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**Iqaluit, Nunavut
Monday, September 16, 2013**

Members Present:

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

>>*House commenced at 13:31*

Item 1: Opening Prayer

Speaker (Hon. Hunter Tootoo): *Qujannamiik*, Sergeant-at-Arms. Before we proceed with today's sitting, I would like to ask Mr. Shewchuk to lead us off in a prayer, please.

>>*Prayer*

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Shewchuk. We will move on in our orders of the day. Item 2. Ministers' Statements. Minister responsible for the Department of Culture and Heritage, Minister Arreak.

Item 2: Ministers' Statements

**Minister's Statement 338 – 3(3):
October Grand Opening of the
Nattilik Heritage Centre at Gjoa
Haven**

Hon. James Arreak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate the Nattilik Heritage Society on achieving its goal to establish

the Nattilik Heritage Centre, which will celebrate its grand opening on October 17.

The centre is a multi-use heritage and tourism facility within a one-storey, 3,300 sq. ft., eight-sided structure completed. Its object is to promote arts and crafts and to attract tourists during cruise ship season. The building has an exhibition gallery and a gift shop. Culture and Heritage has loaned 70 artefacts and museum objects which are representative of Gjoa Haven's regional history and in time for the grand opening.

Mr. Speaker, my department recently contributed the Nattilik Heritage Centre's first core heritage funding in addition to program funding this fiscal year for Inuit tapestry and carving mentorship, all to help the new centre establish its footing.

Mr. Speaker, we appreciate that the Department of Economic Development and Transportation as well as the Department of Canadian Heritage came to the heritage society's assistance for what has become a significant program and symbol of heritage preservation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Arreak. Item 2. Ministers' Statements. Minister responsible for the Department of Education, Minister Aariak.

**Minister's Statement 339 – 3(3):
IGN.I.T.E Technology Camp**

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, I

would like to welcome the Member for Hudson Bay for coming back to the House. We send our condolences to his family.

Mr. Speaker, as we set out in *Tamapta*, this government is committed to improving education outcomes for our students. We have achieved this in part by inspiring students to pursue jobs that are available right now in Nunavut. One example is a technology camp for youth between the ages of 8 and 14 years that took place in Iqaluit June 24 to 26.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, IGN.I.T.E stands for “igniting interest in technology and engineering” and the goal of this three-day camp was to inspire youth to consider career opportunities in science, technology, engineering, and math.

This is the third time an IGN.I.T.E camp has been held in a Nunavut community and this year, 19 young people participated. The camp instructors were great role models. They guided the participants through hands-on science and engineering activities, showing them that working together helps each person build their self-confidence and develop their technical abilities. Through this learning experience, the youth realized that staying in school and working hard would help them gain the skills needed to take advantage of many career opportunities in the future.

The Iqaluit IGN.I.T.E camp was a joint initiative between IBM, the Department of Education, SNC-Lavalin, N-CAP, Nunavut Library Services, and the Friends of the Iqaluit Centennial Library Association.

I want to thank IBM for delivering this technology camp to young Nunavummiut and also for donating the equipment so we can use it in future years around Nunavut communities.

Many things can be accomplished when we work together. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Madam Minister. Ministers’ Statements. Minister responsible for the Department of Family Services, Minister Ell.

Minister’s Statement 340 – 3(3): Food Price Survey

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon, people of Nunavut. I believe I speak for all Members of this Assembly when I say we have heard from our constituents that the cost of food in Nunavut is too high. Many Nunavummiut cannot afford to purchase groceries and essential household items. Nunavummiut have organized demonstrations and drawn international attention to the high cost of food in our territory.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased today to talk about the results of the pilot Nunavut food price survey. This survey was collaboration between the Nunavut Anti-Poverty Secretariat in the Department of Family Services and the Nunavut Bureau of Statistics. Survey results show that the price of individual food items range from 20 to 287 percent higher than the average across Canada.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the staff across

the Government of Nunavut who learned new skills in order to carry out the pilot food price survey. Their hard work has given us important information about the cost of living and the high cost of food. The pilot survey was completed in 11 Nunavut communities and my department is working closely with the Nunavut Bureau of Statistics to identify ways to extend the survey to all Nunavut communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Madam Minister. Item 2. Ministers' Statements. Minister responsible for the Department of Economic Development and Transportation, Minister Taptuna.

**Minister's Statement 341 – 3(3):
Kivalliq Mine Training Society**

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon, colleagues, Kuglukturmiut, and Nunavummiut. Mr. Speaker, the mining industry is an essential part of our territorial economy. It is a critical source of employment and economic opportunity for Nunavummiut. A key part of our mining strategy is the support for Nunavummiut and communities to become full participants of the mining sector and economy.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to tell you about the Kivalliq Mine Training Society and the role it plays in helping us be active participants in the mining sector. Our investments in the Kivalliq Mine Training Society, in partnership with the Kivalliq Inuit Association, have leveraged significant federal investment and have enabled people to be trained for employment in the mining industry. Mr. Speaker, as of last year, 1,730

people had completed Kivalliq Mine Training Society programs.

Mr. Speaker, I am excited about the future of mining in Nunavut. We are working towards a successful mining sector built on a foundation of training and education. Our department has invested in building this capacity within our communities and will continue to support projects that benefit Nunavummiut. The Department of Economic Development and Transportation remains committed to developing a Nunavut-wide mine training society, expanding the Kivalliq region's success to all Nunavummiut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Item 2. Ministers' Statements. We will move on in our orders of the day. Item 3. Members' Statements. Member for Baker Lake, Mr. Aupaluktuq.

Item 3: Members' Statements

**Member's Statement 567 – 3(3):
Reflections on Representing Baker Lake**

Mr. Aupaluktuq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to reflect on five years of representing Baker Lake in the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, when the people of Baker Lake entrusted me to represent them in this House, I knew that I would need the strength of my family and the entire community in order to fulfill my duties and obligations. I want to take this opportunity to offer my heartfelt thanks

to the residents of Baker Lake for their support over the past five years.

Mr. Speaker, as I look back on what we have accomplished as a Legislative Assembly, I firmly believe that we can take pride in a number of accomplishments.

Mr. Speaker, as the Member for Baker Lake, I have been a consistent advocate for advancing the rights of my constituents, and a vocal proponent of transparency and accountability at all levels of government.

Mr. Speaker, as you know, the pace of economic development in Baker Lake is outstanding. As the MLA for Baker Lake, I have worked hard to support a balanced approach to development. I believe that the best way forward lies along a path that respects human and community needs, as well as the need to protect our unique environment.

Mr. Speaker, as you also know, I have spoken out on many occasions in this House on the need for greater transparency at all levels of government.

Mr. Speaker, we have made measurable progress on such issues as access to information and protection of privacy legislation, and I take pride in the commitment of members to strengthening and extending these protections.

Mr. Speaker, the next Member for Baker Lake will face many challenges:

- The challenge of building on our work to ensure that the community has adequate infrastructure;

- The challenge of building on our work to deepen the gains of economic development while ensuring that human needs and rights are not neglected;
- The challenge of determining and obtaining informed community consent on major projects;
- The challenge of addressing and defeating the scourge of suicide;
- The challenge of ensuring that all of our children have access to an education system that is second to none.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House to see if I can seek unanimous consent to continue with my Member's Statement. Thank you.

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

Mr. Aupaluktuq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank my colleagues in the House.

Mr. Speaker, as I reflect back on the past five years, I also want to look ahead to the future.

Mr. Speaker, as we approach the end of this Assembly, I wish to take this opportunity to formally announce to the people of Baker Lake that I will not be seeking another term in office.

It is time for me to focus on my family, and I want to use this opportunity to tell my children, Aputi and Ty, that I very much look forward to spending a great deal more time and attention with them.

Mr. Speaker, I do not know whom the people of Baker Lake will choose to represent them in the next Legislative Assembly, but I can assure my successor that he or she will have my support on issues that are important to the community.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to take this opportunity to express my support for the municipal leadership in Baker Lake.

In order for progress to be made, it is essential for both levels of government to work closely together, and I pay tribute to our new spirit of cooperation.

Mr. Speaker, please allow me to close by thanking you and all of my colleagues in this House. No matter where our paths ultimately take us, I know that we will not make the journey alone. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Aupaluktuq. Item 3. Members' Statements. Member for Hudson Bay, Mr. Rumbolt.

**Member's Statement 568 – 3(3):
Establishing the Standards for
Medical Travel Contracts**

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon to the people of Sanikiluaq. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to address a longstanding issue of concern: the low standard of medical travel experienced by the people of Sanikiluaq.

Mr. Speaker, the people of Sanikiluaq, many of [whom are] elders, rely on Kivalliq Air to provide medical travel services three times a week to and from Winnipeg. Anyone who has flown this

route knows that it takes between three and four hours each way, and anyone who has flown this route knows that there is very little by the way of in-flight service.

In fact, Mr. Speaker, the so-called washroom facilities on the aircraft is nothing more than a portable potty behind the curtain at the back of the plane. This is very awkward, if not impossible, for many passengers, especially elders, to use.

Mr. Speaker, many of my constituents have told me that after their medical appointments in Winnipeg are over and they are cleared to return home, they aren't able to leave for several days because the plane is usually full.

Mr. Speaker, the Sanikiluaq medical travel contract was recently renewed. And still, despite complaints and requests for change, medical clients have to travel in small, uncomfortable aircrafts to receive necessary medical treatment, and then wait for days before they can return home.

Mr. Speaker, it is not clear to me why contracts for medical travel are not standardized across the territory. It is not clear why residents from Sanikiluaq have to travel in such small planes with such limited facilities while others travel much more comfortably.

Mr. Speaker, Sanikiluaq may be a community of less than a thousand people, but its residents deserve the same quality of service that other residents of Nunavut enjoy.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to urge the government to ensure that contracts for

medical travel specify the type of aircraft to be used, the services that will be provided, and that the criteria be applied equally and fairly to all medical travel across Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Rumbolt. Members' Statements. Member for Tununig, Mr. Enook.

**Member's Statement 569 – 3(3):
Reflections on Being an MLA for
Tununig**

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon, fellow community members. Mr. Speaker, it was just recently that I read from my acceptance speech.

Mr. Speaker, I had said, "I rise today to thank the people of Pond Inlet for the trust and confidence that they have placed in me to represent them in this House. This confidence is not a responsibility that I take lightly and I will be working every day on behalf of the people who have elected me to this House."

I also stated, "Mr. Speaker, I will be a forceful voice for improved marine and air transportation infrastructure in Pond Inlet during my time in this House."

I went on to state, "Mr. Speaker, I also look forward to addressing many other issues of concern to Pond Inlet and Nunavut as a whole. I am confident that I can count on the support of all of my colleagues as we work together for a stronger territory."

At this time, I would like to take this opportunity to say "thank you" to the people of Pond Inlet for electing me to be their representative in the House. I thank the people of Pond Inlet who have supported me at all times and who have encouraged me. I thank the young people of Pond Inlet who say "Hi, Uncle Joe" to me wherever they see me in the community.

I say "thank you" to all the people of Nunavut. I especially thank the people of Nunavut who have encouraged and told me to go forward. I thank them all.

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

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Enook. The member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statement. Are there any nays? There being none. Please proceed, Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, colleagues.

Again, I would also like to say "thank you" to every single one of my colleagues who have been very receptive since I came here two years ago. I have received support and it also has been an educational experience. I know that we don't agree at times, but I also know that all of us are here as Members of the Legislative Assembly to represent our communities and the Nunavut territory as a whole, which I am very proud of.

Mr. Speaker, in my community of Pond Inlet, we don't have a communication system, as our radio system is broken. However, I would like all the people of Pond Inlet to know today that when the

elections open, I will be submitting my name again to represent the Tununiq Riding. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Enook. Item 3. Members' Statements. Member for Pangnirtung, Mr. Oshutapik.

Member's Statement 570 – 3(3): Tank Farm Renewal in Pangnirtung

Mr. Oshutapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon, my fellow community members. I will see you in a few days.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to inform the House about the progress that has been made in Pangnirtung to improve the community's bulk fuel storage facilities.

Mr. Speaker, in recent years, the community experienced fuel shortages as a result of such factors as a growing population and increased vehicle, air, and boat traffic.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, the 2012-13 capital estimates of the Department of Community and Government Services included funding as part of a multi-year, multi-million dollar effort to increase the storage capacity of Pangnirtung's tank farm.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to say that the municipality has been working closely with CG&S on the issue of tank farm improvements. Work crews have recently been finishing work to paint the storage tanks, which is part of the community's strategy to improve the appearance of our infrastructure. The work to increase the storage capacity of

the tanks has resulted in a 40 percent increase in capacity.

Mr. Speaker, as you know, Pangnirtung's new harbour is nearing completion. This exciting development is expected to result in increased marine traffic, and I will have questions for the minister... .

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

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Oshutapik. The member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statement. Are there any nays? There being none. Please proceed, Mr. Oshutapik.

Mr. Oshutapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank my colleagues for their consent to conclude my statement. I will return to my statement in English.

(interpretation ends) This exciting development is expected to result in increased marine traffic, and I will have questions for the Minister of CG&S at the appropriate time concerning the importance of ensuring that the community's fuel storage facilities are adequate to support the new harbour. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Oshutapik. Item 3. Members' Statements. Member for Natilik, Ms. Ugyuk.

**Member's Statement 571 – 3(3):
Successful Bowhead Hunt in Gjoa
Haven**

Ms. Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was talking with Tucktoo and David Igutsaq this morning on the telephone. I say “good morning” to them.

Just a few days ago, I stated that the people of Gjoa Haven were bowhead whale hunting in the Gulf of Boothia. I am very proud of the hunters who portaged and went to the Gulf of Boothia. They went through rivers and portaged to reach the sea and also went through rapids. They had to unload and reload their boats during the portaging, but they were able to get a whale that is 30 feet long, which was a good size for them. The people who hunted were mostly young people. They are starting to go back to Taloyoak and will probably reach it by night.

I send my congratulations to the bowhead whale hunters, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Ms. Ugyuk. Item 3. Members' Statements. Member for Quttiktuq, Mr. Elliott.

**Member's Statement 572 – 3(3):
Environmental Protection
Challenges in Nunavut**

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to address the issue of environmental protection in Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, as you will be aware, the United Nations General Assembly has

proclaimed today, September 16, as the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer. This date was chosen to commemorate the date of the signing in 1987 of the *Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer*.

Mr. Speaker, although significant progress has been made over the past quarter-century to reduce the emissions of ozone-depleting substances, much work remains to be done.

Mr. Speaker, it is often said that major changes to the environment are felt first in the Arctic.

Global warming, ozone depletion, and the prevalence of persistent organic pollutants in the arctic food web are examples of the challenges that we face in protecting the health of our people and our environment.

Mr. Speaker, at the same time that we are facing environmental challenges, we are also working to address economic challenges.

Mr. Speaker, large-scale natural resources development has been identified as a major driver of economic growth for Nunavut. It has been identified as a major source of future employment opportunities for our constituents.

Mr. Speaker, during the life of this Legislative Assembly, we have witnessed impressive progress in the area of resource development. The Mary River project in North Baffin and gold mining in the Kivalliq are two important examples.

Mr. Speaker, at the same time, we must not lose sight of the need to ensure that economic development does not come at the cost of the health of our land, air, and water.

Mr. Speaker, as you know, the community of Grise Fiord has expressed significant concerns regarding the prospect of coal mining in the High Arctic. I have stood firmly with my constituents on this matter.

Mr. Speaker, another area of economic potential is the field of oil and gas development. The Government of Nunavut's mineral exploration and mining strategy indicates that Nunavut has "up to 15 per cent of Canada's total petroleum reserves."

Last week, the National Energy Board of Canada released new requirements for inspecting hydraulic fracking operations in Nunavut and the Northwest Territories. This is an important step forward in addressing a technology that has proven to be highly contentious. I will have questions for the government at the appropriate time on this issue. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Item 3. Members' Statements. Member for Nanulik, Mr. Ningeongan.

Member's Statement 573 – 3(3): Lack of Monitoring in Nunavut Waters

Mr. Ningeongan: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to bring attention to the concerns my community of Coral Harbour has regarding the possible negative effects that the shipping vessels

travelling near Coats Island and Southampton Island could be having on the health and migration routes of marine mammals.

Mr. Speaker, a majority of my constituents depend on these marine mammals for food, clothing, and a source of income. As a result, the health and well-being of my constituents depends on the health of these marine mammals and Nunavut waters.

Mr. Speaker, while we appreciate the efforts being done by the Department of Economic Development and Transportation to increase tourism and understand various shipping vessels will travel near Southampton and Coats Island, a major concern is the lack of monitoring during the shipping season and who is responsible for ensuring all vessels are following set guidelines and regulations while travelling through Nunavut waters.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly encourage our government to work with federal agencies on safeguarding the health of our Nunavut waters and, in turn, all Nunavummiut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. Item 3. Members' Statements. Member for Akulliq, Mr. Ningark.

Member's Statement 574 – 3(3): Inuit Involvement in a Public Government

Mr. Ningark: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today, I want to talk briefly about the extent of Inuit representation in the public government of Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, I think we all recognize that this government is the principle employer up here. I think we also understood the objective of Article 23. We are to match the proportion of Inuit in this government.

I know that we have to give credit when the credit is due, and I would like to give credit to this government in the administration area, where many people are employed. What about the executive, the management, and the professionals? Where are we today?

At the appropriate time today, I will be asking the Minister of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs about the statistical facts under Article 23. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ningark. Item 3. Oral Questions. Member for Rankin Inlet North, Mr. Curley. Members' Statements. Sorry.

>> *Laughter*

**Member's Statement 575 – 3(3):
Kivalliq Mine Training Programs**

Mr. Curley: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation) Thank you. I would like to see whether or not my comments have been read by some of the ministers. That's okay. (interpretation ends) That's good.

(interpretation) Training has been done for over 60 years with respect to mining and the people who took the training are some of my relatives. I would like to say that Ms. Ell's father took a heavy equipment operator course in Leduc, Alberta when he was very young. It has been over 60 years.

From there, there are numerous other heavy equipment training courses that were done. Those people were used by the mining companies to operate heavy equipment. Over 50 years ago, I was involved in the training in Chilliwack, BC. We came from Nunavut and the NWT. We also trained with the Sergeant-at-Arms. However, I could say that the people who take mine training from Nunavut still train in southern institutions.

They keep saying that mine training is very good for the people of Nunavut. I wonder why those training equipment and training are not set in Nunavut. I think we have to strengthen training here in Nunavut. We will find out later on when that kind of training can be given here in Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Curley. Item 3. Members' Statements. Member for Iqaluit West, Ms. Ell.

**Member's Statement 576 – 3(3): New
Executive Director of Nunavut
Association of Municipalities**

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) First of all, I would like to say "good afternoon" to my constituents in Iqaluit West.

Congratulations are in order to one of my constituents, Madeleine d'Argencourt. Madeleine was recently hired as the new executive director for the Nunavut Association of Municipalities.

Madeleine has a diverse background spanning from 20 years, whether it was

working in government at all levels or serving one of the many boards that we're privileged to have her input. I have every confidence that she will be a great asset to the municipalities across Nunavut.

While I have known Madeleine since she was young, I first came to really know her three years ago while I worked for the Inuit Broadcasting Corporation and Madeleine was on the board. I knew at the time that she is a capable person with a passion about her work.

Mr. Speaker, the Nunavut Association of Municipalities will hold its annual general meeting here in Iqaluit next month. I look forward to hearing about that meeting working with the mayors to move their issues forward.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in wishing Madeleine d'Argencourt well in her new role with the Nunavut Association of Municipalities and in wishing them a productive and successful AGM. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Ms. Ell. Item 3. Members' Statements. Member for Cambridge Bay, Mr. Peterson.

**Member's Statement 577 – 3(3):
Cambridge Bay Wellness Centre**

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to pay tribute to the Cambridge Bay Wellness Centre.

Mr. Speaker, over the decades, the wellness centre has established itself as a vital facility in our community and its staff is providing valuable programs and

services to the people of Cambridge Bay. Supporting individuals and families are at the core of their operations.

Mr. Speaker, this summer, I had an opportunity on several occasions to participate in events that the wellness centre organized and coordinated for the community.

Mr. Speaker, it was a real pleasure to attend events, such as Family Dinner or Movie Nights, where elders, parents, and kids came together to enjoy home-cooked dinners prepared by the staff. The Movie Nights, complete with popcorn, reminded me of the days before we had television or videos when we would get together as kids at our old community hall to watch movies.

Mr. Speaker, it is encouraging to see the wellness centre organize outdoor events for the elders and youth. The hamlet council recently moved the elders' cabin from across the bay by the old town site to a location overlooking the bridge, which makes it easier for the elders' van driver to take them out for tea and get-togethers.

Mr. Speaker, a special event was held this summer near the mouth of the river with the community and float plane base in the distance. The wellness centre staff designed and commissioned a residential school monument that was unveiled to recognize all the children and families who were affected by residential schools. It was a very emotional occasion for many who attended.

Mr. Speaker, we are very fortunate in Cambridge Bay to have caring and compassionate staff at the wellness centre who help people with counselling

for alcohol and addictions issues, family planning, anger management, and residential school trauma, just to name a few of the things they do. They also operate a food bank with support from community donations to help many individuals and families who require food.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House to join me in wishing the Cambridge Bay Wellness Centre staff well in their ongoing efforts to make our community a better place to live. A community that cares for families, friends, and neighbours is a good place to live. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Peterson. Item 3. Members' Statements. Member for Iqaluit East, Ms. Aariak.

**Member's Statement 578 – 3(3):
Congratulations to Thomas Anguti
Johnston**

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to recognize from my constituency a person who was elected recently by the youth council as the president that was elected in Kuuujuaq, Nunavik. Mr. Speaker, the individual has accomplished quite a bit, although he is very young and very impressive.

Thomas Anguti Johnson will not just represent the young people, but he will also be working at his full-time job at the Qikiqtani Inuit Association while he is the president of the council. On top of that, he will be in a drama that is shown, the Inuk Qablunaaq program on APTN, which is liked by all the young people.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, after being chosen as the new NIYC, which is the National Inuit Youth Council President, Anguti's first job was to fly to Rankin Inlet to sit amongst the president and board of Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami for the first ever Inuit Leaders Summit with the Prime Minister of Canada and his cabinet members. Among the issues discussed were economic development and training skills, very important issues as we move forward to meet the needs of our young people, who make up a clear majority of our population.

Mr. Speaker, I was also in Rankin Inlet at the time and I was proud to see Anguti as one of the leaders at the table.

Mr. Speaker, some of our MLAs may not realize this, but Anguti was one of our youth members as a representative for our children and youth... .

Speaker: I'm sorry, Madam Aariak.

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): I'm sorry, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask for unanimous consent to conclude my statement. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. The member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude her statement. Are there any nays? There are none. Please proceed.

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank my colleagues for giving me the opportunity to conclude my statement.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, some of our MLAs might not realize this, but Anguti was one of the youth members on the Representative for Children and Youth Advisory Committee that helped

develop the groundbreaking legislation that we will be considering this session. With all of this experience, perhaps some day, Anguti will join us right here at this table in our Assembly.

Congratulations to Anguti. I wish you all the best in your endeavours. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Ms. Aariak. Item 3. Members' Statements. We will move on in our orders of the day. Item 4. Returns to Oral Questions. Minister of Environment, Minister Arreak.

Item 4: Returns to Oral Questions

Return to Oral Question 742 – 3(3): \$100 Million Geo-mapping Project

Hon. James Arreak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This oral question was asked by Mr. Ron Elliott, MLA for Quttiktuq, No. 742 – 3(3), on September 12, 2013.

Response:

There are no exemptions to the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement-mandated environmental assessment process for these geo-mapping projects. These projects will go through the same screening process that any other scientific research project in Nunavut does. This includes both applying for a research permit from the Nunavut Research Institute as well as being screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board. Depending on the details of the specific project, further authorizations and permits may also be required. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Arreak. Item 4. Returns to Oral Questions. Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Ms. Ell.

Item 5: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery

Hon. Monica Ell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize a constituent of mine, Madeleine d'Argencourt, whom I was talking about earlier. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Ms. Ell. Welcome to the Gallery. Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. We will move on in our orders of the day. Item 6. Oral Questions. Mr. Rumbolt.

Item 6: Oral Questions

Question 754 – 3(3): Status of Sanikiluaq School Repairs

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

Mr. Speaker, as the minister may be aware, work has finally begun to replace the boilers and other maintenance work at Nuiyak School in Sanikiluaq. I cannot understand why his department has planned these repairs to take place when the school year has just begun.

Can the minister provide an update on the plans for the repairs at Nuiyak School and explain why the work is just beginning now when the boilers and other materials have been in the

community for at least a year? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Rumbolt. Minister responsible for the Department of Community and Government Services, Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I welcome my colleague back to the Assembly. Mr. Speaker, the material that my colleague talks about, unfortunately, was shipped to Qikiqtarjuaq not by the fault of the government, but of the shipper. That material has finally reached the destination community of Sanikiluaq. Since the start of this month, they have been working on installing and ensuring that the boiler system is, indeed, working properly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for his clarification on that issue. Can the minister clearly indicate when this contract is due to be completed and explain why the contract was not issued earlier? I guess he answered part of that question by telling me about the shipping issues, but can he explain when this contract will be completed? Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Rumbolt. Minister responsible for Community and Government Services, Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Unfortunately, the materials were sent to the wrong community. Again, it wasn't our department that did that, thank goodness.

As for when it's going to be completed, actually, today is the day that we should be finding out if there are any deficiencies. After today, we will have a better idea of whether the repairs and replacements were adequate. If they were or were not, I'll follow up with a letter to my colleague to ensure he is fully briefed on it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Your final supplementary, Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is my understanding that the representatives from the Department of Community and Government Services have collected a list of maintenance issues at both schools and also chartered into the community a number of times to assess what work needed to be done. Some maintenance items at the school have been on the to-do list for at least five years. Can the minister clearly explain why no work was completed this summer when his department was fully aware of what work needed to be done at the schools in Sanikiluaq? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Rumbolt. Minister responsible for the Department of Community and Government Services, Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank my colleague for the question. As he outlined, there are a number of issues. Unfortunately, there are ongoing issues with the school in Sanikiluaq. In terms of where we are on the work orders on many of those issues, I will give him a detailed response by letter so that he knows where we are on

some of the deficiencies that he speaks of. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Item 6. Oral Questions. Member for Tununig, Mr. Enook.

Question 755 – 3(3): Designation of Pond Inlet as a Hub Airport

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

Mr. Speaker, the Government of Nunavut's transportation strategy, which the minister tabled in the House on June 5, 2009, officially recognizes three "hub airports" in the territory: Iqaluit, Rankin Inlet, and Cambridge Bay.

As the minister is aware, I have been a strong proponent of designating Pond Inlet as our fourth hub airport. Pond Inlet is located within an hour's flying time of half-dozen other communities, and its proximity to the Mary River project makes it the right strategic choice for being designated as North Baffin's hub airport.

In light of the recent signing of the Mary River project's Inuit Impact and Benefit Agreement, my question for the minister is: what is the government's current position on designating Pond Inlet as Nunavut's official hub airport for North Baffin? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Enook. Minister responsible for the Department of Economic Development and Transportation, Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member from Tununig for that question. Mr. Speaker, I believe I responded to that question a year and a half ago.

Mr. Speaker, it's not the government that designates communities as whether it's going to become an airline hub or not. Everything depends on economic activity of the community. If it warrants that a community becomes a hub, it's up to the airlines and it's up to industry. Again, that depends on the economic activity that takes place within the communities. The government is not responsible for designating communities as airline hubs. Again, everything is dependent on the economic activity of the community. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm not really clear about the minister's response, but one of official priorities in the Government of Nunavut's transportation strategy is to "Expand Nunavut's principal hub airports." However, the minister doesn't seem to be saying that. As I was saying, one of the official priorities in the Government of Nunavut's transportation strategy is to "Expand Nunavut's principal hub airports."

Mr. Speaker, given that the Mary River project is now moving forward, it is essential that we act now to expand capacity and modernize facilities at the Pond Inlet Airport in order to accommodate the large-scale industrial development that will be taking place in the North Baffin. Will the minister

commit to reviewing the status of Pond Inlet's airport and facilities? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I can't commit towards a review that the hon. member has mentioned. Mr. Speaker, we work closely with industry and we understand fully that there are consultations taking place with the mining company there. We don't have any facts unto the regards of where they're going to be basing their operations out of. As far as we understand, they intend to fly out and fly in using their own infrastructure at the mine site. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Your final supplementary, Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the hon. minister. Even though that is the case, I have a feeling that we can have the opportunity to work together with the mining companies. As the people of Nunavut, we can help each other to do that.

My last question is (interpretation ends) the Government of Nunavut's transportation strategy also indicates that "Airport Master Plans" are needed for all of the territory's hub airports. Can the minister indicate whether he would be willing to commit to developing a formal airport master plan for Pond Inlet? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Enook. Minister responsible for Economic

Development and Transportation, Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for that question. Mr. Speaker, the Transportation Division is constantly looking at ways to improve the infrastructure that we do have in our smaller communities.

Mr. Speaker, when we talk about master plans, they're ongoing. It's work in progress. According to the transportation strategy that the government has, we did carry out our obligations of making sure that the three regional hub airports were looked after, but we continue to evaluate and look at some of these things that are happening within these small communities.

Mr. Speaker, I want to make sure that I want the member to know for a fact that we do look at some of these projects that are taking place, mining projects that are taking place close to his community, and we try and come up with some of plan that may alleviate some lack of infrastructure regarding airstrips. Mr. Speaker, as you know, the only transportation in and out of the communities is through our airports. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Oral Questions. Member for Pangnirtung, Mr. Oshutapik.

Question 756 – 3(3): Bulk Fuel Storage Capacity in Pangnirtung

Mr. Oshutapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions are for the Minister of Community and Government Services.

As I noted in my Member's Statement today, Pangnirtung's new harbour is nearing completion. Can the minister indicate how his department has been working to ensure that the community's bulk fuel storage facilities have adequate capacity to meet the expected increase in marine traffic in Pangnirtung? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Oshutapik. Minister responsible for the Department of Community and Government Services, Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for his question. We tried to increase the bulk storage facilities in Pangnirtung. The ship came early and put in fuel in the tanks. The people who purchased fuel oil do some measuring of how much there is in those bulk fuel storage facilities. We feel that there is adequate storage space for fuel storage in Pangnirtung for the winter. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Your first supplementary, Mr. Oshutapik.

Mr. Oshutapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for his response. I believe he has responded to the next question I was going to ask.

(interpretation ends) As the minister is aware, the Department of Economic Development and Transportation has been working on a major project to relocate Pangnirtung's airport to a different location. Can the minister indicate how his department is cooperating with ED&T with respect to

the issue of how the community's bulk fuel storage facilities will service the new airport? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Oshutapik. Minister responsible for Community and Government Services, Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is evident that once we start dealing with capital estimates, whether it be small craft harbours or ports, depending upon what work is being done, the government and the communities work together to make sure that the work is being done as best as possible. Once they have to figure out how much fuel is required in Pangnirtung with the new airstrip, I'm sure that Community and Government Services and ED&T officials will be working together to discuss this. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 757 – 3(3): Hydraulic Fracturing in Nunavut

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

The department's mineral exploration and mining strategy indicates that Nunavut has "up to 15 per cent of Canada's total petroleum reserves."

Last week, the National Energy Board of Canada released new requirements respecting hydraulic fracturing

operations in Nunavut and the Northwest Territories. The National Energy Board stated that its regulatory actions concerning hydraulic fracturing took into account the input of territorial government departments.

Can the minister indicate what input the Government of Nunavut provided to the National Energy Board concerning the issue of hydraulic fracturing? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for that question. Mr. Speaker, I don't have that information in front of me. All the Nunavut Impact Review Board's comments and issues are put on the website for the public to look at, observe, and comment on.

Mr. Speaker, the first well observed in Nunavut was 51 years ago and the last well drilled was 27 years ago. I know that they're still drilling in the NWT, but there haven't any wells drilled for 27 years in Nunavut.

Once I get the information on what the Government of Nunavut's comments are on fracking, I will relay that and pass it on to the Hon. Member of Quttiktuq. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the minister is aware, there is tremendous potential for oil and gas

development in the High Arctic. Can the minister indicate the extent to which exploration companies are looking at hydraulic fracturing for projects in the High Arctic? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for that question. Mr. Speaker, hydraulic fracking has been around for a long time. They have been doing that in British Columbia for over 40 years without any environmental issues having arisen over the years of hydraulic fracking in BC, about the same number of years that fracking has been taking place in Alberta and other provinces.

Mr. Speaker, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada put out a call for nominations recently. At this point, from what I understand, there has been no response to the call for nominations for the five known locations that were put out there.

Mr. Speaker, I have very little information on hydraulic fracking. There is very little exploration activity. As I said, Mr. Speaker, we haven't drilled a well for over 27 years. The first step in doing some exploratory drilling is, of course, seismic testing. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the minister commit to tabling copies of any formal submissions or

input that the Government of Nunavut has provided to the National Energy Board concerning the issue of hydraulic fracturing? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'll consult with my officials about that. Mr. Speaker, the National Energy Board is, or I guess we can call it, the same organization that's doing environmental reviews. In Nunavut, we do have NIRB that we've got to go through, the Nunavut Impact Review Board. Mr. Speaker, I don't see any reasons why we should not table any responses to the National Energy Board on such specific assessments that are taking place. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 758 – 3(3): Kivalliq Mine Training Programs

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions are in my Member's Statement earlier in regard to mine training. Sometimes too many entities get convoluted when they're trying to work on training issues.

Nunavut Arctic College's current corporate plan indicates that one of its priorities is to develop "training partnerships with industry and the regional Inuit organizations for the delivery of mine and trades training."

On March 14, 2013, the minister informed the Legislative Assembly that "Nunavut Arctic College will continue to develop and deliver mine training and heavy equipment training programs."

Can the minister clearly explain and provide details on this government's strategy to deliver mine training programs in the Kivalliq? Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister responsible for Nunavut Arctic College, Minister Shewchuk.

Hon. Daniel Shewchuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank Mr. Curley for the question in regard to mine training. As everyone is aware, it's exciting times for this new territory of Nunavut in regard to resource development and mining that's going to happen over the next coming years. Nunavut Arctic College is a partner in this with industry and with the Government of Nunavut, especially the lead, Economic Development and Transportation. We are partnered up with hamlets. We are partnered up with all the regional Inuit organizations and have MOUs in place with them.

We, as an initial and primary deliverer of education and mine training, need to have these partnerships in place. We need to understand what type of training is needed by the industry, and we are doing that right now. As you know, we have the mine training school, the trades training school in Rankin Inlet, that offers various courses in electrician, plumber, burner mechanic, and housing maintainer. We do have a heavy equipment operator course that we are initiating this year with a simulator that this House approved to have, which will

take away from us having to send people down to Morrisburg to take this training, so they can do it within Nunavut.

We are heavily involved in the mine training and we will continue to do so with all of our partners. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Shewchuk. Your first supplementary, Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley: Thank you. Yes, I agree. Mr. Speaker, it is important to know exactly who our partners are. It is also important to know and be specific with exactly what the partners are responsible for or accountable for in running various mining programs.

The annual budget for Nunavut Arctic College is approved by the Legislative Assembly. However, Nunavut Arctic College also receives millions of dollars in third party funding on an annual basis. Can the minister provide details by community as to how much of this funding he mentioned in one of his comments is being allocated for mine training programs in the Kivalliq region, including by other partners? Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister responsible for Nunavut Arctic College, Minister Shewchuk.

Hon. Daniel Shewchuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again I don't have those figures in front of me. However, I can get my officials to look into that and try and put those numbers together.

I think it's fair to say, though, that we do get third party funding to deliver programs in Arctic College and it is a

major source of revenues for us. The mining industry, in the Kivalliq region, because it's true to my heart, I know we have delivered programs in my community of Arviat in the drilling training. The mining industry was a big contributor to that type of training. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Curley: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That is important. That's what I mean. Arviat had a very interesting project. Also, I think other provinces like Morrisburg, Ontario, are they part of the mine training initiative?

Mr. Speaker, on March 14, 2013, the minister indicated that Nunavut Arctic College will be installing a new training simulator in Rankin Inlet. This equipment is to be used for heavy equipment training. Can the minister confirm if this training simulator is now operational and, if it is not, can he explain why not? Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister responsible for Nunavut Arctic College, Minister Shewchuk.

Hon. Daniel Shewchuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To my understanding, the simulator is in Rankin Inlet. It is located there and is ready to be used. There will be delivery of courses going on this fall in heavy equipment operation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Shewchuk. Oral Questions. Member for Akulliq, Mr. Ningark.

Question 759 – 3(3): Inuit in Management Positions

Mr. Ningark: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation) I would like to direct my question to the Premier, Minister of (interpretation ends) Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs.

(interpretation) After the general election, we have been a government for approximately five years, and I have been a member for approximately four and a half years.

Mr. Speaker, we have to respect the land claims agreement, not only respect it, but we have to believe in it. The population of Nunavut beneficiaries is approximately 80 percent living in Nunavut.

I would like to get clarification under Article 23 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement. Do you have a figure as to how many beneficiaries are hired at the executive or managerial level or give me an overall figure of Nunavut beneficiaries working there? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank the member for asking that question. Mr. Speaker, under Inuit employment plans, about 45 percent, and under senior management, 18 percent, middle management, 25 percent, and others in total, 50 percent. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Ningark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the Premier, the Minister of EIA. Using the lower figures of beneficiaries, does the government have a plan to hire more Nunavut beneficiaries? Are we in line with our goal? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The government is committed to Article 23 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement. They are working very hard to live up to it.

For example, as the Premier, I encourage all the departments to have Inuit employment plans, (interpretation ends) Inuit employment plans and training and development plans to support Article 23. (interpretation) I have also initiated that in the fiscal year of 2014-15 and there is a business plan already in progress. For corporate entities within the territory, they are mandated to have Inuit employment plans to increase the number of beneficiaries being hired.

The Inuit Employment Steering Committee has been established. (interpretation ends) It is responsible for developing policies and processes to increase Inuit employment in the Government of Nunavut. The committee includes senior managers and representatives from all departments, Mr. Speaker.

On top of that, since the departmental reorganization, Sivumuaqatigiit Division under the Department of EIA, the Training and Development Division of EIA, offers training and development programs focused on enhancing Inuit employment in the public service, which includes the Sivuliqtiksat Internship Program, the Occupational Training Program, leadership development, learning plans, and the mentoring program.

Mr. Speaker, as of April as well, the hiring priority policy and the Summer Student Employment Equity Program are now the responsibility of the Department of Finance and the recruitment and staffing unit. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Ningark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank the Premier. When can we see the plan being tabled at the Legislative Assembly? We have to work together. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, as a government, we will work very hard to live up to the Inuit Employment Plan. We have to keep in mind that sometimes our employees change and there are high turnover rates. We will work hard to live up to Article 23 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Madam Premier. Oral Questions. Member for Natilik, Ms. Ugyuk.

Question 760 – 3(3): Status of New Air Terminal Building in Taloyoak

Ms. Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Earlier in my Member's Statement, I stated that Gjoa Haven residents had harvested a bowhead whale. The captain was James Qitsualik Taqaugaq and Joanasie Aqiggilik was the co-captain. I congratulate them. I also congratulate the Gjoa Haven residents.

(interpretation ends) My questions are for the Minister of Economic Development and Transportation.

As the minister will recall, I have raised the issue of a new air terminal building for Taloyoak on a number of occasions during this Legislative Assembly. Last fall, I was very pleased to have been able to vote to approve \$400,000 in capital funding for this urgently needed project in Taloyoak. Can the minister update me today on the status of the construction of Taloyoak's new air terminal building? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for that question. Mr. Speaker, the \$400,000 was approved for the planning and design of the Taloyoak Air Terminal Building and that work continues throughout this year. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Your first supplementary, Ms. Ugyuk.

Ms. Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) Can the minister indicate what the total cost of the new air terminal building in Taloyoak is estimated to be? 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. At this time, I'm not going to assume an estimated cost. Once the planning and designing has been complete, we will have a better estimate on the overall cost of a new air terminal building. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Your final supplementary, Ms. Ugyuk.

Ms. Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) It is my understanding that the communities have been given the same architectural design. I know Coral Harbour has a design, Gjoa Haven has a design, and we were up next for a new terminal building.

Taloyoak does not provide adequate space for the operation of a small store or concession. As the Minister of Economic Development will appreciate, these kinds of ventures are ideal for small businesspeople and entrepreneurs in our communities. Will the minister commit to reviewing the design of the new air terminal building in Taloyoak to identify space for the operation of a

small store or concession? 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. Again I thank the member for that question. Mr. Speaker, once new infrastructure is going into a community such as a new airport terminal building, there are consultations that take place with the hamlet and residents of the community.

If it's identified that there is a need for a concession store, it will certainly be looked at. At this time, at the end of the day, we're looking for a more efficient, effective way of spending our public dollars to make sure that our air travellers are in a comfortable setting. We will continue to consult with the community on some of these matters. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 761 – 3(3): Cape Dorset Health Centre Replacement

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

Mr. Speaker, the Cape Dorset Health Centre was constructed in 1983. At 30 years old, it is one of the oldest health centres in Nunavut and has faced some serious issues in recent years.

A replacement health centre project for Cape Dorset was identified in the government's 2010-15 capital plan. In 2010, the minister of the day indicated that the department remains committed to replacing the health centre in Cape Dorset. However, since then, the Cape Dorset Replacement Health Centre project has been dropped from the capital plan.

Can the minister explain why the government decided that the Cape Dorset Health Centre no longer needs to be replaced despite ongoing problems? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Schell. Minister responsible for the Department of Health, Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank Mr. Schell for asking about the Cape Dorset Health Centre replacement. In fact, the Cape Dorset Health Centre replacement facility is still in the planning process and, at some point in the future, it will be replaced. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Schell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Information provided in 2010-11 capital plans and again in 2011-12 capital plans indicated that there were four priority health centre replacement projects across Nunavut. These projects were for the communities of Arctic Bay, Repulse Bay, Taloyoak, and Cape Dorset. Except for the project in Cape Dorset, all of these projects are ongoing. Can the minister explain why the Cape Dorset project was abandoned? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Schell. Minister responsible for the Department of Health, Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Schell was asking some interesting questions and using some interesting terminology. As he knows, this government has a limited amount of capital funding and we do have a capital planning process. The Cape Dorset project has not been abandoned. There will be funding identified, I believe, in the 2014-15 capital estimates of the new government to continue with the planning. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Schell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the minister should be aware, the Cape Dorset Health Centre building is facing some serious issues due to aging, especially with respect to code upgrades, ventilation problems, and overcrowding of programs.

Would the minister be willing to provide me with copies of all the structural and mechanical evaluations and assessments that have been conducted on the Cape Dorset Health Centre in recent years? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Schell. Minister responsible for the Department of Health, Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If Mr. Schell would write me a letter with the details he is requesting on the Cape Dorset Health Centre, I will instruct my staff to look for that information and see what we can provide to him. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Peterson. Oral Questions. Member for Nanulik, Mr. Ningeongan.

Question 762 – 3(3): Lack of Monitoring in Nunavut Waters

Mr. Ningeongan (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Economic Development and Transportation.

During my Member's Statement, I stated that there should be people who monitor wildlife because we have heard not too long ago that tourist ships are coming in. Even when they go to the communities, they can't buy any arts and crafts, and this is becoming a concern for some elders. These cruise ships are not benefiting the communities and just bothering wildlife near the communities through their routes.

For those reasons, can the minister indicate to the House whether or not your department gets notice about the cruise ships or other ships that come in, even without us knowing that they were coming, and when they're going to come in the summertime, to which communities they're going to? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. Minister responsible for the Department of Economic Development and Transportation, Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member from Nanulik for that question. Mr. Speaker, our department just passes along information that we're given about the cruise ship schedules. We pass the information along to the hamlets that are

being visited. Going down through the list, I just don't see any ships that have visited Coral Harbour. Maybe even to some of the places, I know that there is a handful of ships that visited Nunavut and they made 38 stops along the way in Nunavut communities, but I am not aware of how that process works. It goes through the federal border services. The only thing that we do get as a department is a scheduling of the cruise ships visiting Nunavut communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Ningeongan (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank the minister for his response. I'm going to use an example. There have been some ships that have arrived to Coral Harbour, but they arrive at a later date when the hunters go to places like Walrus Island and Coats Island, where they have plenty of wildlife, when they went walrus hunting, and when the community did not hear about ships coming in. They have met with the cruise ship and the cruise ship was near the walrus habitat.

Is the minister planning to work with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to make sure that they know where the ships are going to be? These communities have not been given any information about ship schedules. Can you make sure that each region is notified about these schedules? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'll inform my staff to be more vigilant on the scheduling of these cruise ships coming into Nunavut. Again, like I said, we do not really have control on their scheduling.

We will endeavour to make sure that the hamlets are informed beforehand to alleviate some of these hunting parties that are out there, not to alleviate, but to inform them as to when the cruise ships are going to be out there. Most communities are not aware of which routes they do take throughout the Nunavut waters.

As the member is well aware, two years ago, there was grounding near my hometown of Kugluktuk where, if the community members knew that it was taking that route, they would have warned them that there is a shallow spot there.

We have no control on their routes, but we will endeavour to make sure that the communities and hamlets are well informed about the scheduling. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Ningeongan (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for the response. This has to be reviewed because the communities should know whether there is going to be a cruise ship near their communities. Ever since cruise ships started coming, people have started to notice that they're bothering part of the wildlife habitats, especially for walrus in the Walrus Island and Coats Island area. It's good to be

notified, but it is also good to have control and work with the environment and tourism. Perhaps you could start something to look into this. They have been very close to areas like Qaaluktaat and people have seen them. These areas are very important to us, and it's also within Nunavut. Maybe there are other communities that are starting to be concerned about these cruise ships. You can work with Environment and also with Fisheries and Oceans. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. Minister responsible for the Department of Economic Development and Transportation, Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for that question. Mr. Speaker, at Economic Development and Transportation, we work in hand with Nunavut Tourism to promote tourism for Nunavut. We encourage more tourism activity here for the benefit of our communities.

Mr. Speaker, tourists come up here to Nunavut to see the exhilarating scenery that we have in Nunavut, not only that, and to observe the wildlife that we have here. I will direct my officials to have better communication with Nunavut Tourism on the scheduling and timing of some of these sites that are visited by the cruise ships.

Mr. Speaker, the number of cruise ships that go through Nunavut may, in the future, hinder the community harvesters that are out there trying to provide food for their families. It's just a matter of better coordinating with Nunavut Tourism and border services out of Canada to make sure that the routes are

made known to the communities that are involved in walrus hunting and other marine mammal wildlife harvesting. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 763 – 3(3): Status of New Public Housing Rent Scale

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the minister responsible for the housing corporation.

Mr. Speaker, on January 24 of this year, the minister announced the new public housing rent scale and that changes would come into effect in the fall of this year. Can the minister provide an update on the status of the new public housing rent scale? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Rumbolt. Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation, Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for that question. Mr. Speaker, the process of rolling out the new rent scale took a bit of time. The member is well aware that training had to be taken for the new software related to the new rent scale. Managers have been trained throughout Nunavut. One of the things that's happening now is we're still in the process of nailing down the date of when that process is going to kick in throughout Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On March 14 of this year, the minister indicated that “the Nunavut Housing Corporation will ensure a smooth transition to the new rent scale that will come into effect in the fall of this year and fit with the established annual rent assessment cycle. This will allow for an appropriate amount of time to inform tenants, update the rent scale software, and to ensure adequate training for local housing organizations and Nunavut Housing Corporation District staff.”

Can the minister explain what issues are preventing the implementation of the new public housing rent scale? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Rumbolt. Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation, Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again I thank the member for that question. Mr. Speaker, as I indicated, there is training taking place for the new rent scale software and the transition in transferring data was deemed inaccurate in some places. So we will have to go back and make sure that there is accurate information being transferred to the new software data. That took a bit of time. We're looking at November for what we call “go live” for the new rent scale to take effect throughout Nunavut's communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 764 – 3(3): Review and Administration of Aboriginal Custom Adoption Legislation

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is very important and it is for the Minister of Family Services.

Adoption is very important to the Inuit. This has been a concern. In 2011, the Auditor General of Canada provided a report to the Legislative Assembly. We want to continue, but at some point, there are some adoptions that are not through custom adoptions. It has been said that social services has to check into the homes or these families who are going to adopt and they have to do a careful review. For that reason, I would like to ask if the minister can clearly tell the House today what actions her department is taking to respond to the Auditor General's report. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister responsible for the Department of Family Services, Minister Ell.

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't have the information at this time. I take the (interpretation ends) question as notice. Thank you.

Speaker: The question has been taken as notice. Oral Questions. Member for Tununig, Mr. Enook.

Question 765 – 3(3): Public Service Disclosure Requirements

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions are for the Premier.

In March of 2011, the Premier informed the House on two separate occasions that annual bonus payments for the government's senior managers had been capped at 4 percent due to fiscal restraint. Subsequent news reports suggested that deputy ministers were entitled to bonus payments of up to 20 percent.

Can the Premier clarify for the public record whether bonus payments for deputy ministers were capped at 4 percent or 20 percent? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to give you that information, but unfortunately, I don't have it with me. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you. I understand that she will inform us when she gets the information. Each year, an annual report is tabled in the House which outlines the indemnities, allowances, and expenses paid to elected Members of the Legislative Assembly. This is entirely appropriate. However, although many Canadian jurisdictions publicly disclose similar information regarding the salaries, allowances, and expenses paid to senior public servants, the Government of Nunavut does not do so. Will the Premier commit this government to beginning the practice of publicly disclosing this information for

the senior public service, yes or no?
Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

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

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

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you,
Mr. Speaker. For my last question, as the
Premier will recall, I have also raised the
issue of the public disclosure of assets
and interests. All elected Members of the
Legislative Assembly are required to file
an annual disclosure statement with the
Integrity Commissioner concerning their
assets and interests. Will the Premier
commit this government to beginning
the practice of publicly disclosing
similar information for the senior public
service, yes or no? Thank you, Mr.
Speaker.

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

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation):
Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In giving
information, especially with expenses,
it's very important and people have to
know about these expenses. Our policies
are pretty clear, but there's nothing
written about the senior employees'
salaries being disclosed. For those of us
who are elected, we're able to disclose
the information. We want to have an

open government. Thank you, Mr.
Speaker.

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

Motion 058 – 3(3): Extend Question Period

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Mr.
Speaker, pursuant to Rule 39(7), I move,
seconded by the Hon. Member for South
Baffin, that question period be extended.
Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Enook. The
motion is in order. All those in favour,
please raise your hand high. All
opposed, please raise your hand high.
The motion has been defeated.

An Hon. Member: Shame, shame!

Speaker: We will move on with our
orders of the day. Item 7. Written
Questions. Item 8. Returns to Written
Questions. Item 9. Replies to Opening
Address. Ms. Ell.

Item 9: Replies to Opening Address

Reply to Opening Address 003 – 3(3): Ms. Monica Ell

Hon. Monica Ell: Thank you, Mr.
Speaker. I am pleased to stand before
you and my colleagues to speak to the
Commissioner's Address.

Being a member of the Executive
Council gives me a unique perspective in
speaking to the Throne Speech.

I fully support the Throne Speech, and
I've had the privilege of working with
my cabinet colleagues and members in

this Assembly. Together, we did our best to fulfill the respective mandates' virtue of being elected to this Assembly.

It has been just two years since I was elected to the Assembly. I thank all voters in Iqaluit West for their support and advice. It seems like yesterday since I first stood in this Assembly to represent them.

I celebrate my successes with my constituents and I accept responsibility when I let them down.

Not so long ago, it would take weeks, months, and sometimes years for information to spread across Nunavut. People would send dispatches from England, Montreal, Winnipeg, and elsewhere. Word would spread from place to place by dog team, kayak, and by foot. It seems not so long ago that airplanes started carrying letters to send messages to settlements.

Well, that's not the case now. Just last week, I clicked the little blue button on my Facebook page. Within minutes, I had people from Iqaluit West and all over the place congratulating me for my decision to run in Iqaluit-Manirajak in the upcoming election.

(interpretation) Mr. Speaker, many of our colleagues in the Assembly have already made their minds to either run or not. It is a very personal decision. The decision to run again or not is huge. It is because of the support of my family and my constituents in Iqaluit West that I stand before you today.

In my response to the Commissioner's Address, I want to share with all Members of the Assembly the priorities I

believe need to be worked on behalf of residents of Iqaluit-Manirajak in the next Assembly.

(interpretation ends) Iqaluit-Manirajak is a multi-faceted constituency. It captures the diversity that we experience in all corners of Nunavut. Representing this riding requires knowing the issues and knowing how to move forward given the limited resources that we have.

Mr. Speaker, there are a number of issues that I hear time and again. These issues are what I want to continue to work for my constituents in the next Assembly. It is disturbing that in this day and age, people are homeless. Too often, I hear about people living in shacks, on the streets, and beneath porches. This is not the Nunavut that we envisioned when our land claims agreement was signed. What leaves people without any option than to be homeless? No one wants to be homeless. Often, it is the shortage of public housing units that contribute to the problem, but often, it is because of arrears owing to housing authorities that prohibits re-entry into public housing.

New housing units are needed. Assemblies like ours approve the construction of many new units. New units alone are not the answer. I want to look into a program that helps people understand their responsibilities that come with maintaining their housing units, but to go further, I want to work with those who are showing a reasonable effort to live up to their responsibilities. I will commit to working with the Nunavut Housing Corporation to consider building more accessible housing and to take into consideration

the disabled and elders' mobility issues when planning for new units.

Mr. Speaker, the elders' centre in Iqaluit is a home to many elders from Iqaluit and is a well utilized facility. There are, however, many elders and people who require more advanced and, in many instances, palliative care. A hospice centre in Iqaluit would alleviate the burden placed on the Qikiqtani General Hospital. It would allow for more appropriate care and programming while keeping them closer to home with access to family, country food, and a familiar environment. In the next Assembly, I will work towards the establishment of an Iqaluit hospice facility for elders and those requiring palliative care.

In Nunavut, we have suicide at epidemic rates. We all have lost someone to suicide and we all wonder why. Since even before Nunavut was formed, understanding the issues and working on preventative strategies have cost a lot of money. The cost of life is staggeringly greater. It is quite apparent that no one has the answer or the solution. My constituents will have my utmost commitment that I will work tirelessly with all groups of Nunavut to implement our suicide prevention strategy.

Mr. Speaker, having purpose in life through a good job and seeing a bright future is an important part of having a positive outlook about life. It's one integral part of seeing a brighter future for oneself.

Iqaluit-Manirajak is a home to some outstanding businesses. At the same time, some businesses in my constituency are not fully equipped to take advantage of some of the large

development projects coming to Iqaluit and to Nunavut. I am told time and again that there is no funding available for projects designed to keep money in Iqaluit, ideas such as training for a position that would have to otherwise be contracted to the south or even as basic as accessing basic business advice.

I will advocate for businesses. We need to make business development programs less rigid and work towards better delivery of service between Nunavut, federal, and birthright organizations. We have the same goals, so why do we work in isolation of each other?

Residents of Iqaluit-Manirajak have what it takes to succeed. So can't all levels work together? I want to create an environment where local businesses can take full advantage of development, including ongoing management of government projects, such as the new Iqaluit International Airport.

Infrastructure is as important as a robust economy is to hunters and healthy lifestyles. For example, a marine facility in Iqaluit is equally important to businesses as it is to hunters and to recreational users. One facility, such as a harbour in Iqaluit, can serve these three purposes:

1. Economic, by making it more efficient to load and offload ships;
2. By allowing traditional use, such as hunting, where people have easier access to country food and all the health benefits it provides;
3. Recreation is as important to mental health as it is to physical health.

I will work towards two important new projects for Iqaluit. As MLA, I will focus on the planning for the harbour for large and small vessels. Equally important is a community centre to include performing arts, community feasts, and exhibitions.

Mr. Speaker, no politician, whether they are MLA, Premier, cabinet, or Prime Minister, or minister, can be all things to all people. No one person can solve all problems. We must listen to what voters tell us, and then we must act on the opinions expressed to us by our constituents.

Acting to serve in the best interest of people living in Iqaluit-Manirajak is what I want to do for the next several years. I don't regret for one minute clicking that blue button on Facebook. It is the beginning of a great adventure. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Ms. Ell. 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. Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Minister of Economic Development and Transportation, Minister Taptuna.

Item 13: Tabling of Documents

Tabled Document 414 – 3(3): 2012 NNI Comprehensive Review, August 2013

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to table the 2012

NNI Comprehensive Review, August 2013. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Tabled Document 415 – 3(3): Nunavut Law Foundation Annual Report for the Year Ended October 31, 2011

Tabled Document 416 – 3(3): Nunavut Law Foundation Annual Report for the Year Ended December 31, 2012

Tabled Document 417 – 3(3): Legal Services Board of Nunavut Annual Report 2009-2010

Tabled Document 418 – 3(3): Legal Services Board of Nunavut Annual Report 2010-2011

Tabled Document 419 – 3(3): Legal Services Board of Nunavut Annual Report 2011-2012

Hon. Daniel Shewchuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have several documents to table.

I am pleased to table the Nunavut Law Foundation's annual reports for the years 2011 and 2012.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to table the Legal Services Board of Nunavut's annual reports for the following periods: 2009-2010, 2010-11, and 2011-12. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: They didn't hear that, eh?

>>Laughter

It's good. The button got fixed.

Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Minister of Environment, Minister Arreak.

**Tabled Document 420 – 3(3):
Convention on International
Trade in Endangered Species of
Wild Fauna and Flora**

**Tabled Document 421 – 3(3): Nunavut
Public Library Services Annual
Report 2011-2012**

Hon. James Arreak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a couple of items to table.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to table the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, a summary record of the sixth session of the committee, from the 16th meeting of the conference of the parties in Bangkok, Thailand, March 3 to 14, 2013. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would also like to table the Nunavut Public Library Services Annual Report for 2011-12. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Arreak. Item 13. Tabling of Documents.

**Tabled Document 422 – 3(3): Report
on the Payment of Indemnities,
Allowances, Benefits and Expenses
to the Members of the Legislative
Assembly of Nunavut for the
Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2013**

**Tabled Document 423 – 3(3):
Information and Privacy
Commissioner of Nunavut Annual
Report 2012-2013**

**Tabled Document 424 – 3(3): Report
of the Integrity Commissioner for
the Period April 1, 2013 to
September 8, 2013**

**Tabled Document 425 – 3(3):
Legislative Assembly Retiring
Allowances Fund Financial
Statements March 31, 2013**

**Tabled Document 426 – 3(3):
Legislative Assembly
Supplementary Retiring
Allowances Fund Financial
Statements March 31, 2013**

Thank you, members. I have five documents to table today.

The first document is the Annual Report of Members' Indemnities, Expenses, Benefits and Allowances for the period April 2012 to March 2013.

The second document is the Annual Report of the Information and Privacy Commissioner for the year ending March 31, 2013.

The third document is a report of the Integrity Commissioner for the period April 1, 2013 to September 8, 2013.

The next two documents are the financial statements and audit reports for the retiring and supplementary retiring allowances for the year ended March 31, 2013.

Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Item 14. Notices of Motions. Item 15. Notices of

Motions for First Reading of Bills. Item 16. Motions. Government House Leader, Minister Kusugak.

Item 16: Motions

Motion 057 – 3(3): Extended Hours and Days

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Quttiktuq, that the Speaker be authorized to set such sitting days and hours as the Speaker deems fit to assist with the business before the House during this present sitting of the Assembly.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Kusugak. The motion is in order. All those in favour. Any opposed? The motion is carried.

Item 16. Motions. Item 17. First Reading of Bills. Item 18. Second Reading of Bills. Item 19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters. Bills 40, 58, and 64 with Mr. Enook in the Chair.

In accordance with the authority granted to me by Motion 57 – 3(3), the committee will stay in session until it reports itself out.

Prior to proceeding to Committee of the Whole, we will take a 22-minute break.

Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>House adjourned at 15:41 and Committee resumed at 16:09

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

Chairman (Mr. Enook)(interpretation): Thank you. Good afternoon, Nunavummiut, those listening on the radio and watching the televised proceedings. Welcome to the committee. I would now like to call the committee meeting to order. As you will recall, on Friday, I stated that I will make my ruling on the point of order that was raised. I would like to make my ruling before we proceed with the committee meeting.

Chairman's Ruling

(interpretation ends) Thank you, colleagues. Before resuming consideration of Bill 40, the proposed *Representative for Children and Youth Act*, I am now prepared to deliver my ruling on the point of order raised by the Member for Rankin Inlet North during last Wednesday's proceedings of the Committee of the Whole.

In raising his point of order, the Member for Rankin Inlet North took issue with remarks made by the Member for Quttiktuq during his general comments on Bill 40, the proposed *Representative for Children and Youth Act*.

The remarks made reference to statements made during the November 14, 2008 proceedings of the Nunavut Leadership Forum, which took place in this Chamber.

On September 12, 2013, the Member for Cambridge Bay tabled an excerpt from the transcript of the November 14, 2008

proceedings of the Nunavut Leadership Forum.

I remind members that it is not the role of the Chair to make determinations concerning disputes between members on such matters as the meaning of a member's comments that were made at an earlier proceeding. These are matters of debate. Nonetheless, both members' positions are clearly on the public record, and the contents of the transcript of the November 14, 2008 proceedings of the Nunavut Leadership Forum are self-explanatory.

Consequently, the Member for Rankin Inlet North does not have a valid point of order, no further action on the part of the Chair is required, and this matter is concluded.

Before proceeding with our business, I wish to also take this opportunity to remind all members of the importance of using respectful and temperate language at all times during our proceedings. I remind all members that Rule 23(k) provides that a member shall be called to order if he or she "uses abusive or insulting language of a nature likely to create disorder." I ask all members to govern themselves accordingly. (interpretation) Thank you.

In Committee of the Whole, we have the following items to deal with: Bills 40, 58, and 64. What is the wish of the committee? Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We wish to continue with the review of Bill 40 and, if time permits, we will commence the review of Bill 58 and Bill 64. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Rumbolt. Do we agree that we will first deal with Bill 40?

Some Members: Agreed.

Bill 40 – Representative for Children and Youth Act – Consideration in Committee

Chairman (interpretation): Do we agree to bring in Minister Aariak and her officials to the witness table?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Madam Minister, please proceed to the witness table. Sergeant-at-Arms, please escort the witnesses in.

Thank you, Sergeant-at-Arms. Madam Minister, please be welcome at the witness table. For the record, please introduce your witnesses. Minister Aariak.

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. To my right is Mr. Daniel Vandermeulen, Deputy Minister of EIA, and to my left is Anne Macintosh, who is a legislative drafter from the Department of Justice. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Aariak. Mr. Vandermeulen and Ms. Macintosh, welcome. Prior to our adjournment on Friday, I stated that I would give the minister an opportunity to reply to the general comments. Madam Minister, you now have the floor. Thank you.

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like

to thank my colleagues for giving me an opportunity to make a statement. Mr. Chairman, I'll read it in English and I'm sure they will be translated into Inuktitut.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Chairman, I would like to add to my opening comments.

Mr. Chairman, I would like to remind the members that when cabinet brought forward our *Tamapta* priorities, we clearly identified that we must help those at risk in our communities.

Mr. Chairman, cabinet agreed that during this mandate, the government will also create an independent child and youth representative who will report to the Legislative Assembly and ensure that Nunavut's children are being adequately served by the government.

Bill 40 will, thankfully, not be needed by all children and youth in Nunavut. It will be there to help only those most vulnerable, only those who need help. Our children and youth are all precious and we should not allow any to be left behind or fall through the cracks. The representative for children and youth will help the children, youth, and their families deal with the system to get the services they need.

Mr. Chairman, the Government of Nunavut always strives to improve all of the programs across all of the departments that offer programming for children and youth. The representative for children and youth will help the Members of this Assembly and this government to do just that by providing objective advice.

Mr. Chairman, concerns have been raised about not having Inuit social service workers. Currently, 6 of 40 community social service worker positions are filled by beneficiaries. Of the 40 positions, 7 are currently vacant. I have high hopes that some of those vacancies will also be filled by beneficiaries. I am hopeful those positions will be filled by beneficiaries because, from 2005 to 2013, Nunavut Arctic College has graduated 23 students from the two-year diploma program for social service workers. This year, at the Nunavut Arctic College Cambridge Bay Campus, there are another eight students enrolled in the certificate program and four in the diploma program.

Mr. Chairman, I further note that beneficiaries hold two of the three supervisory positions in the regions and a beneficiary, Ms. Aluki Rojas, who is well known to you all, is the Deputy Minister of the new Department of Family Services.

However, Mr. Chairman, improving how family services are delivered in Nunavut is only one aspect of what the representative for children and youth will examine as the next Assembly and the government look to improve services to our children and youth. The representative for children and youth also will be able to examine all children and youth programs from all departments, for example, the Department of Education, CGS, probably in the realm of Sport Nunavut, and Culture and Heritage. This is an example. The representative for children and youth will also be able to look at legislation, such as the *Child and Family Services Act* and the *Education Act*, and be able to identify gaps in programming

and delivery and point to solutions for improvement.

Mr. Chairman, I also heard that since we are unique, Nunavut needs a made-in-Nunavut approach. I would like to point out that Bill 40 was built in Nunavut by extensive consultations. NTI not only approved of the bill, but participated in the process that built it. NTI has publicly praised Bill 40 in their 2010-11 annual report on the state of Inuit culture and society and in letters of support from President Towtongie.

I ask how more built-in-Nunavut could a piece of legislation be that requires the representative for children and youth to apply Inuit societal values, that requires the representative for children and youth to use a collaborative process in a manner consistent with Inuit societal values and Inuit culture when seeking to resolve disputes, that requires the Legislative Assembly to consider the understanding of Inuit societal values, culture, language, traditions, beliefs, and history before appointing a person to be the representative for children and youth.

Mr. Chairman, Bill 40 is made in Nunavut. The representative for children and youth will not replace parents nor will the representative for children and youth replace government departments that provide programs for the benefit of children and youth.

Mr. Chairman, the representative for children and youth will be our watchdog to ensure that our most vulnerable children and youth get the service they need and deserve. As an independent officer of this Assembly, the representative is independent from the government, but not independent from

you. The representative will not only submit an annual report to you, the MLAs, but will also be accountable to your Management and Services Board when required to do so. The representative can also make interim reports to a government department, a designated authority, or an individual and the representative must report all findings, advice, and recommendations to MLAs.

Mr. Chairman, I wish to finish my comments by reminding members of the similarity between the representative for children and youth and the Languages Commissioner. The Languages Commissioner is independent from government but accountable to the Assembly. This individual does not replace any government department, but instead, reports on how well they meet their official languages obligations. The Languages Commissioner's report enables the government to improve its language programs and services. In the same way, I assure you that the representative for children and youth will enable the government to continually improve its services to our children and youth.

I once again, in the spirit of our *Tamapta* commitment, urge all members to support Bill 40 and ensure that Nunavut's children are adequately served by the government. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Madam Minister. As I stated on Friday, using my discretion as the Chair, we can now begin the clause-by-clause review of Bill 40.

An Hon. Member: A point of order.

Chairman: Mr. Curley.

Point of Order

Mr. Curley: My point of order is this: No. 1, we are not provided with the additional comments the Premier made that are, in fact, part of the opening statement. We are not provided with copies of the additional opening comments in Inuktitut or in any other official languages. I suggest, Mr. Chairman, that we take a break and allow the minister to table a copy and make available for us formal comments and be presented to all members before we go on to the details of the bill. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. We will take a five-minute break.

>> *Committee adjourned at 16:24 and resumed at 16:37*

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, members. A point of order was raised. According to our rules, there is no point of order. If you understand and read what I said, I had stated that I would give Madam Minister an opportunity to speak. I will now leave the point of order and continue.

We are on Bill 40. We will now go to Bill 40 in your white legislation binder. While you locate the bill, Sergeant-at-Arms, please escort the minister's officials to the witness table. We will be considering Bill 40, *Representative for Children and Youth Act*.

Thank you, Sergeant-at-Arms. Welcome, minister and your officials. Thank you for returning to the witness table. I

would now like to discuss Bill 40. Bill 40. Reprint. *Representative for Children and Youth Act*. Clause 1. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Turn to page 22. Page 22. Schedule. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. We will now go back to page 3. Clause 2. Do you agree? Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley: Thank you. (interpretation) Mr. Chairman, the minister's additional opening remarks are not here and I cannot read all of them right now, but she said the representative was similar to the Languages Commissioner. Will the budget be similar to that of the Languages Commissioner? Can the minister state to me whether the budget will be similar to the Languages Commissioner? If that individual is a special representative according to Bill 40, the government must know how much money the representative will have for an operating budget. (interpretation ends) Thank you.

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

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the member for his question. The operation of the representative will be similar. The term of the representative will be similar to that of the Languages Commissioner and it will be independent from the government, even though the budget of the representative will be a little bit different from the Languages

Commissioner's budget. The approximate amount of budget of the representative in 2013-14 will be \$1,536,000, and in 2014-15 and 2015-16, it will be approximately \$1,350,000. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Madam Minister. Clause 2. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

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

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Under clause 3, one of the duties of the representative is "to ensure that the rights and interests of children and youth, individually and collectively, are protected..."

I would like to ask a question. When we were responded to our questions during the committee stage, the representative will be reviewing what the government has done, but looking under 3(a), it talks about the rights and interests of children and youth, even though they are not a part of the government services or in a school. I would like to find out what the rights and interests of children and youth might be. Can you give us an example here in Nunavut? Thank you.

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

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The individual will be the representative of children and youth. When the individual is doing reviews, as the member mentioned, he or she will be looking at

the rights and interests of children and youth. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Curley: Thank you. I want to try a bit more. This is legal wording, obviously, and it's kind of hard for me, as an Inuk, to understand exactly what it means, and I'm sure there are many out there, when it says that the special representative has the following duties: "to ensure that the rights..." My question is: what are these rights and interests?

During the committee processes that we had for a few times, it was always made clear that the special representative will deal only mainly with the children and youth who are impacted in relation to government services. So now we're going much more beyond that. We're talking about the rights of children prescribed by whom? Does that include the United Nations or any other rights that may or may not be prescribed?

I can take a break if the minister wants to consult with her officials, but I want to be clear: what are the rights that we're talking about other than the ones the children and youth are involved in the government programs and services? Thank you.

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

Hon. Eva Aariak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As I said in Inuktitut, when the representative is conducting his or her duties, the rights and interests of children and youth will have to be considered, of course. These rights and

interests are the rights that the child or youth has.

If the member had read the full report, I think he would have a better understanding, but this is saying that while the representative is carrying out his or her duties, it is to ensure that the rights and interests of children and youth are respected and protected. In fact, it states here, “and advanced and that their views are heard and considered in matters affecting them by government departments and designated authorities,” while the representative is conducting his or her duties. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Madam Minister. Clause 3. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Turn the page. Clause 4. Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley: Thank you. Mr. Chairman, if the minister can help me a bit more in explaining exactly what 4 is, now, this is specifically relating to one of the powers, at least, of the special representative. I think it distinguishes between the powers of the parent. In this case, we’re dealing with the powers of the special representative which are, unlike any parents in Nunavut, specifically accorded with very broad powers.

The particular question I have concerns 4(a), that one of the duties of the special representative is to “receive and review any matter...” I need to try and clearly understand what “any matter” means. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Madam Minister, if you can clarify that.

Hon. Eva Aariak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Any matter in relation to the services of the government departments, as you read through (a), “any matter in relation to the services of any government department or designated authority,” and this is the important part, “as the matter relates to any child or youth or to any group of children or youth that comes to the Representative’s attention regardless of the source and advise, assist, and advocate for the child, youth or group.” (interpretation) The representative can review any matter. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Curley: Thank you. (interpretation) I understand it too. I don’t think that it should be any matter. (interpretation ends) I think it should be a specific matter that is brought before the special representative. That’s what I would have preferred. Unlike many of my colleagues, I think the legislation, as introduced, should be improved. In this case, we don’t have an opportunity to do that. I have tried a number of times. The broad powers that are accorded to the special representative should not be at any cost. Let’s just go for it.

If a special representative is asked to review the rights and interests of my children, I don’t think I want to give the special representative broad powers. I want to give him specific cases if he is going to be looking at my children’s rights and interests, if they have been brought before him. My question is: why

not limit it to specific matters instead of using words, hypothetically, “any matter” that is brought before that person. Why are we using such a broad authority in this case? Thank you.

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

Hon Eva Aariak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We don't want to be specific. We don't want to put barriers in the area that this representative can investigate or find out. If this representative is there to find gaps within the government services, then it is the responsibility of the representative to find those gaps. Sometimes we don't know those gaps. It's dangerous if we start putting specific parameters to the areas that this representative will be looking into. It can be anything that children and youth want to find out more about, that they are concerned about, and perhaps even need help with. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Curley: Thank you. I understand that. I think that's why I used it. We can assign any very broad authority to this special representative. If you read that clause, it doesn't provide that they consult with the parents. Parents are not involved whatsoever with this. We have assigned all of that responsibility to this establishment representative.

I can go on. The minister did quote part of my concern. Any matter that relates to the children, as long as it involves the interests or rights, he can receive anything brought to him. The legislation says anything that is brought to his

attention. It doesn't explain how he receives that matter. There is no process.

The scary part of that thing, specifically, is this: “regardless of the source and advise...” Advice can be received that the United Nations may not be agreeing that certain charters in the United Nations charter related to youth and children are not being implemented to follow. It could be that even that worldwide institution can bring a matter to this special representative because it says any source, that anyhow he receives it, he is going to look into it.

Again, it doesn't say, “provided that parents concur” with him digging into the review process. Why are we giving this special representative such broad powers that pretty much do away with the rights of parents in relation to their children? Thank you.

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

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) The representative will not be reviewing the parents or guardians. The representative will be reviewing the government services. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Curley: Thank you. I wish that was the case. I think I understand clearly that No. 4(a) means that the special representative can review any matter that relates to the child or youth or to a group of youth that comes to his attention from any source. It doesn't say anything he gets from the parents. It doesn't say that.

It doesn't have to involve the parents whatsoever, and that's the scary part. Why is there no connection or at least families giving permission for the special representative to go ahead and review any matter in that case? Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. I didn't really hear a question. Madam Minister, I'll give you the opportunity to respond.

Hon. Eva Aariak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The representative for children and youth legislation has a provision that the representative must inform parents or guardians of a child who is under the age of 12 years or the person having care of the child. That matter is under review of the information and so on. It is very important for the representative to be conducting himself or herself in a way that is collaborative to the people that he or she is dealing with in regard to children and youth.

Again, I would like to read, because it's very self-explanatory where it says that "his or her duties may

- (a) receive and review any matter in relation to the services of any government department or designated authority as the matter relates to any child or youth or to any group of children or youth that comes to the Representative's attention regardless of the source and advise, assist and advocate for the child, youth or group."

Let's say if there was a gap in the daycare services or a gap in services that are provided by the Government of

Nunavut of certain departments or so. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Curley: Thank you. I'll try and be clear, Mr. Chairman. I did ask why the parents are not involved and being part of the consultation process prior to studying any matter or reviewing any matter that comes before him or her.

My second point is this: I want to be clear that the special representative's powers are the ones that we're dealing with right now. We're not talking about the parents or parental rights or authority of the parents. That's not the point. The point is that the minister did indicate that the special representative will review anything that goes on in relation to government services provided he receives a complaint or anything. It could be a complaint from any source. That just sort of again scares me. What do you mean by any source? Could it be someone complaining about youth programs or interests of the youth from outside of Nunavut? It doesn't say, "...any source received from citizens of Nunavut." Why not? Thank you.

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

Hon. Eva Aariak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As we will be coming by certain sections of the bill, Bill 22 is more specific to the member's enquiry and question.

I just want to add that if, let's say, a child is placed outside of Nunavut under another institution's care as someone who is from Nunavut, we have an

interest in ensuring that this child or youth is being properly taken care of and their rights and interests are protected. It can be from outside of the territory.

I will have Ms. Macintosh to expand that a little bit further as the legislator for this because it is important. The wording, "from any source," is a very important word to be included in there. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Aariak. As Chair, I will give Ms. Macintosh an opportunity to add to your response. Ms. Macintosh.

Ms. Macintosh: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for the question. I think, as the Premier has mentioned, it would be very risky to limit the sources of information that the representative could consider in accepting it. In many cases, the representative might not know the source of the information. If it comes from somebody by email or over an Internet source or even by telephone, you don't necessarily know where the person is located when they're providing that information.

I think it's very clear, to my mind as a legislative drafter, that paragraph 4(a) is very specific in dealing with government services and the programs and services of a designated authority. It's not just any matter that anybody raises that has something peripheral to do with children. It's specifically matters dealing with government services and the services of government agencies that relate to children and youth.

Whether it's the children themselves who raise the issues or whether it's somebody who works with the children

or a parent, a friend, or somebody outside the system who raises an issue on behalf of the children and youth, I think it would be sort of incumbent on the representative to not ignore that information just because of the source of it.

There are provisions later on, and I think it is section 17, that the representative can make an initial investigation and determine whether or not a matter is trivial or vexatious or not in good faith and can decline to go further with an investigation. It's not necessarily the case that every matter that comes to the attention of the representative will be fully investigated. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Macintosh. (interpretation ends) Moving right along. Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I was actually looking for a bit of clarity and confirmation. In terms of some of the questions that have been coming up, I think the interpretation is being different in how people look at it. From the consultation that we did in the communities, a lot of people did have misunderstanding of what the actual role of the child and youth representative is. I think this exercise in terms of going clause by clause, hopefully, will deal with some of those issues.

I just wanted to really make it clear in terms of other members' concerns about parents being looked at or investigated by the child and youth representative. I think the Premier has made it clear, but if she could state again that parents will not be investigated in terms of the role of the child and youth representative. Is that correct? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Madam Minister.

Hon. Eva Aariak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That is absolutely correct. Parents will not be investigated. What we are talking about here is the investigation of the services that the Government of Nunavut provides. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Aariak. Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The minister had mentioned in terms of government programs. We're talking about all government departments and all programs that are geared toward children and youth. Is that correct? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Is it like that? Madam Minister.

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): It is like that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. We are on clause 4. Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley: Thank you. I wasn't sure with the clarification that I need with item 4(a) specifically. I want to make it very clear. We're not dealing with section 17 right now. If the legal advisor would confirm that, it would be helpful so that I interpret my views clearly. I am dealing with section 4(a), where the power is being crafted, and the minister would like to have this special representative to have powers. It does not say in section 4(a) that any matter brought before his or her attention will

not require consent from the parents. Am I correct in that? Thank you.

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

Hon. Eva Aariak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The representative will be working with parents or guardians in the area that he or she is dealing with. Again, on 4(1), "In addition to any other powers under this or any other Act, the Representative for the purpose of performing his or her duties may..." and that's the word, "...may

(a) receive and review any matter in relation to the services of any government department or designated authority as the matter relates to any child or youth or to any group of children or youth that comes to the Representative's attention regardless of the source and advise, assist and advocate for the child, youth or group."

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Curley: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, I understand that clearly. When we were reading one paragraph, one paragraph gives pretty broad powers to this one agent of the Assembly, in this case, the special representative. What I had hoped to see is that there be a clearly defined process rather than using any source. For instance, in my view, that source should have been in this clause and be given a process submitted in writing or to that effect.

Why is it that the government chose to use a very broad, again, wording to say that any source can bring a matter to the special representative without having to either put it in writing or clearly indicating by way of a formal record? It appears to be not that clear as to how that issue submitted to his attention would be carried out. Could the minister explain further something that I may be missing here? Thank you.

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

Hon. Eva Aariak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We want to ensure that children or youth are able to approach the representative, or parents, who may not be able to write or use the computer, but just pick up the phone or approach the office any way that they can. We want to make it easier to approach the representative with the concern. It can be by the parents or the guardians or children and youth. If we revert to formalizing how the complaints are put forward, we may be limiting that, just like the same way as the Languages Commissioner. The Languages Commissioner will receive information and look into matters, even if the enquiry was made through the phone. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Curley: Thank you. Mr. Chairman, I'll give you an example exactly how it could likely happen when we're dealing with the interests or rights of children.

In Nunavut, traditionally, we have what we call custom adoptions. I believe we have a *Custom Adoptions Act* in place.

The way I understood this clause, 4(a), the special representative will be able to... For instance, if a complaint were submitted to him that a particular custom adoption is something he should look at on behalf of the child, would the special representative view that? If "any matter" is one of those and, presumably, any individual, regardless of whether he wants to make it formal or not, the special representative would go ahead and look at a custom adoption. It may be a specific case that he or she does not really particularly have an issue or something with the custom adoption.

I just want to give that as an example, whether that would open up the review as well for the services provided through the *Custom Adoptions Act*. Thank you.

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

Hon. Eva Aariak: If one feels that there is a gap in custom adoption that the Government of Nunavut provides services and if it's identified, then this is something that the representative will be able to look into. The representative will be able to look into the programs and services that the government has if there is a gap or if there is a concern. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Madam Minister. Moving on. Clause 4. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Turn the page. Clause 5. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

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

Some Members: Agreed.

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

Some Members: Agreed.

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

Some Members: Agreed.

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

Some Members: Agreed.

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

Some Members: Agreed.

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

Some Members: Agreed.

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

Some Members: Agreed.

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

Some Members: Agreed.

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

Some Members: Agreed.

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

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 16. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Turn the page. Clause 17. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 18. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Turn the page. Clause 19. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation) Clause 20. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 21. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 22. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Turn the page. Page 12. Clause 23. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 24.
Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Turn the
page. Clause 25. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 26.
Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Turn the
page. Clause 27. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 28.
Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Turn the
page. Clause 29. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 30.
Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 31.
Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 32.
Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Turn the
page. Clause 33. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 34.
Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Turn the
page. Clause 35. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Turn the
page. Page 19. Clause 36. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 37.
Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Turn the
page. Clause 38. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 39.
Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Turn the
page. Clause 40. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 41.
Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 42. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 43. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Turn the page. Clause 44. Mr. Elliott.

**Committee Motion 012 – 3(3): Bill 40,
Representative for Children and
Youth Act**

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to put forward the following motion on Bill 40, *Representative for Children and Youth Act*, motion to be moved in committee:

I move that clause 44 be amended by striking out “by order of the Commissioner” and substituting “by order of the Commissioner on the recommendation of the Management and Services Board.” Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): There are procedures to follow. The motion is in order. To the motion. Before we start, I have comments to make as to procedures. Every member wishing to speak can speak to the motion for a total of 20 minutes. The mover of the motion speaks first. The mover of the motion has the right to the last reply. I would first like to ask the mover of the motion if he has any comments. Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On behalf of the Speaker and the Management and Services Board, I am

pleased to move the motion that is before the Committee of the Whole today.

As members will recall from the Speaker’s recent correspondence of August 28 to the Premier, a request was made for this amendment to be prepared.

As members are aware, the representative for children and youth’s status as an independent officer of the Legislative Assembly will result in a significant number of responsibilities being assumed by the Management and Services Board and the Office of the Legislative Assembly.

In addition to undertaking the recruitment and selection of the representative, the board will have overarching responsibility for ensuring that the necessary financial, administrative, and logistical infrastructure is in place to enable the representative to commence his or her duties in an effective and efficient manner.

Consequently, it is essential that the new legislation be brought into force in a planned and deliberate manner. Given that the responsibility for ensuring that this occurs rests with the Management and Services Board, it is appropriate for clause 44 of Bill 40 to be amended to provide that the Act or any portion of the Act comes into force on the recommendation of the board.

On behalf of the Speaker and the board, I wish to thank the sponsoring minister for agreeing to the amendment that is before us today. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Do members have any comments to the motion? All those in favour of the motion, please raise your hand. Thank you. Opposed. Abstentions. The motion is carried. Thank you. We're on clause 44. Clause 44, as amended. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Do members agree to Bill 40, as amended?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Do members agree that pursuant to Rule 62(2) that Bill 40 can be immediately placed on the orders of the day for third reading?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Madam Minister, I will give you an opportunity to make closing remarks at this time. Madam Minister.

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for allowing me an opportunity to make closing remarks. I thank each and every one of you, all Members of the Legislative Assembly, for recognizing a very important issue and for understanding current affairs. I am very pleased that you are able to let your position be known in this House.

I would also like to thank all the people at the cabinet level, who agreed that we are to table this legislation. I thank the regular members for giving their great advice why we need to bring this legislation up. I thank each and every

one of you. Let us remember that it has been a while since the members wanted to see this legislation passed. Now it's eventually here. This legislation is very important for youth and children's programs and services.

I would also like to thank the people who worked very long hours on this legislation and also the people who have been in support of this legislation for a long time, such as NTI and others. Other provinces have been in support of us to see this legislation pass.

I would like to thank the Child and Youth Representative Advisory Committee because they worked very hard to draft this legislation. I would like to thank the Department of Justice legislation drafters and also the people of the Department of Justice.

I would like to thank all Nunavummiut for providing their input during the consultation process of this legislation. Thank you for providing your support and advice.

I would like to thank Rhoda Audla because she's always busy working at the department, and to my right, Daniel Vandermeulen. I thank each and every one of you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Madam Minister. Before we proceed, using my discretion as the Chair, we will take a break and I will ring the bells to call you back into the Chamber. Thank you.

Sergeant-at-Arms, please escort the witnesses out. We will now take a break.

>> *Committee recessed at 17:25 and resumed at 17:41*

**Bill 58 – Public Service Act –
Consideration in Committee**

Chairman (interpretation): We can now resume our meeting. We will now be dealing with Bill 58, *Public Service Act*, reprint. Minister Peterson is the lead minister. Does the committee agree to bring in Minister Peterson and his officials to the witness table?

Some Members: Agreed.

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

Thank you, Sergeant-at-Arms. Minister Peterson, welcome. For the record, please introduce your witnesses. Minister Peterson.

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 Anne Macintosh, Legal Counsel for the Department of Justice.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Peterson. Mr. D'Arcy, welcome. (interpretation ends) Ms. Macintosh, I haven't seen you in a long time.

>> *Laughter*

(interpretation) Welcome. Minister Peterson, if you have any opening comments on Bill 58, I now give you the opportunity. Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman. I am pleased to appear and speak to Bill 58, the *Public Service Act*.

The new *Public Service Act* introduces a number of improvements. With the inclusion of modern language and the updating of a wide variety of legislative references, Bill 58 provides a solid foundation for several key initiatives.

The new *Public Service Act* recognizes the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement, provides the inclusion of the Priority Hiring Policy, internship programs, and Inuit language legislation.

Bill 58 also provides for the disclosure of wrongdoing, more commonly referred to as whistle-blowing, and creates an ethics officer function to investigate any disclosures. These provisions outline the steps for making a complaint, powers of investigation, and protect employees from reprisal.

Political activity provisions in the proposed legislation have been changed to reflect case law, federal statutes, and commonly held practices. These sections provide clear direction on what activities public servants can be involved with and removes obstructions to participation.

Mr. Chairman, I would like to thank the standing committee for their hard work. Your suggestions and our collaborative discussions have led to significant improvements to this bill. I welcome questions and comments from members. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Peterson. (interpretation) If the chair of the standing committee, Mr.

Ningeongan, has any comments, you may proceed.

Mr. Ningeongan: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As Chair of the Standing Committee on Legislation, I wish to provide opening comments on behalf of my colleagues as we begin consideration of Bill 58, the proposed new *Public Service Act*.

Mr. Chairman, as you will recall, Bill 58 received second reading on March 18, 2013 and was subsequently referred to the standing committee for consideration.

For the benefit of the permanent public record and Nunavummiut who are following our proceedings today, I wish to take this opportunity to provide an overview of the standing committee's deliberations concerning Bill 58.

Mr. Chairman, the amended and reprinted version of Bill 58 that is before the Committee of the Whole today reflects a number of amendments that were made to the bill during the sponsoring minister's recent appearance before the standing committee on the occasion of its clause-by-clause consideration of the bill. These amendments included measures to:

- Clarify the minister's responsibilities in relation to the government's obligations under Article 23 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement;
- Strengthen provisions concerning the issue of nepotism in the government's hiring process;

- Ensure greater consistency between the *Public Service Act* and the *Nunavut Elections Act*; and
- Provide that Part 6 of the new *Public Service Act*, which concerns disclosure of wrongdoing and the creation of the ethics officer, to come into force on the earlier of April 1, 2015 or a day to be fixed by order of the Commissioner.

Mr. Chairman, at the conclusion of the standing committee's clause-by-clause consideration of Bill 58, a motion was adopted to report the bill back to the House as amended.

Mr. Chairman, that concludes my opening comments. The standing committee recommends the passage of Bill 58, as amended and reprinted, to all members. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. (interpretation) Before we proceed, let me remind the members that we are now on general comments, but if you have any questions in regard to the bill, please wait until we go clause by clause. I would like to ask if there are any general comments. Mr. Tapardjuk.

Mr. Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also would like to welcome the minister and his officials. It took a while for the government to draft up Bill 58, the *Public Service Act*. I am in support of this bill because I have seen many problems occurring when there are employment opportunities out there.

Mr. Chairman, one thing that some government employees noted is that sometimes nepotism occurs within the

departments. This has to stop. The government needs to hire based on merit. For that reason, the amendment to this bill, I believe, will be more in support of this, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

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

Mr. Curley: Thank you. With respect to my opening comments, I think, again they will concentrate on one or two items.

I think this bill is definitely long overdue. We need to give our workers in the public service an opportunity to report any wrongdoing without fear, without being limited to their conscience as well as to the consequences from anybody within the authorities within government. I think that principle is very important. They will now be able to have an opportunity to disclose any wrongdoing that may be known or the person wishes to report. We have known it as whistle-blowing. So that's an important change. Hopefully we won't have to use it that much in our public service.

The second point is that the ethics officer created, I think, is really quite important. That's essential to the public service.

The other point I wanted to raise, and I will only raise it as a point, is that there appears to be a change as to the minister's role in assigning powers, duties, functions, authority, and so on. Traditionally, it has always been the practice of the minister to assign the powers, duties, and functions to the deputy ministers. If they want a

particular assignment given, they do it through the deputy minister, as the deputy minister, as the head of the department, knows exactly which group of officials down the chain are able to effect change if the minister so desires. That always has been the case.

Letters of authorizing deputy ministers, traditionally and occasionally, have been tabled in the legislature. Now the very important change in this legislation, and I'm sure all of you have read this, including the press, is that the minister is now seeking authority to be able to assign duties, functions, and authorities to any employee in the public service. Wow!

There will be a little competition going on. "How did you get to be a favourite public servant assigned powers, duties, and authorities which I never get to do, even as middle management in the public service?" That is the only concern I have other than the whole issue. I think it's moving further from the previous track, which is always respect the working relationship with the deputy.

Now we're changing it that any minister will now be able to assign powers, functions, or authorities, if there's an important thing going on, to any employee. It may not happen often, but it doesn't necessarily have to be the deputy minister or ADM. It could be a manager or director. Not only that, they will be able to consider assigning it to even junior officers. That may not happen, but that's the only concern I have with this bill. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Are there any general comments on the opening comments? I

have no more names on my list at this time. I think it is timely that we take a 20-minute break at this time. Thank you.

>>*Committee recessed at 17:54 and resumed at 18:12*

Chairman (interpretation): We now can proceed. Thank you for returning. Minister Peterson and his officials are at the witness table. I have no more names for general comments. Go to Bill 58 in your legislation binder. We will begin the clause-by-clause review of the bill. We will start with page 1. Bill 58, *Public Service Act*. Reprint. Clause 1. Do you agree?

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Schedules A and B on pages 51 and 52. Page 51. Schedule A. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Turn the page. Page 52. Schedule B. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

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

Some Members: Agreed.

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

Some Members: Agreed.

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

Some Members: Agreed.

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

Some Members: Agreed.

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

Some Members: Agreed.

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

Some Members: Agreed.

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

Some Members: Agreed.

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

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Turn the page. Clause 9.1. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

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

Some Members: Agreed.

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

Some Members: Agreed.

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

Some Members: Agreed.

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

Some Members: Agreed.

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

Some Members: Agreed.

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

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 16. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

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

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 18. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Turn the page. Clause 19. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 20. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 21. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 22. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Turn the page. Clause 23. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 24. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 25. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Turn the page. Clause 26. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 27. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Turn the page. Clause 28. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 29. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 30. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Turn the page. Clause 31. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Turn the page. Clause 32. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 33. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 34. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Turn the page. Clause 35. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 36. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 37. Do you agree?

Chairman (interpretation): Turn the page. Clause 38. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Turn the page. Clause 39. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 40. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Turn the page. Clause 41. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Turn the page. Clause 42. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Turn the page. Clause 43. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Turn the page. Clause 44. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Turn the page. Clause 45. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Page 29. Clause 46. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 47. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Turn the page. Clause 48. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 49. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 50.
Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 51.
Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Turn the
page. Clause 52. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 53.
Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 54.
Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Turn the
page. Clause 55. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Turn several
pages to page 35. Clause 56. Do you
agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Turn the
page. Clause 57. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Turn the
page. Clause 58. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Turn the
page. Clause 59. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Turn the
page. Clause 60. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 61.
Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Turn the
page. Clause 62. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Mr. Elliott, I'm very
sensitive with arms going up.

(interpretation) Clause 63. Do you
agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 64.
Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Turn the
page. Clause 65. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 66.
Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Turn the
page. Clause 67. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 68.
Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 69.
Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Turn the
page. Clause 70. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 71.
Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Please make
sure that you voice your agreement.

Clause 72. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 73.
Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 74.
Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Turn the
page. Clause 75. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 76.
Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Turn the
page. Clause 77. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 78.
Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 79.
Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 80.
Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 81.
Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 82.
Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 83.
Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Turn the
page. Clause 84. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Turn the
page. Clause 85. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 86.
Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Turn the page. Page 49. Clause 87. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 88.
Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 89.
Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 90.
Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 91.
Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 92.
Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Turn the page. Clause 93. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 94.
Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 95.
Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Does the committee agree to Bill 58 as a whole?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Do members agree that pursuant to Rule 62(2) that Bill 58 can be immediately be placed on the orders of the day for third reading?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Thank you, members. We are now done with Bill 58. Minister Peterson, if you have closing remarks, I give you this opportunity. Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the committee for their excellent work and support of this bill for the last several months. When I took over the portfolio, I read a briefing file on this and this initiative actually started back in year 2002. It's good that it's complete. It helps our government. Of course, we want be the employer of choice for folks in Nunavut. I think the passage of *Public Service Act* will help us here.

I would personally like to thank Ms. Anne Macintosh. She's our drafter and everybody knows drafting legislation to get the right messages is very complicated. I would like to thank our policy folks who worked on this, Adrienne Silk from the Department of Justice and Andrea Witzaney-Chown from the Department of Finance.

I would also like to thank Elections Nunavut, who had some input, and of course, Legislative Assembly officials, Alex Baldwin and our Law Clerk, Michael Chandler.

I would also like to thank my deputy minister of finance. We just took over this important legislation and it's great that we were able to get this all done in a very short period of time.

I thank yourself again, Mr. Chairman, and this committee for your excellent work on this. I thank my colleagues for their support. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

We will continue with the meeting. What is the wish of the committee? Mr. Elliott.

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

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

Speaker: *Qujannamiik*, Sergeant-at-Arms. We will move on in our orders of the day. Report of the Committee of the Whole. Mr. Enook.

Item 20: Report of the Committee of the Whole

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Mr. Speaker, your committee has been considering Bills 40 and 58, that Bill 58 is now ready for third reading, that Bill 40 is now ready for third reading, as amended, and that one committee motion was adopted. Also, Mr. Speaker, I move that the Report of the Committee of the Whole be concurred with. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Enook. There is a motion on the floor. Is there a seconder? Thank you, Mr. Schell. The motion is in order. All those in favour. Any opposed? The motion is carried.

Item 21. Third Reading of Bills. Minister of Finance, Minister Peterson.

Item 21: Third Reading of Bills

Bill 58 – Public Service Act – Third Reading

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Rankin Inlet South-Whale Cove, that Bill 58, *Public Service Act*, 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 as such, Bill 58 has had third reading and is ready for assent.

Item 21. Third Reading of Bills. Madam Premier.

Bill 40 – Representative for Children and Youth Act – Third Reading

Hon. Eva Aariak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Hon.

Member for Rankin Inlet South-Whale Cove, that Bill 40, *Representative for Children and Youth Act*, be read for the third time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Madam Premier. The motion is in order. All those in favour. Any opposed? The motion is carried. As such, Bill 40 has had third reading and is ready for assent.

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

Item 22: Orders of the Day

Clerk (Mr. Quirke): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. *Orders of the Day* for September 17:

1. Prayer
2. Ministers' Statements
3. Members' Statements
4. Returns to Oral Questions
5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery
6. Oral Questions
7. Written Questions
8. Returns to Written Questions
9. Petitions
10. Responses to Petitions
11. Reports of Standing and Special Committees on Bills and Other Matters
12. Tabling of Documents
13. Notices of Motions

14. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills

15. Motions

16. First Reading of Bills

17. Second Reading of Bills

18. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters

- Bill 64

19. Report of the Committee of the Whole

20. Third Reading of Bills

21. Orders of the Day

Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. In accordance with the authority granted to me by Motion 57 – 3(3), this House stands adjourned until Tuesday, September 17, at ten o'clock.

Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>*House adjourned at 18:30*

