabled a report on vehicle inspection. With this report, it seems like there is going to be a decrease in the costs that are paid by the government. I believe he's talking hybrid. How is it going to lower the costs to the government and what other studies are required? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Okalik. Minister of Community and Government Services, Hon. Lorne Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): With the little hybrid, there are different ways where we can save costs. For example, we know that it could last a long time if it's not used for long distances. Due to the fact that the Nunavut government uses different brands of vehicles for their work, we're looking at which vehicles would save the

government money. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It indicates that this hybrid will use less fuel. It's just a little over \$5,000 to buy this vehicle and I'm sure that you would save a lot on O&M costs if the fuel price went up.

We're trying to show the world that we're conserving energy and lessening our emissions. I believe this government should look at energy saving vehicles and other avenues. How are we going to do that? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Okalik. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): I know exactly where you're coming from. With the new brands of vehicles coming out and because they're more environmentally-friendly, it would be a cost-saving measure. We would like to see more utilization of those types of vehicles.

We have to look at what would happen or what type of damage it would create if the batteries started eroding or if there are parts, whether or not it's going to be more expensive. Yes, I agree with the member. However, we have to look at the other factors, whether they're going to be cost-saving measures or environmentally-friendly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The report states that there will be a further review by the government. What other types of review are you looking at? How many more years would that review take? It doesn't make any indication of life. What types of studies are required? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Okalik. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): I cannot tell him the end date if he's looking to get a set date. If my colleague is looking at the timelines we're looking at, I will look into it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Looking at the report, there are similar types of very cold stats that they're looking at when they're doing the study on this hybrid. It would help to have a timeline so we will know exactly how much we're saving on gas consumption. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Okalik. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for asking those questions. There are usually different causes. For example, its ability to run in cold

weather conditions, the gas consumption in different types of weather, and so on. I'm sure that we can look at all of the concerns you raised regarding this review, but it takes a while to see what happens. We will give you the response as soon as we get it. Thank you.

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

Question 193 – 3(2): No Home Care/Community Health/Social Services in High Arctic

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a copy of the *Blues* from Friday, June 12, and I'll ask the same question again. It is to the Minister of Health and Social Services. The questioning is almost like déjà vu. I would like to ask the Minister of Health and Social Services, the Hon. Tagak Curley.

In Grise Fiord and Resolute Bay, we do not have any home care workers. The situation for both these communities is compounded because there is no community health representative and there are also no social workers.

My question at the time was, "What are the guidelines for communities to be able to receive home care workers in their community?" The minister replied with a bit of a preamble and more or less said, "We are currently reviewing the community that you mentioned. We will keep you informed and give you updates as they come up."

In the past six months, have you hired a home care worker in either of these communities? Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Minister responsible for Health and Social Services, Hon. Tagak Curley.

Hon. Tagak Curley: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, I have not had the benefit of reading the June 12 *Hansard*. I will undertake to review that comment so that I can give him a proper response. It may not be early, but I do want to provide accurate information. So I will review that *Hansard* to get a proper understanding of the question.

Certainly, our commitment is to ensure that we do have community health workers and home care workers. I'm not in a position right now, not having reviewed my statement lately, to respond, but I will undertake to do that. I will either do it through a letter or if not, I can probably have a response by tomorrow. Thank you.

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

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't know whether the minister is taking it as notice. Is the minister committing to responding tomorrow and if not, I will receive a letter from? Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Minister Curley.

Hon. Tagak Curley: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I can do both, providing that the departmental officials can provide an answer for me in response specifically to the June 12 question. I have to review the statements and I have committed to do that, provided I get a bit of research done on that issue and our departmental plan. If the answer is not coming through

the House, I will certainly follow it up by letter. Thank you.

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

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was just wondering if the information doesn't come in tomorrow and it does come in a letter, could the minister commit to a timeframe or should I just hold on to this question for the next six months and bring it up when we're meeting in the spring? Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Minister Curley.

Hon. Tagak Curley: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the question. I don't think it's complicated. He can also phone me tomorrow and probably have a better idea as to exactly where we stand. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. (interpretation) Are you finished? Oral Questions. Member for Iqaluit West, Mr. Okalik.

Question 194 – 3(2): Business Plan Cycle

Mr. Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister responsible for the Qulliq Energy Corporation.

It was obvious that they were going through hardships, but I can't recall how they plan for business plans that have to be tabled in the House. We have not seen any business plans for the corporation. So when will they be tabled? I would like an answer on that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. Minister responsible for the Qulliq Energy Corporation, Hon. Hunter Tootoo.

Hon. Hunter Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I believe I just tabled the annual report last week for the 2008-09 fiscal year. Documents do take some time to put together. I am not sure when the board of directors... they just finished approving and getting the 2008-09 one out. As soon as they do the 2009-2010 one, which that year is not quite done yet, they will be doing that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We have to see the business plans on an annual basis. I cannot recall when it was tabled in the House. I would like to see those business plans so we can do a proper review in the future. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Okalik. Minister Tootoo.

Hon. Hunter Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I know the member is very well aware that the Qulliq Energy Corporation is a Crown corporation. It doesn't operate under the same parameters as the government departments. I would have to check if that is something that their board of directors annually approves a business plan, whether they just go through as part of their budgeting process.

The member is also quite aware that they develop their own budget and it's something that is approved by the board of directors, and then just passed on to

me as the minister responsible. They do have a business plan which I'm sure they have some sort of hurdle. I'll check with the board of directors to see if they would be willing to allow that to be put forward to the members. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I know that they're a Crown corporation. Even with that, they have to come up with business plans. Minister Tootoo is also the Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation that gives us their business plans. I would like to see the annual report in the near future. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Okalik. Minister Tootoo.

Hon. Hunter Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I indicated that the report that's approved, I just finished tabling an annual report. I will review his comments, I have taken as just a comment, is a request I put forward to the board of directors, and I'll let him know as soon as I find out from them. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Thank you, Mr. Okalik. (interpretation) Going back to the Orders of the Day. (interpretation ends) Item 7. Written Questions. Item 8. Returns to Written Questions. Item 9. Replies to Opening Address. Item 10. Petitions. Item 11. Reports of Standing and Special Committees. Item 12. Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills. Mr. Okalik.

Item 12: Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills

**Committee Report on Bills 004 – 3(2):
Bill 12, Northern Employee
Benefits Services Pension Plan
Protection Act**

Mr. Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I wish to report that Bill 12, *Northern Employee Benefits Services Pension Plan Protection Act*, has been reviewed by the Standing Committee on Legislation and that the bill is ready for consideration in the Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to waive Rule 68(6) and have Bill 12 immediately moved into Committee of the Whole. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Okalik. The member is requesting to waive Rule 68(6) so that Bill 12 can proceed immediately into Committee of the Whole. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Bill 12 is immediately referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills. Mr. Okalik.

**Committee Report on Bills 005 – 3(2):
Bill 13, An Act to Amend the
Retirement Plan Beneficiaries Act**

Mr. Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker and my colleagues. (interpretation ends) I wish to report that Bill 13, *An Act to Amend the Retirement Plan Beneficiaries Act*, has been reviewed by the Standing Committee on Legislation and that the bill is ready for

consideration in the Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to waive Rule 68(6) and have Bill 13 immediately moved into Committee of the Whole. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Okalik. The member is requesting to waive Rule 68(6) so that Bill 13 can proceed immediately into Committee of the Whole. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Bill 13 is immediately referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills. Mr. Okalik.

**Committee Report on Bills 006 – 3(2):
Bill 19, An Act to Amend the Child
and Family Services Act**

Mr. Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker and my colleagues. I wish to report that Bill 19, *An Act to Amend the Child and Family Services Act*, has been reviewed by the Standing Committee on Legislation and that the bill is ready for consideration in the Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to waive Rule 68(6) and have Bill 19 immediately moved into Committee of the Whole. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Okalik. The member is requesting to waive Rule 68(6) so that Bill 19 can proceed immediately into Committee of the Whole. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Bill 19 is immediately referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills. There are no more. Item 13. Tabling of Documents.

Item 13: Tabling of Documents

**Tabled Document 094 – 3(2):
Speaker’s List of Outstanding
Statutory Tabling Requirements**

**Tabled Document 095 – 3(2): 2007-
2008 Annual Contracting Report**

**Tabled Document 096 – 3(2): 2008-
2009 Annual Contracting Report**

**Tabled Document 097 – 3(2): Joint
Nunavut/Northwest Territories
Presentation to the Canadian
Radio-television and
Telecommunications Commission**

Thank you, Members. I wish to table today a list of outstanding statutory tabling requirements. The list is current as of the end of December 4, 2009, sitting of the Legislative Assembly. (interpretation) Thank you.

(interpretation ends) Members, I am pleased to table the 2007-08 Annual Contracting Report of the Office of the Legislative Assembly. Thank you.

Members, I am pleased to table the 2008-09 Annual Contracting Report of the Office of the Legislative Assembly. Thank you.

And finally, On November 23, 2009, I, the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut... that’s not exactly how it’s read.

On November 23, 2009, the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the

Northwest Territories and I made a joint presentation to the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission.

This presentation concerned the televised broadcasting of the proceedings of our two legislatures. I am pleased to table today a copy of our presentation. Thank you.

Tabling of Documents. Minister Lorne Kusugak.

**Tabled Document 098 – 3(2):
Response to Petition 2 – 3(2)
Resolute Bay Utilidor System**

**Tabled Document 099 – 3(2): Contract
Activity Report 2008-09**

**Tabled Document 100 – 3(2):
Procurement Activity Report
2008-09**

**Tabled Document 101 – 3(2): FPT
Ministerial Report to the
Legislative Assembly – Meeting of
the Provincial and Territorial
Ministers for Local Government**

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I would like to table four documents.

I am pleased to table the following Response to Petition 2 – 3(2), Resolute Bay Utilidor System. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I am also pleased to table the following document:

- Contract Activity Report 2008-09

If I may continue, I am also pleased to table the following document:

- Procurement Activity Report 2008-09

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If you can bear with me one more time, I would like to table the following document:

- FPT Ministerial Report to the Legislative Assembly – Meeting of the Provincial and Territorial Ministers for Local Government

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Tabling of Documents. Item 14. Notices of Motions. Item 15. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Item 16. Motions. Mr. Ningark.

Item 16: Motions

Motion 014 – 3(2): Extended Adjournment

Mr. Ningark: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Amittuq, that notwithstanding Rule 4, that when the House concludes its present sitting in Iqaluit, it shall be adjourned until March 4, 2010.

Further, at any time prior to March 4, 2010, if the Speaker is satisfied, after consultation with the Executive Council and the Members of the Legislative Assembly, that the public interest requires that the House should meet at an earlier time during adjournment, the Speaker may give notice and thereupon the House shall meet at the time stated in such notice and shall transact its

business as if it had been duly adjourned to that time.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Ningark. The motion is in order. To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour. All those opposed. The motion is carried.

Item 16. Motions. Item 17. First Reading of Bills. Item 18. Second Reading of Bills. Item 19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters. Bills 3, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 18, and 19 with Mr. Okalik in the Chair.

Before we proceed with the Committee of the Whole, we will take a 20-minute break.

Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>House recessed at 15:19 and Committee resumed at 16:03

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

Chairman (Mr. Okalik)(interpretation): Thank you, my colleagues. I would like to call the committee meeting to order. In Committee of the Whole, we have the following items to deal with: Bills 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 18, and 19. What is the wish of the committee? Mr. Aupaluktuq.

Mr. Aupaluktuq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We would like to commence with the review of Bills 6, 7, 9, 10, and if time permits, Bills 13, 3, and 11. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Aupaluktuq. Does the committee agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. I would like to ask Minister Peterson to make his opening remarks. Minister Peterson.

**Bill 06 – Supplementary
Appropriation (Operations &
Maintenance) Act, No. 5, 2007-
2008 – Consideration in
Committee**

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My opening comments on Bill 6 will be brief.

Mr. Chairman, the purpose of Bill 6 is to provide \$1,015,000 of operations and maintenance monies to the Department of Health and Social Services with respect to 2007-08. The \$1,015,000 has no net impact on the 2007-08 financial results as an incorrect accounting entry was made that reduced expenditures.

In setting up the original entry to accounts receivable, an increase to revenues from Non-Insured Health Benefits should have been made. Beginning in 2009-2010, Non-Insured Health Benefits funding is considered to be Vote 4/5 rather than Vote 1, so reoccurrence of this nature is unlikely to occur. Earlier in this sitting, I tabled the 2007-08 Public Accounts which takes this into account.

Mr. Chairman, this concludes my opening comments. I will be pleased to take questions. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Peterson. Would you like to have officials with you at the witness table?

Hon. Keith Peterson: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): My colleagues, do you agree to have officials brought in to the witness table?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Sergeant-at-Arms, please escort the witnesses in.

Thank you, Sergeant-at-Arms. Minister Peterson, we would be pleased if you would introduce your witnesses. Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. To my right is Deputy Minister Peter Ma, Deputy Minister of Finance, and to my left is Jeff Chown, Director of Expenditure Management. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Peterson. I would like to remind my colleagues that we must adhere to Rules 77(1) and 77(2) during our committee meeting.

Do any of my colleagues have general comments? I don't see any hands up. We will now proceed with the page-by-page review starting with page 4. Bill 6, *Supplementary Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, No. 5, 2007-2008*. Operations and Maintenance of the Department of Health and Social Services. Not Previously Authorized. Health Insurance

Programs. Total Health Insurance Programs. \$1,015,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): That figure has been approved. Total Department. \$1,015,000. Not Previously Authorized. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Go to Schedule on page 2. Schedule 1. Operations and Maintenance. Operations and Maintenance Appropriation. \$1,015,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Please take a look at Bill 6 in your white legislation binder at your desks. Bill 6, *Supplementary Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, No. 5, 2007-2008*. (interpretation ends) Clause 1. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 2. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 3. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 3, (interpretation) The figures are listed here, in the schedule and it has to be approved by the members. Summary of Appropriation for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2008. Vote 1: Operations and Maintenance.

Total Operations and Maintenance. \$1,015,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Total Supplementary Appropriation. \$1,015,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. We can now return to clause 4 of the bill. (interpretation ends) Clause 4. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 5. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 6. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 7. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Do you agree to Bill 6 as a whole?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Are you in agreement that pursuant to Rule 62(2) that Bill 6 can immediately be placed on the Orders of the Day for third reading?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. This can now proceed to the next level. We still have other matters to review. Mr. Minister and your officials please, stay at your witness table. We'll move onto review of Bill 7. Minister Peterson, do you have opening comments?

**Bill 07 – Supplementary
Appropriation (Operations &
Maintenance) Act, No. 4, 2008-
2009 – Consideration in
Committee**

Hon. Keith Peterson: Yes, I do, Mr. Chairman. Good afternoon again. Bill 7 provides \$12 million in operations and maintenance monies for the Department of Health and Social Services with respect to 2008-09. This additional amount of money results from post closing entries made in September to complete the 2008-09 interim financial report.

As members will recall, I tabled the 2008-09 interim financial report earlier this session. In completing the public accounts for 2008-09, the Office of the Auditor General may have additional post closing entries. As such, the supplementary appropriation is about \$700,000 more than the actual total of the post closing entries made of \$11,326,254.

Mr. Chairman, this concludes opening comments for Bill 7. I will be pleased to take questions. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Peterson. Just to let you know that the minister and the officials will remain seated at the witness table. We must adhere to Rules 77(1) and 77(2).

Do any members have any general comments? I have no names on my list.

We will move on to the review of the bill. We will go to page 4 for the Department of Health and Social Services. Operations and Maintenance. Not Previously Authorized. Total Social Services. \$1,018,000. Do you agree? Mr. Aupaluktuq.

Mr. Aupaluktuq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Welcome to the hon. minister as well as the officials here. I had a question in regard to foster care. With the over expenditures for foster care as a result of an increased number of children being placed in foster care, are they there for longer periods for foster care or increase was in the amounts being paid to foster parents? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Aupaluktuq. Which one of you is going to respond? Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the member for that question. I believe the increase is volume related. In other words, there are more kids in foster care. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Aupaluktuq.

Mr. Aupaluktuq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the hon. minister for that response as well. A follow-up question in regard to foster children: when were those rates of payments for foster parents last reviewed? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Again, I thank the member for that question. There's been no price increase for the foster care rates since 2004-05. With respect to the members question about a review, I'm unable to provide information in that regard. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Questions? Total Department of Health and Social Services. \$1,018,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Total Health Insurance Programs. \$8,084,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Total Treatment. \$2,898,000.00. Do you agree? Questions? Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Medical travel appears to be continuously under budget from year to year. What practice can contribute to these ongoing over expenditures? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the member for that question. Part of the increase is client driven. In other words, there are more patients requiring travel to medical centres both here in the Baffin, people who come to Iqaluit and from say from Iqaluit to Cambridge Bay, Rankin Inlet, and places like Ottawa, Yellowknife, Edmonton, and Winnipeg. And I think

there are also increased costs to fuel costs that airlines are passing on to the department. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you Minister. Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In the same department is the over expenditures for physicians, physician travel costs due to more physicians traveling to provide service in the north or is it due to the increase in airfares. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Rumbolt for that question. I believe it's important to have doctors or physicians visit the communities and I believe that the department of Health has an increase of physician visits to Nunavut and the number I have before is 900 doctor days and I also bring specialists to Nunavut and there's 50 specialist days which increase both the contract and the travel costs. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you Minister. (interpretation) Questions? Total Health Social Services. Not Previously Authorized. Total Treatment. \$2,898,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Total Department. Not Previously Authorized. \$12 million. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): We will go back to page 2. Summary of Appropriation. Schedule 1. Operations and Maintenance. Total Operations and Maintenance Appropriation. \$12 million. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): We will go to Bill 7, *Supplementary Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, No. 4, 2008-2009*. (interpretation ends) Clause 1. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 2. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 3. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Go to Schedule. Supplementary Amounts Appropriated for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2009. Vote 1: Operations and Maintenance. Total Operations and Maintenance. \$12 million. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Total Supplementary Appropriation. \$12 million. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Go back to clause 4. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 5. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 6. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 7. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Do members agree to the bill as a whole?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Do members agree that pursuant to Rule 62(2) that Bill 7 can immediately be placed on the Orders of the Day for third reading?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. I would like the officials to remain at the witness table as we will start dealing with Bill 9. Minister Peterson, if you could make your opening comments.

**Bill 09 – Supplementary
Appropriation (Operations &
Maintenance) Act, No. 1, 2009-
2010 – Consideration in
Committee**

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Bill 9 provides \$17,835,000 for operations and maintenance expenditures, the bulk of which is for the Department of Health and Social

Services; \$16,637,000 will be appropriated for the Department of Health and Social Services; \$14,708,000 is for the anticipated shortfalls in medical travel, residential care contracts, out-of-territory physicians programs, out-of-territory hospitals, lab services, physician services, and the Extended Health Benefits Program; the balance of \$1,929,000 is for the H1N1 vaccination program and the HPV immunization program.

Other amounts in Bill 9 are:

- \$1,331,000 of carried forward Northern Strategy monies for the Department of Economic Development and Transportation to continue the Small Community Initiatives Program;
- \$189,000 of carried forward ecoTrust monies to the Department of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs to conduct an energy conservation awareness program;
- \$501,000 to the Department of Justice as a result of the amendments to the National RCMP Backup Policy;
- \$708,000 to the Office of the Legislative Assembly to cover a deficit in the Legislative Assembly Retiring Allowances Fund;
- a negative appropriation of \$1,121,000 in the Department of Community and Government Services due to an internal transfer of \$1,260,000 to Vote 2: Capital for capital projects in Gjoa Haven and Iqaluit. This internal transfer is offset by \$139,000 increase for the lease of an additional 3,422 square feet of

office space for the Department of Finance in Rankin Inlet;

- a negative appropriation of \$410,000 in the Department of Finance for office space in Rankin Inlet to support the recentralization of finance positions initiated in 2007.

Mr. Chairman, this concludes my opening comments. I would be pleased to take questions. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Peterson. That was certainly a well detailed breakdown of the funds. For your information, the same officials will be appearing with their minister before the Committee of the Whole.

I would like to remind members that we must adhere to Rules 77(1) and 77(2). Do any of my colleagues have general comments? Mr. Aupaluktuq.

Mr. Aupaluktuq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also thank the minister for the responses. In your opening comments on page 1, third bullet, it's noted that... for the record, I just want to ask in summary, if you please: what specific amendments to the National RCMP Backup Policy are proposed? Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the member for that question. Mr. Chairman, in the past, RCMP officers have been attending calls, either domestic dispute calls or other calls, by themselves and there have been some incidents in Nunavut and the

Northwest Territories that were quite tragic, where officers were killed.

The national policy requires that all officers... if there's a two-person detachment, there would be two people attending calls. What this policy accomplishes is to provide one hour of overtime for every four hours of standby time in a two-person detachment in the event of callouts. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Peterson. Are there any more questions or comments on the opening comments? I have no names due to no one raising their hands.

We can commence with the review of the details listed in this appropriation bill. Let's start with the page-by-page review on page 4. This is in relation to our Legislative Assembly. Office of the Legislative Assembly. Operations and Maintenance. Total Expenditures on Behalf of Members. \$708,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Total Department. \$708,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Let's move on to the figures on page 5. Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs. Operations and Maintenance. Not Previously Authorized. \$189,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Total Department. \$189,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Moving on to the rest of the figures on page 6. Department of Finance. Operations and Maintenance. Not Previously Authorized. Total Directorate. -\$60,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): With respect to the allocations from Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs to Financial Management. Directorate. Total Directorate. -\$350,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Total Department. -\$410,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Department of Justice. Operations and Maintenance. Not Previously Authorized. Total Law Enforcement. \$501,000. Do you agree? I apologize. Mr. Aupaluktuq.

Mr. Aupaluktuq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. For the record and for the benefit of Nunavummiut, how many more officers will this spending enable the RCMP to post to detachments in Nunavut? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the member for that question. This funding will not be increasing the number of officers in Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Aupaluktuq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also thank the hon. minister. Will the minister or his department be able to table a copy of the RCMP's new operational response allowance policy in the House? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for that very good question. I think we should be able to do all that. I'll have to talk with the commanding officer of the RCMP here in Iqaluit to get that information perhaps in the winter session. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Total Law Enforcement. \$501,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Total Department. \$501,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. On page 8. Department of Health and Social Services. Operations and Maintenance. Not Previously Authorized. Treatment. Total Treatment. \$7,307,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Public Health. Total Public Health. \$1,929,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Social Services. Total Social Services. \$2,918,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Moving on to the Department of Health and Social Services. Total Health Insurance Programs. Not Previously Authorized. Total Health Insurance \$4,483,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Department of Health and Social Services. Appropriation. Not Previously Authorized. \$16,637,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Page 10. Community and Government Services. Operations and Maintenance. Not Previously Authorized. Government Services. Reduction of \$561,000. Do you agree? I apologize. Mr. Pauloosie.

Mr. Pauloosie: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My question is for the Hon. Minister of Finance.

\$1 million is being requested for repairs and upgrades to Gjoa Haven's water system. A number of years ago, there were problems with the community's

water system. What is presently happening with the community's water system and will this funding be sufficient to address them? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the member for that question. I believe this money should be sufficient to fix the water supply line. I haven't heard any information that there were any other problems in Gjoa Haven. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Hopefully that is the end of it for the benefit of the member. (interpretation) -\$561,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Total Capital Planning and Technical Services. - \$560,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Total. \$-560,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Total. Department. -\$1,121,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Economic Development and Transportation. Operations and Maintenance. Not Previously Authorized. Total Economic

Development. \$1,331,000. Are there any questions? Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. \$1,331,000 in funding for the Northern Strategy Trust Fund is being carried over for the department's Small Community Initiatives Program. Why didn't the department spend this money in 2008-09 fiscal year? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Rumbolt of that good question. I believe that there were a lot of applications. So the department wanted to carry this money over and promote the program vigorously so that they can use the funding in this fiscal year. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. To date, what projects have been funded by the department's Small Community Initiatives Program? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Rumbolt for that question. I can give a fairly long list here if you bear with me.

- floating docks in Whale Cove, Kugaaruk, Taloyoak, Grise Fiord, Arctic Bay, Hall Beach, Resolute Bay, Repulse Bay, Sanikiluaq, Qikiqtarjuaq, Clyde River, and Chesterfield Inlet;

- there is a community freezer in Chesterfield Inlet;
- there is a winter char fishing project in Repulse Bay;
- we have funded the caribou harvest project in Coral Harbour;
- there has been funding for film and media training; and
- building renovations for the Iisaaqivik Society in Clyde River.

There may be others, but that's what I have in front of me. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Are there any further questions? Total Department. Are there any other questions? Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Going back to the SCIP funding, the minister did list a number of different projects that received funding. It's a carryover. So does that mean there is, to date, \$1,331,000 left that people in communities can apply for or is that money allocated to different projects. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Elliott for that question. Mr. Chairman, I believe the funding initially started off at \$5 million.

The addition of these projects that were funded previously as of October 19, 2009, the department approved and committed \$483,420 to three of the applicants and currently, there are three applications pending so that you will have communities, if they go to the

Department of Economic Development and Transportation, there is an application process which the department will help them with. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Peterson. (interpretation ends) If memory serves, this is just for small, have-not communities. The funds are dedicated for those. It's for you guys.

(interpretation) Are there any further questions or comments? Total Department. \$1,331,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Total. \$1,331,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Going back to page 2. Schedule 1. Operations and Maintenance. \$17,835,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): We can move to Bill 9, *Supplementary Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, No. 1, 2009-2010*. (interpretation ends) Clause 1. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 2. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 3. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Going to the Schedule. Supplementary Amounts Appropriated for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2010. Vote 1: Operations and Maintenance. Total Supplementary Appropriation. \$17,835,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Total Supplementary Appropriation. \$17,835,000.00. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Going back to clause 4. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 6. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): I apologize, (interpretation ends) clause 5. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): I went ahead by one number, so clause 6 has been agreed to. (interpretation ends) Clause 7.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Do you agree to Bill 9 as a whole?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Do you agree that pursuant to Rule 62(2) that Bill 9 can be immediately placed on the Orders of the Day for third reading?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. We will now move on to Bill 10. Minister Peterson.

**Bill 10 – Supplementary
Appropriation (Capital) Act, No.
2, 2009-2010 – Consideration in
Committee**

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Bill 10 provides supplementary capital monies of \$7,785,000.00 for 2009-2010 as follows:

- \$4,360,000 for the Department of Education of which \$3,977,000 is a replenishment of monies transferred to other capital projects of Nunavut Arctic College;
- the flipside of this replenishment is a negative appropriation of \$3,977,000 to the Department of Finance as Nunavut Arctic College's capital appropriation vote goes to the Department of Finance
- the balance of \$383,000 is for renovations for the Quqshuun Ilihavik School in Gjoa Haven
- an additional \$400,000 is being funded from within by the Department of Education so that the renovations can be completed
- \$6,862,000 for the Department of Community and Government Services of which \$4,400,000 is for the repurchase of the Arviat health facility;

- the balance of \$2,462,000 is for tenant improvements for new and additional office space for the Department of Finance in the amount of \$350,000 in Rankin Inlet
- \$60,000 for office reconfigurations for the Department of Finance in Iqaluit
- \$1 million for water systems repairs and update in Gjoa Haven
- \$260,000 for renovations to the federal building in Iqaluit and intergovernmental transfer of monies for the Department of Economic Development and Transportation
- \$582,000 is being appropriated to the Department of Health and Social Services for upgrades to the air handling system of the Kivalliq Health Centre
- \$750,000 to Nunavut Housing Corporation to assist in the purchase of a warehouse and office facility
- a negative appropriation of \$792,000 to the Department of Economic Development and Transportation to allow inter-transfer monies interdepartmentally to the Department of Community and Government Services for the construction of the access road to the Kimmirut quarry site.

Mr. Chairman, this concludes my opening comments. I will be pleased to take questions. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Peterson. Again, we have the same officials and the same minister and I would like to welcome them again. I

would like to remind the members that we must adhere to Rules 77(1) and 77(2). Are there any general comments?

We can turn to Bill 10. Page 4. Finance. Not Previously Authorized. -\$3,977,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Total Department. -\$3,977,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Turn to page 5. Department of Education. Capital. Not Previously Authorized. Total Corporate Services. \$4,360,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Total Department. \$4,360,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Department of Health and Social Services. Capital. Not Previously Authorized. Total Directorate. \$582,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Total Department \$582,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Department of Community and Government Services. Capital. Not Previously Authorized. Total Capital Planning and Technical Services. \$6,862,000. Questions? Mr. Schell.

Mr. Schell: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The government is requesting approval to spend \$4.1 million to the Arviat health facility.

On May 1999, the government signed an agreement with the Arviat Development Corporation to construct new facility. This was the first public-private partnership, or P3, project in the territory. At the time, the government indicated that the value of the project was approximately 10 million dollars.

Why did the Arviat Development Corporation go bankrupt and who was on the board of directors? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Schell for that question. It's a good question. Unfortunately, we do not know why they went bankrupt. It is something that would be internal to them and secondly, we do not know who was on the board of directors. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Peterson. Any further questions. Mr. Schell.

Mr. Schell: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. What company will the government actually pay for this \$4.4 million for this facility?

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Schell for that question. Mr. Chairman, I believe the

government will pay the funds to the bank. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Schell.

Mr. Schell: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The government is requesting approval to spend \$750,000 for partial funding for the acquisition of a warehouse in Iqaluit for the Iqaluit Housing Authority and office space for the Nunavut Housing Corporation. How much funding in total is required?

Chairman (interpretation): I apologize. (interpretation ends) Can you clarify where you are, which page? Okay, you already approved the other one. (interpretation) Are there any further questions? Total Capital Planning and Technical Services. Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just had some questions for the Iqaluit federal building renovations. Could the minister expand on what renovations are actually going to be completed there? Thank you.

Chairman: Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Elliott for that question. I believe the plan is to increase storage space for government records. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Questions? Total Capital Planning and Technical Services. \$6,862,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Total Department. \$6,862,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Economic Development and Transportation. Capital. Page 8. Not Previously Authorized. Total Transportation. - \$792,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Total Department. -\$792,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Nunavut Housing Corporation. Not Previously Authorized. Total Nunavut Housing Corporation. Questions? Mr. Schell.

Mr. Schell: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Now that I'm on the right page, I'll ask the question again. The government is requesting approval to spend \$750,000 for partial funding for the acquisition of the warehouse in Iqaluit for the Iqaluit Housing Authority and an office space with Nunavut Housing Corporation. How much funding in total will be required? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Schell for that question. The total cost of the office building warehouse complex is \$5.5 million. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Schell: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. How much of the \$750,000 is going towards the new warehouse for the

Iqaluit Housing Authority and how much is going for the Nunavut Housing Corporation office space? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Schell for the question. I don't have the breakdown, but the total amount is \$5.5 million that would go towards the purchase of the building. I don't know who all of the tenants would be, but it's a facility that is needed. I believe it's appraised at \$5.8 million as well.

I can ask the Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation to respond if you want those specific details. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Tootoo.

Hon. Hunter Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Mr. Schell, for that. I can't tell you. I guess I would have to go in and breakdown the square footage of how much of the building will be used by the Housing Corporation and how much will be used by the local housing authority.

I don't know if you're familiar, but it's a two-storey building. There are offices on the second floor that are going to be used for the Nunavut Housing Corporation and the whole first floor, including the shop facilities and interior storage and the yard will be used for the Iqaluit Housing Authority.

Do you want the square footage breakdown to figure out the exact amount of how much is going to what? I

can provide that to you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Questions? Mr. Schell.

Mr. Schell: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Maybe while he's at it, he can explain to us why Nunavut Housing Corporation needs new office space. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Alright, Mr. Tootoo, I think that is directed to you. Are there any further questions? Minister Tootoo.

Hon. Hunter Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Right now, the Housing Corporation has people in different locations and also, we don't have enough space for the people who we have right now.

We had a boardroom that was in our current office facility and I think there are five people in little cubicles within that old boardroom right now. So it's just an opportunity to put all of our staff together under one roof, or *roof* as my colleague used to say, and put everyone in one place, and also it provides an opportunity to free up other office space for other government department's that desperately need office space. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Questions? Total Nunavut Housing Corporation. \$750,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Total Department. \$750,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): We can now go back to page 2. Schedule 1. Summary of Appropriation. Total Capital. \$7,785,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): We can go to the clause-by-clause review of Bill 10. Bill 10, *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 2, 2009-2010*. (interpretation ends) Clause 1. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 2. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 3. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Go to Schedule. Supplementary Amounts Appropriated for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2010. Vote 2: Capital. Total Supplementary Appropriation. \$7,785,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Total Capital. Total Supplementary Appropriation. \$7,785,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): We can now go to clause 4. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 5. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 6. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 7. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Do you agree to Bill 10 as a whole?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Are committee members in agreement that pursuant to Rule 62(2) that Bill 10 can be placed on the Orders of the Day for third reading?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Those are the supplementary appropriation bills. Minister Peterson, do you have any closing remarks?

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the members for their scrutiny of these supp bills. It's very important for public accountability that you ask these questions and I'm glad that we were able to answer them.

I would like to thank all of the departments for providing very detailed information to my officials, so we had excellent briefing notes here. I want to assure the members that we will continue to be vigilant in our oversight

of government departments' budgets and work closely with the standing committees.

I would also like to thank the officials in the Department of Finance, Mr. Ma, Mr. Chown, and Mr. D'Arcy, who is sitting in the Gallery, for their hard work on behalf of the Government of Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Peterson. (interpretation ends) We will now take a 10-minute break and be back here at five o'clock. (interpretation) Thank you.

>>*Committee recessed at 16:53 and resumed at 17:10*

Chairman (Mr. Schell): I would like to call the committee meeting to order. The Committee of the Whole proceedings is here to review Bill 13. We would like the Law Clerk to join us at the table. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: I would now like to ask Minister Peterson, responsible for the Department of Finance, to make his opening remarks.

Bill 13 – An Act to Amend the Retirement Plan Beneficiaries Act – Consideration in Committee

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am pleased to appear before members today to speak to Bill 13, *An Act to Amend the Retirement Plan Beneficiaries Act*.

Mr. Chairman, the *Retirement Plan Beneficiaries Act* is an Act that allows

various plan holders to designate a beneficiary so that proceeds from plans do not fall into the holders' general estate at the time of death. The tax-free savings account which was introduced in federal budget 2009 also allows for a beneficiary to be designated.

We expect, Mr. Chairman, that in the future, there will be other types of plans that will also allow for the designation of beneficiaries. Mr. Chairman, the Act has been amended to include tax-free savings accounts additionally to ensure that all future plans may be included.

The Act now allows the commissioner and Executive Council to make regulations prescribing any fund, trust, scheme, contract, or arrangement to be a friend and thereby covered under section 1 of the Act. As well, the name of the Act has been amended to the *Beneficiaries Designation Act*, retirement savings and other plans, to more accurately reflect this enhanced coverage.

I'll be pleased to answer questions from members. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Peterson. Do you have witnesses that you would like to bring to the table?

Hon. Keith Peterson: Yes, I do, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Does the committee agree to bring in the witnesses?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Sergeant-at-Arms, can you escort the witness in, please?

Minister, please introduce your witnesses.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. To my right is Peter Ma, Deputy Minister of Finance, and to my left is Chris D'Arcy, Assistant Deputy Minister of Finance. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Peterson. Does the Chair of the Standing Committee on Legislation have comments? Please proceed, Mr. Okalik.

Mr. Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) On behalf of the Standing Committee on Legislation, I am pleased to make some bare brief opening comments as we begin consideration of Bill 13, *An Act to Amend the Retirement Plan Beneficiaries Act*.

The standing committee recognizes that this bill has been introduced in order to respond to the Government of Canada's recent introduction of the tax-free savings account. The standing committee is fully in support of this initiative.

Mr. Chairman, that concludes my opening comments. The standing committee recommends passage of Bill 13 to all members. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Okalik. Are there any general comments? We have no more members in general comments. We will proceed to the clause-by-clause reading of the bill starting on the first page, I guess. Clause 1... sorry. Bill 13, *An Act to Amend the Retirement Plan Beneficiaries Act*. Clause 1.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 2.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 3.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 4.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 5.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 6.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 7.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Does the committee agree to Bill 13 as a whole?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Do members agree that pursuant to Rule 62(2) that Bill 13 can immediately be placed on the Orders of the Day for third reading?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: I would like to thank the members and officials. Minister, do you have any closing comments?

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the members of the standing committee and the MLAs for the scrutiny of this bill. It's a very

important bill for Nunavummiut. I appreciate the support for the bill.

I would like to thank my officials in the Department of Finance for working hard on getting this bill forward and also the officials in the Department of Justice who work very closely with the Department of Finance officials. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Peterson. Sergeant-at-Arms, can you please escort the minister and his witness out.

We will move on to Bill 3. I would now like to ask the Minister responsible for Culture, Language, Elders and Youth to make his opening remarks.

Bill 03 – Western Canada Lottery Act – Consideration in Committee

Hon. Louis Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman and my fellow colleagues.

I am here today to present a new Western Canada Lottery Bill. I would like to thank the Standing Committee on Legislation for their thoughtful consideration of this bill. They provided us with suggestions on how to potentially grow the lottery revenue that we will be following up on.

The *Western Canada Lottery Act*, inherited from the Northwest Territories, needed minor technical amendments, but during the drafting process, Justice decided it was more appropriate to prepare an entirely new bill rather than to prepare an amending bill longer than that.

On division, the Government of Nunavut entered into an agreement with the Western Canada Lottery Corporation for the operation of Western Canada Lottery. The governments of Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, the Yukon, the Northwest Territories, and Nunavut are all members of the Western Canada Lottery Corporation.

The corporation runs games, such as Lotto 649, Lotto Max, Pick 3, and Extra. The *Western Canada Lottery Act* governs the operations of the Western Canada Lottery in Nunavut. The Western Canada Lottery generates an average profit of \$366,220 per year in Nunavut.

All the proposed changes involve additions to the existing Act. In order to strengthen it, the changes include strengthening the regulation making powers so that the existing regulations are fully authorized, inserting a table requirement for annual reports into the Act rather than being kept in the regulations, and expressly stating that the profits from the lottery are to be used solely for sport recreation related purposes, as the Government of Nunavut agreed to under the agreement signed with the Western Canada Lottery Corporation.

The bill is made retroactive to April 1, 1999. This strengthened Act is deemed to have been adopted on division. It also provides that the regulations under the existing Act are deemed to have been made under this bill and again, are deemed to have been made on division.

As I have already mentioned during my appearance before the standing committee, several issues were brought

up, such as the setting up of a Nunavut-based Internet subscription service and placing the lottery terminals at the cash register as in other jurisdictions. I will be bringing these issues up with our licence holder.

Currently, the Northwest Territories' Sports and Recreation Council administers the lottery operations in Nunavut. I will be working with them to ensure that residents in all communities have access to the lottery if they so desire.

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

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Tapardjuk. Do you have witnesses that you would like to bring to the table?

Hon. Louis Tapardjuk: Yes, I do.

Chairman: Does the committee agree to bring in the witnesses?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Sergeant-at-Arms, can you escort the witnesses in.

Minister, please introduce your witnesses.

Hon. Louis Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. To my right is Thomas Druyan from the Department of Justice, and also to my left is Jodi Durdle, who is the Policy Advisor in the Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth.

Chairman: Thank you. Does the chairman of the standing committee

have comments? Please proceed, Mr. Okalik.

Mr. Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As Chair of the Standing Committee on Legislation, I am pleased to make some brief opening comments as we begin consideration of Bill 3, *Western Canada Lottery Act*.

The standing committee recognizes that this bill has been introduced in order to replace the existing statute which was inherited by Nunavut upon division. Members recognize that although Bill 3 is intended to replace an existing piece of legislation, there are, in essence, only three substantive changes to its provisions.

The first change, as outlined in clause 4 of Bill 3, provides that the profits from the Western Canada Lottery “shall be used for the purpose of promoting sport and recreational opportunities for Nunavummiut.”

The second change, as outlined in clause 5 of Bill 3, provides that the minister will be legally required to table an annual report in the Legislative Assembly on the operation of the Western Canada Lottery in Nunavut.

The final significant change, as outlined in clause 6 of Bill 3, provides the government with regulation-making powers in a number of areas, including the establishment of a Code of Conduct for sport groups and sport associations in Nunavut.

During the minister’s appearance before the standing committee to undertake the clause-by-clause consideration of Bill 3, members raised the question of whether

such activities as Inuit games would be eligible to receive funding from the profits accruing to the government from the Western Canada Lottery.

Members were advised that while Inuit games are not included in the Act’s definition of “sport and recreational opportunities,” the minister indicated that funding for traditional and cultural activities will continue to be provided from the Department of CLEY’s annual budget.

Mr. Chairman, during the minister’s appearance, members noted that there is, at present, only one lottery outlet in Nunavut which is located in Iqaluit. Concerns were raised regarding the lack of outlets in other communities given their potential to raise revenues for sport and recreational activities in Nunavut.

Members noted that Nunavummiut in other communities have resorted to buying lottery tickets from ‘outside’ of the territory. This results in a lost opportunity for providing support to sport and recreation groups within Nunavut. Members look forward to corresponding further with the minister on this matter.

The minister and his officials advised the committee that interested parties are welcome to apply for licences to sell lottery tickets. The committee encourages the department to ensure that clear information is available to the public with respect to the application process.

Earlier this year, correspondence from the minister to the committee indicated that approximately \$226,433 in lottery proceeds went to the government’s

general revenue fund in 2008. Up to this point, these funds have not been specifically allocated to sport and recreation activities.

As I noted earlier, the new Act requires the minister to table an annual report in the Legislative Assembly. Members encourage the government to look at similar annual reports from other jurisdictions, such as the Yukon, where the public is provided with clear and comprehensive information concerning how lottery profits are distributed and the groups that receive funding. Members look forward to equally transparent reporting in this jurisdiction.

Mr. Chairman, that concludes my opening comments. The standing committee recommends the passage of Bill 3 to all members. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you Mr. Okalik. Are there any general comments? There are no... Mr. Okalik.

Mr. Okalik: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm asking a question on behalf of one of our colleagues that could not be here today, Mr. Arvaluk. He asked me to ask a question on the Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct will be binding as a regulation built into funding agreements with organizations. The standing committee appreciates this clarification.

In particular, if the Code of Conduct is in the regulations, why is it necessary to also build it into funding agreements? Will the regulations suffice or why do you need to add it on to funding agreements that will be required in the future? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Okalik. Mr. Tapardjuk.

Hon. Louis Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will have Thomas Druyan respond to that question, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Go ahead, sorry.

Mr. Druyan: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Mr. Okalik, for raising that question. I think there's a little bit of a misunderstanding. The funding that is provided by the Department of CLEY to sports and recreation groups are given by way of grants and not by contribution agreements, so there is nothing that is signed by the recipients.

So by using the process of having a regulation, they will be binding on everyone and there is no requirement for anyone to sign anything. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Are there any other general comments? If not, we will go clause-by-clause, reading the bill. Bill 3, *Western Canada Lottery Act*. Clause 1?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 2?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 3?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 4?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 5?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 6? Go ahead, Mr. Okalik.

Mr. Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) As I recall, there were a lot of questions on the issue of being able to purchase tickets via Internet hopefully out of Nunavut in the future.

I recall that currently, Nunavut residents have to resort to purchasing tickets from outside the jurisdiction, so the proceeds get to benefit other jurisdictions as opposed to Nunavummiut.

I would like to know if there are plans in the near future to change that, to allow Nunavummiut to purchase tickets within Nunavut so that we can benefit from Nunavut money in the future. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Okalik. Mr. Tapardjuk.

Hon. Louis Tapardjuk (interpretation): With respect to his question, once the bill has been passed by the House, then our workload will become intense. We will be making this a priority to resolve so that Nunavummiut can purchase tickets via the Internet.

We will make this a priority as this is one item that many people have identified it as a matter of interest. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Are there any other questions on this clause? We will go back to clause 6. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 7?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 8?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 9?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Is the committee agreed to Bill 3 [as a whole]?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Do members agree that pursuant to Rule 62(2) that Bill 3 can immediately be placed on the Orders of the Day for third reading?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister, for showing up. Do you have any closing comments?

Hon. Louis Tapardjuk (interpretation): As a matter of fact, I wish only to thank the committee for their review and support of the bill. Once the bill has been enacted, then this will allow some leeway for more lottery booths in Nunavut. We will work towards that matter. I would like to that the members for their wholehearted support of the bill. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Will the Sergeant-at-Arms please escort the witnesses and the minister out.

We will move on to Bill 11. I would now like to ask the sponsor of Bill 11, Mr. Okalik, to make his opening remarks.

Bill 11 – An Act to Establish the Order of Nunavut – Consideration in Committee

Mr. Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am very pleased to have the opportunity to appear today before the Committee of the Whole on the occasion of its consideration of Bill 11, *An Act to Establish the Order of Nunavut Act*.

I would first like to express my appreciation to the Member for Quttiktuq for his support of this initiative and I look forward to his comments during today's deliberations. As I noted in the House last week, this is the first private member's bill to have been introduced in our Legislative Assembly. I am confident that it will not be the last.

Mr. Chairman, I would like to take a few moments to provide members with an overview of the provisions of Bill 11. As members may be aware, all provinces have established orders that have a place in the Canadian Order of Precedence of Orders, Decorations and Medals.

I recently had the opportunity to speak with her Honour the Commissioner of Nunavut on this matter. We agreed that it would be appropriate for legislation establishing the Order of Nunavut to be introduced during 2009, which is the 10th anniversary of our territory's creation.

Mr. Chairman, the objective of the order is to honour individuals who have provided an outstanding contribution to the cultural, social, or economic well-being of Nunavut. The order will be the highest honour of Nunavut and takes precedence over all other orders, decorations, or medals conferred by the Government of Nunavut. In essence, it is intended to recognize those exceptional individuals who have made a lifetime of contribution to our territory and its peoples. I would note that the commissioner's existing awards program, which provides recognition in such areas as youth achievement and volunteer service, is not affected by this legislation.

Under this legislation, the Commissioner of Nunavut will serve as the chancellor of the order. The legislation also establishes the Order of Nunavut Advisory Council which consists of the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, the Senior Judge of the Nunavut Court of Justice, and the President of Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated. The role of the council is to recommend to the chancellor individuals it considers deserving of being invested with the order.

The Act also provides the advisory council with an appropriate degree of flexibility in the making of its recommendations. Secretariat support to the council will be provided by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly. The Speaker, on the recommendation of our Management and Services Board, will have the authority to make regulations respecting any matter necessary for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

I would like to take this opportunity to note my deep appreciation to Speaker James Arreak, Senior Judge of the Nunavut Court of Justice Robert Kilpatrick, and NTI President Paul Kaludjak for their enthusiasm and willingness to serve on this body. I look forward to the first investiture ceremony taking place at some point next year, following the coming into force of the Act on January 1, 2010.

In developing this proposed legislation, I reviewed a number of analogous statutes from other Canadian jurisdictions. The proposed *Order of Nunavut Act* contains provisions that are consistent with such established practices as prohibiting elected officials, sitting judges, and certain other individuals from joining the order while they hold office.

Mr. Chairman, that concludes my opening comments. I look forward to responding to any questions that my colleagues may have. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Okalik. Do you have witnesses you would like to bring to the table?

Mr. Okalik (interpretation): No, that's okay.

Chairman: Are there any general comments? Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am honoured to have the opportunity to make some brief remarks of my own on Bill 11. I am pleased to have seconded the motions for first and second readings of this bill.

This initiative is historic for two important reasons:

As Mr. Okalik noted, it is the first private member's bill to have been introduced in our legislature. I have been giving thought to some initiatives of my own which I hope to introduce in this House.

I also agree that the time is right for our jurisdiction to have its own order. In my constituency, there are a number of individuals whose lifetime of contributions to the territory are worthy of formal recognition. I look forward to the coming into force of the bill and the opportunity to submit nominations to the council.

Mr. Chairman, that concludes my comments on Bill 11. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Mr. Okalik.

Mr. Okalik: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think they were just blessing my proposal, so I agree with my colleague very much. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Are there any other comments? We will do a clause-by-clause review of the bill starting with page 1. Clause 1 of Bill 11, the *Order of Nunavut Act*. Clause 1.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 2.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 3.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 4.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 5.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 6.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 7.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 8.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 9.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 10.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 11.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 12.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 13.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 14.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 15.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Is the committee agreed to Bill 11 as a whole?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Do members agree that pursuant to Rule 62(2) that Bill 11 can immediately be placed on the Orders of the Day for third reading?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Do you have any closing comments? Mr. Okalik.

Mr. Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am very pleased that I have your support on this bill. Thank you, Mr. Elliott and my colleagues. I would like to see this in the future. Make sure that you nominate people who could get the Order of Nunavut this year.

I thank all of the people who supported this bill. Hopefully it will proceed adequately. You will probably get recognition in the future when you are no longer sitting members. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Okalik. Mr. Aupaluktuq.

Mr. Aupaluktuq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move to report progress. Thank you.

Chairman: There is a motion on the floor to report progress and it is not debatable. All those in favour of the motion. All those opposed. The motion

is carried. I will now rise to report progress.

Speaker: Thank you. Going back to the Orders of the Day. Report of the Committee of the Whole. Mr. Schell.

Item 20: Report of the Committee of the Whole

Mr. Schell: Mr. Speaker, your committee has been considering Bills 3, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, and 13 and would like to report that Bills 3, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, and 13 are immediate ready for third reading. Mr. Speaker, I move that the Report of the Committee of the Whole be agreed to. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Schell. There is a motion on the floor. Is there a seconder? Mr. Okalik. The motion is in order. To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour, raise your hand. Opposed. The motion is carried.

Before we go to Item 21, Madam Premier.

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like unanimous consent to return to Item 13. Thank you.

Speaker: The Premier is seeking is unanimous consent to return to Item 13 on the Orders of the Day. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Tabling of Documents. Madam Premier.

**Revert to Item 13: Tabling of Documents
Tabled Document 102 – 3(2):
Tamapta Action Plan**

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am very pleased to table the *Tamapta* Action Plan. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Premier. Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Item 21. Third Reading of Bills. Minister Peterson.

Item 21: Third Reading of Bills

**Bill 06 – Supplementary
Appropriation (Operations &
Maintenance) Act, No. 5, 2007-
2008 – Third Reading**

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Iqaluit Centre, that Bill 6, *Supplementary Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, No. 5, 2007-2008*, be read for the third time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. The motion is in order. To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour, raise your hand. Thank you. The motion has been carried and Bill 6 is ready for assent.

Third Reading of Bills. Mr. Peterson.

**Bill 07 – Supplementary
Appropriation (Operations &
Maintenance) Act, No. 4, 2008-
2009 – Third Reading**

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Iqaluit Centre, that Bill 7, *Supplementary Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, No. 4, 2008-2009*, be read for the third time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. The motion is in order. To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour of the motion, raise your hand. Opposed. The motion is carried and Bill 7 is ready for assent.

Third Reading of Bills. Minister Peterson.

Bill 08 – Appropriation (Capital) Act, 2010-2011 – Third Reading

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Iqaluit Centre, that Bill 8, *Appropriation (Capital) Act, 2010-2011*, be read for the third time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. The motion is in order. Question has been called. All those in favour of the motion, raise your hand. All those opposed, raise your hand. The motion is carried and Bill 8 is ready for assent.

Third Reading of Bills. Minister Peterson.

Bill 09 – Supplementary Appropriation (Operations & Maintenance) Act, No. 1, 2009-2010 – Third Reading

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Iqaluit Centre, that Bill 9, *Supplementary Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, No. 1, 2009-2010*, be read for the third time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. The motion is in order. To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour of the motion, raise your hand. Opposed. The motion is carried and Bill 9 is ready for assent.

Third Reading of Bills. Minister Peterson.

Bill 10 – Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 2, 2009-2010 – Third Reading

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Iqaluit Centre, that Bill 10, *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 2, 2009-2010*, be read for the third time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. The motion is in order. To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour of the motion, raise your hand. Opposed. The motion is carried and Bill 10 is ready for assent.

Third Reading of Bills. Item 22. Orders of the Day. Mr. Clerk.

Item 22: Orders of the Day

Clerk (Mr. Quirke): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Orders of the Day for December 8:

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
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11. Reports of Standing and Special Committees
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 - Bill 12
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 - Bill 13
22. Orders of the Day

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you.
This House stands adjourned until
Tuesday, December 8, at 1:30 p.m.

Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>*House adjourned at 17:55*

Thank you.

