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Thursday, June 9, 2011**

Members Present:

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

Item 1: Opening Prayer

Speaker (Hon. Hunter Tootoo): *Qujannamiik*, Sergeant-at-Arms. Before we get started, I would like to ask Mr. Ningark if he could lead us off with a prayer, please.

>>Prayer

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Ningark. (interpretation ends) Mr. Shewchuk seems to be smiling quite widely today.

We will move on in the *Orders of the Day*, Item 2. Ministers' Statements. Minister of Development and Transportation, Minister Taptuna.

Item 2: Ministers' Statements

Minister's Statement 057 – 3(3): Cost of Travel and Transportation in the High Arctic

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise once again before this House to speak of my concerns surrounding the high cost of travel and transportation in the High Arctic. As Members of this Assembly know, we

have been undertaking a study on these issues and are seeking ways to ease the burden the people of the northernmost communities bear when they want to travel or when they want to bring goods into their communities.

Mr. Speaker, I have made several trips into the region myself, and I have met with the public and with the councils in all of the communities. My officials have met with people connected with the airline industry and with consultants who specialize in transportation issues.

Mr. Speaker, we have learned a lot through this process, but it is a complex issue and we feel there are some critical gaps remaining in our understanding of what the High Arctic communities feel are the best solutions to the high cost of travel and transportation. In order to close these gaps, some of my departmental officials have begun their travels to the High Arctic communities this week. They are taking with them some final questions. We hope the answers to those questions will help us develop a plan.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the people of the High Arctic communities of Arctic Bay, Resolute Bay, and Grise Fiord for their input into the process and for their patience as we come closer to an answer. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Ministers' Statements. Minister of Education, Madam Premier.

**Minister's Statement 058 – 3(3):
Coalition of Nunavut District
Education Authorities**

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon, Nunavummiut. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the new board of directors of the Coalition of Nunavut District Education Authorities, who were elected on February 3, 2011.

The Coalition of Nunavut District Education Authorities works in partnership with the Department of Education to maintain a strong working relationship with the district education authorities. Mr. Speaker, through the coalition of the district education authorities, we are able to share policies that are developed at the community level. This openness, communication, and sharing of ideas and approaches to learning helps build academic excellence and consistency in public education here in Nunavut.

Please join me in recognizing the new members of the board of directors. We are all grateful for their willingness to take on the responsibilities of sitting on this board. The new board of directors include:

- Liza Ningiuk from Grise Fiord
- Maliktoo Lyta from Kimmirut
- Willie Nakoolak from Coral Harbour, Chair of the Coalition
- Celine Ningark from Kugaaruk, whom our colleague is obviously well acquainted with
- Jackie Ameralik from Gjoa Haven
- Alethea Aggiuq Baril from Niaqunnguq
- Jack Anawak from Iqaluit

- Johnny Ittinuar from Rankin Inlet
- Lori Idlout from Iqaluit

Mr. Speaker, the coalition met in Gjoa Haven May 18 and 19. Many important points were raised during their discussions. It is clear that our continued partnership is a valuable source of support in our work towards implementing and enhancing educational outcomes for our students. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Madam Premier. Thank you to the members of the coalition, I'm sure, from all members. Ministers' Statements. Minister responsible for the Qulliq Energy Corporation, Minister Kusugak.

**Minister's Statement 059 – 3(3):
Qulliq Energy Corporation –
Safety Training**

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let me first apologize to my fellow Montreal Canadiens fans for wearing this tie. I will explain it later.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to inform the members about safety training that is provided to Qulliq Energy employees on an annual basis.

Safety has and always will be a priority at Qulliq Energy. I refer to both the safety of staff as well as the safety of customers. QEC goes to great effort to ensure employees are properly trained to do their jobs safely and professionally. Some examples of the types of training include power protection training, first aid training, general environmental

awareness training, and WHMIS, or Workplace Hazardous Material Information System, training.

Mr. Speaker, every year during our sessions for plant superintendent and operator training, QEC ensures that staff who are most at risk are made aware of potential hazards they may face and are prepared to identify ways to minimize or eliminate those hazards.

Qulliq Energy has an in-house trainer who not only references sources, such as St. John's Ambulance emergency procedures, but ensures that all training is culturally relevant and includes the use of traditional Inuit knowledge wherever possible when conducting the training sessions. This individual also visits all of the communities and is familiar with the potential hazards in a power plant or in an employee's office environment.

Mr. Speaker, over 100 QEC staff have also received Go Safe-Work Smart training, developed specifically for Nunavut and NWT by the Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission. We anticipate that all staff will have received this safety training by November of this year.

Mr. Speaker, investments in safety training result in less accidents and injuries to staff members and instil confidence in QEC employees. Confidence develops when they feel they are properly trained for the work they do, they are aware of their rights as workers, and they are secure in knowing how to react and what to do in case of an accident or emergency. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Ministers' Statements. Minister responsible for Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, Madam Premier.

**Minister's Statement 060 – 3(3):
Public Forums on Uranium**

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will make my statement in English and they will be properly interpreted into Inuktitut.

(interpretation ends) *Uqaqtittijii*, in keeping my promise, I would like to update my colleagues on the status of the public forums on uranium.

Guided by the principles of *Aajiiqatigiinniq* and *Ikajuqtigiinniq*, the Government of Nunavut hosted public forums on March 16 and 17 in Iqaluit, March 30 and 31 in Baker Lake, and April 12 and 13 in Cambridge Bay. In total, 495 people attended these two-day forums.

Uqaqtittijii, these forums were intended to inform our government in moving forward from the six principles on uranium development to developing a position and policy on uranium in our territory. Many Nunavummiut have strong opinions about uranium mining in our territory and these forums provided them with an opportunity to share those opinions before we decide as a government what positions we will take on uranium.

Each public forum included an open house, a presentation, and a public meeting where the public gathered

information and voiced their views and opinions and asked questions of the panellists. At the appropriate time, I will table some of the materials that were available during these meetings and our own website to help inform the public about uranium in Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, we could not travel to all communities, although we would have liked to, I might add, so we extended an invitation to each mayor to nominate an individual to represent their community at their regional forum with expenses paid. To further ensure participation throughout the territory, we launched a website at www.uranium.gov.nu.ca. In addition, we informed all Nunavummiut through a mail-out that feedback was also possible by telephone, email, and letter, as well as fax.

The uranium forum concluded on May 15. Input is now being consolidated into a report that will be completed some time this summer or early fall. It will then be presented to the public. Mr. Speaker, the next step will be for the officials to develop, in consultation with Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated, a draft position for cabinet's consideration this fall.

I would like to thank all of the communities that hosted these forums and the many individuals from across the territory who took the time to provide their input. Mr. Speaker, I will provide a further update on this important issue in the fall. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Madam Premier. Ministers' Statements. Minister of

Culture, Language, Elders and Youth, Minister Arreak.

**Minister's Statement 061 – 3(3):
Piqqusilirivvik Student Selections**

Hon. James Arreak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to inform my colleagues and Nunavummiut of the upcoming application process for participants interested in applying to the Piqqusilirivvik Cultural Learning Facility. Based on elders' recommendations, Piqqusilirivvik was created to provide an inclusive live-in community that is central to the learning of Inuit values and skills.

The 26 available student spaces per year at Piqqusilirivvik will be open to any man or woman over the age of 18 years. There is no upper age limit of participants. Anyone interested is encouraged to apply. The selection process will ensure a fair representation of communities, various ages, and life experiences of its participants each year. Accepted applicants will require strong references from their home community, references from elders and others. Upon construction of the facility's website, information and application forms may be found here. The website domain will be www.piqqusilirivvik.ca.

While attending Piqqusilirivvik, participants will be housed in single bedroom dorm rooms, each with a private bathroom and shower. Each room is outfitted with a bed, desk, and small closet and will have telephone and Internet access. Participants will eat in the facility's cafeteria-style dining hall in an effort to create an inclusive school community based on *Inuuqatigiittarniq*.

Piqqusilirivvik's students will be expected to participate in a positive and enthusiastic manner in all activities suggested. It is anticipated that most applicants will not have experienced this type of learning environment before or have spent this much time away from family and therefore, orientation, guidance, and counselling will be provided for all students.

Uqaqtii, it is expected that Piqqusilirivvik will have full attendance in its inaugural year and a waiting list will be maintained if there are more interested applicants than selection spots available. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Arreak. Ministers' Statements. Minister of Justice, Minister Peterson.

**Minister's Statement 062 – 3(3):
Family Support Orders
Enforcement Act**

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to inform my colleagues that later this afternoon, I will table a draft of the *Family Support Orders Enforcement Act*.

The *Family Support Orders Enforcement Act* has been drafted to modernize and replace the current *Maintenance Orders Enforcement Act*. A new Act will bring our family support orders enforcement regime in line with other jurisdictions in Canada. Mr. Speaker, the *Family Support Orders Enforcement Act* seeks to create a more effective system of collecting payments to limit defaults and ensure that families and children receive financial support.

Mr. Speaker, general consultations for the draft *Family Support Orders Enforcement Act* started in 2009. I am tabling a draft to provide an additional opportunity for stakeholders, agencies, and the public to further review the draft. I encourage the public and all interested stakeholders to contact the Department of Justice to offer their suggestions in advance of the fall session. The proposed bill, background information, and contact information for staff is available on the Department of Justice's website. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Peterson. Ministers' Statements. Minister responsible for Nunavut Arctic College, Minister Shewchuk.

**Minister's Statement 063 – 3(3):
Nunavut Arctic College
Convocations**

Hon. Daniel Shewchuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is a fine day today. There's some good news to be smiling about: the Boston Bruins.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As spring turns to summer, Nunavut Arctic College students have joined their families and friends to celebrate their graduation. Over the past month, Arctic College celebrated convocations at Cambridge Bay, Rankin Inlet, Iqaluit, and many community graduations throughout Nunavut.

Over 340 Nunavutmiut earned certificates, diplomas, and degrees. This included the first 12 graduates from the new trades training centre in Rankin Inlet.

An Hon. Member: Hear, hear!

Hon. Daniel Shewchuk: The programs ranged from adult basic education to trades degrees to degrees in education and nursing. I commend and congratulate the success of each and every graduate.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to make special mention of three graduates. Cambridge Bay Elder Annie Neglak started college in adult basic education and this year earned a Social Services Worker Diploma at the Kitikmeot Campus. Annie is a passionate promoter of literacy. She sees literacy as the way forward for all people in their respective life journeys. As an elder, she is a role model to all Inuit.

>> *Applause*

Elizabeth Avingaq earned a Management Studies Certificate at the Kivalliq Campus. Elizabeth also won the MacKay Landau Award for the highest academic standing in management accounting and the Ilagiiktu Limited Award for the highest academic standing in the Management Studies Program.

>> *Applause*

Morty Allooloo earned her Bachelor of Education Degree at the Nunatta Campus. Morty also won three NTEP awards: the Arnaitok Ipeelie Award for the highest proficiency in Inuktitut; the Rebecca Idlout Memorial Award for the highest academic average; and the Leadership Award for the Bachelor of Education graduate who displays leadership skills.

>> *Applause*

Through hard work, dedication to their studies, and for some, the sacrifice in travelling far away from their family and friends, our students have achieved their goals and make us very proud.

I strongly encourage all Nunavutmiut to visit their local Arctic College campuses and community learning centres to apply for the many diverse programs and courses that their college has to offer.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in extending our congratulations to this year's graduating students and wishing them the very best of success in their chosen careers. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Shewchuk. Item 2. Ministers' Statements. Before we move on to Members' Statements, I must say to Minister Kusugak that I don't think it was necessary for you to apologize for that nice tie you're wearing.

>> *Laughter*

Moving on in the *Orders of the Day*, Item 3. Members' Statements. Member for Arviat, Mr. Shewchuk.

Item 3: Members' Statements

Member's Statement 087 – 3(3): Lorne Kusugak dons a Boston Bruins Tie

Hon. Daniel Shewchuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, I would like to say "hello" to all Arviarmiut on this last day of our sitting and I hope that everybody is having a fine spring and summer over there.

Mr. Speaker, it's a timely Member's Statement to make. As members are well aware, this time of year is for playoff hockey. Mr. Speaker, my long-supported team, the Boston Bruins, is doing quite fine in the Stanley Cup playoff finals against the Vancouver Canucks. However, to get there, they did have to beat the Montreal Canadiens in the first round of their playoff series.

As we do every year this time of year, my esteemed colleague, Minister Lorne Kusugak, an avid Montreal support, and I have an annual wager. Today, Mr. Speaker, I recognize Mr. Kusugak in honouring our wager by wearing again the beautiful Boston Bruins tie. I do hope, Mr. Speaker, that Mr. Kusugak will have ample opportunity today to be live on TV and to be seen by all Nunavutmiut across the territory wearing this prestigious tie. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

**Member's Statement 088 – 3(3):
Reflections on Family**

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to talk about the importance of family.

Mr. Speaker, when I was first elected as a Member of the Legislative Assembly, a good friend of mine told me that there would be many sacrifices to be made. Mr. Speaker, I can honestly say that this comment is true. As MLAs, we spend a lot of time away from the communities and because of this we miss out on many

special events with our family members and friends. This is the price we have to pay.

Mr. Speaker, in the past three years, I have missed a number of special occasions, but I was especially disappointed about not being able to celebrate my son's birthdays with him. Mr. Speaker, although I have missed many occasions, I would like to say that I am proud to be a Member of the Legislative Assembly and we will continue working for the benefit of all Nunavummiut.

Mr. Speaker, today I'm missing yet another special family occasion, so I would like to wish my wife a very long distance happy 17th wedding anniversary. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Rumbolt, and congratulations on your anniversary. Members' Statements. Member for Amittuq, Mr. Tapardjuk.

**Member's Statement 089 – 3(3):
Resilience of Former Residential
School Students**

Mr. Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Before I proceed with my Member's Statement, I want to comment on an announcement regarding the Nunavut Arctic College Kivalliq Campus. Elizabeth Avingaq is originally from Igloolik and I am very proud of her accomplishment.

Mr. Speaker, it is approaching the fourth year to this month when the Prime Minister apologized to all former residential school students. During his

apology, I was inundated with deep emotional feelings and I recognized that it took quite a few years before the Canadian government acknowledged that the residential schools attempted to assimilate aboriginal peoples' cultures. This applied to all aboriginal people who would become ordinary Canadian citizens with no additional aboriginal rights. This was an unfortunate period in our country since our people were taken advantage of and abused. Irrespective of that result, the fact that he apologized and asked for forgiveness had a big impact on me personally, Mr. Speaker.

Many Inuit, like me, throughout Nunavut attended residential school for a number of years and we suffered pain from these experiences as we were constantly belittled in the schools. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the Akulliq MLA because for six years at residential school, being of an older generation, he took care of me as I was too young to look after myself. I am sincerely grateful to him and thank him at every opportunity.

The experiences we suffered caused many of us pain and we are still hurting as we retain these experiences. I know for a fact that words cannot heal this pain and the problems we face cannot be solved with grandiose wording. Due to these reasons, I completely accepted the apology.

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

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Tapardjuk. The member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statement. Are

there any nays? There being none. Please proceed, Mr. Tapardjuk.

Mr. Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, my colleagues. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

After the Prime Minister apologized, many of us felt we had started anew and I accepted the experiences I had during our school years. Furthermore, I have also accepted the fact that my experiences have resulted in the way I have led my life.

During the residential school era, we were totally at the mercy of the teachers and every aspect was tightly controlled. We had nowhere to go when they were trying to assimilate aboriginal people by dismantling their culture and language. From my perspective, it was as if they wanted to destroy our decision-making ability and extinguish our future as aboriginal people.

Mr. Speaker, if you will allow it, I would like to reiterate my statements on June 3, where I expressed my gratitude to the TRC members and their staff. I was informed that on Saturday, the TRC will be holding a gathering in Igloolik to recognize past students who went through the school system but who are no longer alive. We must not forget them and keep their memories alive. The best way to retain their memories is to walk the path towards healing.

Albeit the road towards healing is long, but we have to initiate the healing as this will lead to recognition of the work towards healing. Recognition and acknowledgement, based on my understanding, is the start to the road to recovery. We have to move forward and

it can be very difficult at times, but we must undertake this work.

Most people are aware that Inuit are very stoical as we don't give up very easily. We can deliberate on approaches and work towards a goal after careful consideration. This clearly highlights how Inuit are very persistent in their efforts. When Inuit finally started determining their own future, they did so by undertaking the negotiation process that resulted in the creation of Nunavut.

Although this is a public government, Inuit have become willing participants in paving their future here in Nunavut. The cultural aspects that we lost in those days are finally being repatriated. Some of us can now participate in the governance as MLAs and we can point to the direction we want our government to move towards. Within our homelands, we want to make decisions towards our future based on Inuit culture.

When one speaks about the best cultural practices, it seems some of these practices are already written as Inuit are assuming more responsibility to incorporate their culture, such as *Piqqusilirivvik*, the recognition of the Inuktitut language in Nunavut, as well as the new *Education Act* and the *Inuit Language Protection Act*. Another example was the review of the *Child and Family Services Act*. If we look at initiatives such as that, Mr. Speaker, Inuit are taking on responsibilities for the betterment of their future using their culture.

The experiences we went through in those days of assimilation cannot be reversed, but what we can say is this: the experiences we went through are in the

past. Attempts were made to extinguish our culture and every attempt was made to belittle Inuit, especially cultural practices that were frowned upon. In retrospect, looking at and talking about these experiences is a start towards healing and the only way to move forward is acknowledging the hurt we suffered.

Mr. Speaker, I want my constituents to know that I will continue to support them here at the Legislative Assembly and in any way possible to amend things by way of legislation, policies, and so forth.

The things we lost are being repatriated. I think and believe that Inuit have been given rights and responsibilities within the Nunavut government so that we can start fresh in our lives in order to move forward. The factor that is important to move forward is to ensure that it means something to families, to our communities, and to Canadians as a whole because Inuit have been here since time immemorial.

However, the experiences Inuit have undergone which cause them problems were unavoidable. Our destiny is to live as Inuit in our beautiful land of Nunavut and hopefully we will continue to live here in our future. I also want to move forward so that Inuit can regain self-sufficiency and self-determination in order to provide a better future for their descendants. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Tapardjuk. Members' Statements. Member for Natilik, Ms. Ugyuk.

**Member's Statement 090 – 3(3):
Addressing Violence in Nunavut**

Ms. Ugyuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to strongly urge the government to reconsider its priorities, to take a good hard look at where it directs its resources, and to more adequately address the issue of violence in our families and communities.

Mr. Speaker, sometimes it seems that we do not value highly enough the right of every human being to be safe from violence and harm. We spend hours and hours speaking of the ideals of Inuit societal values, while every day across Nunavut women and children are suffering at the hands of others and we spend very little time talking about that.

It seems that when we don't know what to do for the victims of violence and abuse, we turn away and ignore them. Instead of increasing levels of support and assistance, we carry right on as if nothing has changed. Why are there not more men's groups following the good examples that are out there to help men look for solutions instead of hurting our mothers, aunts, sisters, and nieces?

Mr. Speaker, in looking through the government's most recent business plan, it saddens me to see where our priorities lie. Let me give you one example. For 2011-12, \$3,846,000 has been allocated to address family violence, the same amount as in the previous year. Meanwhile, \$4,200,000 has been allocated for wildlife research, an increase of almost half a million dollars from last year.

Mr. Speaker, how do we make decisions on where to allocate our limited budget?

How many women and children have to suffer, and even, sadly, to die before we realize that we need to put more effort and resources into addressing the critical problem of violence in Nunavut?

Mr. Speaker, individual members of our society need to buckle up and take on some responsibility for their actions, for their decisions, and for what they consider to be important. I urge the government to consider this when bringing forward its next budget. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

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

**Member's Statement 091 – 3(3):
Reflections on Fatherhood**

Mr. Ningeongan: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to share some reflections on fatherhood. Mr. Speaker, although I am proud to be the Member of the Legislative Assembly for Nanulik, I am first and foremost proud to be the father of my children.

Mr. Speaker, as Members of this House, as mentioned by my colleague Mr. Rumbolt earlier, we are required to spend extended periods of time away from our families in order to fulfill our duties in this House. These absences are not easy on our families and I want to pay tribute to the patience of my better half in this regard.

Mr. Speaker, one of my sons, Johnny Jr., is fast approaching manhood. I am proud to say that he is following in his father's footsteps and shows every sign of

becoming a proficient hunter and provider. In other words, he's caught a lot more geese than I have this spring.

>> *Laughter*

Mr. Speaker, as Members of the Legislative Assembly, we face complex and challenging issues every day. Although we are committed to preserving and protecting many of our traditional values and practices, we are also committed to equipping our children with the skills and tools that they need to succeed in the 21st century.

As parents and leaders, we need to find the right balance of responsibilities between families and government. This is a theme that I look forward to returning to at our next sitting. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. Members' Statements. Member for Rankin Inlet South and Whale Cove, Mr. Kusugak.

**Member's Statement 092 – 3(3): A
Boston Bruins Tie during Cold/Flu
Season**

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, too, would like to express my gratitude today for the support we had this winter from our families in facing challenges as it seems to be that time. To all of our fellow residents of Nunavut, I want to express my gratitude for their enormous support.

Sometimes we cannot be there with our family members in Rankin Inlet because we have to attend the sessions, so I send

my regrets to my relatives. My *Aikuluk* will be buried today and I regret that I cannot attend her funeral today. Later on this summer, I will be going to Rankin Inlet and Whale Cove. I wanted to state this for their information.

(interpretation ends) On a brighter side, Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate my colleague's team for beating up on my Montreal Canadiens over the playoffs and thus, I have to wear this ridiculous looking tie.

>> *Laughter*

Nonetheless, I would ask my colleagues to please refrain from asking me questions today, thus the less airtime for this tie. It may be convenient, though. With the spring flu and everything running a little loose, it might have another purpose. Congratulations again. I look forward to repaying you the debt next spring.

Let's have a good day, and go Canucks, go! Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Kusugak. Members' Statements. Member for Kugluktuk, Mr. Taptuna.

**Member's Statement 093 – 3(3): The
Recent Loss of Cecile Kamingoak,
Mona Tigitkok, and Martha
Kolaohok**

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would have liked to have ended the last day of this sitting here with a happier note, but for the most part, we do have to face reality whether

we want to or not and whether we like it or not.

Mr. Speaker, in Kugluktuk, we have lost three elderly ladies in the past week, who are great, great-grandmothers, great-grandmothers, grandmothers, and mothers. In a short period of time, we have lost a lot of knowledge in our culture, traditions, and language. Our deepest sympathies and condolences go out to the families of Mona Tigitkok, Martha Kolaohok, and Cecile Kamingoak.

Cecile Kamingoak is a special person in my son's life, Ian Taptuna. Ian Taptuna is the grandson of Cecile Kamingoak, so I wish the family well. Hopefully at the next sitting, we will end with a happier note. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Taptuna. I'm sure all of the thoughts and prayers of everyone here go out to those families. Members' Statements. Member for Rankin Inlet North, Mr. Curley.

**Member's Statement 094 – 3(3):
Spring Family Activities**

Hon. Tagak Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to state my gratitude and greetings to my fellow residents in Rankin Inlet.

I rise today to make my last Member's Statement until later on this fall as that is quite a long period of recess for the members. Nevertheless, I hope all members and staff have a great spring and summer.

The reason I stand today is because I know the Kivalliq residents are getting their spring camps ready, ferrying equipment and supplies so that they can make dried meat. Some Inuit bury caribou meat close to the permafrost to keep it cool and others cache meat for winter. This is wonderful Inuit spring rite that shows our cultural values and I want to state that it allows families to bond and to pass down traditions and knowledge.

Even if some youth don't participate, especially if they are in school, I urge you to bring your children for at least part of the trip. Here is the meaning: families that practice the traditional spring activities tend to be closer and they are more appreciative of their culture throughout their lives. They are happier, even when facing difficult times. This is a good cultural value, so let us retain this practice. It is an excellent life skill training exercise.

I wish all Kivalliq residents good luck as they are preparing their camps. Sally and I reminisce about this time of year, envious and stating that Kivallirmiut are making mikku. After spring, they will be going to their summer camps to make dried fish that will augment their winter food supplies and enjoy the summer weather. For that reason, all of us families ought to do things together in the great outdoors while the weather is enjoyable. It is beneficial to celebrate together in one's life. Thank you for the opportunity to speak as we are quite envious of Kivalliq residents. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Curley. Members' Statements. Member for Qamani'tuaq, Mr. Aupaluktuq.

**Member's Statement 095 – 3(3):
Congratulations to New Economic
Development Officer in Baker
Lake**

Mr. Aupaluktuq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also send my greetings to the people of Baker Lake.

Before I begin, I would like to send my condolences to the families in Kugluktuk. I had the pleasure of going to Kugluktuk on two occasions; very beautiful country, very beautiful people, and very hospitable.

I also want to briefly, if I may, Mr. Speaker, thank my mother, my brother Joe, my partner, Laurie, as well as other family members and all of Baker Lake for their continued support. It's a good relief to know that there is support there and it's always helpful to keep us focused and also to remember where our foundations come from.

With that, Mr. Speaker, if I may briefly, I rise today to address the issue of more support in economic development in Baker Lake. We have a young man who is a beneficiary and an economic development officer in Baker Lake. In his community, we are very proud of him. We would also like to congratulate Mr. Nathan Annanowt in his position as economic development officer. I would like to advise him that our office is always open. We're accessible for his role, as well as all economic development needs, as are other needs.

With that, I just want to address the fact that I wanted to advise the appropriate minister and his department that I will be in communication by means of written correspondence as well as discussions.

I just want to advise as well that Baker Lake could use as much help as it can, and one of the aspects that we need help with is also in the advancement of economic development.

With that, Mr. Speaker, I also wanted to advise the department that people would like some more information of past and current activities within the economic development of Baker Lake.

As I have said, Mr. Speaker, I will be in touch further with the department over the course, of course, when we're completed here in the formal sitting of the House as our work is never done.

I also want to thank all of my colleagues here, with all of the ministers, the staff here as well, the Office of the Clerk, because they have been very helpful in terms of ensuring that we have the adequate resources as well as the proper support.

In closing, I also would like to say again, Mr. Speaker, that I very sincerely thank the people of Baker Lake for their openness, continued support, and further enhancing our office by providing us input, support, recommendations, and suggestions. Our office is always open.

(interpretation) I just wanted to state that. I apologize, Mr. Speaker. I had more to say, but since this is our last day of sitting, I send my greetings to all Nunavummiut, especially Iqalummiut

for their continued hospitality. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Aupaluktuq. (interpretation ends) Members' Statements. Member for Quttiktuq, Mr. Elliott.

**Member's Statement 096 – 3(3):
Reflections on the End of the
Spring Sitting and the Beginning
of Summer**

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to start my Member's Statement by congratulating Morty Aooloo as well, who earned her Bachelor of Education degree here at Nunatta Campus.

Mr. Speaker, as we approach the end of our spring sitting, I rise today to offer some reflections on our spring sitting and to look forward to the work that lies ahead.

Mr. Speaker, summer is a good time to reflect on what has been accomplished and on what more needs to be done to achieve our goals. As an elected representative, one of my priorities is to see that the needs and aspirations of my constituents are being met. Summer is a time to rest but also to reinvigorate ourselves.

As members know, the issue of the high cost of living in the High Arctic has been one of my priorities since taking office. I thank Mr. Taptuna for his department's assistance with addressing this issue.

Our recent hearings on the Nutrition North Canada Program allowed all

members to raise a number of important issues and questions and I again thank all of my colleagues for the collaborative way in which we approached this work.

Mr. Speaker, as you have reminded me on a number of occasions, there is a reason why question period is not referred to as answer period.

Although I feel that our hearings on the Nutrition North Canada Program raised just as many new questions as it provided answers, it is important to recognize that this is still a new program. I am hopeful that federal leaders and officials will review the record of our deliberations with care, and I am hopeful that over the coming months, more work will go into addressing the issues and concerns that the Members of this House and our constituents have raised.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward to spending time this summer in all three communities of Grise Fiord, Resolute Bay, and Arctic Bay. I look forward to being in touch with my constituents on a daily basis and consulting with them on the issues that they want to see raised at our next sitting.

Mr. Speaker, when one travels away for a period of time, it is always nice to be able to bring something back home. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, I almost feel as if I will be going home empty handed.

I had hoped to bring home a tabled copy of the Suicide Prevention Action Plan. I am sure that many others were looking forward to seeing this document as well. I am confident that many government departments were hoping to get some guidance from the action plan on their role in helping to prevent suicide.

Mr. Speaker, I was also hoping to bring home news of the new GLO positions, but so far they remain un-staffed. Mr. Speaker, I was hoping for more progress from our new social advocate's office.

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

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott. The Member for Quttiktuq is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statement. Are there any nays? There are none. Please proceed, Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

And I was hoping to see more social workers, probation officers, and dental therapists hired and eager to begin their new jobs.

Mr. Speaker, I recognize that we are all a bit tired. Sometimes after a long hard trek, we feel a bit disappointed when our journey hasn't been as successful as we had anticipated. However, Mr. Speaker, there is always another day and another journey ahead. I look forward to returning in the fall, refreshed, rejuvenated, and ready to follow up again on these and other important issues.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to conclude by noting that when we reconvene for the fall sitting, three new members will be joining us. I look forward to working closely with our new colleagues.

Mr. Speaker, I wish you and all of my fellow MLAs a safe and productive summer. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

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

**Member's Statement 097 – 3(3):
Government/Municipal Vehicle
Abuse**

Mr. Schell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to reiterate the issue of government and municipal vehicle abuse. At the February sitting, I brought up the issue of vehicle abuse. I haven't seen any improvements on this issue.

I encourage any individual in any community that sees vehicle abuse to take a picture of it, date it, and mark on the picture if it's a government vehicle or a municipal vehicle as I have set up an email address and you can send these pictures to vehicle.abuse@yahoo.ca. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Schell. Members' Statements. Member for Akulliq, Mr. Ningark.

**Member's Statement 098 – 3(3):
Kugaaruk: An Invitation to
Members of Executive Council
over Summer**

Mr. Ningark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased that we will be heading home tomorrow. I also share in Hon. Tagak Curley's love of going on the land and in his envy of Inuit who are hunting and spending time in tents.

I want to share with Kugaaruk and Repulse Bay residents the type of support we receive, as I am one of the

recipients of the various services. If I speak in English, we have interpreters to convert it to Inuktitut; conversely, if I speak in Inuktitut, we also have interpreters who convert it to English. Sometimes if I ask for assistance with my statements and questions, we have very capable legislative staff that provides this service.

During our time here at the sessions away from our communities, Mr. Speaker, the birthdays, anniversaries, and special events we are not able to celebrate in our communities are what we voice here. However, during our sessions here in Iqaluit, the residents are always very hospitable and whenever we have any concerns, we are able to converse with our fellow MLAs. We are able to provide support and advice to our colleagues while we are away from our own families, so we constitute our own little family. I believe I have spoken to all members after sessional hours and I thank you for that opportunity.

This summer, I believe our break is for three months. Mr. Speaker, through your office, I invite any minister who wants to visit Repulse Bay or Kugaaruk to do so. You will have a place to stay and people will be very hospitable and welcoming. In my opinion, Kugaaruk has the best arctic char in the world and you are welcome to go fishing any time in our community. As a matter of fact, I'll be able to provide some dried fish, some fresh fish and dried caribou meat. I'm not trying to bribe you; I'm just inviting you to visit. Thank you.

>> *Laughter*

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ningark. I'm sure that all members of the Executive Council appreciate the invitation. Members' Statements. Member for Iqaluit East, Madam Aariak.

Member's Statement 099 – 3(3): The First Eastern Arctic Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to remind all of my constituents of Iqaluit East and all residents of Iqaluit that you are in my thoughts, as we underwent a horrific event and continue to deal with the repercussions. Be that as it may, I wish to express my gratitude to Iqalummiut for being able to pull together and deal with the crisis by supporting each other. This shows that we are indeed a community and I thank you all for that.

I also wish to thank my constituency assistant, Adamie Itorcheak, who does a lot of work while I am not at the office as I am usually at the Legislative Assembly. I am also thankful to my children, especially Karliin and Jamal. Every time I'm away, they seem to produce a newborn and I am very grateful to them for being caring and loving parents.

Further, I would like to speak about some events that are planned for Iqaluit that I wish to elucidate in English.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the local Inuksuk Alcoholics Anonymous Group in Iqaluit with the participation of Al-Anon for organizing the first Eastern Arctic Alcoholics Anonymous

Conference, which will take place here in Iqaluit on June 24 to 26.

We do not hear often of the success of individuals who are recovering from their addiction and the upcoming conference in Iqaluit will bring together individuals from different parts of Canada and even the United States to share their experience, strength, and hope so that they can be sober for another day. These success stories show that there is help available and this conference will highlight how we can take that crucial step towards sobriety and for anyone who wants to find more information can go to www.aa90.org/survival.

(interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff here at the Legislative Assembly, particularly our communications people and interpreters. I also thank the media and CBC radio for regularly informing the public via their broadcasts.

I hope that my fellow MLAs have a great summer and enjoy their break. Some of us will continue to work even when we are not in session as we have ministerial portfolios to administer and this usually is the time we travel to undertake these responsibilities. Have a great summer, one and all. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Madam Aariak. Members' Statements. Member for Uqqummiut, Mr. Arreak

**Member's Statement 100 – 3(3):
Congratulations to Stanley
Alikatuktuk and Laila Alookie**

Hon. James Arreak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also take this opportunity to wish all Nunavummiut a great summer and, in particular, to take care of our environment, to be proper stewards of our land, and to take pride in our cultural practices here in the north.

Mr. Speaker, I stand now to express my pride and gratitude of two high school students graduating tomorrow in Qikiqtarjuaq, a community in my constituency. Education is very important to one's aspirations and it is part of growing up. Upon graduation, the two young individuals will set good examples to their peers in Qikiqtarjuaq and Nunavut. I wish them all the best in their future and in continuing their education and/or careers.

Mr. Speaker, I call upon my colleagues to join me in congratulating Stanley Alikatuktuk and Laila Alookie who were students at Inuksuit School in Qikiqtarjuaq. I wish to celebrate this momentous occasion with all Qikiqtarjuarmiut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

**Member's Statement 101 – 3(3): Life
as an MLA and Minister**

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank my constituents, family, and friends in the

Cambridge Bay Riding for supporting me over here.

The Cambridge Bay Riding includes Cambridge Bay, Umingmaktok, and Bathurst Inlet. I would like to tell them that I will be home in a few days. I look forward to seeing them and enjoying the summer. I know exactly what my colleagues are saying about missing home and missing certain events and certain parts of the season, but it will be good to be home to enjoy the summer.

I would like to just make a few comments about life as an MLA and minister. I can assure colleagues, constituents, and everybody else that there is never a dull day as an MLA and minister but it is very rewarding. We have to come here and be away from our families and our communities, but you can do a lot of great things. I know we have some interesting debates in the House, in the Committee of the Whole, and in standing committees, but at the end of the day, we always find a way to get along for the good of all Nunavummiut.

The last couple of nights have been very difficult for me, Mr. Speaker. I have a bet with a colleague, Minister Shewchuk, on the Boston-Vancouver series, and it has been very difficult. It was difficult to watch those games, but it was especially difficult since, as everybody knows, with technology, we have these BlackBerrys and Minister Shewchuk has been making sure that I know what the score is after every goal.

I would like to assure him that it's the best of three now and the trend appears to be a home-on-home series, teams win at home, and there's two more home

games in Vancouver. So I'm sure we will see the Stanley Cup parade in Vancouver some time next week.

An Hon. Member: Hear, hear!

Hon. Keith Peterson: Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank all of the staff in my departments of Finance and Justice here in Iqaluit and across Nunavut. I would like to thank all of the agencies that provide support to our two departments and all of our committees that are working pretty hard for all Nunavummiut.

I would like to also again thank the staff of the Assembly for supporting us. I would like to thank my constituent assistant, Irene Amoganolak, back in Cambridge Bay, and here in Iqaluit up on the second floor, Nick Pashkoski and Annie Akoak, for keeping me on schedule and on time. There are a lot of binders and paperwork and other issues to deal with.

With that, Mr. Speaker, I would like to wish all Nunavummiut and my colleagues a safe and happy summer. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Peterson. Mr. Peterson, just so you know, I happened to see a former colleague of ours here. Mr. Picco was seen wandering around wearing a Vancouver Canucks jersey yesterday, so I'm sure he has jumped on the bandwagon with you to support Vancouver in their quest for the cup.

>> *Applause*

Moving on to the orders of the day. Item 4. Returns to Oral Questions. Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Ningark.

Item 5: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery

Mr. Ningark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize John Illupalik, whom I went to school with. Welcome. Thank you.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ningark. Welcome to the Gallery. Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the interpreters for their fine work and also the technical staff that we don't see. They are behind the scenes, but they keep things in order, as well as our Sergeant-at-Arms. I would like to recognize Mr. Kilabuk and thank him for his continued presence.

>>Applause

Moving on to the orders of the day. Item 6. Oral Questions. Member for Akulliq, Mr. Ningark.

Item 6: Oral Questions

Question 130 – 3(3): School Busing Services for Kugaaruk

Mr. Ningark: Good afternoon and thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Education.

Yesterday I tabled a letter from the minister in response to a request for

school busing services in the community of Kugaaruk. Can the minister clearly describe how her department will determine what kind of support for busing services it will consider for the community of Kugaaruk? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ningark. Minister responsible for Education, Madam Premier.

Hon. Eva Aariak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for the question. I know that Kugaaruk has been suffering from using an old dilapidated bus that was imported to the community way back in 1991.

So the principal, with direction from the district education authority and executive director, requested a replacement for this van, which is a van that has been converted into a bus. So my department has prepared a request for Community and Government Services to tender the bus purchase and I have good news for you that Kugaaruk will receive a new 54-passenger school bus as part of the 2011 sealift. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Madam Premier. Oral Questions. Member for Nanulik, Mr. Ningeongan.

Mr. Ningeongan: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The person I wanted to ask is absent from the House at this moment, so if I can be allowed to wait a bit. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. We will shift it around. Oral Questions. Member for Nattilik, Ms. Ugyuk.

Question 131 – 3(3): Replacement of Taloyoak Air Terminal Building

Ms. Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) My questions are for the Minister of Economic Development and Transportation.

A few months ago, the Canadian North Airline announced that it was improving its schedule in the Kitikmeot and Baffin regions of Nunavut. This is welcome news to my constituents. However, as the minister is aware, the current air terminal building in Taloyoak is old and in poor condition. I have been advised that there is not enough space for airline staff.

The five-year capital plan for the Department of Economic Development and Transportation includes \$50,000 in funding for the 2012-13 fiscal year for the new air terminal building for Taloyoak. Can the minister indicate when he expects to issue tenders for the design and construction for the new air terminal building? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Ms. Ugyuk. Minister responsible for Economic Development and Transportation, Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'll have to take that question as notice. I do not have that information with me at this time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Your question has been taken as notice. Oral Questions. Member for Nanulik, Mr. Ningeongan.

Question 132 – 3(3): Renal Care in Nunavut

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

Yesterday I was unable to ask the minister a question during the Committee of the Whole as I was in the Chair. Now that his appearance in Committee of the Whole has concluded, I would like to address an important issue.

The government's most recent annual report on procurement activities indicates that in 2009-2010, the Department of Health and Social Services awarded a \$75,000 contract for a project described as "Comprehensive Analysis to Support Renal Care." Did this project address the options to provide renal care, such as dialysis, in Nunavut? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. Minister responsible for Health and Social Services, Minister Curley.

Hon. Tagak Curley: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will take the question as notice. This is quite technical in nature and I will take it as notice. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Curley. The question has been taken as notice. Oral Questions. Member for Quttiktuq, Mr. Elliott.

Question 133 – 3(3): Social Advocate Office

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions are directed towards the Premier.

Yesterday I asked questions about the social advocate's office and in her replies, once I checked the *Hansard*, I was kind of intrigued and made curious by her comments. I don't know if I can wait until October when she had mentioned that I would be pleasantly surprised about the work that was going on within the social advocate's office. I was wondering if the Premier could expand a little bit more about what I will be pleasantly surprised about. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Minister responsible for Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, Madam Premier.

Hon. Eva Aariak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I believe this is the same question he posed to me yesterday in terms of what the Social Advocacy Office is doing and I did promise to give him a listing of all of the things that the Social Advocacy Office is working on, as I did say yesterday.

There are many things that the Social Advocacy Office is engaged in, especially in the policy and legislative development with the child and youth representative project, and I will make sure I will have all of the information that I promised yesterday prepared and given to him as soon as possible. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Madam Premier. Your first supplementary, Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess that must have been a misunderstanding on my part. I didn't catch that the Premier was going to be sending me separate information, so that's great to know.

For my second question, I was wondering: will child and youth representative legislation be brought before the House in October of 2011 for the fall sitting? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Minister responsible for Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, Madam Premier.

Hon. Eva Aariak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for that question. In terms of the exact time of the presentation and in which sitting, I don't have that information, but as I have been saying over the last two years, we are planning to have a child and youth representative by the year 2013. Of course, we would like to see that position in place before then, but due to requirements of developing policies and legislation, the timeline seems to be that case. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Madam Premier. Your second supplementary, Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the Premier has pointed out, this process has been going on for two years and I realize that there is a lot of work that needs to be done in terms of research and making sure that the legislation is correct, but all members are aware that a legislative proposal needs to be prepared

to, more or less, start the process. So I'm wondering if the Premier could confirm: has a legislative proposal been drafted in the last two years to kick-start this process? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Minister responsible for Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, Madam Premier.

Hon. Eva Aariak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That information will also be included in the information that I will be providing him as well as the rest of the members. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Madam Premier. Your final supplementary, Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For my final question, in terms of a letter that will be prepared and sent to all regular members, will we receive that over the summer so that we will have adequate time to review it for October or will we get it when we get back here in October? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Minister responsible for Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, Madam Premier.

Hon. Eva Aariak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I indicated earlier, I will provide that information as soon as it is available. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Madam Premier. Oral Questions. Member for Quttiktuq, Mr. Elliott.

Question 134 – 3(3): Suicide Prevention Strategy Action Plan

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

I was wondering, before the sitting is over, a sort of last kick at the can in terms of the action plan. Could the minister provide us with a date when he thinks he will be able to table this action plan? I'm talking about the Government of Nunavut's Suicide Prevention Strategy Action Plan. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Tagak Curley: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'll be pleased to table the action plan. Are you referring to the suicide prevention action plan? If that is the case, Mr. Speaker, it's a matter of process, really. Right now, we're trying to get all of these parties signed on to it. Most have certainly communicated to my deputy minister that they are in agreement.

Once the remaining work is completed, I will table that document in the fall session, but the work will begin as soon as all parties have signed on to the plan. It's not necessarily just a signature that I'm talking about but agreeing to the terms of the whole work. By and large, I think they are pretty close. I don't foresee any difficulties in it at all. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Curley. Item 6 in our *Orders of the Day*. Oral

Questions. Member for South Baffin, Mr. Schell.

Question 135 – 3(3): Sole Source Contracts

Mr. Schell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Economic Development and Transportation.

Yesterday in the Committee of the Whole, I had mentioned about the contract for the operations and maintenance of the airport and he had told me that the hamlet has the right of first refusal on whether they want to do the work or not. Later on in his closing statements, he made comments that they're trying to get away from sole sourcing.

So my question for the minister is: if there is a contractor in the community...? Another part of his mandate is to help the contractors in the community to survive. If there is a contractor in the community that can do the job, why can't that contractor bid on this contract? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Schell. Minister responsible for Economic Development and Transportation, Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In my closing comments, yes, I did make a statement saying that we're trying to get away from sole sourcing contracts. There are numerous other contracts that are given to contractors out there; it's just not in airports and maintenance. There are also the contracts that we do give out. That's why my general statement was that yes,

for these others, but in our Transportation Strategy, we do have an agreement with the hamlets for giving the hamlets the first right of refusal for such contracts as airport maintenance. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Schell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In the future, would the minister consider changing that? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Schell. Minister responsible for Economic Development and Transportation, Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for that question. Our department is striving to improve its relationships with hamlets and it's trying to improve how we disburse money and contracts out there. We want to get the most efficient use of our budgets and we will look at any kind of improvement through discussions, consultations, and if there's room for improvement, we will certainly look at that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Item 6. Oral Questions. Member for Akulliq, Mr. Ningark.

Question 136 – 3(3): Ukkusiksalik Park

Mr. Ningark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You will have to assist me with this question. Who is the minister responsible for parks? A resident in Repulse Bay asked me whether the Ukkusiksalik National Park had an official opening ceremony with a

federal minister present in Repulse Bay and he wanted an answer. I am submitting this question, although I don't know which minister will respond. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ningark. I believe that question is directed to the Minister of Environment and that would be Minister Shewchuk.

Hon. Daniel Shewchuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank the member for that question. I must inform the member that he does know that there's ongoing consultation about the territorial park near Kugaaruk. However, when it comes to the jurisdiction of a national park or federal park, I am not sure whether somebody has officially opened that or not. That is not the jurisdiction of the Government of Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 137 – 3(3): Government Liaison Officer Funding

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed towards the Minister of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs.

Yesterday there were questions asked about the government liaison officers and I know this process has been going on for the last two years and we have allocated money in both years. I believe it was \$2 million in the first year and \$4 million this year. I thank the Premier for providing the information that we asked for in terms of the job description and duties of the GLO, and I believe

yesterday she mentioned there were no dates as to when all GLOs would be hired. I'm just wondering: is her department anticipating spending that full \$4 million? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Minister responsible for Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, Madam Premier.

Hon. Eva Aariak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for that question. The department is working very hard in keeping the communities informed and having dialogues with the hamlet offices in terms of acquiring office space and whatnot. Advertisements have gone out and of course, they are at different stages due to availability of offices and the number of applicants who have applied, and so on.

In determining exactly how much money will be spent at any certain time, I don't have that information in front of me, so I cannot provide that answer at this point. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Madam Premier. Your first supplementary, Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also remember that one component of the GLO position was a training component in terms of providing specific training for the GLOs. I'm wondering how your department is going to handle it if they're staggering the way in which they hire the different GLOs in different communities at different times. Is it going to be individualized training for each GLO or are you going to be bringing everyone together as a group? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Minister responsible for Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, Madam Premier.

Hon. Eva Aariak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Training is very important to any new position and we are taking that very seriously with the new employees that we will be gaining as GLO officers, but the level of managing the training and when and all of that is to be carried out by the director of GLOs, which I don't have that information. It will be managed by the department.

I am sure that the department and the director of GLOs will ensure that every new GLO will be trained. I don't know whether they will be trained all at the same time, but it is given the fact that training will be provided so that they will have very good information as to what their role will be and so on. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Madam Premier. Oral Questions. Member for Akulliq, Mr. Ningark.

Question 138 – 3(3): Official Opening of Ukkusiksalik Park

Mr. Ningark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will ask questions about the Ukkusiksalik Park to the (interpretation ends) Hon. Eva Aariak, executive and intergovernmental affairs minister.

(interpretation) Could the Premier possibly make an enquiry to the federal minister responsible for the Parks Canada Agency with respect to the Ukkusiksalik National Park of Canada, adjacent to Repulse Bay, whether or not

an official opening was ever held for the creation of the park? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ningark. I believe that question was directed to the Premier requesting her if she would check with the federal government if that's happened. Madam Premier.

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I believe that would be an answer worth hearing, so I hope we get a response from the federal government, but I don't have the information at present. I believe the Minister of Environment has more background information, so I would like to defer the question to him. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Madam Premier. Minister of Environment, Minister Shewchuk.

Hon. Daniel Shewchuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will take the member's request and find out for him whether this park has been opened. Preliminary information says that it has been opened by Prime Minister Chrétien in his days, but I will find out if that is the case and the fact. I am meeting with the federal Minister of Environment next week, so I will ask him this question. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Shewchuk. Item 6. Oral Questions. Moving on in the *Orders of the Day*, Item 7. Written Questions. Mr. Schell.

Item 7: Written Questions

Written Question 008 – 3(3): Capital Project Change Orders

Mr. Schell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a written question for the Minister of Community and Government Services concerning the issue of capital project change orders. Mr. Speaker, my written question is lengthy, so I ask that it be entered into the record as read.

1. Broken down by fiscal year, community, and project, what change orders were issued during the 2008-09, 2009-2010, and 2010-11 fiscal years for construction projects managed by the Department of Community and Government Services?
2. Broken down by fiscal year, community, and project, what was the rationale for each change order?
3. Broken down by fiscal year, community, and project, who authorized each change order?
4. Broken down by fiscal year, community, and project, what vendor performed the work required by the change order?
5. Broken down by fiscal year, community, and project, what was the cost of each change order?

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Schell. Do members agree that the written question be entered into the record as read?

Some Members: Agreed.

Speaker: It is agreed. It will be written into the record as read. Thank you. Item 7. Written Questions. Orders of the day. Item 8. Returns to Written Questions. Item 9. Replies to Opening Address. Item 10. Petitions. Item 11. Responses to Petitions. Item 12. Reports of Standing and Special Committees on Bills and Other Matters. Mr. Ningeongan.

Item 12: Reports of Standing and Special Committees on Bills and Other Matters

Committee Report 004 – 3(3): Bill 9, An Act to Amend the Child and Family Services Act

Mr. Ningeongan: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to report that the Standing Committee on Legislation has reviewed Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Child and Family Services Act*, and I would like to inform the House that the bill is ready for consideration in Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to waive Rule 68(6) and have Bill 9 immediately moved into Committee of the Whole. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. The member is seeking unanimous consent to waive Rule 68(6) and have Bill 9 immediately moved into Committee of the Whole. Are there any nays? There being none and Bill 9 is referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Item 12. Reports of Standing and Special Committees on Bills and Other Matters. Mr. Ningeongan.

**Committee Report 005 – 3(3): Bill 10,
An Act to Amend the Nunavut
Housing Corporation Act**

Mr. Ningeongan: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to report that the Standing Committee on Legislation has reviewed Bill 10, *An Act to Amend the Nunavut Housing Corporation Act*. I would like to inform the House that the bill is ready for consideration in Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to waive Rule 68(6) and have Bill 10 immediately moved into Committee of the Whole. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. The member is seeking unanimous consent to waive Rule 68(6) and have Bill 10 immediately moved into Committee of the Whole. Are there any nays? There being none and Bill 10 is referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Item 12. Reports of Standing and Special Committees on Bills and Other Matters. Member for South Baffin, Mr. Schell.

**Committee Report 006 – 3(3): Report
on the Review of the 2011 Report
of the Auditor General of Canada
to the Legislative Assembly of
Nunavut on Children, Youth and
Family Programs and Services in
Nunavut**

Mr. Schell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have the honour today of presenting the report of the Standing Committee on Oversight of Government Operations and Public Accounts on its review of the *2011 Report of the Auditor General of Canada to the Legislative Assembly of*

Nunavut on Children, Youth and Family Programs and Services in Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, as you will recall, the Auditor General's report was tabled in the House on March 8, 2011. As with all other reports presented to the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut by the Auditor General since April 1, 1999, this report was referred to a standing committee for review. The Office of the Auditor General and witnesses from the Government of Nunavut's Department of Health and Social Services were invited to appear before the committee to address issues and recommendations brought forward in the Auditor General's report and to discuss them with MLAs.

Mr. Speaker, the presentation of this report marked Ms. Fraser's tenth appearance in Nunavut and her final appearance as the Auditor General of Canada. On behalf of the Standing Committee on Oversight of Government Operations and Accountability, I would again like to express my appreciation for Ms. Fraser's commitment to the north.

>> *Applause*

The standing committee held its hearings on the Auditor General's report on children, youth, and family programs and services in Nunavut from April 14 to April 15, 2011. The hearings were open to the public and news media to observe.

Mr. Speaker, it was very encouraging to note that representatives from various GN departments, as well as from organizations, such as Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated and the regional Inuit associations, were in attendance during the committee's hearings. The

hearings were broadcast on local cable and radio channels. Transcripts were later posted to the Legislative Assembly's website in both Inuktitut and English.

Mr. Speaker, the Auditor General's report covers four major areas relating to child, youth, and family programs and services in Nunavut:

- Child and Family Services;
- Adoption;
- Public Health Strategy; and
- Program Coordination.

The committee recognizes that the main objective of the Auditor General's audit was to evaluate the Government of Nunavut's performance in carrying out its own procedures and following its own rules in these areas. A central purpose of the audit was to provide a perspective and analysis that could assist us as legislators and the government in our efforts to improve the current system. Mr. Speaker, while it is recognized that Nunavut's child and youth protection system, like any system, could benefit from changes, we must also acknowledge that the individuals who are currently working to implement this current system are doing the best that they can.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to those frontline workers who provide support and assistance to the children, youth, and families of Nunavut. Social workers and child protection workers in particular play a critical role when Nunavut's children and youth are in need of protection. As the Auditor General clearly stated in her opening remarks and at the very beginning of her report, the

Department of Health and Social Services "reacts quickly when it is made aware of children in need of protection." It is unfortunate that situations arise where children need protection, but they do.

We need to keep in mind that our frontline workers provide services across Nunavut in accordance with the legislation that is currently in place. They do so despite pressures within their communities, despite a lack of capacity and resources, and despite overwhelming caseloads. Overall, the review undertaken by the Office of the Auditor General clearly shows that while the government reacts in a timely manner and does address situations as they occur, much more proactive work should be done.

Mr. Speaker, the standing committee appreciates the Auditor General's motivation for undertaking an audit of this nature. As the Auditor General stated during her appearance, Nunavut has the youngest population in Canada. Given the importance of the well-being of children, her office focused on programs that are being delivered to children and their families in Nunavut. Indeed, the standing committee recognizes that children make up a significant portion of our society. According to the latest information prepared by the Nunavut Bureau of Statistics, in July of 2010, Nunavummiut 19 years and under made up more than 41 percent of Nunavut's population, with 32 percent of Nunavut's population under the age of 15.

Mr. Speaker, the Auditor General also noted the many social challenges that Nunavut faces and how factors relating

to these challenges can affect the need for protection services for children and programs to support individuals and families. The Auditor General's report provides a listing of various indicators of health and well-being which demonstrate how Nunavut compares, generally not very favourably, with the rest of Canada.

Mr. Speaker, numbers can help to tell a story. For example, a recent Statistics Canada report on family court cases indicated that in 2009-2010, the percentage of family court cases involving issues such as child protection and adoption was higher in Nunavut than in any of the other Canadian jurisdictions which contributed data. The Auditor General's report notes that the Government of Nunavut provided child protection services to 487 children in 2008-09 and to 633 children in 2009-2010. Her report further notes that since 1999, over 2,500 adoptions of Nunavut children have been documented.

As we proceed through the report and discuss areas of concern or in need of improvement, it is our hope that the standing committee's comments and suggestions will be accepted in the spirit in which they are intended, which is with an eye towards improving programs and services for the future.

Mr. Speaker, several pieces of legislation and their associated regulations govern how child, youth, and family related services are provided across Nunavut. These include but are not limited to the *Child and Family Services Act*, the *Children's Law Act*, the *Adoption Act*, the *Aboriginal Custom Adoption Recognition Act*, and the *Public Health Act*.

The Auditor General's report included 20 recommendations and the Government of Nunavut has concurred with all of them. The standing committee agrees with the recommendations and the responses.

Child and Family Services

Mr. Speaker, during her appearance before the standing committee, the Auditor General stated that "In our recommendations and key findings, we really tried to focus on the issues of most critical importance and in particular, the issues that are of most importance for the protection of children."

Reviewing the Auditor General's report has provided members of the standing committee with an opportunity to focus on certain aspects of an issue that is currently being considered in depth with a view to making legislative changes.

The *Child and Family Services Act* is one of many statutes that were inherited by Nunavut upon division. As with many areas, it has been hoped and anticipated that Nunavut will amend the legislation to better reflect the needs and aspirations of our residents.

The Department of Health and Social Services has already addressed certain problematic elements of the *Child and Family Services Act* in response to recent judgments of the Nunavut Court of Justice. The department's current comprehensive review of the legislation will hopefully bring about changes that will improve child protection services across Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, approximately one year ago on June 8, 2010, the Minister of

Health and Social Services tabled in this House the *Final Report of the Knowledge Sharing Forum*, a review of child welfare practices in Nunavut. This document provided a number of observations and recommendations that are echoed in the Auditor General's report. The standing committee is of the view that a great deal of groundwork has already been laid for reform and improvement in this area.

The standing committee further notes that on June 7, 2011, the Minister of Health and Social Services tabled an action plan in response to the Auditor General's report. The committee looks forward to regular updates being tabled in the House on the status of the implementation of the action plan.

According to the 2011-14 Business Plan of the Department of Health and Social Services, new child and family services legislation will be introduced in 2012-13. The standing committee will be paying close attention to the government's fulfillment of this commitment within the stated timeline.

I would like to take this opportunity to express the committee's support for a future follow-up audit by the Office of the Auditor General on the status of the government's efforts to address the issues related to the provision of child, youth, and family services and programs in Nunavut.

The Auditor General's recommendations with respect to child and family services highlighted some key areas for improvement:

- Building capacity, especially in filling vacant positions;

- Ensuring that workloads are adequately evaluated and manageable;
- Implementing and delivering training programs;
- Ensuring that standards, record keeping requirements, and the collection and analysis of information are followed and implemented; and
- Seeking to involve communities and regional Inuit organizations in addressing issues.

Mr. Speaker, one of the most critical issues raised by this report and indeed in other reviews undertaken by the Office of the Auditor General relates to current levels of capacity in the field of community social service work. Not only are half of Nunavut's social worker positions vacant, but many have been vacant for extended periods of time. This situation has resulted in a number of consequences. The overwhelming workloads of those individuals who are working in the field often mean that they do not have the time or resources to properly complete all steps of the process as required by policy. They are often unable to undertake proactive activities, such as ensuring the appropriate checks for potential foster homes or adoptive parents.

Mr. Speaker, while some aspects of programming and service delivery may be comparable across jurisdictions, it should be noted that the unique characteristics of Nunavut's predominantly Inuit population make some comparisons ineffective. In fact, it has often been stressed that one of the key components missing from the current system of delivering child and family programs and services in

Nunavut is the incorporation of Inuit societal and family values.

Mr. Speaker, as the government seeks to improve service delivery in this area and the legislation that governs such practices, it is critical that Nunavut's communities, families, and parents reflect on what steps can be taken individually and collectively to reduce the need for programs and services, such as child protection, foster homes, or shelters for victims of violence. As legislators, we have the responsibility to consider the legislation that governs how services are delivered. However, this role can only be effective in partnership with individuals, parents, families, and communities.

Mr. Speaker, the Auditor General's report contains 14 recommendations specific to child and family services.

One essential recommendation is that "The Department of Health and Social Services, in collaboration with the Department of Human Resources, should develop short-, medium-, and long-term strategies to fill community social service workers positions in order to ensure that each community has adequate child and family services coverage." In response, the Department of Health and Social Services has indicated that it will continue to work with a dedicated human resources officer towards this objective. The standing committee supports this recommendation and further recommends that both departments work together to re-evaluate the required qualifications for community social worker positions, with special emphasis on giving weight to prospective

employees' knowledge and awareness of the Inuit language and societal values.

The Auditor General also recommended that "The Department of Health and Social Services should provide supplemental training, including Inuit societal values training, that community social service workers require, based on the training needs and gaps identified in annual audits and appraisals." The standing committee strongly supports this recommendation.

A number of the Auditor General's recommendations in this area focused on the administrative requirements of case management. While the standing committee recognizes the need for complete and accurate record keeping, as well as the importance of reviewing and analyzing information, it also recognizes that the overwhelming workload is a factor in incomplete record keeping. The standing committee further recommends that the government accelerate the process of freeing social workers from the additional burden of providing community correctional services on behalf of the Department of Justice.

Mr. Speaker, the Auditor General made a number of recommendations with respect to complying with standards for children who are placed in care. With respect to the requirement to conduct criminal record checks on the adult members of households being considered as foster homes or adoptive families, the standing committee recommends that the Department of Health and Social Services set clear guidelines for how the results of criminal records checks can be used to determine the eligibility of foster homes or adoptive families. It is important to

recognize that there are distinctions between different grades of criminal offences, which was an issue acknowledged by departmental witnesses during the standing committee's hearings.

The department has committed to creating a new position of residential care compliance coordinator. Standing committee members look forward to the tabling of the future annual reports of the director of child and family services, which will address the implementation and success of this and other initiatives undertaken in response to the Auditor General's recommendations.

Adoption

Mr. Speaker, the Auditor General's report made a number of observations and recommendations concerning the issue of adoption in Nunavut. Again, it should be noted that the unique characteristics of Nunavut society make it difficult to compare adoption practices and customs between jurisdictions. For example, it is noted that over 90 percent of all Nunavut adoptions since April 1, 1999 were custom adoptions.

As noted by committee members during the Auditor General's appearance, the different pieces of legislation that currently governs how child and family services are delivered in Nunavut, including such activities as adoption, are generally not perceived as reflecting Inuit societal values. In fact, the Auditor General notes in her report that "aboriginal customary law is not defined in the Act."

Indeed, the original intent of the *Aboriginal Custom Adoption*

Recognition Act, which was adopted in the NWT in 1994, was not to attempt to codify traditional aboriginal practices, but to ensure that those who were adopted by aboriginal custom could have access to formal means of identification, such as birth certificates and other official government documentation.

The Auditor General's report recommends that the *Aboriginal Custom Adoption Recognition Act* be considered for review. The Auditor General notes further that a 2003 report prepared by the Nunavut Law Review Commission, which was tabled in this House on December 4, 2003 and which forms part of the permanent public record of our territory, focused on issues relating to custom adoptions and contained 28 recommendations which have not yet been addressed by the government.

Mr. Speaker, by their very nature, customary practices of Inuit culture and society are not easily codified within western standards or models of governance. On the one hand, there is a strong desire to use and preserve traditional approaches to governing social relations. This strongly supports the concept of families, parents, and individuals bearing the responsibility to care for and protect children and youth of our communities. On the other hand, there is an obligation to ensure that all sectors of society receive the appropriate levels of care and that the rights of the most vulnerable to safety and security are protected by the means that we have, which, in our case, are the instruments of legislation and regulation. While the standing committee recognizes that reconciling these perspectives is a profound and significant challenge, members strongly believe that the

government must take the necessary steps to ensure that the challenge is met.

The standing committee agrees that the issue of adoption across Nunavut should be reviewed. In fact, in our *Report on the Review of the Information and Privacy Commissioner's 2008-2009 Annual Report*, the standing committee recommended that the Government of Nunavut's upcoming development of a new *Child and Family Services Act* "takes into consideration the issue of adoption." It will be important to conduct further analysis of the current status of adoption arrangements in order to fully address the issue. It will also be important to take into consideration any changes that may be brought forward with respect to new child and family services legislation.

Public Health Strategy

Mr. Speaker, the Auditor General's report made a number of important observations regarding the government's slow progress in the implementation of the Public Health Strategy, Developing Healthy Communities, which was tabled in the Legislative Assembly in 2007.

One of the key observations made by the Office of the Auditor General is that "it was still unclear to many people we interviewed who was ultimately accountable for the implementation and success of the Public Health Strategy." In addition, the Auditor General's report notes that "the Department has not established a monitoring and surveillance system to gather information in a timely way from all branches and other departments involved in the Strategy."

The effectiveness of the strategy cannot be measured without the necessary data. The standing committee strongly supports the Auditor General's recommendation that the department put the appropriate information systems in place. Committee members further note that having relevant baseline data would assist in identifying public health issues which may arise from time to time.

For example, members have noted with respect to a number of recent health outbreaks, such as H1N1, the spread of RSV amongst young children, and the recent surge in tuberculosis cases, that being able to provide updated and accurate information on the status or spread of communicable diseases is important to ensuring public confidence in health service delivery and to prevent panic.

In our *Report on the Review of the Information and Privacy Commissioner's 2009-2010 Annual Report*, the standing committee recommended that the Government of Nunavut "table in the Legislative Assembly its disclosure and reporting protocols concerning reportable communicable diseases."

In its response to our report, the government stated that the Department of Health and Social Services, through the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, will be "developing its disclosure protocols, with a particular focus on disclosure of community names and community-specific numbers of cases. Potential protocols will take into account relevant legislation such as the *Communicable Diseases Act* and the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* as well as Nunavut's unique

needs. Once approved by the Executive Council, the Government of Nunavut will table the protocols in the Legislative Assembly.”

The standing committee recommends that the Department of Health and Social Services ensure that establishing an information system to track and report on the health status of Nunavummiut is a departmental priority. As noted during the Auditor General’s appearance, having current data on health and social indicators will not only allow the government to identify emerging trends and be more proactive, but will also promote, through education and awareness, the ability to make better lifestyle choices amongst the population.

Program Coordination

Mr. Speaker, although the Auditor General’s report focused primarily on services delivered by the Department of Health and Social Services, there was also discussion of the coordination of programs, services, and resources with the departments of Education, Justice and Culture, Language, Elders and Youth. The primary observation made in the Auditor General’s report is that “a formal coordinated approach to children, youth and family programming is lacking.”

Mr. Speaker, given the limited resources available to the Government of Nunavut as a whole, it is important that efforts be made to maximize what is available to deliver services in the most efficient, effective, and economical manner. The standing committee recognizes that a number of committees and working groups have been established by the government in recent years to address

common concerns across departmental mandates. However, it is not always clear whether these entities have made measurable progress in achieving results.

The Auditor General’s report also discusses steps that have been taken to address issues with respect to such matters as working relationships between the divisions of the Department of Health and Social Services. In light of the government’s recent announcement in the 2011 Budget Address that it will be reviewing its organizational structure, the standing committee recommends that the benefits of dividing Health and Social Services into two distinct departments will be taken into consideration.

The standing committee notes that the Department of Health and Social Services has already made a number of significant efforts to address shortcomings with regard to interdepartmental communications. Members of the standing committee were further pleased to note that efforts to improve communication and coordination between the four departments have been renewed.

It was also noted that the Department of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, with its Social Advocacy Office, and the Department of Economic Development and Transportation, with its Anti-Poverty Secretariat, should both be involved in any comprehensive policy shifts which relate to services provided to children, youth, and families across Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, during her appearance before the standing committee, the Auditor General made an important

observation when she stated that “Nunavut faces many challenges that the other provinces and territories have to a lesser degree, issues like overcrowding in housing; issues of poverty. We talk in here about the number of families that have challenges with adequate supply of food. We see as well, a large incidence of substance abuse. All of these, I think, are related issues and questions of protection of children obviously come into that.”

Mr. Speaker, the standing committee strongly agrees that the need for services for children, youth, and families in Nunavut are affected and, in some cases, driven by a number of differing social factors. Committee members recognize that government as a whole needs to collaborate on addressing all of these issues to ensure a more safe, secure, and healthy society.

Mr. Speaker, a number of themes and issues emerged during the standing committee’s review of the Auditor General’s report. Accordingly, the standing committee recommends that the Department of Health and Social Services address the following areas for action:

1. The importance of responding to the standing committee’s specific recommendations noted above.
2. The importance of resolving capacity issues. The standing committee recognizes that the severe shortage of personnel for providing child and family services has an impact on the practice of delivering those services. A number of aspects related to the hiring of social workers should be taken into account, such as reviewing

the hiring criteria and workload pressures on current staff.

3. The importance of making training and supports available and accessible to staff. Adequate resources and funding must to be allocated to this objective.
4. The importance of recording and collecting accurate and detailed information, analyzing it, and identifying potential areas for proactive interventions, either at the individual, community, or territorial level.
5. The importance of investing in appropriate information management and reporting systems, and providing the training to manage those systems.
6. The importance of encouraging and supporting communities, families, and individuals to take on more responsibility for providing children with safe, secure, and healthy homes.
7. The importance of setting short-, medium-, and long-term objectives, including establishing the means to measure progress in achieving those objectives.

Mr. Speaker, I will now conclude by noting that the standing committee, pursuant to Rule 91(5), formally requests that the government table a comprehensive response to this report within 120 days.

Mr. Speaker, I move that the report of the standing committee be received by the House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Schell. The member has moved that the report of the standing committee be received by the House. Do members agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Speaker: It has been agreed to. The report has been and will be received by the House.

Item 12. Reports of Standing and Special Committees on Bills and Other Matters.
Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Minister responsible for Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, Madam Premier.

Item 13: Tabling of Documents

**Tabled Document 066 – 3(3):
Uranium in Nunavut Review -
February 2011**

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I am pleased to table the Uranium in Nunavut Review - February 2011. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Madam Premier. Tabling of Documents. Member for Hudson Bay, Mr. Rumbolt.

**Tabled Document 067 – 3(3): Excerpt
from 2011-2014 Business Plan of
the Nunavut Housing Corporation**

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yesterday both the Minister of Housing and I clearly proved that nobody is perfect, even MLAs. In my questions to the minister and his responses to me, we both referred to the Nunavut Housing Corporation completing its review of the public housing rent scale by September

of 2011. In reviewing the Nunavut Housing Corporation's business plan, I note that the corporation actually indicates that it "expects to have the review completed by Spring 2011," which ends within the next two weeks.

To clarify the record, I am tabling a short extract from the Nunavut Housing Corporation's business plan. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Rumbolt. Tabling of Documents. Member for Quttiktuq, Mr. Elliott.

**Tabled Document 068 – 3(3):
FrontLine Defence Magazine -
Northwest Passage Unguarded:
Thinking Outside the Igloo**

**Tabled Document 069 – 3(3): Article
from Saturday Sun on "Best
Before Dates"**

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have two documents to table today.

I would like to table this article from FrontLine Defence Magazine written by Col. Pierre Leblanc, retired. The article is an opinion piece on expanding the important role of the Canadian Rangers. I am sure all members will appreciate reading this piece.

As well, for the benefit of all members, I wish to table an article concerning the issue of best-before dates. As members will recall, this was an issue that was raised during the recent hearings on the Nutrition North Canada Program. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Please have one of the pages bring those documents to the front.

Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Minister of Finance, Minister Peterson.

Tabled Document 070 – 3(3): Nunavut Liquor Commission Annual Report 2008-2009

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to table the Nunavut Liquor Commission Annual Report for 2008-2009. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Peterson. Tabling of Documents. Minister of Culture, Language, Elders, and Youth, Minister Arreak.

Tabled Document 071 – 3(3): 2008-2009 Annual Report under the Inuit Language Protection Act

Tabled Document 072 – 3(3): 2009-2010 Annual Report under the Inuit Language Protection Act

Tabled Document 073 – 3(3): Uqausivut, the Proposed Comprehensive Plan Pursuant to the Languages Acts, 2011-2014

Hon. James Arreak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have three documents to table.

Mr. Speaker, as the Minister of Languages, I am pleased to table the 2008-2009 Annual Report under the *Inuit Language Protection Act*.

Also, Mr. Speaker, as the Minister of Languages, I am pleased to table the

2009-2010 Annual Report under the *Inuit Language Protection Act*.

Also, Mr. Speaker, I am also pleased to table Uqausivut, the Proposed Comprehensive Plan Pursuant to the Languages Acts, 2011-2014. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Arreak. Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Minister responsible for Community and Government Services, Minister Kusugak.

Tabled Document 074 – 3(3): Dry Cargo Resupply Program, Activity Summary, Shipping Year 2010

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to table the Dry Cargo Resupply Program, Activity Summary, Shipping Year 2010. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Minister of Environment, Minister Shewchuk.

Tabled Document 075 – 3(3): Upagiaqtavut, Setting the Course, Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation in Nunavut

Hon. Daniel Shewchuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to table the Upagiaqtavut, Setting the Course, Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation in Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Shewchuk. Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Minister of Justice, Minister Peterson.

**Tabled Document 076 – 3(3):
Proposed Family Support Orders
Enforcement Act**

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to table the proposed *Family Support Orders Enforcement Act*. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Peterson. Tabling of Documents. I have a couple of documents that I would like to table.

**Tabled Document 077 – 3(3): Report
on Members' Attendance -
January 1, 2011 to March 31, 2011**

**Tabled Document 078 – 3(3):
Language Plan of the Office of the
Legislative Assembly**

I wish to table the record of members' absences from the sitting of the House and meetings of committees and caucuses for the period of January 1, 2011 to March 31, 2011 to Members of the Third Legislative Assembly of Nunavut.

I would also like to table the Language Plan of the Office of the Legislative Assembly.

Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Item 14. Notices of Motions. Item 15. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Item 16. Motions. Madam Premier.

Item 16: Motions

**Motion 009 – 3(3): Appointment of a
Ministerial Member of the
Management and Services Board**

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(interpretation ends) WHEREAS section 38 of the *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act* provides that the Management and Services Board shall be composed of the Speaker, one minister, and three members other than the Deputy Speaker;

AND WHEREAS there is presently a vacancy in the Management and Services Board;

AND WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly is prepared to make an appointment;

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Hon. Member for Uqqummiut, that the Hon. Lorne Kusugak be appointed as a ministerial member of the Management and Services Board.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Madam Premier. The motion is in order. All those in favour. It looks like it's passed unanimously. The motion is carried.

Item 16. Motions. Madam Premier.

**Motion 010 – 3(3): Appointment of an
Alternate Ministerial Member of
the Management and Services
Board**

Hon. Eva Aariak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

WHEREAS section 38 of the *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act* provides for the appointment of an alternate ministerial member of the Management and Services Board;

AND WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly is prepared to make an appointment;

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Hon. Member for Uqqummiut, that the Hon. Daniel Shewchuk be appointed as an alternate ministerial member of the Management and Services Board.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Madam Premier. The motion is in order. All those in favour of the motion. Any opposed? The motion is carried. There could be interesting meetings of the Management and Services Board now in the springtime of the year with those two members at the table. Congratulations, gentlemen.

Item 16. Motions. Item 17. First Reading of Bills. Item 18. Second Reading of Bills. Item 19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters. Bills 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 with Mr. Tapardjuk in the Chair.

In accordance with the authority provided to me by Motion 6 – 3(3), the Committee of the Whole will stay in session until it reports itself out.

Before we proceed to the Committee of the Whole, we will take a 25-minute break. Thank you.

Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>House recessed at 15:43 and Committee resumed at 16:17

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

Chairman (Mr. Tapardjuk) (interpretation): Thank you for coming to the committee meeting. My colleagues, before we begin, we have two pages from Igloolik, Emily Qattalik, who is elsewhere right now, and Paul Silas Uyarak. They have been excellent pages this week and I wanted to acknowledge them while I was Chair of the Committee of the Whole. Thank you for doing such a great job. Thank you.

>>Applause

Thank you. In Committee of the Whole, we have the following items to deal with: Bill 6, Bill 7, Bill 8, Bill 9, and Bill 10. What is the wish of the committee? Mr. Aupaluktuq.

Mr. Aupaluktuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Today we wish to commence our review of Bills 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Are we agreed that we first deal with Bill 6, Supplementary Appropriation (Capital)?

Some Members: Agreed.

**Bill 06 – Supplementary
Appropriation (Capital) Act, No.
1, 2011-2012 – Consideration in
Committee**

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Peterson, Minister of Finance, you may begin with your opening comments.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and Members. I am pleased to present Bill 6, *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 1, 2011-2012*.

Bill 6 appropriates \$113,210,000 of additional capital funding in 2011-12. Some of the key line items consist of:

- \$77,620,000 for departmental 2010-11 capital carryovers to 2011-12;
- \$24 million for the Nunavut Housing Corporation to fund a portion of the projected cost overrun on the Affordable Housing Initiative;
- \$4,190,000 for the Government of Nunavut's 2011-12 funding for the Building Canada Fund initiatives;
- \$3,200,000 for the Department of Community and Government Services to fund the installation and completion of the WAN-LAN-MAN networking infrastructure project;
- \$3 million for the Department of Community and Government Services for the Arviat Emergency Water Supply project; and
- \$1,200,000 for the Department of Community and Government Services for the acquisition of eight

mobile gravel screeners from the Public Transit Capital Trust.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would be pleased to take questions.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Peterson. Minister Peterson, do you have witnesses that you would like to bring to the table?

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

Chairman (interpretation): Does the committee agree to bring in the witnesses?

Some Members: Agreed.

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

Thank you. Welcome to the witness table. Minister Peterson, for the record, please introduce your witnesses.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. To my right is Chris D'Arcy, Deputy Minister of the Department of Finance, and to my left is Jeff Chown, Comptroller General. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Peterson. Welcome, Deputy Minister D'Arcy and Mr. Chown. We will move on to questions. If you have any questions, please ask the questions in the appropriate pages. That would be much appreciated. Before we begin the page-by-page review, are there any general comments? No one has their hand up for general comments, so we will start with page 4. Nunavut

government's 2011-12 supplementary appropriation. The first item is the Office of the Legislative Assembly. Capital. \$1,683,000. Not Previously Authorized. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Total Capital. Legislative Assembly. \$1,683,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Moving on to page 5. Department of Finance. Capital. Total Centrally Administered Funds. \$1,751,000. Not Previously Authorized. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Total Finance. \$1,751,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Turn to page 6. Capital. Justice. Directorate. Not Previously Authorized. \$133,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Justice. Corrections. Capital. Not Previously Authorized. \$10,995,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Total Justice. Capital. Not Previously Authorized. \$11,128,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Culture, Language, Elders and Youth. Capital. Directorate. \$318,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Total Culture, Language, Elders and Youth. Not Previously Authorized. \$318,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Go on to the next page. Page 8. Education. Capital. Total Corporate Services. \$3,911,000. Not Previously Authorized. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Education. Total Capital. \$3,911,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Turn to page 9. Health and Social Services. Capital. Total Directorate. \$3,472,000. Not Previously Authorized. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Total Health and Social Services. Capital. \$3,472,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Turn to page 10. Environment. Capital.

Total Program Management.
\$1,136,000. Not Previously Authorized.
Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you.
Total Environment. Capital. \$1,136,000.
Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you.
Turn to page 13. Community and
Government Services. Capital. Total
Capital Planning. \$45,850,000. Not
Previously Authorized. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you.
Petroleum Products Division. Total
Petroleum Products. Not Previously
Authorized. \$3,461,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you.
Total Community and Government
Services. \$49,311,000. Not Previously
Authorized. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you.
Turn to page 14. Mr. Ningeongan.

Mr. Ningeongan (interpretation): Thank
you, Mr. Chairman. While we're on
page 14, my questions concern the
Chesterfield Inlet Airport Equipment
Shelter project. As the Minister of
Economic Development and
Transportation will recall, I asked him
questions on the status of this project at
our sitting of March 2, 2011. At that

time, he indicated that the bids received
for this project were over budget and
that the department would be issuing a
new tender for the project, which would
close on March 8, 2011. Can the
minister update me on the results of the
new tender for the Chesterfield Inlet
Airport Equipment Shelter project?
Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr.
Chairman. I have asked all of the
ministers to be present if there are some
detailed questions on their items in this
bill. I defer that question to Minister
Taptuna. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you,
Minister Peterson. Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr.
Chairman. At the last question at one of
the standing committee meetings that we
did, I indicated that yes, the process of
tendering out the bid was retracted and I
had indicated that the bids were all over
budget. Since that time, we have
amended and changed the scope of that
tender and that has been awarded at this
time. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you,
Minister Taptuna. Mr. Ningeongan.

Mr. Ningeongan (interpretation): Thank
you, Mr. Chairman. In English,
(interpretation ends) "... revise the scope
of this project" (interpretation) is how
it's worded. Regarding the planned
airport equipment shelter, was its
construction going to be changed
because its original estimate was too
high? Should the Chesterfield Inlet

people expect a new scope of work or is it going to remain the same? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The revised scope of a contract usually means that the building of the infrastructure is usually broken down into other manageable components of the building. So the revision of a contract is more or less separated from the actual building of the contract. There could be different components of it, such as electrical or plumbing, and that has been broken down, and usually that's the meaning of the revision of the scope of the infrastructure. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Mr. Ningeongan.

Mr. Ningeongan: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. For the benefit of my colleagues and those council members who may be tuned into this Committee of the Whole sitting, earlier this year, I made a Member's Statement in the Legislative Assembly in which I expressed my frustrations about how the government communicates with MLAs and communities when changes are made to the timeline and scope of capital projects. Can the minister explain the process by which his department works with the Department of Community and Government Services when major changes are made to his capital projects, and can he explain how the government is working to provide more timely information to MLAs and municipalities? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. Minister Taptuna, it's up to you if you wish to respond.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, the department works very closely with CGS in delivering these contracts, managing these contracts, and whatnot. At times, there are revisions and timelines change when the bids are over budget. As you know, Mr. Chairman, most are approved through the House here for some of the contracts that do go out there. It's one of those things where the departments work very closely to make sure that the contracts do stay within budget.

I understand the frustrations of the member there, but in most cases, the contract is looked at by both departments to try and come up with an alternative timeframe. Usually it's within the same shipping season. Yes, I agree, some of these decisions that are made have to be communicated to the hamlets on a more expedient basis. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. Are there any more questions on this page? Mr. Aupaluktuq.

Mr. Aupaluktuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also want to express to Minister Peterson and his officials my thanks for appearing before the committee. Mr. Chairman, I have a question I want directed to and hopefully answered by the Minister for Economic Development and Transportation. I want the residents of Baker Lake, including the local organizations, to hear directly from the minister about the planned renovation of our airport. Will

renovations be done at our local airport and, if so, what will be renovated?
Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As I stated yesterday, we managed to obtain \$5 million from the Building Canada Fund to upgrade the airstrip in Baker Lake. That's mainly to do with access ways and taxiways to provide for safer operations of that.
Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Are there any further questions? If there are none, we will go to page 14. Transportation. Capital. Total Transportation. \$11,081,000. Not Previously Authorized. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Total Transportation. Capital. \$11,081,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Turn the page. Nunavut Housing Corporation. Total Nunavut Housing Corporation. Not Previously Authorized. \$24 million. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Total Nunavut Housing Corporation. \$24 million. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Go back to page 2. Detail of expenditures. Total Supplementary Appropriation. \$110,791,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Go to Bill 6 in your white legislation binder. (interpretation ends) *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 1* in your white binder. (interpretation) I will wait until you find it. Bill 6 in your white legislation binder. I'm sure you have found it. (interpretation ends) Clause 1. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

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

Some Members: Agreed.

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

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 4. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

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

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Go to Schedule on page 2. Schedule. Total Supplementary Appropriation. \$110,791,000. There are 10 items in there. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

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

Some Members: Agreed.

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

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Does the committee agree to Bill 6 as a whole?

Some Members: Agreed

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Pursuant to Rule 62(2), are you agreed that Bill 6 can immediately be placed on the orders of the day for third reading?

Some Members: Agreed

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. This bill is ready for third reading.

Minister Peterson, Minister of Finance, if you have opening comments on Bill 7, the floor is yours.

**Bill 07 – Supplementary
Appropriation (Operations &
Maintenance) Act, No. 5, 2010-
2011 – Consideration in
Committee**

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and Members. I am here to present Bill 7, *Supplementary Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, No. 5, 2010-2011*.

Bill 7 appropriates \$13,120,000 in additional operations and maintenance

funding for 2010-11. This \$13,120,000 is being appropriated to the Department of Finance to enable the Qulliq Energy Corporation to offset the revenue shortfall for the 2010-11 General Rate Application test year.

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

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Peterson. Are there any general comments before we review the bill clause by clause? There are no hands up. We will go to (interpretation ends) page 4. Bill 7. (interpretation) Finance. Operations and Maintenance. 2010-11 Supplementary Appropriation, Operations and Maintenance, No. 5. Total Qulliq Energy Corporation. Not Previously Authorized. \$13,120,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Total Department. \$13,120,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Go back to page 2. 2010-11 Supplementary Appropriation, Operations and Maintenance, No. 5. There are 13 items on Schedule 1. \$13,120,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Bill 7 in your white binder. (interpretation) Thank you. (interpretation ends) Clause 1. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

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

Some Members: Agreed.

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

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 4. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

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

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Also on page 2. Schedule. Supplementary Amounts Appropriated for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2011. \$13,120,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

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

Some Members: Agreed.

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

Some Members: Agreed

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Do you agree to Bill 7 as a whole?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Pursuant to Rule 62(2), do we agree that Bill 7 can immediately be placed on the orders of the day for third reading?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. This bill is ready for third reading and it will be placed on the orders of the day.

Minister Peterson, if you have opening comments for Bill 8, the floor is yours.

**Bill 08 – Supplementary
Appropriation (Operations &
Maintenance) Act, No. 1, 2011-
2012 – Consideration in
Committee**

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and Members again. I am pleased to present Bill 8, *Supplementary Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, No.1, 2011-2012*.

Bill 8 appropriates \$19,570,000 in additional operations and maintenance funding for 2011-12. Some of the key line items consist of:

- \$7,320,000 for the departments and territorial corporations to mitigate the financial impact of the Qulliq Energy Corporation's 18.88 percent base rate increase effective April 1, 2011;
- \$5,711,000 to the Department of Education to provide funding for base wage increases as a result of a new four-year collective agreement with the Nunavut Teachers Association;

- \$2,289,000 to the Department of Justice to fund a shortfall in the law enforcement contract for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police;
- \$2,210,000 to the Department of Economic Development and Transportation and the Department of Environment for various community and economic initiatives;
- \$1,805,000 for the Nunavut Housing Corporation to fund various initiatives related to governance, staffing, reorganization, and municipal services; and
- \$235,000 to the Department of Education to provide funding for a future daycare facility in Igloolik.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would be pleased to take questions.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Peterson. Are there any general comments before we begin the page-by-page review? There are no hands up. We will start off on page 4. Page 4. Bill 8. 2011-12 Supplementary Appropriation, Operations and Maintenance. Not Previously Authorized. Operations and Maintenance, No.1. Finance. Operations and Maintenance. Not Previously Authorized. Total Operations and Maintenance. \$1,177,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Total Department. \$1,177,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Turn to page 5. Justice. Operations and Maintenance. Mr. Aupaluktuq.

Mr. Aupaluktuq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yesterday in Committee of the Whole, I was a bit ahead of myself and the finance minister indicated that this was a question for the appropriate minister, for the Department of Justice. Since both ministers are here, I would like to ask: with the amount of \$2,289,000 in the shortfall in the law enforcement contract, what does that entail and why would this be needed? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Aupaluktuq for that question. Mr. Chairman, the funding is required to assist the RCMP with their additional policing costs related to recruitment, wages, benefits, and transporting RCMP officers and their families between communities when they transfer.

We noticed that costs have increased due to the fact that there has been a change in the last year and half whereby instead of two-year postings, there have been four-year postings. So officers are more likely to want to transfer to Nunavut because they will come here for a two-year posting, and then they could post elsewhere in Nunavut for two years. When that occurs, there are costs associated with that.

The benefit of the program that the RCMP has introduced is you will have policing in the communities that the communities have asked for through the

mayors at the Nunavut Association of Municipalities, for example. I was down there in Rankin Inlet last month. They always ask for additional policing resources in their communities to provide for safety and protection of the communities. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Aupaluktuq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Not much more of a question, but I wanted to also indicate that my colleagues are probably aware the Auditor General's reports were formally released, and there was concern for proper and adequate service provisions for aboriginal people. One area that was touched on as well was the policing aspect of it.

I'm sure the minister and his officials will be aware that the Acting Auditor General had made some interesting comments today during a press release. I just wanted to advise that that was announced formally today. I just wanted to give my colleagues a heads-up on the matter. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Aupaluktuq. I didn't hear a question, but I'll leave that to you, Mr. Peterson, if you would like to respond to that.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Aupaluktuq for the comment. I haven't had a chance to review the comments, but I can tell the members that we have been in negotiations as the provinces and territories for the last two and half to three years with Ottawa on a new 20-year RCMP policing agreement. We anticipate that there will be additional

costs for Nunavut due to some changes. So I have been in contact with our federal Member of Parliament as recently as today to talk to her about her help in Ottawa to assist us with additional policing costs. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Peterson. We will go back to page 5. Supplementary Appropriation. Not Previously Authorized. Total Law Enforcement. \$2,289,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Total Justice. \$2,289,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. For a brief moment, I thought a question was going to be raised. I apologize. If you go to the next page, there is now someone with a question on the floor. Education. (interpretation ends) Operations and Maintenance. Supplementary Appropriation, No. 1. K-12. (interpretation) Education. Mr. Ningeongan.

Mr. Ningeongan (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I didn't want to interrupt as you look quite formidable as the Chairman, but I want to raise this question in any event.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Chairman, as you may recall, I have asked questions a number of times in this House with respect to accessing funding for a daycare facility in the community of Chesterfield Inlet. The answer from the Minister of Education has always been the same, that the department does not

provide funding for standalone daycare facilities and will only provide infrastructure funding for a daycare facility if it is included in the construction of a new school.

I have also written to our federal MP in support of the community of Chesterfield Inlet accessing infrastructure funding for a daycare.

Has the Department of Education reconsidered its position on providing funding for community daycare facilities? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. The question is being posed to the Minister of Education, Minister Aariak.

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also thank the member for asking that question. With respect to funding, while it is true that we don't provide infrastructure funding for daycare construction and operational funding, the government implemented a policy just recently. When a new school is being constructed, they now include daycare facilities. In the future, all schools constructed will include a daycare facility. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister of Education. Mr. Ningeongan.

Mr. Ningeongan (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) What specifically will the supplementary appropriation amount of \$235,000 to fund a future daycare facility in Igloolik be spent on? *Qujannamiik*, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. We're dealing with K-12 first and then we will move on to your question. We're dealing with K-12 School Operations. \$5 million. Hold on a minute.

The member is asking the Minister of Education about the \$235,000. Minister Aariak, Minister of Education.

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) This \$235,000 is very different from any other time. The department was approved for an increase of \$235,000 to the 2011-12 budget to offer a one-time only capital child care spaces program to Igloolik.

Igloolik is the only community in Nunavut without a licensed daycare facility. There are other communities that do not have a licensed daycare facility currently operating, but they have had one operating in the past and do not have the physical space available to them if they wish to reopen.

Eligible non-profit organizations are able to apply for funding to help them in the construction or renovation of a building in Igloolik into a full-time daycare. Of course, the non-profit organizations would be able to receive up to 75 percent of the total cost of their facility construction or renovation from the capital daycare spaces to a maximum of \$235,000. The non-profit organizations would be responsible for finding additional funds needed by various activities, such as fundraising, donations, other grants, loans, mortgages, and etcetera, for the completion of the daycare building or space.

Now I'm going back to how we are able to provide this. In 2007, the Nunavut government received \$235,000 for the child care space initiatives from the federal government. So the Hamlet of Igloolik and the Ajaqutaq Daycare Society have worked together and submitted one proposal to show the Department of Education how they can plan to spend the money, such as a quote for renovations or construction, and how they plan to come up with their portion of the total cost. This is a one-time only initiative for Igloolik's daycare. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Aariak. When you have questions to ask, please indicate that you do so when we get to the appropriate page. Are there any more questions? Mr. Ningeongan.

Mr. Ningeongan (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the minister for her response. In the past, via their own initiatives, many daycare providers applied for funding from the federal government after first making requests to the Nunavut government. I'm not specifically referring to Igloolik's request because many communities had to raise their own funds for daycares and we have looked at that. I understand that this will be on a one-time basis. Perhaps the same will hold true for the Chesterfield Inlet residents. That is just a comment, (interpretation ends) Mr. Chairman. (interpretation) That's all.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. It's obvious that these will be recorded in our minutes, so you will have more expectations.

Are there any more questions? If there are no more questions, we will go back to page 6. Education. (interpretation ends) Operations and Maintenance, No. 1. (interpretation) K-12 School Operations. \$5,711,000. Not Previously Authorized. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Are there any questions? Item 2. The request of \$235,000 for daycares. Not Previously Authorized. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Total Education. Operations and Maintenance. Not Previously Authorized. \$5,946,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Turn the page. Government of Nunavut 2011-12 Supplementary Appropriation, Operations and Maintenance. Environment. Operations and Maintenance. Are there any questions before we approve the item? Not Previously Authorized. \$1,630,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Total Environment. Operations and Maintenance. \$1,630,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Turn to page 8. 2011-12 Supplementary Appropriation. Community and Government Services. Community

Support. Are there any questions?
Community and Government Services.
Not Previously Authorized. \$1,285,000.
Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you.
Just below that, Government Services.
\$2,570,000. Do you agree? Are there
any questions?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Community
and Government Services. Total
Operations and Maintenance. Not
Previously Authorized. \$3,855,000. Do
you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you.
Turn the page. Economic Development
and Transportation. 2011-12
Supplementary Appropriation,
Operations and Maintenance, No. 1.
Economic Development. Are there any
questions? Not Previously Authorized.
\$580,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Just below
that, Transportation. Are there any
questions? Not Previously Authorized.
\$276,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you.
Total Operations and Maintenance.
Economic Development. Not Previously
Authorized. \$856,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you.
Turn the page. Nunavut Housing
Corporation. Operations and
Maintenance. Are there any questions?
Mr. Schell.

Mr. Schell: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
On item 2 there, it says, "To provide
funding of \$850,000 to fund a projected
increase in the provision of municipal
water services to the Baker Lake
Housing Association." My question is: is
that the only community that had an
increase in their water or are there other
ones? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr.
Chairman. I thank Mr. Schell for the
question. There may be others, but in
Baker Lake, the increase in water was so
dramatic that the Nunavut Housing
Corporation required an extra
appropriation to help cover the cost.
Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Schell: On item 5 there, it says, "To
provide funding of \$200,000 to fund
projected additional Legal Fees for
2011-2012," but it doesn't specify what
it is. Could he explain what these legal
fees are for? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Tagak Curley: Thank you, Mr.
Chairman. Historically all of the legal
work was always received kindly from
the Department of Justice. Recently they
passed on the responsibility for all of the

legal work and legal advice from within our own resources. As a result of that, we are incorporating a modest and we are hopeful it's an amount that will help the corporation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Schell: Thank you. On item 6, it says, "To provide funding of \$200,000 to fund the Board of Directors' annual Honorariums and Meeting Costs." Is there kind of a rough breakdown of how that is like for travel and the honorariums? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Tagak Curley: Mr. Chairman, I have to get my book on that one.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Minister Peterson, did you want to respond to that as well?

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Schell for the question. Mr. Chairman, the Nunavut Housing Corporation is in the process of passing legislation to have the board of directors. Once that process is complete, there will be a board of directors appointed at some point, and then the \$200,000 will be funds that will be used to pay honoraria and travel for various meetings throughout the year. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Schell: Thank you. What I'm trying to get at is: how did you come up with

the figure of \$200,000? Is that just an estimate? Thank you.

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

Hon. Tagak Curley: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The honoraria are pretty much guided by the policies of the GN. There is a standard provision, particularly for boards of directors, and ours would be a modest one. It's not the cream of the pudding, unlike some of the more historically, more rooted in the Crown corporations or whatnot. So ours will be a modest one. I think the member would understand that the meeting costs and honoraria will be, in my opinion, quite modest.

I know it doesn't answer you in detail because we really haven't gone through even one year yet, but we're three-quarters of the way right now. It will likely be only six months before the next fiscal year ends, so it will likely be a good rate for the moment to remain in. Thank you.

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

Mr. Aupaluktuq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Baker Lake Housing Committee and the Hamlet of Baker Lake would be grateful. For the record, on item 2 in the amount of \$850,000, you briefly touched on it. What is being administered and implemented in the water services for this amount? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Aupaluktuq for the question. My understating is that it's just a price increase. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Peterson. Are there any further questions? There are no more hands up. Nunavut Housing Corporation. Operations and Maintenance. Not Previously Authorized. \$3,817,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Total Nunavut Housing Corporation. 2011-12 Operations and Maintenance. Not Previously Authorized. \$3,817,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Go back to page 2. 2011-12 Operations and Maintenance. Supplementary Amounts Appropriated for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2012. Schedule 1. Total Operations and Maintenance. \$19,570,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. We can now go back to the bill (interpretation ends) in your white binder. Bill 8, (interpretation) *Supplementary Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, No. 1, 2011-2012.* (interpretation ends) Clause 1. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

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

Some Members: Agreed.

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

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 4. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

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

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Go to Schedule on page 2. Supplementary Appropriation. (interpretation ends) Vote 1: Operations and Maintenance. (interpretation) Total Operations and Maintenance. \$19,570,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Total Supplementary Appropriation for Bill 8. \$19,570,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

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

Some Members: Agreed.

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

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Do you agree to Bill 8 as a whole?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Pursuant to Rule 62(2), are we agreed that Bill 8 can immediately be placed on the orders of the day for third reading?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister, if you have any closing remarks with respect to the funds that have been approved, the floor is open.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to thank yourself and the committee for your excellent questions, not only in Committee of the Whole but also during standing committee last week. We were able to hopefully answer some of your questions. I appreciate my colleagues from the cabinet being here today to also answer any detailed questions you had. We take your questions very seriously and we will be willing to share information.

I would like to also thank the officials who came today to support their ministers: Alain Barriault from the Nunavut Housing Corporation; Lori Kimball from the Nunavut Housing Corporation; Peter Ma from the Department of Health and Social Services; and Raj Downe from the Department of Health and Social Services.

I would also like to thank my two officials for being here today with me as well and all of the other finance and government officials who worked

diligently over the last few months to prepare for this process today. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Peterson, for being open and able to respond to questions. We will not be dealing with Finance at this time. Sergeant-at-Arms, please escort the witnesses out.

Continuing on, Bill 9 is the next item for discussion. Minister of Health and Social Services, if you have any opening remarks on Bill 9, the floor is yours.

Bill 09 – An Act to Amend the Child and Family Services Act – Consideration in Committee

Hon. Tagak Curley: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do, and I want to thank you and the committee members for considering Bill 9 at this time.

Mr. Chairman, the creation of Bill 9 is the government's response to a decision passed last November by the Nunavut Court of Justice to ensure a prompt court hearing is undertaken after child protection workers apprehend a child. Some sections in Nunavut's *Child and Family Services Act* have been challenged in court and determined to be in violation of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Mr. Chairman, when it is determined that a child needs to be removed from a home for their own protection and well-being, a court hearing is subsequently held to review the validity of the apprehension. All jurisdictions in Canada, with the exception of Nunavut, require the hearing to occur within 15 days of a child being apprehended.

Approval of proposed amendments in Bill 9 means the time between the apprehension of a child in Nunavut from his or her home and the required judicial review of that decision will be much shorter and in line with the court's direction and other jurisdictions in Canada.

Bill 9 dovetails with *Tamapta's* goals of helping those at risk in our communities and improving child and family services in Nunavut.

In addition to the presentation of Bill 9, the Department of Health and Social Services continues to lead a comprehensive review of the *Child and Family Services Act*. The review involves the efforts and collaboration of government departments, non-government agencies, and community members.

The Auditor General of Canada also released a recent report about Nunavut's child, youth, and family programs and services. The government agrees with the report's findings, and the Department of Health and Social Services is leading the development and implementation of an action plan to address concerns.

Mr. Chairman, the department's responses to the court's decision, the Auditor General's report, and the current review of the *Child and Family Services Act* reflect our substantive efforts to provide adequate child protection that incorporates cultures, values, and governing legislation.

Mr. Chairman, community members, families, and governments must work together to support and protect vulnerable children and to provide them

with a secure and safe home environment as required in a timely manner.

I look forward to your support and I welcome questions from the members. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Curley. Do you have witnesses that you would like to bring to the witness table?

Hon. Tagak Curley (interpretation): Yes, I do.

Chairman (interpretation): Do members agree to bring in the witnesses?

Some Members: Agreed.

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

Thank you. Minister Curley, for the record, please introduce your witnesses.

Hon. Tagak Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. To my right is my Deputy Minister, Peter Ma, I'm sure everyone knows him, and to my left is Ann McIntosh, Legal Counsel for the Department of Justice. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you and welcome for appearing before the committee. I'm sure there will be questions and you will respond to them. Does the Chair of the Standing Committee on Legislation have any opening comments? Mr. Ningeongan.

Mr. Ningeongan: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As Chair of the Standing Committee on Legislation, I am pleased

to make opening comments as we begin consideration of Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Child and Family Services Act*.

Mr. Chairman, the standing committee first reviewed Bill 9 on June 2, 2011. Bill 9 proposes amendments to the *Child and Family Services Act* in response to a recent judgment by the Nunavut Court of Justice requiring the Government of Nunavut to ensure timely and procedural fairness with respect to child protection cases.

Bill 9 proposes amendments to existing sections of the Act respecting hearings, orders, and apprehensions. It also proposes amendments to clarify terminology and to remove references to NWT-based aboriginal organizations, while clarifying the role of the Nunavut-based regional Inuit associations within the legislation.

The standing committee recognizes that a comprehensive review of the *Child and Family Services Act*, with a view to introducing new legislation, is a separate initiative. The committee looks forward to that bill coming forward next year, as committed to in the 2011-14 Business Plan of the Department of Health and Social Services.

Mr. Chairman, that concludes my opening comments. The standing committee is in support of Bill 9 and recommends its passage to all Members of this House. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. The floor is now open for general comments. Mr. Ningark.

Mr. Ningark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would also like to thank the Hon. Minister Curley. As the chair of the standing committee just stated, this will continue to be our main priority. We were elected as Members of the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut to ensure we protect all of the people of Nunavut, whether they are men, seniors, women, or children. We have been elected to protect our public and that's the foremost priority no matter where you live, whether in a larger centre or a smaller community.

I want to include this additional comment which will not be a long comment, but it speaks to Inuit societal values and its meaning. Many of us have heard, Mr. Chairman, and I believe that you have also run across this statement that most of our elders, whether they are female or male, continually state that their grandmother or grandfather raised them, even with a biological mother and father. During our nomadic days when Inuit depended on subsistence hunting, since our grandparents loved their grandchildren, they helped to rear many Inuit. I believe that many people here were raised by their grandparents, even though their parents were living.

In this current age, children are being apprehended, but I want to speak about the process. When children are going to be apprehended and taken from their parents, which we now see happening in our communities, I want to ensure that if the circumstances are not too serious or if the child is not at risk, then they should call the grandparents. Where the situation is not too serious, the grandparents should be notified and this should happen at all times. The grandparents have a vested interest since

they rear their grandchildren based on love and compassion, and they are not paid for this. That is how they raise their children.

I wonder what is the real purpose or meaning of Bill 9. As we debate the details of the legislation, including amending and improving the *Child Family Services Act*, we have to ensure that we continue to incorporate *Inuit Qaujimagatugangit*. All parents and grandparents should be contacted to hear their views on this matter, including all Inuit women's associations. I didn't want to speak too long to this issue, but I am in support of this bill.

Nonetheless, where cases are not serious or urgent, I ask the department to agree where apprehensions take place in the communities that you please include the grandparents in the communities. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Aupaluktuq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to thank my colleague, Hon. Ningark, for such an eloquent view on things. As he was speaking, it just came to mind as well and no doubt, I don't want to reiterate what he says, but it has to be enforced in a sense that foster parents, custom adoption families, social workers, and all of Nunavummiut who have genuine compassion will be very accepting of this amendment.

On behalf of our communities and colleagues here in the House, I wish to express respect and support for the amendment and thank the hon. minister and his Department of Health and Social

Services for acknowledging this necessary amendment. It's just a comment, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Aupaluktuq. I have no more names on my list. We will start with the clause-by-clause review of Bill 9.

(interpretation ends) Page 1. Bill 9, (interpretation) *An Act to Amend the Child and Family Services Act*.

(interpretation ends) Clause 1. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

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

Some Members: Agreed.

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

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 4. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

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

Some Members: Agreed.

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

Some Members: Agreed.

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

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 8. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 9. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 10. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 11. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 12. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 13. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 14. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 15. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Go to (interpretation ends) page 7. Schedule A. (interpretation) Information. (interpretation ends) Schedule A. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Clause 17. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

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

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Do my committee colleagues agree, pursuant to Rule 62(2), that Bill 9 can immediately be placed on the orders of the day for third reading?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Curley, I would like to thank you. Do you have any closing remarks? Minister Curley.

Hon. Tagak Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The comments made were all relevant and understandable. It's obvious that this will improve the bill. I want members to know that we are now following that. The process to deal with the apprehended children took a long time to be properly adapted. As Mr. John Ningark and Moses Aupaluktuq so eloquently voiced in their concerns, we remain sensitive to these comments to ensure that we respect the grandparents and we will pass this amendment. I thank you all for your support. I thank my deputy minister and especially our legal counsel, who worked hard on this bill for quite some time. I thank the members for passing this bill. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Curley. I'm sure people are going to benefit. Sergeant-at-Arms, please escort the witnesses out.

Thank you. We will commence our review of Bill 10. Minister responsible for the Housing Corporation, Minister Curley, if you have any opening comments before we start dealing with the bill, the floor is yours.

**Bill 10 – An Act to Amend the
Nunavut Housing Corporation Act
– Consideration in Committee**

Hon. Tagak Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Please wait a moment. I have my opening comments and they're available in French, English, and Inuinnaqtun.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
(interpretation ends) I am pleased to be here today to present and to share and discuss *An Act to Amend the Nunavut Housing Corporation Act*.

The provisions of Bill 10 represent an acknowledgement that the Nunavut Housing Corporation has reached a significant milestone in its evolution. This is a historic step as the provisions in Bill 10 address matters far beyond the appropriateness or suitability of a mechanism of governance for the corporation. These provisions reflect the fact that the demands on the Nunavut Housing Corporation have reached a new level of complexity which requires a new level of capacity.

The Nunavut Housing Corporation inherited its current governance structure from the NWT. This structure included the Corporate Executive Committee,

which replaced a conventional board of directors. It was deemed appropriate for the Nunavut Housing Corporation at the time of its creation because it provided a focus on operational concerns, the nuts and bolts of getting housing done in Nunavut. However, Mr. Chairman, as demonstrated by the Auditor General in her 2008 report on the performance audit of the Nunavut Housing Corporation, this structure does have its limits.

The Auditor General found that the CEC, in 2008, was mainly preoccupied with operational issues and little evidence existed to show that it had discussed, planned, or dealt with the following:

- Setting long-term goals and establishing strategic priorities;
- Planning and managing human resources for the corporation;
- Approving the annual corporate plan, including budgets and any necessary adjustments; and
- Evaluating the efficiency, economy, and effectiveness of the corporation's activities.

The added responsibility of delivering back-to-back major federal initiatives in housing for Nunavut confirms the need to ensure an effective governance body is in place to provide corporate strategic direction, approve corporate policies, oversee risk management, and monitor corporate performance.

Following the announcement relating to the over-commitments under the Nunavut Housing Trust and the Affordable Housing Initiative funded

through Canada's Economic Action Plan, in April 2010, the Minister responsible for the Housing Corporation issued a directive to the Nunavut Housing Corporation to prepare options for a new governance model for the Nunavut Housing Corporation. By December 2010, after a review of options prepared by the Nunavut Housing Corporation, cabinet approved the recommendation to establish a board of directors for the Nunavut Housing Corporation.

Mr. Chairman, a board of directors will help strengthen oversight over the Nunavut Housing Corporation's risk management capacity and overall performance management and ensure a more comprehensive approach to the setting of corporate strategic direction is in place. With the establishment of a board of directors, the Nunavut Housing Corporation now falls in line with the governance structures of the other territorial corporations and makes it easier to maintain an adequate arm's-length relationship with the Government of Nunavut.

Mr. Chairman, the Nunavut Housing Corporation is currently in the process of implementing the standard recruitment process used for other territorial corporations and statutory boards. The plan is for an initial membership of five directors, with the option to increase the board to seven members if required. The Nunavut Housing Corporation anticipates that the new board will be in place in the fall of 2011.

Mr. Chairman, the establishment of a board of directors ensures that the Nunavut Housing Corporation has a governing structure required to

effectively respond to current and future challenges, but more importantly, opportunities to improve housing development and housing program implementation. That concludes my opening comments, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Curley. Do you have witnesses that you would like to bring to the table? Minister Curley.

Hon. Tagak Curley: Yes.

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

Thank you. Minister Curley, for the record, please introduce your witnesses. Minister Curley.

Hon. Tagak Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. To my left is Alain Barriault, President of the Nunavut Housing Corporation, and to my right is Thomas Druyan, Legal Counsel for the Department of Justice. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Curley. Welcome, Mr. Barriault and Mr. Druyan. Does the Chair of the Standing Committee on Legislation have any opening comments? Mr. Ningeongan.

Mr. Ningeongan: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As Chair of the Standing Committee on Legislation, I am pleased to make some brief opening comments as we begin consideration of Bill 10, *An Act to Amend the Nunavut Housing Corporation Act*.

Mr. Chairman, the standing committee recognizes that this initiative is intended to strengthen governance and oversight of the Nunavut Housing Corporation. Members note that many of the proposed provisions in Bill 10 are similar to those which are currently in place in the legislation establishing other Crown corporations in the territory, including the Nunavut Development Corporation, the Nunavut Business Credit Corporation, and the Qulliq Energy Corporation.

Mr. Chairman, the standing committee raised a number of issues during its consideration of Bill 10. I would like to highlight a few of these today.

As members are aware, the recent report of the Auditor General of Canada on the Nunavut Housing Corporation stressed the importance of effective financial management and oversight of the corporation's operations. Members are pleased to note that Bill 10 proposes to require the new board of directors to establish an audit committee. Members look forward to future annual reports of the Nunavut Housing Corporation providing detailed information on the activities of the board, including its audit committee.

As members are also aware, the government has recently begun the practice of issuing annual letters of expectation to the chairpersons of the boards of directors of Nunavut's Crown corporations and agencies. These letters of expectation establish priorities and provide direction to the Crown corporations and agencies. It is important that future letters of expectation to the Nunavut Housing Corporation's board of directors be

prepared under the direction of the government's Public Agencies Council and that these items be tabled in the Legislative Assembly in a timely manner.

Mr. Chairman, that concludes my opening comments. The standing committee recommends the passage of Bill 10 to all members. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. Before we start the review of Bill 10, are there any general comments? Just wait a bit for general comments. There are no members raising their hands. We will proceed to the clause-by-clause review of Bill 10, *An Act to Amend the Nunavut Housing Corporation Act*. Bill 10 is in your white legislation binder. We will start the clause-by-clause review of this bill. I believe everyone has it in front of them now. Thank you. (interpretation ends) Clause 1. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

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

Some Members: Agreed.

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

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 4. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

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

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Wait a minute. They had two clause 5s. (interpretation ends) Clause 6. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

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

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 8. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 9. (interpretation) Do you agree? Wait a minute. I missed a clause. Clause 8.1. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 9?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 10. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 11. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

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

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Pursuant to Rule 62(2), are you agreed

that Bill 10 can immediately be placed on the orders of the day for third reading?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Curley, do you have any closing remarks?

Hon. Tagak Curley: Thank you. (interpretation) I just want to thank everyone involved as this bill is very important in order for us to improve the Nunavut Housing Corporation so that it can be operated and maintained properly by members of the future board. These positions will be appointed from the public once the implementation of the legislation has commenced. We will request nominations for members to the Nunavut Housing Corporation board in the near future and watch for the advertisements as we will want to hear from everyone for the nominations. I thank you all. (interpretation ends) Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Curley. It seems obvious to me that some people are anxious to see the ads as the public is listening and they will want to see the ads and many people are expecting improvements. Thank you, Minister Curley. Sergeant-at-Arms, please escort the witnesses out.

Thank you. We're still in Committee of the Whole. What is the wish of the committee? Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. At this time, I would like to move a motion to report progress. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): There is a motion on the floor to report progress and the motion is not debatable. All those in favour, raise your hand. Thank you. Opposed. Thank you. I will now rise to report progress to the Speaker.

Speaker: *Qujannamiik*, Sergeant-at-Arms. Item 20. Report of the Committee of the Whole. Mr. Tapardjuk.

Item 20: Report of the Committee of the Whole

Mr. Tapardjuk (interpretation): Mr. Speaker, your committee has been considering Bills 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10, and I wish to report that Bills 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 are immediately ready for third reading. Also, Mr. Speaker, I move that the Report of the Committee of the Whole be agreed to. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Tapardjuk. There is a motion on the floor. Is there a seconder? Ms. Ugyuk. The motion is in order. All those in favour. Opposed. None. The motion is carried. Madam Premier.

Hon. Eva Aariak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to request unanimous consent to go back to Item 13, Tabling of Documents. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Madam Premier. There's a request for unanimous consent to go back to Item 13, Tabling of Documents. Are there any nays? There being none. Please proceed, Madam Premier.

Revert to Item 13: Tabling of Documents

Tabled Document 079 – 3(3): Letter from Sheila Fraser, the Auditor General of Canada re. An Audit of the Qulliq Energy Corporation in response to Motion 17 – 3(2) of the Legislative Assembly

Hon. Eva Aariak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to table the letter that I received from Sheila Fraser, the Auditor General, on the completion of her audit of the Qulliq Energy Corporation for the 2008-09, 2009-2010, and 2010-11 fiscal years. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Madam Premier. Please pass those documents up to the front.

Going back to the orders of the day. Item 21. Third Reading of Bills. Sorry. Did you have another document to table, Madam Premier?

Hon. Eva Aariak: Thank you for this opportunity, Mr. Speaker. I request unanimous consent to go back to Item 5, Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Madam Premier. There is a request from the Premier to go back to Item 5, Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Are there any nays? There being none. Please proceed, Madam Premier.

Revert to Item 5: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery

Hon. Eva Aariak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and the members, for allowing me the time. When we were in front of the Assembly yesterday with Markus Weber, I was going to mention the fact

that that was his last appearance with the Committee of the Whole. I wish to recognize my constituency member, Markus Weber, and his daughter for being here. As you know, Markus is moving back south with his family. This will be his last involvement with this Legislative Assembly this time around. I wish him well in his relocation to the south. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Madam Premier. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for recognizing me.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome a very special person to the Gallery as well. My brother, Sean Peterson, is sitting in the Gallery over here. He has been around, not quite as long as me, but he has been in all three territories. He has been following my political career. When I ran in the by-election in 1993, he was my finance manager and campaign manager, so he was very pleased that I never gave up. I eventually was elected as an MLA to represent Nunavut. I would like to welcome him to the Gallery. Thank you.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you. Since we're on Item 5, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize our Law Clerk, Mr. Michael Chandler, in the Gallery as well.

>>Applause

Moving on in the *Orders of the Day*, Item 21. Third Reading of Bills. Mr. Peterson.

Item 21: Third Reading of Bills

Bill 06 – Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 1, 2011-2012 – Third Reading

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Rankin Inlet South and Whale Cove, that Bill 6, *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 1, 2011-2012*, be read for the third time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Peterson. The motion is in order. All those in favour. Any opposed? The motion is carried and Bill 6 is ready for assent.

Item 21. Third Reading of Bills. Minister Peterson.

Bill 07 – Supplementary Appropriation (Operations & Maintenance) Act, No. 5, 2010- 2011 – Third Reading

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Rankin Inlet South and Whale Cove, that Bill 7, *Supplementary Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, No. 5, 2011-2012*, be read for the third time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Peterson. The motion is in order. All those in favour. Any opposed? The motion is carried and Bill 7 is ready for assent.

Item 21. Third Reading of Bills. Minister Peterson.

**Bill 08 – Supplementary
Appropriation (Operations &
Maintenance) Act, No. 1, 2011-
2012 – Third Reading**

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Rankin Inlet South and Whale Cove, that Bill 8, *Supplementary Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, No. 1, 2011-2012*, be read for the third time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Peterson. The motion is in order. All those in favour. Any opposed? The motion is carried and Bill 8 is ready for assent.

Item 21. Third Reading of Bills. Minister Curley.

**Bill 09 – An Act to Amend the Child
and Family Services Act – Third
Reading**

Hon. Tagak Curley (interpretation): Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Arviat, that Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Child and Family Services Act*, be read for third reading. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Curley. The motion is in order. All those in favour. Any opposed? The motion is carried and Bill 9 is ready for assent.

Item 21. Third Reading of Bills. Minister Curley.

**Bill 10 – An Act to Amend the
Nunavut Housing Corporation Act
– Third Reading**

Hon. Tagak Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Arviat, that Bill 10, *An Act to Amend the Nunavut Housing Corporation Act*, be read for the third time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Curley. The motion is in order. All those in favour. Any opposed? None. The motion is carried and Bill 10 is ready for assent.

Item 21. Third Reading of Bills. Before we proceed with the *Orders of the Day*, Mr. Clerk, would you please ascertain if the Commissioner of Nunavut is prepared to enter the Chambers to give assent to bills. Mr. Clerk.

Assent to Bills

**Bill 02 – An Act to Amend the
Scientists Act – Assent**

**Bill 06 – Supplementary
Appropriation (Capital) Act, No.
1, 2011-2012 – Assent**

**Bill 07 – Supplementary
Appropriation (Operations &
Maintenance) Act, No. 5, 2010-
2011 – Assent**

**Bill 08 – Supplementary
Appropriation (Operations &
Maintenance) Act, No. 1, 2011-
2012 – Assent**

**Bill 09 – An Act to Amend the Child
and Family Services Act – Assent**

**Bill 10 – An Act to Amend the
Nunavut Housing Corporation Act
– Assent**

**Bill 11 – Legislative Assembly Statutes
Amendment Act – Assent**

**Bill 12 – An Act Respecting Nunavut
Elections – Assent**

Commissioner Edna Elias

(interpretation): Members of the Legislative Assembly, as the Commissioner of Nunavut, I am honoured to give assent to the following bills:

- (interpretation ends) Bill 2, *An Act to Amend the Scientist Act*;
- Bill 6, *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 1, 2011-2012*;
- Bill 7, *Supplementary Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, No. 5, 2010-2011*;
- Bill 8, *Supplementary Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, No. 1, 2011-2012*;
- Bill 9, *An Act to Amend the Child and Family Services Act*;
- Bill 10, *An Act to Amend the Nunavut Housing Corporation Act*;
- Bill 11, *Legislative Assembly Statutes Amendment Act*; and
- Bill 12, *An Act Respecting Nunavut Elections*.

(interpretation) As our northern lands start to turn to summer and as you conclude your work here and prepare to

return to your families and communities, I wish you all a safe journey home.

I, too, am preparing for the first meeting that I will be attending with the Lieutenant Governors and the Governor General of Canada in St. John's, Newfoundland toward the end of June.

As you head home, let us remember those people who have passed away in Nunavut, including the family here in Iqaluit and three elderly women who had passed on in Kugluktuk. When we lose an elder, they take with them a part of our language, values, and culture. We will remember them and keep those who have lost loved ones in our prayers.

(interpretation ends) I wish you all a safe journey home and a happy summer.

Speaker: Going back to the orders of the day. Item 22. Mr. Clerk.

Item 22: Orders of the Day

Clerk (Mr. Quirke): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just a reminder that at 9:30 tomorrow morning, there's a meeting of the regular members in the Nanuq Room.

Orders of the Day for October 18:

1. Prayer
2. Ministers' Statements
3. Members' Statements
4. Returns to Oral Questions
5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery
6. Oral Questions
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8. Returns to Written Questions
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17. First Reading of Bills
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19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters
20. Report of the Committee of the Whole
21. Third Reading of Bills
22. Orders of the Day

Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you very much, Mr. Clerk. Before we adjourn, I would just like to take this opportunity to thank the two pages from the Amittuq riding. They're both attending Ataguttaluk High School and I understand both are going to be graduating in October. I would like to congratulate them very much for that achievement and wish them well in their future educational endeavours or whatever they choose to move on to. I hope you have enjoyed yourselves here and learned something.

The first one is Emily Qattalik, right there, and I understand she is a former youth parliamentarian and participated in the Youth Parliament in 2008 representing the Amittuq Riding. Over here is Paul Silas Uyarak. Hopefully I pronounced your name properly. Thank you for being here and for all of your hard work this past week. Also, a page from Iqaluit is Mr. Robert Giroux. I thank them for serving us here during the sitting.

Again a special thanks to the people you don't see here in the Assembly and that's our interpreters and the technical people, as well as all of the staff that I know have worked very hard for both regular members and ministers to be able to help prepare all of you for being here. I hope that everybody has a safe journey home and a very safe and enjoyable relaxing summer.

Once again I would also like to say "happy anniversary" to Mr. Rumbolt and his wife. I am sure she is very much looking forward to... (inaudible)...

With that, this House stands adjourned until October 18, it's a Tuesday, at 1:30 p.m.

Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>*House adjourned at 18:07*

