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**Iqaluit, Nunavut
Tuesday, October 19, 2010**

Members Present:

Honourable Eva Aariak, Honourable James Arreak, Mr. Moses Aupaluktuq, Honourable Tagak Curley, Mr. Ron Elliott, Mr. Adamee Komoartok, Honourable Lorne Kusugak, Mr. Johnny Ningeongan, Mr. Paul Okalik, Honourable Keith Peterson, Mr. Allan Rumbolt, Mr. Fred Schell, Honourable Daniel Shewchuk, Honourable Louis Tapardjuk, Honourable Peter Taptuna, Honourable Hunter Tootoo, Ms. Jeannie Ugyuk.

Item 1: Opening Prayer

Speaker (Hon. James Arreak) (interpretation): I would like to ask Mr. Ningeongan to say the opening prayer. Mr. Ningeongan.

>>Prayer

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

Before we proceed, I would like to send our wishes to our MLA for Tununiq, Mr. James Arvaluk, for him to get well soon and to return to the House as soon as possible.

For your information, the Member for Akulliq can't be in the House for a number of days.

(interpretation ends) Before we proceed with the orders of the day, I have received the following communication from the Commissioner of Nunavut, dated October 6.

Money Message

Hon. James Arreak, Speaker of the House
Legislative Assembly of Nunavut
Iqaluit, Nunavut
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Mr. Speaker, I wish to advise that I recommend to the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut the passage of the following bills during the Second Session of the Third Legislative Assembly:

- Bill 38, *Appropriation (Capital) Act, 2011-2012*
- Bill 39, *Supplementary Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, No. 3, 2009-2010*
- Bill 40, *Supplementary Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, No. 3, 2010-2011*
- Bill 41, *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 3, 2010-2011*

Sincerely, Edna Elias
Commissioner of Nunavut

Mr. Curley.

Item 2: Ministers' Statements

**Minister's Statement 182 – 3(2):
Minister Tapardjuk Absent from
House (Arrived 1:45 p.m.)**

Hon. Tagak Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the House Leader, our member from Igloolik, Member for Amittuq, is going to be

arriving late because they had some problems landing due to the weather. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. (interpretation ends) Going back to the orders of the day. Item 2. Ministers' Statements. Hon. Keith Peterson.

**Minister's Statement 183 – 3(2):
October 2010 Fiscal Update and
Introduction of 2011-12 Capital
Plan**

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Welcome back to the House, you and colleagues in the House today, and best of health to our colleagues, James Arvaluk and John Ningark.

Fiscal Update

Mr. Speaker, I rise this afternoon to provide members with an update on our fiscal situation and to introduce our 2011-12 capital plan.

In March, I talked about the importance of careful planning in the face of the global recession. This included creating a fiscal plan that we can reasonably afford, with contingencies built in for risks that might arise.

Mr. Speaker, we remain on track to deliver on our commitment of a balanced budget for this year. Our main estimates predicted a budget surplus of about \$200,000. Currently we are forecasting a modest \$600,000 surplus based on revenues of \$1,487,200,000 and expenses of \$1,486,600,000. Those amounts take into account the adjustments we made in June to

accommodate the budget issues with the Nunavut Housing Trust.

Mr. Speaker, I must caution the House that this small surplus may not exist at the end of this fiscal year.

Mr. Speaker, all members are aware that we are faced with significant additional costs in the Nunavut Housing Corporation's affordable housing initiative. The minister responsible for the corporation is finalizing a delivery strategy and implementation plan to complete the housing units. This plan may have implications on our main estimates and capital plan. If we incur these costs before March 31, then we will end this fiscal year with a deficit.

I realize that members will want more information about that prospect, Mr. Speaker. When we return this winter, I will bring forward our fiscal plan, and we will work together to deal with the challenges posed by the affordable housing initiative.

2011-12 Capital Plan

Now, Mr. Speaker, let me turn to our capital plan for the next year. Given what I have said about our housing costs, let us recognize that this plan may need some changes down the road, but our practice has been to approve the capital in the fall so that we can plan for the sealift next summer. I look forward to discussing, reviewing, and approving our 2011-12 capital estimates during this sitting. We must ensure the success of those multi-year projects that are nearing completion. As well, we require approval of new projects that are essential to our infrastructure needs.

The capital plan for next year is \$122.5 million, which is consistent with prior years. It is \$11.2 million above this year's capital plan. It proposes a minimal number of new capital projects because of capital carryovers. Members will recall that we approved \$96.5 million in capital carryovers last June. That amount represented 123 capital projects, all of them carried over from last year to this year in Bill 28. Beyond those carryovers, we are proposing new capital projects, such as arena upgrades in Arviat and Coral Harbour, and an upgraded RECAPP Asset Management System.

In addition, construction money has been allocated to the following capital projects that previously we had funded only for planning and design:

- \$1.7 million for the replacement of the Coral Harbour Wildlife Office;
- \$1.7 million for the granular program in Arviat;
- \$2.3 million for the Community and Government Services workshop in Baker Lake;
- \$2 million for an increase in the bulk storage capacity in Chesterfield Inlet; and
- \$700,000 for the design of the Kugaaruk Hamlet Office.

Increases have also been provided in a number of ongoing capital projects totalling \$6.6 million. Some of the projects include:

- \$1.6 million for the Rankin Inlet Bulk Fuel Storage Facility;
- \$1.7 million for the Rankin Inlet Correction Centre Staff Housing Units; and
- \$1.7 million for various staff housing units across Nunavut, including staff housing with the Piqqusilirivvik Cultural Learning Facility.

Mr. Speaker, individual ministers are looking forward to discussing their capital plans in detail with members during their appearances before the Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker, the global recession may or may not be over yet, but it is clear that the world is not about to return to a time of strong growth. We must be cautious in our spending so that we can deal with the challenges as they arise.

I look forward to discussing these plans with all members. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Please remember to turn down the volume before you speak; our new system seems to be a little bit more sensitive than the old ones. Ministers' Statements. Mr. Lorne Kusugak.

**Minister's Statement 184 – 3(2):
QEC's Commitment to Article 23
– Inuit Employment**

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon, my fellow Nunavummiut.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to update my colleagues about an Inuit employment initiative currently being implemented by the Qulliq Energy Corporation called the Inuit Development Program. Article 23 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement states that all GN departments and agencies are to have an Inuit Employment Plan in place in order to achieve a representative workforce by 2020.

With that, Mr. Speaker, the Qulliq Energy Corporation has had success in the past few years at meeting the annual targets set by the GN. Currently 57 percent of Qulliq Energy Corporation's employees are beneficiaries. To improve the figures at the management level, Qulliq Energy Corporation has created an Inuit Development Program to ensure that beneficiaries make up a larger percentage of management positions by 2020.

(interpretation ends) The corporation's human resource department, with the support of the president/CEO and senior management team, has devised a long-term career and education development program accessible to all of QEC's Inuit employees. Currently there are 25 beneficiary employees actively involved in various stages of professional development, ranging from our apprenticeship trades program to key positions in both finance and human resources.

Mr. Speaker, the employees who are currently participating in the Inuit Development Program are provided with continuous support and mentoring from supervisors and the entire senior management team. The benefits of developing a skilled managerial and

supervisory staff in-house are enormous for the corporation and our employees. Education, commitment, ambition, and a positive attitude are keys to successful career development, and the participating staff are responsible and accountable within the program.

Mr. Speaker, this ensures that not only will Qulliq Energy be closer to reaching mandated Inuit employment targets by 2020 but that trained, educated and qualified beneficiaries will hold the majority of mid to senior level management positions. These managers will be responsible and accountable for their professional achievements and they will be able to support, train, and mentor the next generation of Inuit employees in order to maintain and increase the opportunities for Inuit employment.

I look forward to updating the House on the achievements of the employees involved in this program as it progresses. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. Ministers' Statements. (interpretation ends) Hon. Tagak Curley.

**Minister's Statement 185 – 3(2):
Tuberculosis (TB)**

Hon. Tagak Curley (interpretation): Thank you and good afternoon, the people of Rankin Inlet and everyone who is viewing and listening to the proceedings, including the people of Nunavik, especially the people of Iqaluit.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to state that in the past year, Nunavut has experienced

increased TB rates. From January 1 to October 8 of this year, 90 cases have been diagnosed across the territory. In comparison, only 56 cases of tuberculosis were diagnosed in Nunavut in 2009. Over 90 percent of diagnosed cases of TB this year are in the Qikiqtani region. Cape Dorset and Iqaluit, in particular, are experiencing outbreaks.

Mr. Speaker, an outbreak management committee was formed to bring together departmental staff to develop a strategic response to this outbreak. Additional staff have been provided in Iqaluit and Cape Dorset to help with the increased workload. Additional assistance has also been made available by the Tuberculosis Control Program of the Public Health Agency of Canada.

The Department of Health and Social Services has identified and will focus on addressing four areas of concern during this outbreak. These include:

- Education and training modules for all tuberculosis workers;
- Strengthening laboratory capacity in Nunavut;
- An educational tuberculosis symposium; and
- An effective electronic database system for reporting and surveillance.

One-third of tuberculosis cases in Nunavut are diagnosed in people aged 15 to 24, and those are young people. Therefore, a communications strategy is also being developed to increase awareness of TB among the public, especially youth, to encourage them to be tested for TB.

Mr. Speaker, tuberculosis continues to be an important public health issue in Nunavut, and the Department of Health and Social Services is committed to the early detection and treatment of tuberculosis cases. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

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

**Minister's Statement 186 – 3(2):
Update on the Arts and Crafts
Sector**

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon, colleagues, members, Kuglukturmiut, and Nunavummiut.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to inform the Members of this House about a recently completed study of Nunavut's arts and crafts sector, which I will table at the appropriate time.

In early 2010, the Department of Economic Development and Transportation commissioned the first-ever economic impact study on the Nunavut arts and crafts sector. This study gives the most complete picture of Nunavut's arts and crafts sector to date and I am happy to report that the sector is a strong and vital part of the Nunavut economy.

One of the goals of *Sanaugait*, the Government of Nunavut's strategy for growth in the arts and crafts sector, is to provide current and accurate information about the arts and crafts sector. To date, economic data on the arts and crafts

sector have been best guesses and have not really captured the full market, including export to southern wholesalers, the grey market, and the carving stone industry.

Some of the findings of this study are that:

- Nunavut's arts and crafts sector contributes \$33.4 million to the territorial gross domestic product each year;
- The total value of the sector, including sales in southern galleries, is \$52.1 million; and
- The sector creates 1,068 full-time equivalent jobs in Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, there is a lot to be proud of in this new study, but there is still more work to do to build a stronger arts and crafts sector. The implementation of our arts and crafts strategy is ongoing, and there is still room for growth and improvement in the sector. I look forward to providing more updates in the future. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

**Minister's Statement 187 – 3(2):
Nunavut's Poverty Reduction
Initiative**

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Mr. Speaker, thank you. We will remember Mr. James Arvaluk.

Mr. Speaker, I want to update Members of this House on our progress on the *Tamapta* strategic priority to reduce poverty.

Yesterday, we launched our campaign to reduce poverty in Nunavut in a video message I prepared with James Eetoolook, Acting President of Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated. We recorded this message together because we intend to fight poverty together.

As members are aware, when the Minister of Finance announced the government's poverty reduction initiative in his budget address in March, NTI responded publicly that it wanted to join with the government and other partners to help solve the poverty problem. We have been working with NTI on a comprehensive public engagement process that will provide everyone in Nunavut, in each of our communities, with the opportunity to get involved in poverty reduction.

Mr. Speaker, Deputy Premier and Economic Development and Transportation Minister Taptuna will lead the poverty reduction initiative for the government and shortly he will make an announcement in the House about the details of this process.

Yesterday, Minister Taptuna announced, with NTI Executive Member Okalik Eegeesiak, the first stage of our public engagement process. Representatives from the non-profit sector and from our business community also joined the minister in this announcement.

Mr. Speaker, the government has a vision of Nunavut in which no child or family will go hungry, in which

Nunavummiut will continue to have a highly valued quality of life, and a much better standard of living for those most in need. All of us believe in Nunavut and its vibrant communities. We know that if we work together, if we involve everyone in Nunavut, we have the strength to defeat poverty. We all share the poverty problem and each one of us can be part of the solution. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Madam Premier. Ministers' Statements. There being none, we will go to Item 3. Members' Statements. (interpretation ends) Member for South Baffin, Mr. Schell.

Item 3: Members' Statements

Member's Statement 288 – 3(2): Cape Dorset Unites

Mr. Schell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to stand with the people of Cape Dorset who are uniting in the face of great tragedy. As Members of the Legislative Assembly are aware, a number of violent incidents have recently occurred in the community. Last week, I joined with dozens of community leaders and concerned residents at an emergency meeting to identify a path towards solutions.

Mr. Speaker, I want to pay tribute to the efforts of the men and women of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police who put their lives on the line for us.

>>Applause

I want to say to these men and women that the community is grateful for your efforts and that they are part of the solution.

Mr. Speaker, there are no quick fixes to the problems that the community faces. The long-term solutions to such issues as substance abuse depend on individuals making the right decisions. As a community and government, we need to ensure that those individuals who have decided to make a positive change have access to appropriate support mechanisms and programs.

Mr. Speaker, personal responsibility and community support go hand in hand. Individuals who are facing personal demons cannot overcome them unless they truly want to change and communities cannot expect to heal unless they provide support to their most vulnerable members.

Mr. Speaker, an interagency meeting that has been held last week made it clear to me that action must be taken to improve firearms safety in the community. The simple precaution of storing your firearms and ammunition separately just makes common sense.

An Hon. Member: Hear, hear!

Mr. Schell: I have personally raised this issue with the Minister of Justice and I am hopeful that his department will be in a position to help. If not, I have personally offered to provide help to any resident of Cape Dorset or Kimmirut who cannot afford to purchase trigger locks for their firearms and I make this offer publicly today.

>>Applause

Mr. Speaker, alcohol abuse has become a threat to the community. As a member of the government's task force on the *Liquor Act*, I have had the opportunity in recent months to attend public meetings in a number of communities. I know that there is no easy solution to this issue. Prohibition does not necessarily work, but neither does a situation where access to alcohol is completely uncontrolled.

Mr. Speaker, I have called on our airlines to demonstrate a greater commitment to social responsibility by working more closely with our...

Speaker: I am sorry, Mr. Schell, but your time is up. If you wish to conclude your statement, you may ask for it. Mr. Schell.

Mr. Schell: I seek unanimous consent to continue with my statement.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Schell would like to conclude his statement. Are there any nays? There are no nays. You may conclude your statement, Mr. Schell.

Mr. Schell: Thank you.

Mr. Speaker, I have called on our airlines to demonstrate a greater commitment to social responsibility by working more closely with our government's Liquor Commission to ensure that smaller communities, such as Cape Dorset, do not experience sudden and overwhelming influxes of alcohol.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all of the members to join me in sending a message to the people of Cape Dorset: we stand with you today. Thank you.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Schell. Members' Statements. Member for Hudson Bay, Mr. Rumbolt.

**Member's Statement 289 – 3(2):
Appreciation for Air Inuit's
Ilaujuq Program**

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to express my appreciation to Air Inuit for extending its Ilaujuq Program to the residents of Sanikiluaq. Mr. Speaker, this program entitles beneficiaries in Sanikiluaq to receive a discounted airfare ticket or a discounted cargo rate through Air Inuit on an annual basis.

Mr. Speaker, this program was originally only for beneficiaries from Nunavik, but because Sanikiluaq is served by this Nunavik airline, Air Inuit has generously included beneficiaries in Sanikiluaq.

Mr. Speaker, as we all know, the cost of travelling in the North is extremely high, and I thank Air Inuit on behalf for my constituents for including them in this valuable program. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Rumbolt. Members' Statements. Member for Arviat, Mr. Shewchuk.

**Member's Statement 290 – 3(2):
Congratulations to Arviat
Graduates**

Hon. Daniel Shewchuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would first like to say "hello" to all of my constituents in

Arviat and to all of the residents of this wonderful territory of Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the 2010 graduating class of the John Arnalukjuak High School in Arviat. Mr. Speaker, I, accompanied by the Hon. Premier, Eva Aariak, had the honour of attending and speaking to one of the largest graduation classes in the history of Nunavut on August 28, 2010.

An Hon. Member: Hear, hear!

Hon. Daniel Shewchuk: Mr. Speaker, 34 graduates were recognized and were accompanied by their proud parents and family members attending the event.

>>Applause

Graduates are, Mr. Speaker: Evano Jr. Aggark, Tony Alagalak, Anthony Andrews, Dorothy Anoe, Laura Anowtalik, Ann Rose Owlijoot, Jordan Copland, Leah Inuujaq, Gavin Gibbons, Danny Illungaiyok, Dorina Irkok, Glenn Irkok, Chantelle Kablutsiak, Shawn Kablutsiak, Joe Jr. Karetak, Amanda Kigusiutnak, Jolene Kigusiutnar, Sheryl Kinak, Martha Koomak, Simon Koomak, Mandy Mumgark, Robert Mukyunik, Rosemary Mukyunik, Teresa Nutarsummigak, Deidre Osborne, Amy Owingayak, Calvin Pameolik, Wendy Shamee, Jordan St. John, Terrance Suwaksiork, Manasie Thompson, Katelene Yukutak, Caleb Ulayok, and Ceporah Ussak.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate all of the graduates and wish them all of the best in their future endeavours, and Nunavut is proud of you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

Member's Statement 291 – 3(2): The Death of Billy Diamond

Hon. Tagak Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to state what I know everyone listening is aware of as we already heard about it, but Canada just lost a great leader just recently. Mr. Speaker, I stand today to acknowledge and congratulate the Grand Cree Nation Leader from James Bay, Billy Diamond, who passed away at the beginning of September.

Mr. Speaker, I can tell you that he was a great leader during the land claims negotiations in James Bay Cree. There is a lot of development happening in that area and they are damming the rivers. Billy Diamond seemed to be alone and he stood by himself when he wanted that development to stop and he went through the court to stop the hydro project in James Bay in the early 1970s.

Because of his efforts, they were able to settle the James Bay Cree and Inuit land claims in which they followed right after the Cree land claims. For that reason, Mr. Speaker, we would like to acknowledge his help and courage. When you saw him, it was visible that he was a great leader, and I have seen him personally a number of times.

Before he passed, he told his son that he was going to die soon. He wanted his gravestone to read the following: Gone to a meeting, will be back soon. (interpretation ends) He requested his

son recently before he died that if he dies, he would like the following sign to be read, "Gone to a meeting, will be back soon." I look forward to seeing him when he comes back. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

>> *Applause*

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

**Member's Statement 292 – 3(2):
Reflections on Reconvening of
Session**

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to begin by expressing my condolences to Judas Oqituq for the recent loss of his son, Bobby, in Arctic Bay. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family during this time of grieving.

Mr. Speaker, I am glad to be back in session after a very busy and productive summer. Since this is the first day of our fall sitting, I thought that it would be nice to share with the House a piece of literature which seems appropriate for this occasion.

Mr. Speaker, we have been in office as MLAs for two years now. At times, I find that in order to be more effective in this job, you need to sit back and reflect. In addition, with the upcoming leadership review on the horizon, perhaps this will set the tone.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to share with everyone today a poem by Robert Fulghum entitled "All I Really Need To Know I Learned In Kindergarten." It goes like this:

Most of what I really need
To know about how to live
And what to do and how to be
I learned in kindergarten.
Wisdom was not at the top
Of the graduate school mountain,
But there in the sandpile at Sunday
school.

These are the things I learned:

Share everything.
Play fair.
Don't hit people.
Put things back where you found them.
Clean up your own mess.
Don't take things that aren't yours.
Say you're sorry when you hurt
somebody.
Wash your hands before you eat.
Flush.
Warm cookies and [cold] milk are good
for you.
Live a balanced life -
Learn some and think some
And draw and paint and sing and dance
And play and work everyday some.
Take a nap every afternoon.
When you go out into the world,
Watch out for traffic,
Hold hands and stick together.
Be aware of wonder.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

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

**Member's Statement 293 – 3(2):
Appreciation to Taloyoak Hunters**

Ms. Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I say "good day" to the

people of Nattilik. As well, I say “good day” to the people of Taloyoak and Gjoa Haven.

I would like to thank a wildlife officer in Taloyoak. Last fall, they harvested over ten caribou in our area and they were shipped up to the Resolute Bay HTO to be sold over there. The HTO in those communities did very well. The ribs and the hind legs were not allowed to be thawed out before they were sent up north.

That’s how the HTO is working very well in our community and I would like to appreciate them for their work because they work very hard. I want the Nunavut public to know about the fact that they were able to send caribou meat up to the High Arctic. Thank you.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members’ Statements. Member for Nanulik, Mr. Ningeongan.

**Member’s Statement 294 – 3(2):
Successful Meeting of Kivalliq
Mayors**

Mr. Ningeongan (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to inform the House about the successful meeting of Kivalliq mayors that I attended last week in Rankin Inlet.

Mr. Speaker, many of us in this House are former mayors and municipal councillors and all of us are aware of the important role that local governments play in delivering essential services to our residents.

Last week’s meeting in Rankin Inlet provided an opportunity for mayors to meet with a number of ministers, MLAs, and other partners to discuss issues of concern to the region and its communities. Some of the issues that were addressed included transportation and economic development. All participants enjoyed a productive exchange of views.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward to those ministers who were in attendance at the mayors’ meeting giving their reports to the House on what actions their departments are taking to respond to the concerns raised by mayors. I will also be expecting to see their response, whether it be through motion. So therefore, I am very pleased to say that the hospitality was very good during that meeting. Thank you, Mister Speaker.

>>Applause

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

**Member’s Statement 295 – 3(2): Open
to Pond Inlet Constituents**

Mr. Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker and my colleagues. I would like to welcome my colleagues to Iqaluit.

First of all, I would like to state that the MLA for Tununiq is not able to attend the meeting because he is in the hospital and I believe that he is going to be in there for quite some time. I don’t want him to be overly concerned about his constituents.

I want the constituents of Pond Inlet to know that they can send in their concerns during the session. If they want anything to be tabled, I could do it for Mr. Arvaluk. My phone number is 979-5807 and facsimiles can be sent to 979-2226. I am available to any one of the residents of Pond Inlet who want to call. If you want to send an email, my address is pokalik@assembly.nu.ca.

We all know that Mr. Arvaluk would be here if he was healthy enough to attend. He is not in a critical situation right now, and I have told him not to worry about his constituents because I wanted him to be with his family and friends while he is healing. When I am asking questions to ministers on any matter, I will try my best to represent the people of Pond Inlet. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

Member's Statement 296 – 3(2): The Importance of Education

Mr. Aupaluktuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I send my regards to Baker Lake, my mother, and the elders. I am very pleased to be back.

I rise today to make a statement in regard to Minister Shewchuk's comments. I would like to congratulate the graduates. Education is very important to the Members of the Legislative Assembly. For example, as Mr. Ningeongan had stated, education is very important and we need to support it and use it as our foundation.

The parents have to wake their children up to attend school, they have to cook for their children so that they can have good meals, and they need to help with their children's homework.

I rise today, Mr. Speaker, to say that education is very important and that we need to use it as our foundation. Also for the Nunavut Sivuniksavut students and other students in Ontario, Winnipeg, and Edmonton, I wish them well and I encourage them to complete their education and to work hard. Please don't quit your education or schooling.

Members of the Legislative Assembly say that education is the foundation of our future. I support the Baker Lake District Education Authority. For example, we usually use our language as a foundation and manage our language.

I give my full support to the parents to encourage their children to go to school. We need not to forget that and I just wanted to mention that again. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

Member's Statement 297 – 3(2): The Impact of NHC's Financial Shortfall

Mr. Komoartok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, my colleagues, for coming back to the session.

I would like to make a statement today to my constituents of Pangnirtung and I will not forget them. Before I start, I would first like to say that there is an individual here attending the Nunavut Arctic College who had just passed away in our community. A burial service was held last Saturday and we send our condolences and prayers to the family.

When we lose a young person in our community, we feel a big loss, whether it is in our community or any one of the communities in Nunavut. I know that we do not wish to see that occurring in our communities, but it happens all of the time.

However, Mr. Speaker, I rise today to raise the issue that I have heard about from our constituents in regard to the Nunavut Housing Corporation. They were given funding in 2006 and 2009 to construct units so that they can construct units up north. However, we have heard since April that there is a shortfall in order to complete the construction of the units due to weather issues. It's evident now that within this year or the next fiscal year, they will have an impact on government programs and services in order to construct the units. \$110 million is a huge sum of money.

In our community, we have been developing in some areas. If the funding had been given to our community, I am sure that we would have used it to move our airstrip, renew our recreation hall, get an incinerator, and built more homes in our community. Using that \$110 million would have been very beneficial to my community and it would have developed a lot of programs and services in our community.

These are the issues that we have heard in this fiscal year or the next fiscal year. We will have to find funding to fill out the shortfalls, but Nunavummiut are still waiting and the public is asking questions as to why this has happened.

Speaker (interpretation): Mr. Komoartok, I am sorry. If you want to conclude your statement, you will have to seek unanimous consent of your colleagues. Mr. Komoartok.

Mr. Komoartok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I only have a few more words to day, so I would like to seek unanimous consent to conclude my statement. Thank you.

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

Mr. Komoartok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Yes, as I stated earlier, as we have heard during this session and this coming fall that it will be clearer where we could find the funds to complete the construction of units, we will be waiting patiently and we will be asking questions in regard to this issue while we are in session. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Item 5: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize my wife, Joanne Taptuna, from Kugluktuk. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Item 6. Oral Questions. Member for South Baffin, Mr. Schell.

Item 6: Oral Questions

Question 429 – 3(2): Status of the Nunavut Housing Trust

Mr. Schell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions are for the new Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation. Buckle your seatbelt, Minister.

On June 1 of this year, Members of the Legislative Assembly were told that the Nunavut Housing Corporation had engaged the accounting firm of Deloitte and Touche to audit the Nunavut Housing Trust. The accounting firm's report has now been finished and I see that it is available to the public on the Nunavut Housing Corporation's website.

Mr. Speaker, I was concerned to read that the accounting firm's report stated that, and I quote, "Our work does not constitute an audit as defined by the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants. Consequently, said work, and the resulting report, does not constitute an auditor's opinion. Further, our work cannot be used to provide

assurances that it revealed all errors, omissions, or irregularities."

Can the minister clarify whether or not this review met the government's expectations that it would receive an audit report? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Schell. Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation, Hon. Tagak Curley.

Hon. Tagak Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank you for reminding me. I thought he had forgotten that and he still remembers, so I have no choice but to respond to his question.

Mr. Speaker, in regard to the member's question, before I respond to that question, there were two audits in that report. The first one was an audit of the finances of the corporation. They were using the standards. With the standards, the financial audit was okay. There is another report. I would like my colleagues to read that other report. The second one was the management report in regard to what you just stated. We expected to see more, whether they found errors or irregularities.

The member had responded to himself because they did not review errors, omissions, or irregularities, but I am sure that they were looking over everything, lifting rocks and looking under them. That's why we're here. At this time, I cannot provide any further support. I think it's better if you forget about it. Thank you.

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

Mr. Schell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't think we're going to forget about it, but it's a good thought.

The report that was submitted by the firm indicates that its staff "... conducted interviews with relevant NHC staff who are involved in the process, at Headquarters, Directorate & Corporate and District Offices..." Can the minister indicate whether or not the accounting firm's staff actually travelled to Nunavut to conduct their field work in person or did they conduct their interviews and other work by phone and email? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Tagak Curley: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to be corrected. My understanding is that they did telephone interviews as well as interviewing the headquarters staff on the audit process. My understanding at the moment is that they did not travel around to places, but they had a fairly good understanding of the district operations through the corporate staff at headquarters here. That's my current understanding.

If there is any further information that comes from the corporation, I would be pleased to provide it, but my understanding is that it was mainly a headquarters interview process through telephones and so on. Thank you.

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

Mr. Schell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. According to recent news reports, the minister has been quoted as saying that he has ordered seven financial

management positions that are currently located in the Nunavut Housing Corporation's Arviat headquarters to be transferred to Iqaluit.

As the MLA for South Baffin, I clearly remember that when the government decided to move the Nunavut Business Credit Corporation's offices from Cape Dorset to Iqaluit, that was a decision made by the cabinet as a whole.

Can the minister confirm when the current cabinet made the decision to move these Nunavut Housing Corporation positions to Iqaluit and can he indicate how many employees are involved? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Tagak Curley: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think we can go back in history and go through some of the examples of whether or not some of the regional decentralized positions that were moved were actually cast in stone for perpetuity.

But my recollection at one point is that the Department of Finance positions were, at one point, located in one of these communities. In view of the financial situation of the government in the early 1990s and the early 2000s, and so on, the experience was that... The Auditor General of Canada found so many flaws and problems with the financial resources that they had to be moved to the headquarters here.

The cabinet, at the moment, has not made a decision. We have provided the information packages to my colleagues, but the decision, at the moment, has not

been made, but we have made it a point that the audit report that the member referred to indicated that that may be one of the weaknesses: not having the finance services at the directorate personnel.

So for that reason, before long, the cabinet will be considering that issue and hopefully scheduling mainly the problem at the moment. Thank you.

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

Mr. Schell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In May of this year, MLAs were informed that the government will be placing a senior official on the Nunavut Housing Corporation's corporate executive committee to help improve the accuracy and timeliness of information that it provides to the government. Can the minister state for the record today who is appointed to the Nunavut Housing Corporation's executive committee? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Tagak Curley: Mr. Speaker, I would have to take that particular question as notice, or the member from the Nunavut... I think that position is called one of the executive members of the executive personnel. The Deputy Minister of CGS has been appointed by the cabinet. I believe that my colleague is able to respond further to that, but Kathleen Lausman is actually one of the deputy ministers assigned to the executive committee of the Housing Corporation.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Oral Questions. Member for Iqaluit West, Mr. Okalik.

Question 430 – 3(2): Government of Nunavut Position on Seismic Testing

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

Near the end of July, the Government of Nunavut announced that a licence had been issued to allow the federal government to proceed with its plan to conduct seismic testing in our waters north of Baffin Bay. We all know that Inuit who live in that region don't have many terrestrial animals and they heavily depend on marine mammals as their source of food.

The Qikiqtani Inuit Association successfully obtained a court injunction to stop this testing from going ahead. We also know that both the Government of Canada and the Government of Nunavut were defendants in this matter to have this testing proceed.

Therefore, I would like to ask a question to our government's leader: why did you take the federal government's side in this matter and oppose the wishes of Inuit in the affected communities? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. Premier of Nunavut, Hon. Eva Aariak.

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank my colleague for asking the question. There were many people who spoke to this issue and the federal government has

been working on this issue for quite some time. The Nunavut government reviewed this matter following the recommendations made by the Department of Environment, after they gave us some information. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In spite of that, as a government, we have to represent the Inuit people because the entities from outside are not governing us. For that reason, Inuit of Nunavut are very concerned about seismic testing. Why did the Government of Nunavut take the side of these entities that come from outside of Nunavut when they can just encourage and make recommendations? The government provided a license without being overly concerned about the people they represent. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Okalik. Premier of Nunavut, Eva Aariak.

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is clear that the Government of Nunavut is working very hard to include all of the people of Nunavut and that's what we believe in, and we would like to include Inuit views. If there are issues of such things coming up that are going to have an impact on the public, we usually do a study. They did a study on the environmental scan by the Inuit associations and that's why there was an agreement on that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I know that the communities affected were helped a lot better when they were informed by the court. They weren't properly represented by this government and they had to turn to the court to come up with a solution. We are very thankful that the court system could listen to them and put a stop to the seismic testing. Does the Government of Nunavut still support federal plans to conduct seismic testing against the wishes of communities? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Okalik. Premier Aariak.

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When people are going to be affected and when the communities of Nunavut are going to be affected, it's something that's very important to us in regard to testing and getting feedback from the communities. That's something we are going to keep doing and we are going to keep asking for input from the communities of Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Inuit in the High Arctic are still concerned about the seismic testing and the federal government being able to issue a licence without consulting the people. Is our government still going to support the federal plans or are they going to look

more into the communities and give more support to the communities instead being from outside? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Okalik. Premier Aariak.

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This government wishes to get feedback from the people of Nunavut and about what kind of testing they would like to see. We are going to keep doing that, especially when our waters, land, and the people are going to be affected. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Premier. Oral Questions. Member for Nanulik, Mr. Ningeongan.

Question 431 – 3(2): Status of Government Liaison Office

Mr. Ningeongan: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions are for the Premier.

Earlier this year, the Legislative Assembly approved \$2 million in new funding to enable the Department of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs to set up a new Government Liaison Office and hire GLOs in the communities.

As I recall, the government plan was to hire GLOs for the non-decentralized communities as its first priority. I have recently noted that the government is currently advertising to fill the position of this office's director. Can the Premier tell me today if the government will be filling the GLO positions in non-decentralized communities by the end of

the current fiscal year? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. Premier of Nunavut, Hon. Eva Aariak.

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, we had set up an advertisement to fill the position for this office's director. I am very pleased that we have initiated this process that has been long awaited by the Nunavut communities. With the planning to proceed, we have to first of all fill the position of the office's director who, in turn, will write out the job descriptions of the liaison officers, set up the office, and so on. So we have to start from the top and work ourselves down.

In 2011-12, they will all have been hired at the beginning of 2011. That would start before 2010, then the hiring process would be concluded by 2011 in the non-decentralized communities, and then later on, it would be the centralized communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Ningeongan (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I recall this spring that we were told that the advertisements would be going out to the communities by October this fall, but I haven't seen any advertisements yet and I would like that to be noted.

(interpretation ends) Aarluk Consulting was awarded a contract earlier this year by the GN to undertake a limited scope review of the Department of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, "which is

incorporating the Government's new Government Liaison positions that are to be created in every community, as well as the repatriation of the Corporate Services functions back into EIA from the Department of Finance." What did this review conclude and will the Premier commit to tabling it in the Legislative Assembly? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. Premier Aariak.

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That doesn't seem to be part of the first question, but I will respond to it anyway.

He stated that in October of last year, the government stated that they will be putting out advertisements. Now in October, we are now putting out the advertisements to fill the position of the GLO office's director. This is something that I am very proud of. It's a good stepping stone and everything will fall into place afterwards.

I am not exactly sure what you mean by corporate services, so if you would clarify that, please. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Premier. He was talking about the GLOs. Can you please clarify your question, Mr. Ningeongan.

Mr. Ningeongan: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Aarluk Consulting was awarded a contract earlier this year by the GN to undertake a limited scope review of the Department of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs "which is incorporating the government's new GLO positions that are to be created in

every community, as well as the repatriation of the corporate services functions back into EIA from the Department of Finance." What did this review conclude and will the Premier commit to tabling it in the Legislative Assembly? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. Madam Premier.

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank my colleague for clarifying his question. The review in regard to the repatriation of the corporate services functions, we concluded that it would be better if they went back to EIA and I will be sure to make a statement once the whole process is completed. Thank you.

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

Mr. Ningeongan: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In addition to hiring GLOs in our communities, the government will need to identify appropriate office space in which the GLOs can work. When it comes to decentralized communities, these positions could work in the GN's own offices. What is the department's plan with respect to finding office space for GLOs in the non-decentralized communities? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Member. Madam Premier.

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is part of the planning process and there is also a part in there where the GLOs would have their offices in the non-decentralized communities. We will have to look for

office space for the GLOs either at the offices of the hamlets or other entities. Once they hire a director, we will decide exactly what offices they are going to get because it's very important to have proper office facilities when you are starting a position. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Ningeongan (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The reason why I brought this up with the Premier is that the non-decentralized communities already have a problem because they are short on office space already. Will the government please make sure they take special care when they are looking at the offices in the non-decentralized communities to make sure that they have proper facilities? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. Premier.

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Very much so, it will be fully scrutinized and has been part of the discussions. There is limited office space and we have to make sure that they have proper facilities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 432 – 3(2): Baker Lake Municipal Landfill

Mr. Aupaluktuq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Community

and Government Services, Hon. Lorne Kusugak.

Mr. Speaker, on September 22 of this year, CBC news reported a story titled "Toxics in Baker Lake dump appal researcher."

Mr. Speaker, the news story included shocking photographs on the deplorable state on Baker Lake's municipal landfill. It was also reported that runoff from the landfill eventually enters Baker Lake itself.

Mr. Speaker, residents in my community of Baker Lake use Baker Lake as its main water source and, if the story is accurate, that means that we are at risk drinking all of these chemicals and contaminants entering into our bodies, which puts the health of our residents in jeopardy. Can the minister explain what his department is doing to help the municipality to address this issue? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank the member for posing that question. The landfills or all landfills in all Nunavut communities are operated by the hamlet councils. They are responsible for the municipal services, including landfills, dumps, and so on. CGS is not responsible for municipal services, but I can say that if we can work together with the hamlet councils, we do so in regard to municipal services should our support be required. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Aupaluktuq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's my understanding that the GN's Department of Environment can be called upon to inspect municipal landfills. Can the minister indicate when the Baker Lake landfill was last inspected and what recommendations, if any, were made to his department? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The question he raises is he wants to know when the Department of Environment did an inspection of the landfill. I am sorry but I'm not the Minister responsible for the Department of Environment and would not know off the top of my head when the inspection was done. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. (interpretation) Mr. Aupaluktuq, in regard to your question, if you could rephrase your question because I don't believe the minister understood your question. Mr. Aupaluktuq.

Mr. Aupaluktuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I know that the Department of Environment is responsible, but if we're dealing with the hamlet council, they have to go through the Department of Community and Government Services. That's why I ask the question to the Minister of CGS and I wanted to know when that landfill was last inspected and what recommendations were made to his department. Of course, CGS is

responsible for hamlet councils. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Aupaluktuq. Mr. Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We're not responsible because it's operated solely by the hamlet council. That's in regard to the landfills and there are laws that they operate by at the community level. If they need support from our department, we provide support for the landfill or any other types of services that they're responsible for, but CGS is not responsible for the landfills. If there is no request for support from our department, we don't provide support.

Maybe it would be better if I say this: Baker Lake is not the only one with that problem; every community is becoming more and more concerned about the landfill issue. We are currently working closely with the Department of Environment. We are putting together a plan to deal with the landfills; how they should be situated, how they should be hazardous material-free, and so on; so that the communities can use it and operate it as a community.

Knowing Baker Lake, if they need any help from my department in regard to hazardous materials issues, we are more than happy to help them. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Aupaluktuq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The reason why I asked that question of the Hon. Minister of CGS is

that it's obvious that municipalities look after dumps and landfills. The reason why I asked the question, Mr. Speaker, was to take a quote from the CBC on September 22, 2010 story, "Toxics in Baker Lake dump appall researcher."

The article reads, and I quote, "Municipalities are in charge of their own landfills, and are supposed to follow territorial and federal government guidelines, according to officials with the Nunavut government." Mr. Speaker, that is the reason why I was asking the Hon. Minister of CGS this particular question, but this is just a comment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Aupaluktuq. That was more of a comment. Oral Questions. (interpretation ends) Member for Quttiktuq, Mr. Elliott.

Question 433 – 3(2): Validity of Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB)

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed towards the Premier. I wanted to go back to some other questions that Mr. Okalik was asking about the seismic testing and what we experienced this summer.

It seems that the GN puts a lot of faith in the Nunavut Impact Review Board. In questions that I have asked to the Minister of Economic Development and Transportation about mining in the Government of Nunavut, he mentioned that NIRB helps with reviewing and doing consultation.

With this project, it was the Nunavut Impact Review Board that did the consultation with the communities and

the communities did unanimously say that they were not in favour of having the testing. It was the QIA in the court decision that overturned that. I am just wondering and my question is: with that court decision regarding the seismic testing and the GN's dependency on NIRB, what does that say about the validity of decisions made by them? Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Premier of Nunavut, Hon. Eva Aariak.

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think it will be better if this question is directed to the Minister of Environment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Premier. Minister of Environment, Hon. Daniel Shewchuk.

Hon. Daniel Shewchuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If I understand the question correctly, it's in the process of decision-making of the Government of Nunavut in regard to permitting. I have to say that in this process, the Nunavut Land Claims is respected and NIRB is the lead agency in the recommendation and decision-making of permitting.

On NIRB are different representatives from different organizations. There are four members from NTI, there are two federally appointed members on that board, and two members form the Government of Nunavut. There are also two alternate members representing Makivik. So respecting the representatives on the board and the input from the organizations they are representing on that board, we respect the decision-making process. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for answering that question to the minister responsible for answering the question.

Just so I have it clear in my mind, you were saying that the Government of Nunavut is in full support of all decisions made by NIRB and that no changes need to be made. Thank you.

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

Hon. Daniel Shewchuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The government is in full support of the processes that are outlined in the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement and in the decision-making process that is outlined in there. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 434 – 3(2): Operations of the Nunavut Liquor Commission

Mr. Schell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Finance, who is responsible for the operations of the Nunavut Liquor Commission.

In my Member's Statement today, I called on our airlines to demonstrate a greater commitment to social responsibility by working closely with our government's Liquor Commission to ensure that smaller communities, such as Cape Dorset, do not experience sudden and overwhelming influxes of alcohol.

As the minister is aware, one of the recent incidents that took place in Cape Dorset occurred shortly after almost two dozen liquor orders arrived in the community on the same flight. Can the minister indicate if he would be willing to commit to having the Liquor Commission enter into discussions with the airlines to address this issue? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Schell. Minister of Finance, Hon. Keith Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank Mr. Schell for asking this question. First of all, I would like to express my condolences to the people of Cape Dorset for the tragedies that they suffered in the last little while here. Our sympathies are with them and we hope that they can overcome what has befallen them.

Mr. Speaker, the Liquor Commission has had conversations with the airlines in the past and I have asked my officials on several occasions to continue those discussions. I hope that during the review of the *Liquor Act* by the task force, we can invite the airlines to participate in those discussions as well to find solutions to some of the problems that come with large orders of shipments arriving into communities at the same time.

What I understand occurs is that people will put their orders in and then the orders will pile up through various factors; weather, freight orders, and other priorities; and then they will ship in on a certain day. It does present a huge problem for a community when they get too many liquor orders in at the

same time, but I can assure the member that I will raise that concern again with my officials at the Liquor Commission. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Schell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In March of this year, the RCMP busted a bootlegging ring in Iqaluit. At the time, the RCMP announced that the suspects had ordered approximately 2,800 bottles of hard liquor.

It seems common sense to me that if a small group of individuals are legally obtaining import permits to acquire thousands of bottles of booze, it's obvious that these quantities cannot reasonably be for personal consumption.

Can the minister indicate to the House whether the Nunavut Liquor Commission is working with the RCMP to share information in situations where there are reasonable grounds to suspect that liquor is being ordered for the purposes of illegal sale? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank Mr. Schell for asking the question. Mr. Speaker, I was at the RCMP scrum that day when they presented the evidence of their bust. It was like a picture tells a thousand words; there was a mountain of booze. There was a lady there, and I don't recall her name, but she pointed at the bottles and said that each bottle represents a death, and it was very emotional.

There are bootleggers in this community and in all communities, but some of them are making a tremendous living off of the people who have addictions. It's a tragedy that people do that. I know our officials at the Liquor Commission and the RCMP do, again, have discussions on how they can work with each other to address that.

Mr. Speaker, in interviews following that scrum, I touched on the idea of civil forfeiture legislation whereby the police themselves can, if they have reasonable evidence that there is a bootlegger or bootleggers in the community or anywhere in Nunavut... Obviously they are making a good living off booze; they don't have a job. Perhaps the police themselves can seize the assets of those individuals and thereby send a strong message to some of the bootleggers.

Yes, bootlegging is a serious issue in Nunavut. It's no secret, it's been discussed many times across Nunavut, I know it's coming up in the task force meetings, and we look forward to the recommendations from the task force to deal with bootleggers. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Schell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My next question deals with the issue that the Legislative Assembly dealt with earlier this year.

As the minister recalls, we passed the motion calling on the Government of Nunavut to impose a moratorium on the purchase of European Union alcohol by the Nunavut Liquor Commission until the EU addressed our concerns about its

import ban on seal products. Did the government respect the will of the Legislative Assembly in this matter and not order a single drop of European Union alcohol during this summer's resupply, yes or no?

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

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank Mr. Schell for that yes or no offer. I can't confirm whether a single drop, but I know that our officials were instructed to fully comply with the will of the House. It's my understanding that they have complied with the will of the House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Thank you, Mr. Schell. Oral Questions. Member for Natilik, Ms. Ugyuk.

Question 435 – 3(2): Birthing Centre in Kitikmeot

Ms. Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Health and Social Services, Mr. Tagak Curley.

Women's voices held a conference here in Iqaluit last summer and they discussed midwifery. This young lady from Whale Cove stated that the delivery of the baby is not a health hazard and she's been asking questions about that for many years. When pregnant women are shipped out to have their baby, they are on maternity leave for many weeks and they leave their families behind. The question that is usually posed during our meeting is: how can we alleviate this problem?

The people of Baffin region and Kivalliq residents now go to their regional hospital for maternity. In Kitikmeot, although we have a regional hospital, we have not utilized that regional hospital yet. When do we expect to see the people of Cambridge Bay to go to our regional hospital to go have their babies and I would like to know when this will occur. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Health and Social Services, (interpretation ends) Hon. Tagak Curley.

Hon. Tagak Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I understood your question very well because you spoke in Inuktitut. I would like to advise her that the Cambridge Bay midwifery centre is now starting to be utilized so that they can utilize it in that region. There is legislation where midwives can be given licences. At Nunavut Arctic College, there are 10 graduates in this area, but they have not obtained their licences yet. The Department of Justice has to set up the regulations and they are near completion.

In regard to sending patients out, I want the public to know the reason why they send pregnant women to the regional centres is to alleviate the risks that they may have. We may not be doctors, but the health professionals know that some of the patients have high blood pressure. Therefore, they send them out to the regional centres for their health reasons quite a few weeks before the baby's term is up.

I would like the public or the people listening to know that we can reduce the number of weeks that a pregnant woman

is out in the regional centre. We can shorten that period. The reason why they send them out to the regional centres is because their pregnancy might be at risk. That is a touchy subject. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. Your first supplementary, Ms. Ugyuk.

Ms. Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I expect to see these midwives to receive their licences. When can we expect to see the licensed midwife in Cambridge Bay? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Curley.

Hon. Tagak Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The member from Cambridge Bay had written a letter to me stating that the people in Cambridge Bay are very happy about the midwifery centre and they were instructing students over there.

To date, since it opened in September 2009, in Cambridge Bay, there have been seven women who gave birth there. I will look into these to make sure that the residents of the surrounding communities can start utilizing that regional centre. I can make that announcement in the House. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. (interpretation ends) Your second supplementary, Ms. Ugyuk.

Ms. Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This was discussed during our meetings in the summer at the women's voice meeting. We are lagging

behind in our area in the Kitikmeot. We would like to develop together along with the other two regions. Since the Government of Nunavut was created, it seems like the Kitikmeot region is always falling behind. It is usually behind in everything. We do not want to be lagging behind because they are very capable people.

When we discussed midwifery, I remember an individual from Cambridge Bay, Mr. Nakasuk. Even though he is a male, he delivered one of his own children. That is how capable Inuit are and I just wanted to make that statement. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Ugyuk. That was a comment and I am sure it is well noted. Oral Questions. Member for Pangnirtung, Mr. Komoartok.

Question 436 – 3(2): Funding for Arctic College Students

Mr. Komoartok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister responsible for Nunavut Arctic College, Dan Shewchuk, I believe.

There are students attending the Nunavut Arctic College and they started their program again on September 7. They went back to Iqaluit and other communities to attend the Arctic College. Today is October 19 and it has been quite a while since the program was running, but the Member for Igloolik... .

The students started attending Nunavut Arctic College since September and they have not been provided any form of

financial assistance. Arviat is where the headquarters is located for the student financial assistance program and that's one of the problem areas that they are running into. I would like to ask the minister if he can look into this and, if that's the case, I would like him to resolve the situation.

These adult students come up here to attend Nunavut Arctic College because they want to have a career. They should be provided with an easier way of accessing funds as soon as possible. I was wondering if the minister can look into this issue and I would like to see it resolved if that's the case. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Komoartok. (interpretation ends) Minister responsible for Nunavut Arctic College, Hon. Daniel Shewchuk.

Hon. Daniel Shewchuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thanks for that question. Yes, I will commit to looking into the member's concern. As it is well known, when Arctic College students request FANS funding, it is administered by the Department of Education, but I will look into the matter for the member. If I could have more of the particulars, then I will look into it for him. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Komoartok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Minister. I am sure that they are not the only students who are not receiving their FANS funding. There are quite a few other students attending Nunavut Arctic College who are stuck. Although some

of the students attended Nunavut Arctic College last year and all of the paperwork was done, it seems like some of the written documentation was not completed. The students are looking up to administrators and they would like to get support.

I know that families provide support to students, but if we want students to complete higher education, we should be providing them with an easier way of life. Therefore, I would like to thank the minister for indicating that he is going to look into the issue. The students at Nunavut Arctic College will know that I have been asking questions in regard to this. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Komoartok. That was just a comment, but it's clear that it was duly noted. Would you like to respond, Mr. Shewchuk?

Hon. Daniel Shewchuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do wish to respond quickly in the fact that we do understand and do realize that education is very important in Nunavut and Arctic College education is very important also.

In order for these people and the students to progress in their education, they do need the adequate funding. So it is very important to me and I will commit to looking into the situation. I would like to have more specifics if the member has specific situations, but I commit to working with my colleague, the Minister of Education, to make this process and acquire the FANS funding more readily to students. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Thank you, Mr. Komoartok. Oral Questions. Member for Iqaluit West, Mr. Okalik.

Question 437 – 3(2): Funding for Landfill Incinerators

Mr. Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would now like to pose a question to the Minister of Community and Government Services.

Here in Iqaluit, our dump has been burning for almost a month and we have heard that the Department of Community and Government Services had requested the government to plan for some kind of a proper incinerator for the dump in Iqaluit. I would like to ask the minister if he can update us on this. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My name seems to be getting longer today. I thank Mr. Okalik for that good question. As I stated earlier, the government is now doing a study as to how we can better operate the dumps in Nunavut and what kind of incinerators we would be using. We're looking into cleaning up the communities' dumps to make them safer in Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As we all know, some communities outside of Iqaluit usually

burn their garbage using incinerators so that they won't be a fire hazard to the communities. We have seen that in the communities and they can use that incinerator as residual heating for the homes. They can also use the heat for electricity.

As the minister stated that they're now looking into it or studying it, is he looking into these other kinds of things? They can be very beneficial to Nunavut if we use the incinerators properly in Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, last summer, we went to look at an incinerator and they can even burn soft metal. There are many pros and cons to this. I don't know if there is an incinerator being used in Canada because they are quite new and there are not too many in Canada.

The idea of incinerating garbage... since the incinerator is so hot and creates so much heat that it melts and disintegrates everything, if the incinerator is huge enough, they can heat homes. Yes, we're looking into these, and I can tell you that we are working with the Iqaluit city council in regard to that. We're looking into that. We're consulting with the hamlet councils to make sure that we work out all the problems. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In Iqaluit, all of the offices are being impacted by the burning of the garbage dump. It's not just in Iqaluit; it's in all the other communities of Nunavut that they burn the garbage. I am sure it's health hazardous to the communities. It's evident that we need to improve the situation here.

As the minister stated that they're looking into that, can the minister tell me when the review can be completed so that the public won't just wait forever for the results of the study? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you. I cannot tell you exactly when the study will be completed, but in the upcoming months, I will make that information available in regard to the burning of the dumps. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. Thank you, Mr. Okalik. We will now go back to our orders of the day. (interpretation ends) Item 7. Written Questions. Item 8. Returns to Written Questions. Mr. Clerk.

Item 8: Returns to Written Questions*

Return to Written Question 018 – 3(2): Attendance Rates in Nunavut

*See Appendix for full text of Returns to Written Questions 18 – 3(2), 19 – 3(2), 20 – 3(2), and 21 – 3(2) filed with the Clerk.

Return to Written Question 019 – 3(2): Department of EIA's Contract for Work Related to the Suicide Prevention Strategy

Return to Written Question 020 – 3(2): Spousal Violence in Nunavut and Traditional Counselling Under the Family Abuse Intervention Act

Return to Written Question 021 – 3(2): Apprenticeship Programs Under the Nunavut Housing Trust

Clerk (Mr. Quirke): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am tabling four returns to the following written questions that were asked during the June 2010 sitting of the legislature: Written Questions No. 18, 19, 20, and 21. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you. Returns to Written Questions. Item 9. Replies to Opening Address. Item 10. Petitions. Item 11. Reports of Standing and Special Committees. Item 12. Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills. Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Mr. Aupaluktuq.

Item 13: Tabling of Documents

Tabled Document 196 – 3(2): Photographs of Baker Lake Municipal Landfill

Mr. Aupaluktuq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table today two photographs of the Baker Lake Municipal Landfill. I was horrified when I saw these pictures. Mr. Speaker, they say a picture is worth a thousand words. I believe these pictures accurately show the appalling state of the Baker Lake landfill.

I encourage Nunavummiut to voice their concerns regarding community landfills to their local governments and to the Department of Community and Government Services. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Aupaluktuq. Tabling of Documents. Mr. Okalik.

**Tabled Document 197 – 3(2):
Submission from the Canadian
Medical Protective Association on
Bill 15, Legal Treatment of
Apologies Act**

Mr. Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I would like to table a submission received by the Standing Committee on Legislation during its review of Bill 15, the *Legal Treatment of Apologies Act*.

The Canadian Medical Protective Association submitted very comprehensive comments on Bill 15, which received assent of this House on June 10, 2010. On behalf of the committee, I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank the Canadian Medical Protective Association for its submission. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Okalik. Tabling of Documents. Hon. Keith Peterson.

**Tabled Document 198 – 3(2): 2008-
2009 Public Accounts**

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to table the 2008-09 Public Accounts. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Peterson. Tabling of Documents. Hon. Daniel Shewchuk.

**Tabled Document 199 – 3(2): 2008-
2009 Public Service Annual Report**

Hon. Daniel Shewchuk: Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to table the 2008-09 Public Service Annual Report. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Shewchuk. Tabling of Documents. Mr. Clerk.

**Tabled Document 200 – 3(2): Return
to Oral Question 399 – 3(2) Status
of Decentralized GN Positions in
Pangnirtung**

**Tabled Document 201 – 3(2): Return
to Oral Question 416 – 3(2) Suicide
Alertness and Intervention**

**Tabled Document 202 – 3(2):
Response to Petition 4 – 3(2)
Petition to Hold a Public Inquiry**

**Tabled Document 203 – 3(2):
Response to Petition 5 – 3(2)
Petition to Hold a Public Inquiry
into the Wisdom of Allowing
Uranium Mining in Nunavut**

Clerk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a number of items to table today. The first items are two returns to Oral Questions No. 399 and 416. The second items are two returns to Petitions No. 4 and No. 5. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you. Tabling of Documents. Item 14. Notices of Motions. Item 15. Notices of Motions

for First Reading of Bills. Hon. Keith Peterson.

Item 15: Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills

Bill 38 – Appropriation (Capital) Act, 2011-2012 – Notice

Bill 39 – Supplementary Appropriation (Operations & Maintenance) Act, No. 3, 2009-2010 – Notice

Bill 40 – Supplementary Appropriation (Operations & Maintenance) Act, No. 3, 2010-2011 – Notice

Bill 41 – Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 3, 2010-2011 – Notice

Bill 42 – Forgiveness of Debts Act, 2010, No. 2 – Notice

Bill 43 – Write-Off of Assets and Debts Act, 2010-2011 – Notice

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have six notices of motions for first reading of bills. Rather than be a jack in the box, I'll just read them all out.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Thursday, October 21, 2010, that Bill 38, *Appropriation (Capital) Act, 2011-2012*, be read for the first time.

Second, Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Thursday, October 21, 2010, that Bill 39, *Supplementary Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, No. 3, 2009-2010*, be read for the first time.

No. 3, Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Thursday, October 21, 2010, that Bill 40, *Supplementary Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, No. 3, 2010-2011*, be read for the first time.

No. 4, Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Thursday, October 21, 2010, that Bill 41, *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 3, 2010-2011*, be read for the first time.

No. 5, Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Thursday, October 21, 2010, that Bill 42, *Forgiveness of Debts Act, 2010, No. 2*, be read for the first time.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Thursday, October 21, 2010, that Bill 43, *Write-Off of Assets Act, 2010-2011*, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Item 16. Motions. Item 17. First Reading of Bills. Mr. Peterson.

Item 17: First Reading of Bills

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I request consent of this Assembly to waive the two-day notice requirement to allow for the first reading of Bill 38, *Appropriation (Capital) Act, 2011-2012*. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. The minister is seeking consent to waive the two-day waiting rule so that Bill 38 can be read today for the first time. Do members agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Speaker: Thank you. Please proceed, Mr. Peterson.

Bill 38 – Appropriation (Capital) Act, 2011-2012 – First Reading

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank my colleagues. Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Hon. Member of Rankin Inlet and Whale Cove, that Bill 38, *Appropriation (Capital) Act, 2011-2012*, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker

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

First Reading of Bills. Item 18. Second Reading of Bills. Minister Peterson.

Item 18: Second Reading of Bills

Bill 38 – Appropriation (Capital) Act, 2011-2012 – Second Reading

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Rankin Inlet and Whale Cove, that Bill 38, *Appropriation (Capital) Act, 2011-2012*, be read for the second time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. The motion is in order. To the principle of the bill. All those in favour, raise your hand, please. Opposed. The motion is carried. The motion has been passed and Bill 38 has been referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Second Reading of Bills. Item 19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters. Bill 38, Tabled Documents 66 – 3(2), 99 –

3(2), and 100 – 3(2) with Mr. Schell in the Chair.

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

(interpretation) Sergeant-at-Arms.

(interpretation ends) I am sorry. I will recognize Mr. Curley.

Hon. Tagak Curley: Mr. Speaker, I just want to announce to the House, on this side, that we don't have a completed list of the House's duties, so I would like to ask my colleagues to try and be patient. It may be available... to support to have a quorum in the House. The duty list was not quite completed. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley, for bringing that issue up. Thank you very much.

Sergeant-at-Arms, can you please lower the mace.

>>*House recessed at 15:29 and Committee resumed at 15:59*

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

Chairman (Mr. Schell): I would like to call the committee meeting to order. In the Committee of the Whole, we have the following items to deal with: Tabled Documents 66 – 3(2), 99 – 3(2), and 100 – 3(2), and Bill 38. What is the wish of the committee? Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We would like to confirm that we are in agreement that we have

concluded our review of Tabled Documents 66, 99, and 100. We would like to commence with Bill 38 and start with the review of the Department of Community and Government Services' capital estimates for the fiscal year 2011-12. If we complete the department prior to 6:00 p.m., we will report progress at that time. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Do members agree to proceed with Bill 38?

Some Members: Agreed.

**Bill 38 – Appropriation (Capital) Act,
2011-2012 – Community and
Government Services –
Consideration in Committee**

Chairman: Thank you. I would now like to ask Minister Kusugak, responsible for the Department of Community and Government Services, to make his opening remarks.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today. I will update you on the 2011-16 five-year capital plan and in particular, the 2011-12 Capital Estimates for the Department of Community and Government Services.

(interpretation ends) As we have indicated before, CGS provides a critical role in the capital process. Our technical and project management staff continue to provide a wide range of services to all departments in developing their capital plans. The types of services and support range from initial project identification to final technical reviews and actual project management.

In addition to assisting government departments, we are also directly responsible for accessing and securing funding for specific types of community infrastructure. These efforts require strong partnerships between our government, hamlets, and other involved stakeholders. CGS recognizes the expectations we face and the trust put in us to deliver essential capital infrastructure as fairly and as equitably as possible. We use the Nunavut Community Infrastructure Advisory Committee to try and achieve that balance.

The Nunavut [Community] Infrastructure Advisory Committee (NCIAC) has a balanced government and hamlet membership and continues to work on the development of integrated community infrastructure sustainability plans, also referred to as ICISPs, in order to create and measure long-term comprehensive plans for each Nunavut community.

These plans are developed in consultation with each community and will help us work towards environmental, cultural, social, and economic goals. They will also identify the types of infrastructure investments over the next 5 to 20 years that will best help each community achieve their sustainability objectives and needs. The draft sustainability plans, which are scheduled for completion by December 31 of 2010, will provide the communities with a vision for community development over the long term.

Mr. Chairman, once completed, the plans will be owned by the communities and will provide community

administrators with tools to plan infrastructure for future generations. We firmly believe that this approach will improve our planning process and improve transparency in the prioritization and allocation of limited infrastructure funding across Nunavut.

Mr. Chairman, CGS staff are also working with officials from the Department of Finance to change the existing approach to the GN capital planning process. This would be done by introducing a more vigorous pre-planning phase where client departments gather additional information to ensure that all initiatives can be properly analyzed before introducing capital projects for consideration.

This would include the introduction of a business case model to better define and support consideration of projects for inclusion in the five-year capital plan. The business case would include the following main elements to help with the overall evaluation process:

- Program needs analysis;
- Operational/functional program assessment; and
- A feasibility study.

We are also currently working on a project management maturity initiative. This initiative includes improvements to our existing capital project management practices, including our client guide, project management manual, and project monitoring tools. The objective is to achieve consistent project management practices and outcomes resulting in on time and on budget project delivery.

Mr. Chairman, in responding to the issue of depleted granular stocks, CGS staff

undertook an extensive review of all granular stocks. The pilot project we undertook in the Kitikmeot where CGS purchased a gravel crusher for Gjoa Haven is resulting in the crushing of granular materials this summer. The department will continue to evaluate the success of this project and try to secure adequate funding before proceeding to other Kitikmeot communities. We are also developing a comprehensive management strategy to ensure there is sufficient capacity at the community level to sustain the granular program over the long term. The strategy will address program delivery, commitment from other GN departments, security requirements, and user fees in order to generate revenues for municipalities so they can sustain the program. It will also include a cost-benefit analysis to determine the potential cost savings to the GN. It is expected that the review will be completed by the end of the fiscal year 2010-11.

In response to community requests for gasification technology for managing municipal solid waste sites, the department has also issued a request for proposals for the development of a long-term strategy for managing municipal solid waste sites in Nunavut. This process has a completion date of December of 2010.

The consultant will visit key communities to gather a clearer understanding of the range of existing community solid waste sites. The consultant will assist the department to develop a practical strategy, including gasification technology, to best deal with disposing of garbage, hazardous and metal waste materials that are harmful to the environment. Once the

recommendations of the study are analyzed, the department will include management and construction of new solid waste sites in the capital planning process for consideration by the GN.

The *Canada-wide Strategy for the Management of Municipal Wastewater Effluent* has established new and far more stringent effluent quality expectations than were previously applied in Nunavut. These include ammonia and oxygen-demanding matter and water, as well as suspended solids. While these tighter standards are designed to protect aquatic wildlife, the cost to implement the proposed standards could result in significant financial implications to the GN.

In response to the new proposed tighter standards outlined by the strategy, the department hired Dalhousie University to conduct the science and research component of the CCME municipal water and wastewater effluent. An intensive research and development program will provide Nunavut with the knowledge to define and meet northern wastewater discharge quality objectives. The university will perform their northern wastewater research over a period of four to seven years.

Mr. Chairman, some significant water and waste projects are already underway, including upgrades to the Arctic Bay and Cambridge Bay, as well as Kimmirut's rehabilitation of lagoons and roads, and the Baker Lake Intake Pump House. We are utilizing a combination of GN and federal dollars for these projects in order to supplement our limited resources.

In the Petroleum Products Division, there are a number of priority projects

either currently underway or planned within the next five years. We continue to try and meet new and evolving regulations for storage facilities, which increase pressure on us to modernize and ensure code compliance. The demand for petroleum products storage capacity continues to increase. We are currently working to meet these demands within the GN's limited resources.

With respect to our department's five-year capital plan, we recognize that we will be facing many challenges over the next five years. These include the deterioration in our aging community infrastructure. Facilities, such as community halls, fire halls, hamlet offices, parking garages, and water works will need attention. We recognize the collective pressure on the GN capital plan for infrastructure and the expectations of Nunavummiut. With continued funding from federal programs, such as the Building Canada Fund and extension of the Gas Tax Program, we are confident that we can continue to be effective in trying to meet the needs of our communities as they arise.

Another project we currently have underway is the Real Estate Capital Asset Planning Program, or RECAPP, as it's referred to, the RECAPP database, which will capture life cycle building and facility information for all GN and hamlet infrastructure. We are currently gathering and entering the required information in the database. Once complete, this will provide CGS and other departments with current and reliable information on their maintenance requirements for each building. This project will assist in

ensuring that our facilities are better maintained and last longer.

Mr. Chairman, we recognize that the timeline for repairs, renovations, retrofits, and replacements requested by the communities sometimes exceeds what can be accomplished in our individual yearly budgets. It is always a difficult balancing act to live within our means. Reliable data and information sharing is essential for analyzing and prioritizing our limited resources. Some of our departmental initiatives are directed to improving this area of information maintenance and sharing.

Mr. Chairman, I hope that these comments give an appreciation for the extensive demands CGS faces for capital funding and the challenges associated with prioritizing projects. Our awareness of the needs and the challenges communities face helps us chart our course during the capital planning process. Our intention is to support communities and try to address the needs of all Nunavummiut to the best of our ability and resources.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I look forward to any questions my colleagues may have.

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

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Yes, I do, Mr. Chairman.

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

Some Members: Agreed.

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

Minister Kusugak, please introduce your witnesses.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. With me today are to my left, Ms. Kathleen Lausman, Deputy Minister of the department, and to my right, Mr. Roy Green, Director of Community Infrastructure.

Chairman: Thank you. Does the Chair of the Standing Committee on Community and Economic Development have comments? Please proceed, Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to welcome the minister and his officials to the witness table.

I am pleased to provide opening comments on behalf of the Standing Committee on Community and Economic Development as the Committee of the Whole begins its consideration of the proposed 2011-12 Capital Estimates of the Department of Community and Government Services. Members note that the department is proposing to spend \$34,022,000 for the 2011-12 fiscal year. The department's capital budget was \$35,954,000 for the 2010-11 fiscal year and its budget was \$36,194,000 for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

Mr. Chairman, this department's operations have a significant impact on the success of the GN's overall capital planning process. In recent years, Members of the Legislative Assembly have repeatedly expressed their concerns

with respect to the issues of project management and capital carryovers.

On June 7, 2010, the Minister of Finance appeared before the Committee of the Whole on the occasion of its consideration of *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 1, 2010-2011*. In his opening comments, the minister stated that “The 2009-2010 departmental capital carryover request of \$96.5 million represents an increase for the second year in a row and is \$13.8 million higher than the prior year. A total of 123 capital projects are being requested for carry forward to 2010-11. This is 24 more than last year.

Human resource capacity and the requirement to appropriate 100 percent of Building Canada Fund projects upfront are contributing factors towards the increased capital carryovers. In order to reduce capital carryovers, the government needs to be conservative with upcoming capital plans, thus allowing for the backlog of projects to be completed.”

During the minister’s recent appearance before the standing committee, members were advised that the department is “working with officials from the Department of Finance to change the existing approach to the GN’s capital planning process by introducing a more rigorous pre-planning phase where client departments gather additional information to ensure that all initiatives can be properly analyzed before introducing capital projects for their consideration.” The standing committee looks forward to ongoing updates on the department’s efforts concerning this important initiative and encourages the Nunavut Community Infrastructure

Advisory Committee to continue its work on the development of the integrated community infrastructure sustainability plans which create and measure long-term comprehensive plans for each Nunavut community.

Mr. Chairman, the January 2009 federal budget announced the creation of a recreational infrastructure fund to provide \$500 million over two years to “support construction of new community recreational facilities and upgrades to existing facilities across Canada.”

Members are supportive of initiatives to improve the quality of recreational facilities in Nunavut given their important role in fostering health and wellness in our communities. Members look forward to being kept informed of the GN’s success in accessing our territory’s share of this federal funding. The standing committee is pleased to see that the department has included arena upgrades for the communities of Coral Harbour and Arviat in its 2011-12 draft capital estimates. These upgrades will give the communities the ability to have artificial ice which will provide a longer playing season. Members also recommend that the department explore opportunities for all Nunavut communities to undertake improvements to existing recreational facilities in order to increase the number of months that they can be used during the year.

The standing committee notes that an additional \$100,000 has been allocated in the department’s proposed 2011-12 capital estimates towards planning for a new recreational complex in Rankin Inlet. The department’s 2010-11 capital estimates also included \$100,000 for this project. The department’s substantiation

sheet for the project indicates that the scope of this project has changed from a basic arena to a complex that will include an indoor games area, curling rink, exercise/weight area, meeting or convention area with a kitchen and canteen area, and an Olympic-sized swimming pool. Members note that the substantiation sheet does not include total projected costs for this new recreational complex.

During the minister's recent appearance before the standing committee, members were advised that the department is waiting for a needs assessment for this project and that the cost of this project will depend on the size of this complex. Members also note that the department recently issued a request for proposals for a feasibility study for an indoor sports facility in Rankin Inlet. Although the standing committee is supportive of new recreational facilities in the territory, it is essential that projects be reasonable and affordable. It is also important that all communities enjoy a basic level of recreational infrastructure. The standing committee will be considering these factors carefully as the project moves forward and its total costs become clear.

On March 19, 2009, during his appearance before the Committee of the Whole, the minister stated that "During the community consultations last winter and the department's participation in the regional mayors meetings, concerns were raised regarding the replacement of the aging mobile equipment fleet and depleting granular stocks."

Mr. Chairman, members were pleased to note that the department's proposed 2011-12 capital estimates includes

funding for granular projects in the communities of Arviat and Chesterfield Inlet. Members look forward to receiving ongoing updates on these projects.

Members were also pleased to note that the department's proposed 2011-12 capital estimates includes a quarry development project in Kugluktuk with a budget of \$1 million. This pilot project will be for all Kitikmeot communities with each community purchasing or using existing equipment. Members look forward to receiving an update on the status of this pilot project and, if it successful, strongly encourage the department to expand the initiative to other regions.

Mr. Chairman, the department's proposed 2011-12 capital estimates includes a further \$7.0 million in funding for water system upgrades in the community of Kugluktuk. This is the department's single largest capital project for 2011-12. The department had budgeted \$1,826,000 in the 2010-11 fiscal year and \$7,365,000 in 2009-2010 for this project. The substantiation sheet for this project indicated that despite the community having received a new water treatment plant in 2003, Kugluktuk's "filtered water does not meet the Canadian drinking water guidelines for turbidity."

Mr. Chairman, the provision of safe drinking water to our communities is a fundamental function of government. It is unclear as to how many of Nunavut's communities currently meet national guidelines for drinking water quality and how many do not. During the Legislative Assembly's consideration of the department's 2009-2010 capital

estimates, members again recommended that the government commit to tabling a report on water quality in each of Nunavut's communities before the end of 2009 calendar year. This has not yet been done and members recommend that the minister commit to tabling such a report at the earliest opportunity.

The standing committee also notes that the *Canada-wide Strategy for the Management of Municipal Wastewater Effluent* was endorsed by a number of jurisdictions. On March 27, 2009, the Minister of Environment tabled a report in the Legislative Assembly concerning this issue. The minister's report indicated that "Nunavut, Québec and Newfoundland did not endorse the document." The report also stated that "Nunavut agrees in principle with the strategy but is extremely concerned about costs associated with implementation and the lack of direct funding options. Nunavut will certainly support the strategy when funding is more definitive."

The standing committee notes that the current issue of the Journal of the Northern Territories Water and Waste Association contains important observations on the issue of wastewater management in the North.

I would also again note that MLAs have been advised that the cost of implementing the strategy in Nunavut could be as high as \$500 million. Members have also been advised, however, that the Department of Community and Government Services and the Department of Environment have been working to build up an inventory of community facilities.

Mr. Chairman, members also note a joint announcement made on July 8 of this year by the federal and territorial governments to fund two water and wastewater infrastructure initiatives in Rankin Inlet. Members also note that on September 15 of this year, a joint federal and territorial announcement was made for six infrastructure initiatives, one of which is for the construction of a new pump house for water treatment in Baker Lake. Members also note that on September 16 of this year, a joint federal and territorial announcement was made for the construction of a new sewage lagoon for wastewater treatment in Kimmirut. Members look forward to receiving ongoing updates on these significant projects.

On September 23 of this year, the GN issued a news release which stated that the GN "completed the pilot beverage container recycling programs which operated in Iqaluit, Rankin Inlet, and Kugluktuk. An independent evaluation of the projects indicated recycling would not present a cost-effective means of addressing waste-management concerns."

While members were disappointed to hear this announcement, members note that the news release also stated that "The Department of Environment and the Department of Community and Government Services (CGS) are working together to examine Nunavut's solid waste management practices as a whole. CGS will take the lead on establishing a Nunavut-Wide Solid Waste Strategy which will involve a comprehensive review of the current state of solid waste management in the territory.

... The strategy will examine a number of options for solid waste management for the territory, including recycling, incineration, gasification.”

The standing committee was pleased to hear that both departments are working together on solid waste management and look forward to ongoing updates on this important issue. Members also urge both departments to continue lobbying the federal government for funding to upgrade Nunavut’s wastewater facilities to meet these proposed and new federal regulations.

Mr. Chairman, the department’s 2011-12 draft capital estimates documentation indicates that \$2.25 million will be provided to the City of Iqaluit in block funding through the federal government’s Gas Tax Fund. Members recommend that the minister table an annual report on the city’s spending under this agreement so that all Members of the Legislative Assembly and the general public will have a clear picture of how the funds have actually been used. Members also urge the department to consider entering into such agreements with other communities that can demonstrate the capacity to manage such an arrangement.

Members note that the department’s draft 2011-12 capital estimates include \$5 million in funding for small capital projects, which includes such items as mobile equipment repairs, community planning studies, block funding, granular programs, and spill response equipment. Members encourage the department to clearly list the breakdown of these projects in the annual capital estimates document which is tabled in the Legislative Assembly, given that they

amount to approximately 15 percent of the department’s total planned spending.

Members also note the department’s draft 2011-12 capital estimates includes \$440,000 in funding in its small capital projects for snow fences in the communities of Cambridge Bay, Chesterfield Inlet, Gjoa Haven, and Repulse Bay. Members look forward to receiving ongoing updates on these projects.

Mr. Chairman, from time to time, all Members of the Legislative Assembly receive official correspondence from the government that outlines budget transfers between capital projects that have occurred during the course of the fiscal year. It is essential that members be kept informed of the exact status of capital projects that have been impacted by such transfers and encourage the government to provide clear and detailed information in these advisories concerning the reasons for why funds have been transferred.

Members recognize the need for the department to address the issue of bulk fuel storage in our communities. The growth of communities and more stringent federal regulations will require the department to modernize and expand existing storage facilities. Improvements in this area may, in the longer term, help to reduce the need to periodically resupply communities by air, as has been required in prior years.

Mr. Chairman, that concludes my opening comments on the proposed 2011-12 Capital Estimates of the Department of Community and Government Services. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

I suggest to members that wherever possible you ask your detailed questions during the page-by-page review of the departmental estimates. Do members have any general comments? Mr. Okalik.

Mr. Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to welcome the minister and his officials. Going to his opening comments, it stated that they're going to be building a complex in Rankin Inlet and visualizing it, I'm not exactly sure how they're going to build it, but here in Iqaluit, when we increased the population, we became a town so that we can help with funding for capital projects as a tax-based community. The population was a lot smaller than what Rankin Inlet currently has. My question is, first of all, whether Rankin Inlet is considering getting town status. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to thank you for asking the question. In regard to becoming a taxed community like Iqaluit, I haven't been informed by Rankin Inlet what kind of plans they have or if they are even considering it. I

have not been told anything of that sort. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Okalik.

Mr. Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I wish to thank the minister for clarifying that. Yes, we have to search for ways to collaborate on certain issues that the communities are clamouring for.

It pleases me that Rankin Inlet is becoming more developed and they are receiving an influx of employment opportunities into that community. With that being the case, we should be looking at devolving power to the community as it grows and becomes more capable. That would be a good model to emulate, perhaps to look at changing the status in line with giving them an opportunity to raise revenue.

From my perspective, the analogy that fits Rankin Inlet is that of a teenager who is almost an adult, as they are developing local capacity, similarly to the way Iqaluit developed into what it is today. Iqaluit went through those growing pains as it changed its status and became more responsible for its affairs.

The city still needs to complete more work before the ideal is reached, but Iqaluit is able to provide assistance, especially to its fellow local governments. Based on their experience, they can offer advice to their fellow communities. They can advise that changing your status is not a fearful event. However, it is only through collaborative efforts that we can develop more towns and cities in Nunavut.

I would like to encourage the minister to explore as many options as possible for Rankin Inlet, especially in providing assistance. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you. I agree with you wholeheartedly. All communities, when they can, have to help according to their growth, possibly by way of raising funds, becoming a tax-based community, and looking at other means of getting additional revenue. A lot of the communities don't just want to get handouts, but I know exactly what Mr. Okalik is saying and I agree with him. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Okalik.

Mr. Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In the minister's opening comments, he stated that they were exploring ways to convert the garbage into power generation by using incinerators and steam. As per the minister's comments and as is their usual practice, they will be hiring a consultant to explore these options for their department. What timeframe are we talking about prior to reviewing the report from the consultant? He seemed to imply a timeframe, so perhaps the minister can elaborate on the details. I would be happy with the verbal clarification. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you. When we are discussing community waste management, it

applies as a concern for many communities and is becoming an issue that many communities see as a problem.

It is not conducive to have to gouge out pits on our beautiful lands and then just fill it with refuse and create another landfill. Once a landfill has been covered over, the land cannot be reused. That is not a situation we want to find ourselves in up here in the Arctic. We need knowledgeable staff to deal with this issue and that could be a position anywhere in the government or even in our Department of CGS.

We do not have waste management experts in our department, which is the reason why we end up hiring consultants to look at these issues. They are currently working on a report on this matter. As I stated earlier, after the consultant completes their work, we are expecting that they will submit a report that identifies all of the issues. If all things fall into place, we will be able to submit the report some time near the end of December. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Hopefully that is understandable.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Okalik.

Mr. Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I feel envious that other communities still have the option to cover their garbage in a landfill. Here in Iqaluit, the city seems intent on creating a veritable mountain of garbage. I urge our hon. minister to take a trip to our dump area, where he can see for himself just how big that mound of garbage is and it just keeps growing. The dump is an eyesore.

Furthermore, when you are going boating and passing through that area, you see lots of old garbage bags. When you go boating, you can see garbage bags in the water and we never used to see them previously. That is why we need to improve the way we conduct waste management.

I will be in support of the minister if he chooses to initiate change on our current waste management system and I believe that it is something we have to review in the most expedient manner. It seems like it is an urgent issue we have to resolve in the future, not just here in Iqaluit but in all the communities of Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Exactly, as residents of Nunavut, we have to take care of our waste management, especially the matters we can deal with.

I agree with you on your assessment that the garbage is piling up into large hills and when you do visit that area, the debris is piled high into man-made mountains. In Arviat, there are no hills that equal this mound that has accumulated here in Iqaluit that is entirely composed of garbage that you referred to and I do grasp the background of your statement.

As Inuit practicing our life on the land, we have to be cognizant of the garbage we may leave that ends up on the land. Many people have noticed old diapers and other bags from the stores, old meat that has been left to rot, and this is not something we want our residents to practice. If we brought the products onto

the land, we are able to bring it back to the communities.

Nonetheless, yes, I will commit to working with all of the communities to support them with waste management issues they may face, especially with good practices. I am very pleased that we are working to move ahead with this issue. I am also very pleased that my colleagues are in support of this matter. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On page 8 of the minister's opening comments, he was talking about the Building Canada Fund and the Gas Tax Program. With just different things I have heard in the past, is there a deadline or a sunset time for the Building Canada Fund in terms of... ? With all of the capital carryover projects that we have, the 123 I think it is, is there a threat of possibly losing some of that money because they are not being finished? Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There are different deadlines on these different funding arrangements that we have; they range from 2014 to 2017, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I was asking because I know Grise Fiord's 11,000 square feet community hall is a big chunk of the Building Canada Fund, so I want to make sure that that was going to be finished for the community.

At the same time, I know there are gas tax projects in Resolute Bay for the landfill site, and Mr. Okalik was asking questions and I had asked questions to the minister throughout the year. There was a tender in the paper for work at the dump and the landfill site in Resolute Bay and then that was pulled. The explanation for that, the reason it was pulled was because of the study that you are doing.

Are you saying that the study will be done by December and the \$1.8 million that is allocated in gas tax will be used in the next fiscal year to help with the dump? Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Mr. Elliott, for your questions. Yes, the Grise Fiord facility that you are talking about should be done on time, just to update you on that, and yes on the second part of the question in terms of Resolute Bay. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On the same page, you were mentioning the RECAPP database for capturing life cycle of buildings and facilities. With the consulting firm that went around and checked up on what GN assets and hamlet assets in the communities, were you using information from that collected to fill this database? Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I thank the member for the question. Yes, part of the information that would fit into the RECAPP database was, in fact, taken from that or part of that was taken from there. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I was just wondering if we could get some more information on that database itself. Is this again another contracted firm that has constructed the database or is there capacity within your department to maintain it, fix it, upgrade it, and add information to it? Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Maybe I could ask my deputy to get into a little more detail in terms of that whole last bit. Mr. Chairman, if you would allow her to respond.

Chairman: Yes. Thank you. Go ahead, Ms. Lausman.

Ms. Lausman: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. RECAPP is actually an industry standard database for doing real estate planning on conditions of different components of the building. The government purchased it, I think, in 2005, some time ago, and we manage that database. What we do is continually update the data that goes into it and it's based on condition assessments of components of buildings. So it's an ongoing, very active data capture of the continuing condition of various buildings. It takes a lot of time to actually populate the database with existing building assets, and we saw the

need and the desire to actually include the hamlet assets in there as well. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for that explanation. It's just the way it read, it sounded like you're currently underway in doing it, but if it's been going on for the last five years, it doesn't sound like a new project; it sounds like an existing project. How long do you think it will take until all of the assets are actually put into the database? Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Ms. Lausman.

Ms. Lausman: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It's actually a continuous, ongoing effort. We like to do a snapshot of the condition of every asset every five years and we are doing that right now. We've got engineering consultants who will be visiting every community to really get into the actual condition of the assets themselves. We are building on the information from the sustainability plans that took more of a general sort of inventory of our assets and the various components of it. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On page 3 where it talks about the Nunavut integrated community infrastructure sustainability plans, I was lucky enough to participate in the recent workshop that was held in Arctic Bay. It gets the community thinking about 5- to 20-year planning in terms of what the community will need in terms of growth and whatnot. How often will those plans

be updated? I know it's sort of tied in with the gas tax funding. Is there a timeline as to how often those will be updated? Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you. Good question. It will be a working document and the document will be that of the municipalities. So we're hopeful that the municipality will keep updating the document as it sees fit and keeping it working. The onus here is on the municipality to ensure that their sustainability plans are ongoing. It would be one that they would be updating hopefully annually, and our department would be able to help them out if they need to in looking at that stuff. It is the municipalities and hopefully it would be updated on a regular basis when it needs to be. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. One of the things that came out of our meeting that just raised some questions for me was the fact that once the sustainability plan is done... .

Originally hamlets, I think, were asked to come up with their top ten list of what they felt was needed in the communities and then from there, it went up to the Nunavut Community Infrastructure Advisory Committee. But now with these new infrastructure sustainability plans, there is actually more thinking and more meat to the decisions being made and hopefully give some of the hamlets a better insight as to what

expenses would be coming on the other end as well.

One of the things we noticed was he sort of gauged high priority, low priority, and it just sort of makes you think, “Well, what is stopping a hamlet from saying everything is a high priority and then passing it on to the Nunavut Community Infrastructure Advisory Committee?” When we asked questions about that, I guess there are no real policies or guidelines in terms of how that committee will make decisions. Is that true?

Maybe the consulting firm that was there didn’t explain it properly. Are there guidelines... ? In terms of once the sustainability plans get to the committee, how will they be evaluated? I guess that is the question I am asking. How will they decide from the criteria? Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: The sustainability plans are just that and it is up to the municipalities to set out their priorities in terms of what is their, like you said, top 10 or top 20, or what is the priority of the municipality. The municipality should decide on that and what this will help, I think, at the end of the day is when new councillors and new members of the hamlet go there, they will have a working document to tell them, “This is the infrastructure we have, this is where its at, and this is the infrastructure we do need,” and it will streamline that more often.

I know, when I sat on the council in Rankin Inlet, every year, there are new

hamlet councillors going in and, more often than not, your priority list would change only because we really didn’t have a document such as this to tell us, “Okay, this is where we are and this is where we want to go,” and tweak it throughout the process. In that sense, I am hopeful that the municipalities will be able to take a look at this and set their priorities themselves.

In terms of bringing those priorities and needs of the municipality to the infrastructure advisory committee, that infrastructure advisory committee has guidelines in which they follow. I think it would be at that point where things, such as your questions, would come into play. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for that answer. If I understand correctly, you are saying that the next time these plans are created, the hamlets will be responsible for creating them and there won’t be a mass contract put out by the GN to hire consultants to create these plans. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: You know, Mr. Chairman, as I said before, once you create this document, it will be a live and working document, you won’t have to recreate it in the municipality. The expensive and challenging part was to get that created in the first place. Now that that document is there, the municipalities will be able to keep it going and as things change in the document, they will be able to work with it. It will be the municipalities’

document and hopefully they will use it proactively and keep the document alive. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for that response. You had talked about safe drinking water, and I know that the chair had comments about that as well.

I know one of the issues that you are very well aware of in Resolute Bay is the utilidor system and the aging system that Trow has been doing studies on what the different options are in the communities and helping out with consultation and making sure that things are being followed through. There are people and hamlet council members who are on the advisory committee for that. When will all of those studies be done in terms of a decision as to what will be coming for the community? Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We're looking at mid-February to have everything completed on that front. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thanks for allowing me to ask that question. One of the questions that I have now is with the problems we have in terms of financial difficulties within the GN... . Reported originally, it was \$29 million and possibly \$40 million, depending on which option the government goes with, whether it's trucked water and sewage delivery, as

well as if it's refurbishing the utilidor system that's already there.

Once the decision is made in February and there is nothing in the capital plan for next year as to what's going to happen, what are the plans for the government in terms of finding the funds to be able to assist with providing either a utilidor system, which is going to be a huge amount, or a water and truck system, which is going to be a huge amount as well? Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As the member is aware, it's hard to guesstimate what is going to come out of the report until the report actually comes out, and that's not coming out until mid-February. At that time, we will have a lot clearer understanding of the issues with water in Resolute Bay.

Having said that, that is why our department is working in the municipality to ensure that the current infrastructure that is here, in terms of water needs in the municipality, are such that they should be able to operate efficiently as is for the next five years. So it would allow us to take a look at the situation and where it needs to go. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In terms of when new buildings and infrastructure, I know that I had asked this question before and had emailed a couple of times regarding this. In terms of new buildings and facilities that go to

the communities, when you're doing the substantiation forms and the cost analysis for the buildings, do you assign... ? Again, we're doing capital, but if you are getting a new building, do you assign and attach O&M monies to that in the upcoming fiscal year for new buildings coming online? Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, we do.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The reason why I am asking that question is because I know that the Hamlet of Arctic Bay, with their new community hall that you came up to open, has not received any financial assistance from December, when it opened, until today in terms of money coming for the O&M of that building. Thanks for that. Now I know that I can take that back to the hamlet and give them an answer. Thank you. That's all the questions that I had, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Just on that comment, the municipality is aware. We work with the mayor and council and the administrators of the municipality. We're working on that with them, and I am glad that you're going to bring that forward to them again. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Komoartok.

Mr. Komoartok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to get more information on this issue that we currently face with respect to waste management and garbage that residents are throwing out. We have to reconsider our approaches to meeting this challenge as many communities are just stockpiling garbage.

In many communities, they burn combustible materials. At least that is how it is in our community. If we do not burn the materials, our land is subjected to high winds from the north and the materials would immediately get blown all over the land, so we have no choice but to burn the materials in our communities.

The practice of burning garbage causes many discomforts in our community, especially since we are situated in a fiord with high mountains on both sides that can recycle this particulate smoke. Here in Iqaluit, the smoke at least is able to be blown in other directions and I am glad that is the case, but that is not the case in Pangnirtung. Due to the high mountains on both sides, the smoke just lingers in the fiord, especially when the wind dies down. The entire town starts reeking of this stench of burnt materials.

I noticed that here in Iqaluit when smoke from this current dump fire lingers above the government buildings, they are usually closed immediately, followed by the schools. Unfortunately that is no longer the case in our community because they are getting used to the smoke smell from the garbage. Even though they can smell the smoke from the garbage, they stay in at work or in school. In some ways, this seems to have become just part of the daily life of our

community, particularly with being stuck with the stench during evenings when the wind dies down and the smoke just lingers. That is how our community acts.

Between mornings and evenings, it is windy during the day and in the evenings, the wind dies down. When it reaches the period where the wind dies down and the smoke is just lingering, the fire department tries to lessen the impact of the smoke by dousing the flames. We thank the firefighters for doing their part to lessen the impact on our residents with that practice.

However, it is not always possible to douse the dump fires, especially as we have learned now from the situation with the dump here in Iqaluit where the smoke becomes quite dense and it is impossible to douse the fire. It has to sometimes be allowed to burn itself out. This has been the case continuously in our community. It would be ideal and beneficial to get an incinerator in our community and we feel that it's an urgent emergency case because of the situation we have found ourselves in, being continually subjected to smoke.

If I understood correctly, the report from the consultants will be available by December 2010 and that we will have a better idea of the health issues. However, will it be only after the conclusion of the report that we will be able to see a plan to deal with this issue of burning waste in the communities? Will an incinerator be purchased or will we allow the dangerous practice of burning garbage at our dumps? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, the review would identify how the various communities would work towards resolving this garbage or incinerator issue within their communities. At this time, we cannot make any decisions until the consultant report is completed. When the report is completed, most of the matters you raised in your question would be clarified. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Komoartok.

Mr. Komoartok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to thank the minister for his answer. I have another question I want to direct which relates to the proposed recreation centre for Rankin Inlet.

In some ways, when questioning issues, I tend to use my community as an example since that is what I am familiar with. We are faced with several issues related to the recreation centre in Pangnirtung, specifically the arena section. Over the last few seasons, we have had difficulty opening the arena during the winter. The primary reasons are due to the weather changing.

Even when it is winter, the temperatures are still not cold enough to freeze the ice in these times. If things remain the same, it seems obvious that down the road, we may experience even later openings or even a time when the ice does not freeze. It even came down to having a separate little area where they poured water to create a little skating area so that people could at least skate in the meantime.

With respect to the plans for Rankin Inlet's new recreational facility, I believe

that there are already existing arenas which utilize the artificial ice so that it can be used. I imagine it would be more prudent to review whether or not other communities could get artificial ice surfacing before they look at a new facility for a community that already has this option. I would prefer that other communities get artificial ice and catch up to bigger communities before these communities get another facility. I want to see a more equitable allocation of our scarce resources.

Furthermore, in our community, the hockey arena is situated right below the mountain and the drainage patterns from the mountain are eroding the land around the arena to the point where you can see space between the walls and the surface. You can look outside, but none of the engineers seem to notice this problem that will have to be resolved eventually.

We need a new facility in our community. Will our community only be able to get another facility after Rankin Inlet gets theirs or do you have a list of which communities will be on the prioritized list for these facilities? What criteria do you use to push projects forward to the prioritized list? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you. With respect to your comments in regard to community facilities and the number of requests we have seen to date, there are two communities requesting artificial ice for this year. With the materials arriving this summer, the contractors are now

completing the artificial ice in the arenas of Sanikiluaq and Igloolik.

If you include those two communities, then we will have six arenas with artificial ice. We are expecting to see this resolved over the next couple of years and, where possible, we should be adding two, or three, or more resurfacing projects for the communities that want to have artificial ice. We would provide artificial ice equipment to the communities that are requesting them.

The municipalities have their priority list and as long as they are in the priority list, we will try to follow their list. Furthermore, there are other agencies that can support these requests, such as the Committee of the Whole, that can look at these projects and provide more support. I cannot tell you exactly which community would receive the artificial ice surfaces over the winter, but maybe you could ask me next year.

However, most hamlets will be working on their capital projects listing. We would like to assist communities to get their facilities. Not all communities want artificial ice as some communities are not into hockey. Some communities are getting frustrated awaiting the completion of their local facility. We will work with local communities to deal with their capital projects list and slowly try to have all communities with the same facilities.

If there was a request from Pangnirtung for this type of surface, then they can start identifying that project as a priority utilizing their local municipality and its processes, and then proceed from there. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Komoartok.

Mr. Komoartok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also thank Minister Kusugak. I would prefer that you keep your portfolio until all of these things are completed in the communities.

I want to raise another question on a separate matter with respect to the recycling program in Iqaluit, Rankin Inlet, and Kugluktuk. The program is geared towards shipping recyclables, such as pop cans, out to the south. Our community wants to undertake shipping more recyclables, but just recently, we were informed that the program may be axed due to the high costs involved.

The recycling program is important since many communities are just accumulating materials and garbage in the communities. Many communities had looked forward to using this program. Is it discontinued, Mr. Chairman, or are we going to see some kind of a recycling program in the communities?

The recycling program was very beneficial to the communities because they stopped throwing out cans or garbage to the environment. We would like to see recycling occurring in all of the communities. This program should be expanded rather than discontinued as many communities are looking for ways to resolve their waste management issues. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I cannot respond to your question as the

Department of Environment is responsible for that. So I cannot respond to you because CGS is not responsible for this, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Ningeongan.

Mr. Ningeongan (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just prior to asking a question on the minister's opening comments, I wish to get some clarification on this matter. Quite a few of us have kept abreast of the developments facing the Nunavut Association of Municipalities. It seems as if that organization has fallen flat on its face, at least from our perspective.

What I would like the minister to clarify is who is representing the NAM Community Infrastructure Advisory Committee in your departmental capital project reviews. I would like to know if members of the Community Infrastructure Advisory Committee are involved. What is the extent of their involvement? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. With respect to the question, I cannot determine who is representing NAM in our reviews as I do not have the information readily available. Once I have that information, I will commit to providing that information.

From my recollection of the organizational chart, I know that three mayors are supposed to sit on that committee, but I do not have the information as to which mayors are on

that committee. Once I have the information, I will gladly provide that to the member. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Ningeongan.

Mr. Ningeongan (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Personally, I feel that if it was deemed important enough, then the names would be readily available as to who sits on this committee. Based on my knowledge, there used to be a good relationship between NCIAC and the department. I had thought that either the minister or his deputy minister would have that information readily available and that was why I asked about the membership on that committee.

However, I would like to return to your opening comments on page 3 since I would like to get further clarification on the draft sustainability plans scheduled for completion on December 31, 2010. I believe this is a good venue to show the communities what plans the government has with respect to their communities and the projects slated for their communities down the road, and what they can reasonably expect in the future with respect to their capital projects. It would allow the communities to prepare for these projects.

At this time, Mr. Chairman, as many members are aware, when we discuss issues with our local hamlets, the capital projects are not adhering to the plans as outlined by the government and the community nor do they seem to be following the allocated year projects.

I would like to know if the minister or his departmental staff have an actual

five-year capital plan or if it is under development. Perhaps the minister can commit to providing that information on which communities are on the priority list and which projects will be included in that prioritization of their community plans. Has this been included in your preparations?

In your opening comments you also stated that many communities are stuck with aging fleets and many of these pieces of equipment need to be replaced. I believe most of the hamlets are in that situation with aging equipment and facilities. Do you have a priority list categorized by community requests as to which community projects will be given priority? I imagine that this will be the process, so I want to know if that will be the case. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Prior to responding to your question, I will make a response regarding the membership of NCIAC.

With respect to NCIAC, I have just been informed that the Mayor of Iqaluit sits on this committee as a representative of NAM. There is also the Kivalliq representative and that member is the Mayor of Chesterfield Inlet. Currently we do not have a representative of the Kitikmeot region and they are awaiting the selection of an appointee from that region. It should be finalized after the Kitikmeot mayors' meeting. The person who represented that region was not re-elected and the mayors will have to appoint a new representative.

With respect to the question you just raised, we are collaborating with that committee that we spoke of, specifically the prioritization we place on projects as well as funding allocations to the projects for the communities. We are going to be working with NCIAC and we expect that this process will be given more weight in the future, especially with the communities having a clearer priority list, particularly for dilapidated and antiquated facilities.

The Department of CGS will work with NCIAC to develop a priority list. I hope that is clear. We are going to work with NCIAC to determine which community is in most need of newer facilities or equipment, or which communities will be prioritized for allocations of funding through this process. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Ningeongan.

Mr. Ningeongan (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As you stated earlier, this process has a completion date of December 31, 2010, which would be another way of facilitating the future allocations. During that period, once the analysis is completed, will this process be undertaken for the communities to identify their priorities? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Yes, once that process has been completed, the communities will have ownership of this process as it relates to their priorities. I would hope that the communities take advantage of this

process. They can provide the reasoning for the facilities or equipment that they are requesting, as well as their arguments for that priority.

I certainly hope that the hamlets will utilize this process once it has been implemented as it will allow the development of our communities. This will give the communities an opportunity to provide their reasons for the requested infrastructure projects. We support this initiative due to these reasons. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Ningeongan.

Mr. Ningeongan (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Perhaps I am the only one who is not lethargic in this discussion since I notice that our microphones are taking a while to go on.

I am pleased that the minister spoke to the initiative that is being developed, primarily for the reason that most communities do not have a strategic plan outlining what is needed and since they do not have a foundation whereby they use past projects to identify new projects for future requests. It's very hard for the communities to make substantiations for their requests. In many cases, it causes misunderstanding between the hamlet and the government department.

I believe that in the past, NAM identified that or at least while I was the president of the association, we identified this need. I am proud that this initiative is finally being fleshed out. I look forward to the day when they use this process to conduct their plans. It would allow them to start from the same page when they are discussing these issues.

This is just a comment that I wanted to make and it is not a question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. That was a comment there, but if you want to respond, Mr. Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Yes, I want it noted that I concur with your statement, especially as it relates to the people who are councillors or the mayor representing that hamlet. When you are in that position, you want to voice your position loudly and be supported by your association. So I would hope that this is used in that manner when it is available.

I support the members here, irrespective of whether you are a minister or a regular member, especially when you are supporting your hamlets. I hope that you work with your community to identify the priorities that the hamlet will request. This allows for a meaningful relationship, especially when planning infrastructure projects. I believe that we can all utilize this process. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. I have no more members on my list for general comments. We will now proceed to page-by-page review of the departmental estimates starting with page H-3. Community and Government Services. Branch Summary. Capital Planning. Capital Expenditures. Total Capital Expenditures. \$25,653,000. Details are on page H-4 and H-5. Any questions? Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Are we going to go to page H-4 or ask questions now on page H-3? Thank you.

Chairman: Yeah, well, the detail is on H-4 and H-5, so you can ask questions on all of those three pages. Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On page H-4, the Resolute Bay Arena for the \$174,000, I was just wondering if the minister could give us an update as to whether that project is on time and within budget. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am very pleased to report, Sir, it is on time and on budget; knock on wood.

>> *Laughter*

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On page H-5 under capital planning for Iqaluit, the RECAPP for \$1.4 million, is that that program you were talking about for the inventory? Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Again, Mr. Chairman, you are correct. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If it's a program that has been used since 2005, do we pay \$1.4 million a year, or why is it such a substantial cost now? Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If I could ask my deputy, through you, Mr. Chairman, to answer that so he could get a detailed answer. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Ms. Lausman.

Ms. Lausman: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There is actually a great deal of effort for a number of consultants to examine in detail the number of buildings and look at roof structure, building envelope, doors, windows, mechanical systems, boilers, electrical systems, and to do a fairly detailed condition assessment of each one of those components of a building. So the cost is actually around the time and expertise it takes to do that. We've got a template of how we gather the data and that is how it has to go into the database itself. So, really, the cost is to get all of that data with real information on the real condition of the various components of all of our buildings. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The costs aren't actually associated with the computer program itself; it's actually associated with the gathering of the data to be inputted into the database. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Again, Mr. Chairman, you are correct, Mr. Elliott. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Again, I think you had mentioned that the information that they are gathering is for both assets that are GN assets and hamlet assets as well. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Mr. Chairman, that is correct, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Do the hamlets have access to this information? If they are responsible for updating their infrastructure sustainability plans and they are responsible for continuing to keep track of what assets maybe need to be updated or new facilities, will they have access to this information or is it specifically a tool for the GN? Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If it's a tool for the GN, it would be most accessible to the municipalities. They will have full access to it where it applies to them once it is all completed, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. I guess there are no more names on my list. We will go back to Capital Planning on H-3. Total Capital Expenditures. \$25,653,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Now we will move on to the Branch Summary. Community and Government Services. Petroleum Products Revolving Fund. Capital Expenditures. Total Capital Expenditures. \$8,369,000. That is on H-6 and there are details on H-7. We can ask questions on both pages. Any questions? Mr. Komoartok.

Mr. Komoartok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I want a bit more information on one of the items here.

In our community of Pangnirtung, they are currently constructing a tank farm and the tanks are almost completed. They should be able to transfer fuel even without the outside paint. I believe that the welding is almost completed. I am unsure as to whether they will fill it up this year, but I am aware that it is almost completed. Due to the cold weather, I do not imagine that they will be painting in this fiscal year.

With respect to the figure that is listed here, the \$1,910,000 allocated towards this project, is this for the completion of the project or is this for another tank project? That is what I want clarified. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the member for asking that question. I can tell you that the bulk fuel project being built in your community has a completion date of October 19 or thereabouts. It is going to be completed this fall. The fuel tanker ship will arrive prior to the winter season to fill up the tank farm for the upcoming winter.

Furthermore, they will be constructing another tank next year. That is what the situation is at this time. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Rumbolt

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On page H-7, there are three communities; there are Arctic Bay, Cape Dorset, and Sanikiluaq each getting \$75,000 for bulk fuel storage capacity increases. What exactly will we be getting for the \$75,000? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. You will be getting a study. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Any other questions? Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Following the question that Mr. Rumbolt asked, the \$400,000 that is estimated for the 2012-16, is that for actual work or is that a continuation of the study? Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That will be for the design of the tank farm. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Any other questions? I don't have any more here on the list, so we will go back to page H-2... hang on; we've got to do this here. Branch Summary. Petroleum Products Revolving Fund. Total Capital

Expenditures. \$8,369,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Now we will go back to page H-2. Department Summary. Community and Government Services. Detail of Expenditures. Capital Expenditures. Total Capital Expenditures. \$34,022,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Is the committee agreed that we have concluded with the Department of Community and Government Services?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: I would like to thank the minister and his officials. Does the minister have any closing comments?

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would appreciate a copy of the opening comments made by Mr. Rumbolt as I didn't get a copy at the start of the day, so I would really appreciate that. Maybe there is one at my seat, but at some point, I would appreciate a copy.

Mr. Chairman, Community and Government Services has a very large department and sometimes a daunting task, but I would just like to take this opportunity to thank you for your contributions and concerns with your municipalities and CGS.

I would like to, at this time, thank our staff at CGS. We have a very hard-working department and they are spread

throughout this beautiful territory of ours. I would just like to take this opportunity to appreciate the hard work that they do in ensuring that the department runs smoothly and, more often than not, helping the municipalities to ensure that the municipalities run smoothly.

Thank you for chairing this session, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. I also want to thank you for showing up here and answering the questions, some tough questions they were and you had a yes or no answer. I would like to get the Sergeant-at-Arms to escort the minister and his officials out.

What is the wish of the committee? Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We would like to report progress at this time. Thank you.

Chairman: We have a motion on the floor to report progress and the motion is not debatable. All those in favour of the motion. All those opposed. The motion is carried. I will now rise to report progress.

Speaker: Thank you. Going back to the orders of the day. Item 20. Report of the Committee of the Whole. Mr. Schell.

Item 20: Report of the Committee of the Whole

Mr. Schell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Your committee has been considering Bill 38 and would like to report progress, and furthermore, your committee has concluded its considerations of Tabled

Documents 66 – 3(2), 99 – 3(2), and 100 – 3(2). 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. Tapardjuk. The motion is in order. All those in favour, raise your hand. Opposed. The motion is carried.

Item 21. Third Reading of Bills. Item 22. *Orders of the Day*. Mr. Clerk.

Item 22: Orders of the Day

Clerk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just a reminder of meetings for tomorrow morning, there is a meeting at nine o'clock of the Management and Services Board, there is a meeting at 10:15 of the Standing Committee on Community and Economic Development, and at 10:30, there is a meeting of the Standing Committee on Rules, Procedures and Privileges.

Orders of the Day for October 20:

1. Prayer
2. Ministers' Statements
3. Members' Statements
4. Returns to Oral Questions
5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery
6. Oral Questions
7. Written Questions
8. Returns to Written Questions
9. Replies to Opening Address
10. Petitions

11. Reports of Standing and Special Committees
12. Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills
13. Tabling of Documents
14. Notices of Motions
15. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills
16. Motions
17. First Reading of Bills
18. Second Reading of Bills
19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters
 - Bill 38
20. Report of the Committee of the Whole
21. Third Reading of Bills
22. Orders of the Day

Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. This House stands adjourned until Wednesday, October 20, at 1:30 p.m.

Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>*House adjourned at 17:30*

Appendix – October 19, 2010

Return to Written Question 018 – 3(2): Attendance Rates in Nunavut

Asked by: Jeannie Ugyuk, MLA (Nattilik)

Asked of: Hon. Louis Tapardjuk, Minister of Education

Date: June 1, 2010

Question:

- 1) Within the meaning of section 34 the *Education Act*, what mechanisms will schools across Nunavut use to measure and record the punctuality and attendance of students?

Response:

Currently there are attendance systems used in all three regions of Nunavut. Two regions' systems also record lates. There is a new student information system being developed that will be used in all regions and all schools in Nunavut. This new system will bring a consistent tracking system for many types of data, including attendance and lateness.

Question:

- 2) Within the meaning of subsection 16(1) of the Transition Regulations of the *Education Act*, how many principals in the current academic year have provided monthly reports on attendance?

Response:

There are slight regional differences in methodology, but all three regions of Nunavut have monthly reporting mechanisms or regular reporting at DEA meetings. The Department believes that attendance information is being reported monthly to DEAs, but we do not have confirmation on a month-by-month and school-by-school basis.

Question:

- 3) Within the meaning of subsection 16(3) of the Transition Regulations of the *Education Act*, how many district education authorities in the current academic year have provided communities with information on attendance in schools in the community?

Response:

The Department of Education does not have complete data on DEA reporting to their communities on attendance. Some DEAs have held public meetings on attendance or used local radio. There are also DEAs who we believe have not been reporting regularly to their communities on attendance. The Department of Education will continue to work

with DEAs to understand the requirements of the new *Education Act*, including training on reporting requirements.

New regulations for reporting are also planned; when the regulations are prepared there will be training delivered. There will be new procedures required at that time to implement the full system of reporting under the new *Education Act* and its regulations.

Question:

- 4) Within the meaning of subsection 37(1) of the *Education Act* and recognizing section 15 of the Transition Regulations of the *Education Act*, how many district education authorities across Nunavut have developed and adopted registration and attendance policies during the current academic year?

Response:

Section 37 (1) of the *Education Act* sets out that DEAs shall have a registration and attendance policy. Section 15 of the *Transition Regulations* delays that requirement for the first school year, but carries over any policies under the old regulation. New transition regulations are under consultation for 2010 - 2012 that may delay this requirement further to allow time for regulation development, DEA training and policy support while many other new elements of the *Education Act* are rolled out. In particular, the Inuuqatigiitiisarniq Policy and regulation development has been a focus in the past school year, and will require further implementation work in 2010-2011. Therefore DEAs are not required at this point in time to have a Registration and Attendance Policy. Only a couple Registration and Attendance Policies are known to be developed so far, as most DEAs are focusing on other policies and procedures at this time.

Question:

- 5) Section 36 of the *Education Act* is scheduled to come into force on July 1, 2010. What specific attendance programs have been established to encourage regular and punctual attendance across Nunavut schools?

Response:

New Transition Regulations are considering further delaying the requirement to have attendance programs in place, which ensuring that the Minister and DEAs work together to develop the programs, and may implement such programs. This is tied to the regulated mentioned in question four above, as all attendance programs and policies will be developed and implemented together.

There are many programs underway that either directly target attendance or support programs intended to increase student engagement. The 2009-2010 school year included a focus on Inuuqatigiitiisarniq (having positive school environments) and Elders in schools, which are directly connected to attendance. Some examples of programs offered

in Nunavut schools that are intended to support attendance include: homework programs; mentoring programs; additional education program options such as pre-trades; incentives; draws and prizes; on-the-land programs; buddy programs; breakfast and snack programs; and extra-curricular programs.

The Department of Education provides DEAs with funding to support community-based solutions and innovations in developing positive schools and supporting attendance. The Department of Education is also working on developing tools to support DEAs to develop attendance goals and establish programs that will work in their community. This will help support DEAs and student attendance in future years.

Question:

- 6) For the 2009-2010 school year, what were the attendance rates for all Nunavut schools?

Response:

Attached is a chart of the attendance rates for Nunavut schools. Please note the statistics for the 2009-2010 school year will not be available until the school year is complete in all communities, the data has been centralized and verified, and the statistics chart updated with that information. Due to the use of different systems and slightly different methodologies, it is difficult to reliably compare attendance data between schools at this time. With the implementation of the new student information system in the coming years, cross-community validity should improve.

Attendance Rates by School (2001 –2009)

Community - School	'01- '02 (%)	'02- '03 (%)	'03- '04 (%)	'04- '05 (%)	'05- '06 (%)	'06- '07 (%)	'07- '08 (%)	'08- '09 (%)
Qikiqtani								
Apex – Nanook	85.8	83.6	84.5	86.4	83.6	81.5	82.7	83.9
Arctic Bay – Inuujaq	70.2	70.0	72.9	75	82.4	80	73.8	70.6
Cape Dorset – Sam Pudlat	91.1	86.5	87.9	86.4	85.6	86.3	85.2	87.6
Cape Dorset – Peter Pitseolak	53.2	54.7	61.5	58.6	63.4	61.7	61.8	60.6
Clyde River – Quluuq	67.0	66.9	64.1	62.5	64.6	58.1	61.6	68.5
Grise Fiord – Ummimak	83.4	83.5	80.0	85.8	82.8	81.1	80.8	78.8
Hall Beach – Arnaqjuaq	58.3	57.9	52.4	58.8	57.6	59.2	54.0	53.1
Igloolik – Ataguttaaluk Elementary	77.0	88.0	81.2	78.4	79.5	81.4	79.9	75.2
Igloolik – Ataguttaaluk High	61.3	51.5	42.8	40.3	41.9	58.6	54.1	57.9
Iqaluit - Aqsaarniit	81.9	80.9	84.1	84.4	82.0	83.3	77.0	74.2
Iqaluit - Ecole Des Trois Soleils	--	92.0	90.4	91.8	90.7	92.1	90.7	91.7
Iqaluit - Inuksuk	70.3	63.0	70.4	61.4	61.3	51.8	63.8	58.8
Iqaluit – Joamie	88.8	90.9	89.4	89.3	89.5	89.4	89.6	88.8
Iqaluit – Nakasuk	87.1	87.4	86.7	86.2	84.8	85.3	81.8	81.9
Kimmirut - Qaqqalik	83.7	85.9	84.2	79.0	84.2	84.8	74.6	77.1
Pangnirtung – Alookie	85.5	84.5	84.3	85.1	83.7	85.0	84.0	79.2
Pangnirtung – Attagoyuk	56.0	48.8	56.7	61.1	67.0	69.7	66.7	66.6
Pond Inlet – Ulaajuk	82.0	82.0	83.9	82.1	82.4	80.1	78.3	77.0
Pond Inlet – Nasivvik	71.3	57.7	58.3	53.4	51.1	44.9	40.9	47.3
Qikiqtarjuaq – Inuksuit	67.6	68.4	62.0	54.8	66.7	69.4	60.1	53.3
Resolute – Qarmartalik	88.8	80.5	72.3	81.5	73.8	74.6	71.2	65.0
Sanikiluaq – Nuiyak	81.9	79.9	78.5	75.8	77.4	73.8	71.4	67.4
Kivalliq								
Arviat – Levi Angmak	77.6	77.0	76.9	71.6	70.8	82.6	79.8	75.4
Arviat – Qitiqliq (middle)	--	--	--	--	--	65.6	72.5	64.0
Arviat – Qitiqliq (middle-high)	63.0	67.2	65.4	65.1	61.4	--	--	--
Arviat – John Arnalujuak	--	--	--	--	--	77.4	52.2	52.3
Baker Lake – Jonah Amitnaaq	63.1	64.5	65.5	69.4	71.9	68.9	64.0	61.4
Baker Lake – Rachel Arngnammaktiq	--	85.0	78.0	84.1	84.4	82.6	77.6	84.8
Chesterfield In. – Victor Sammurtok	--	84.0	82.6	79.3	81.4	100	87.2	71.4
Coral Harbour – Sakku	82.9	83.1	78.9	80.1	82.0	86.4	80.9	73.7
Rankin Inlet – Leo Ussak	87.5	86.9	87.0	85.2	86.1	92.6	92.9	91.9
Rankin Inlet – Alaittuq (high)	79.1	81.6	81.2	--	--	--	--	--
Rankin Inlet – Alaittuq (5/6)	--	--	--	80.9	84.1	93.6	89.4	91.3
Rankin Inlet – Maani Ulujuk (middle)	85.4	86.0	81.1	--	--	--	--	--
Rankin Inlet-Maani Ulujuk (middle-high)	--	--	--	81.0	79.4	83.2	78.6	73.4
Repulse Bay – Tusarvik	--	71.2	69.8	72.3	69.9	80.5	82.5	90.8
Whale Cove – Inuglak	--	74.2	76.0	73.1	75.0	67.8	72.1	68.7
Kitikmeot								
Cambridge Bay – Kullik	85.1	81.1	80.1	82.0	82.8	81.6	78.3	78.8
Cambridge Bay – Kiiliniq	75.1	75.6	75.0	69.4	74.2	72.4	83.6	78.1
Gjoa Haven Qiqirtaq	49.0	50.1	57.1	52.5	56.0	60.3	63.4	57.8
Gjoa Haven – Quqshuun	65.1	67.1	68.4	69.3	66.2	69.6	64.6	58.2
Kugaaruk - Kugaardjuk	71.7	69.0	71.2	77.4	76.8	77.4	70.3	71.7
Kugluktuk – Jimmy Hikok	72.2	75.7	73.0	70.5	74.1	66.8	69.6	73.3
Kugluktuk - Kugluktuk	65.8	62.7	63.2	50.6	56.6	58.6	59.2	66.9
Taloyoak – Netsilik	70.9	67.8	70.7	68.7	73.7	74.2	73.8	73.7

Colour coded according to decile (Blue=90-100%; Green=80-90%; Yell=70-80%; Orange=60-70%; Red=50-60%; Brown= <50%)

Return to Written Question 019 – 3(2): Department of EIA’s Contract for Work Related to the Suicide Prevention Strategy

Asked by: Ron Elliott, MLA (Quttiktuq)

Asked of: Hon. Eva Aariak, Minister of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs

Date: June 8, 2010

Preamble:

On June 2, 2010, the Premier stated to the Legislative Assembly that the Department of EIA was the lead for the Suicide Prevention Strategy and that it had contracted an individual for this purpose. The contract is now over.

Question:

- 1) What were the terms of reference for the Department of EIA’s contract referred to by the Premier for work undertaken on the Suicide Prevention Strategy?

Response:

The Suicide Intervention and Prevention Advisor was hired by the Department of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs as a contractor, with the contract commencing in the 2008/2009 fiscal year and being extended to the 2009/2010 fiscal year. The contract ended on March 31, 2010.

The Advisor was tasked with developing strategic and proactive approaches to suicide intervention and preventative measures in Nunavut by overseeing the development of a broad-based Suicide Intervention and Prevention Strategy, which included liaising and providing advice to the Government of Nunavut and partner organizations, institutions and communities in Nunavut on developing protocols for suicide prevention and intervention. The Advisor was also tasked with developing and implementing appropriate and culturally relevant suicide intervention training in schools and communities, in co-operation with the Department of Health & Social Services.

Details of the contractor’s responsibilities included:

- a) Providing strategic and expert advice and developing approaches for suicide prevention and intervention initiatives;
- b) Collaborating with organizations and institutions to develop policies and protocols for suicide prevention;
- c) Liaising with the Nunavut Embrace Life Council;
- d) Provide support and expert advice to the Nunavut Senior Officials Committee on Healthy Lifestyles;
- e) Collecting and analyzing data related to the issue in Nunavut;
- f) Traveling to Nunavut communities to work with community councils, schools and institutions to develop appropriate suicide prevention, intervention and postvention policies and protocols;

- g) Working with the appropriate organizations to locate appropriate suicide prevention and resiliency curriculum for school and community groups;
- h) Communicating with Nunavut communities to keep them updated of Nunavut suicide intervention and prevention initiatives and to assist with their suicide prevention education or support needs;
- i) Writing all necessary reports;
- j) Coordinating with Nunavut organizations and institutions in order to sustain efforts.

As of April 1, 2010, the responsibility for coordination of the Government of Nunavut's suicide prevention activities returned to the Department of Health & Social Services.

Question:

- 2) What was the final value of the Department of EIA's contract referred to by the Premier for work undertaken on the Suicide Prevention Strategy?

Response:

2008/9 and 2009/10 fiscal years, although a portion of the funds (\$19,812.80) ultimately came from Vote 4/5 funding secured through the Aboriginal Health Transfer Fund through the Department of Health and Social Services. The budget of the Department of EIA's Social Advocacy Office therefore expended a net of \$192,529.40 toward this contract over the two years.

The Working Group on Suicide Prevention between the Government of Nunavut, Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated and the Embrace Life Council, of which EIA was a member, also obtained funding from the federal Aboriginal Health Transfer Fund for suicide prevention and intervention training. Those funds, administered by the Department of Health & Social Services, allowed for culturally-appropriate adaptation and delivery of the best practice Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST), called Uqaqatigiilluk or Talk About It.

Question:

- 3) What travel was included in the Department of EIA's contract in relation to the Suicide Prevention Strategy:
 - a. In Nunavut?
 - b. In jurisdictions within Canada?
 - c. In jurisdictions outside of Canada?

Response:

- a. The only travel related to the Suicide Prevention Strategy contract work in the was a trip by the Advisor to Pangnirtung in December 2009, to attend a public meeting on Suicide Prevention, by invitation of the Hamlet Council. The total cost for that trip was \$630.05.
- b. No travel costs were incurred under the contract for travel to other jurisdictions within Canada.
- c. No travel costs were incurred under the contract for travel to jurisdictions outside of Canada. The contractor did attend the Hope and Resilience Suicide Prevention Seminar in Nuuk in November 2009, but that was in another capacity and the cost for that travel was covered by Health Canada.

Question:

- 4) For any travel undertaken under question 3(b) and 3(c), what was the purpose of the travel and how did it directly benefit the development or management of a made-in-Nunavut Suicide Prevention Strategy?

Response:

No travel costs were incurred under the contract for the Suicide Prevention and Intervention Advisor for travel in other Canadian jurisdictions or outside of Canada for the duration of the contract.

Return to Written Question 020 – 3(2): Spousal Violence in Nunavut and Traditional Counselling Under the Family Abuse Intervention Act

Asked by: Jeannie Ugyuk, MLA (Nattilik)

Asked of: Hon. Keith Peterson, Minister of Justice

Date: June 10, 2010

Preamble:

Statistics Canada defines spousal violence as “violence committed by legally married, common-law, separated and divorced partners.”

According to data presented in the publication *Family Violence in Canada: A statistical profile, 2009* (Statistics Canada Catalogue no. 85-224-X), Nunavut has the highest rate of spousal violence in Canada.

According to data released by the Nunavut Bureau of Statistics on January 15, 2010, there were a total of 11,575 police-reported *Criminal Code* incidents in 2008.

Question:

- 1) For each of the years between 2000 and 2009, broken down by Nunavut community, what percentage of violent incidents reported to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police involved spousal violence?

Response:

The percentage of violent incidents reported to the Royal Canadian Mounted police involving spousal violence between the years 2006-9, broken down by community are as follows:

Community	Percentage of Violent Incidents Involving Spousal Violence			
	2006	2007	2008	2009*
Arctic Bay	15%	20%	29%	16%
Arviat	13%	10%	13%	19%
Baker Lake	13%	19%	18%	19%
Cambridge Bay	17%	22%	18%	13%
Cape Dorset	18%	25%	28%	3%
Chesterfield Inlet	50%	17%	0%	8%
Clyde River	36%	36%	10%	13%
Coral Harbour	8%	12%	5%	30%
Gjoa Haven	30%	56%	39%	15%
Grise Fiord	17%	20%	33%	0%
Hall Beach	34%	37%	15%	0%
Igloolik	8%	33%	30%	26%
Iqaluit	15%	15%	17%	16%
Kimmirut	25%	24%	22%	5%
Kugaaruk	60%	38%	48%	56%
Kugluktuk	30%	18%	18%	21%
Pangnirtung	22%	19%	10%	15%
Pond Inlet	27%	19%	23%	11%
Qikiqtarjuaq	11%	10%	18%	18%
Rankin Inlet	33%	23%	34%	29%
Repulse Bay	0%	55%	17%	16%
Resolute Bay	0%	32%	18%	43%
Sanikiluaq	27%	12%	13%	14%
Taloyoak	26%	27%	9%	25%
Whale Cove	31%	27%	28%	19%
TOTAL-NUNAVUT	19%	20%	20%	17%

*The data from 2009 only includes one fourth of the total data for that year. The remainder of the data is still being processed.

Data prior to 2006 is unavailable as the previous information gathering system did not have the ability to collect this type of information.

Question:

- 2) For each of the years between 2000 and 2009, broken down by Nunavut community, what percentage of criminal charges involved spousal violence?

Response:

This data is not available at this time due to the inability of statistical software used by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to link charged person data with victim relationship data.

Question:

- 3) Within the meaning of subsection 17(2)(a) of the *Family Abuse Intervention Act*, on how many occasions since the coming into force of the legislation have community intervention orders included a provision directing that the applicant and the respondent attend traditional Inuit counselling with a specified traditional counsellor?

Response:

Within the meaning of subsection 17 (2) of the *Family Abuse Intervention Act*, which states:

- (2) A community intervention order shall include a provision restraining the respondent from committing family abuse and may include one or more of the following:
 - (a) a provision directing that the applicant and the respondent attend traditional Inuit counselling with a specified traditional counsellor;

A total of six (6) Community Intervention Orders including a provision directing the applicant and respondent to attend traditional Inuit counseling were issued in 2008/9, and one (1) was issued in 2009/10.

Return to Written Question 021 – 3(2): Apprenticeship Programs Under the Nunavut Housing Trust

Asked by: Ron Elliott, MLA (Quttiktuq)

Asked of: Hon. Hunter Tootoo, Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation

Date: June 10, 2010

Question:

1. From January 1, 2006 to June 1, 2010, broken down by Nunavut community, how many individuals participated in apprenticeship programs funded under the Nunavut Housing Trust?

Response:

Information provided by Nunavut Arctic College

See appendix “A”

Question:

2. From January 1, 2006 to June 1, 2010, broken down by Nunavut community, what specific apprenticeship programs were funded under the Nunavut Housing Trust?

Response:

Information provided by Nunavut Arctic College and pre-trades courses paid by Nunavut Housing Corporation.

See appendix “B”, Pre-trades offering from 2008 – 2009

See appendix “C”, Pre-trades offering from 2009 – 2010

Question:

3. As of June 1, 2010, what were the total numbers of hours of work accumulated by participants in apprenticeship programs funded under the Nunavut Housing Trust?

Response:

As provided by Department of Educations, Apprenticeship Division, total number of hours accumulated to date is 80, 532.75 hours.

Question:

4. As of June 1, 2010, broken down by Nunavut community and broken down by specific trades certification, how many participants in apprenticeship programs funded under the Nunavut Housing Trust have become certified tradespeople?

Response:

As reported by Department of Education, Apprenticeship Division, there has been one individual who has successfully completed the apprenticeship program and now is a registered Carpenter.

Question:

5. Between January 1, 2006 and June 1, 2010, how many meetings were held by the Government of Nunavut's Interdepartmental Nunavut Housing Trust Senior Officials Working Group?

Response:

37 meetings were held

Question:

6. Between January 1, 2006 and June 1, 2010, what specific activities were undertaken by the Government of Nunavut's Interdepartmental Nunavut Housing Trust Senior Officials Working Group?

Response:

Activities vary from developing the Nunavut Housing Trust strategy, identifying training initiatives, developing a employment centre, developing a co-ordination initiative to ensure pre-trades training occurred to immediate trades entrance exam, identifying training funds with 3rd party to developing and evaluating the Nunavut Housing Trust program.

Pre-Trade Delivery Locations: July 2008 – June 2009

Community	Approved	Course Start Date	Course End Date	Seats Available	Funding Source	Future Pre-Trade
Kivalliq						
Arviat	YES	5-Jan-09	24-Apr-09	15	NHT	
Baker Lake	YES	2-Sept-08	19-Dec-08	12	NHT	
Chesterfield Inlet	NO					Consideration
Coral Harbour	YES	2-Sept-08	19-Dec-08	12	NHT	
Rankin Inlet	YES	5-Jan-09	24-Apr-09	12	Base Funded	
Repulse Bay	NO					Consideration
Whale Cove	YES	5-Jan-09	24-Apr-09	12	NHT	
Total:	5			63		2
Kitikmeot						
Cambridge Bay	NO					Consideration
Gjoa Haven	YES	19-Jan-09	8-May-09	12	NHT	
Kugaaruk	NO					Consideration
Kugluktuk	NO					Consideration
Taloyoak	YES	23-Feb-09	13-Jun-09	12	NHT	
Total:	2			24		3
Qikiqtaaluk North						
Arctic Bay	YES	5-Jan-09	31-Mar-09	12	NHT	
Grise Fiord	NO					Consideration
Hall Beach	YES	22-Sept-08	20-Mar-09	12	NHT	
Igloodik	YES	22-Sept-08	20-Mar-09	12	NHT	
Pond Inlet	YES	22-Sept-08	20-Mar-09	12	NHT	
Qikiqtarjuaq	YES	22-Sept-08	20-Mar-09	12	NHT	
Resolute Bay	NO					Consideration
Total:	5			60		2
Qikiqtaaluk South						
Cape Dorset	YES	6-Oct-08	13-Feb-09	15	NHT	
Clyde River	YES	22-Sept-08	20-Mar-09	12	NHT	
Iqaluit	YES	15-Sept-08	5-Dec-08	12	NHT	
Kimmitut	NO					Consideration
Pangnirtung	YES	22-Sept-08	6-Mar-09	12	NHT	
Sanikiluaq	YES	22-Sept-08	20-Mar-09	12	NHT	
Total:	5			03		1
Total number of Courses:	17	Sept, 2008	May, 2009	210	NHT - \$1.2M	[8]

Pre-Trade Delivery Locations: July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010

Community	Approved	Course Start Date	Course End Date	Seats Available	Funding Source	Future Pre-Trade
Kivalliq						
Arviat	YES	Jan-10	Apr-10	15	NHT	
Baker Lake	NO					Consideration
Chesterfield Inlet	NO					Consideration
Coral Harbour	YES	Jan-10	Apr-10	12	NHT	
Rankin Inlet	YES	Sept-09	Apr-10	12	BASE	
Repulse Bay	YES	Sept-09	Dec-09	12	NHT	
Whale Cove	NO					Consideration
Total:	4			51		3
Kitikmeot						
Cambridge Bay	NO					Consideration
Gjoa Haven	NO					Consideration
Kugaaruk	YES	Feb-10	May-10	12	NHT	
Kugluktuk	YES	Feb-10	May-10	12	NHT	
Taloyoak	NO					
Total:	2			24		2
Qikiqtaaluk North						
Arctic Bay	YES	Sept-09	Mar-10	12	NHT	
Grise Fiord	NO					Consideration
Hall Beach	NO					Consideration
Igloolik	YES	Sept-09	Mar-10	12	NHT	
Pond Inlet	NO					Consideration
Qikiqtarjuaq	NO					Consideration
Resolute Bay	YES	Jan-10	May-10	12	NHT	
Total:	3			36		4
Qikiqtaaluk South						
Cape Dorset	NO					Consideration
Clyde River	YES	Nov-09	Mar-09	12	NHT	
Iqaluit	YES	Sept-09	Dec-09	12	BASE	
Kimmirut	NO					Consideration
Pangnirtung	YES	Sept-09	Mar-09	12	NHT	
Sanikiluaq	NO					Consideration
Total:	3			36		3
Total number of Courses:	12	Sept, 2009	May, 2010	147	NHT - \$600K	[12]