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Iqaluit, Nunavut**Tuesday, November 4, 2014****Members Present:**

Mr. Tony Akoak, Ms. Pat Angnakak, Hon. Monica Ell, Mr. Joe Enook, Mr. George Hickes, Mr. David Joanasié, Hon. George Kuksuk, Mr. Steve Mapsalak, Hon. Johnny Mike, Mr. Simeon Mikkungwak, Hon. Paul Okalik, Hon. Keith Peterson, Hon. Paul Quassa, Hon. George Qulaut, Mr. Allan Rumbolt, Mr. Alexander Sammurtok, Hon. Tom Sammurtok, Mr. Joe Savikataaq, Mr. Isaac Shooyook, Hon. Peter Taptuna, Hon. Jeannie Ugyuk.

>>*House commenced at 13:30***Item 1: Opening Prayer**

Speaker (Hon. George Qulaut) (interpretation): Can you say the opening prayer, please, Ms. Ugyuk.

>>*Prayer*

Speaker (interpretation): Good afternoon, members, ministers, and all Nunavummiut who are watching the proceedings. Welcome. (interpretation ends) Item 2. Ministers' Statements. Hon. Minister Mr. Quassa.

Item 2: Ministers' Statements**Minister's Statement 078 – 4(2): OAG Updates Concerning Safety in Schools and Daycares**

Hon. Paul Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good day, my colleagues, the people of Igloolik, and all Nunavummiut.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to notify my colleagues of

the progress my department is making towards addressing the findings of the Auditor General of Canada concerning safety in schools and daycares.

The department has developed a *Child Day Care Act* manual which provides plain language explanations of the legal requirements governing early childhood education (ECE) facilities and programs. Education staff began in-servicing this manual to early childhood staff this past September.

Mr. Speaker, all early childhood education facilities have a current, valid licence and have been inspected within the past 12 months. New documentation has been developed and implemented to ensure that staff are following up on non-compliance issues identified during inspections.

We have worked with Community and Government Services to produce a fire safety manual. This manual clearly defines roles and responsibilities and includes templates for weekly, monthly, and annual tasks and inspections. All principals have been provided with a working copy of this manual, with the final formatted and translated version to follow shortly. Community and Government Services has provided a copy of the manual to regional managers to share with their maintainers and inspectors.

Mr. Speaker, we have also developed a safe school manual which provides important guidelines and suggestions related to school safety. The manual covers topics like emergency preparedness and protocols, training options for staff on elements of school safety, and building management.

I am confident that these initiatives will help ensure that our students are learning in a safe school and early childhood education facility environment.

(interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements. Minister of Health, Ms. Ell.

**Minister's Statement 079 – 4(2):
Maternal and Child Health**

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Department of Health recognizes that a healthy beginning is the foundation for a healthy future. We have invested in maternal child health programs. Today, I am pleased to inform the Assembly of work the department has undertaken in the following areas:

- Promoting the benefits of breastfeeding;
- Preventing fetal alcohol spectrum disorder; and
- Reducing the risk of sudden infant death syndrome.

Mr. Speaker, earlier this month, 17 communities participated in the national Breastfeeding Challenge. The challenge encourages mothers to breastfeed and benefits the child who is receiving the best nutrition possible.

To further support breastfeeding, we have established the "Breastfeeding Friendly Nunavut Committee." This committee oversees the development of breastfeeding guidelines, resources, and training.

Mr. Speaker, our work to reduce the risk of sudden infant death syndrome, or

SIDS, is imperative since SIDS has been identified as the cause of about half of the infant deaths in Nunavut.

The Department of Health has developed the Safe Sleep Resource Kit to educate parents and others about SIDS and precautions that can be taken to reduce the risk of SIDS. Community health representatives, Community Prenatal Nutrition Program workers, and health care providers can provide information to parents and caregivers.

Mr. Speaker, the Department of Health has garnered local and national attention with the recent launch of our fetal alcohol spectrum disorder awareness campaign. The campaign focuses attention on and raises awareness of FASD by highlighting the impact of consuming alcohol during pregnancy on the fetus.

Mr. Speaker, the Department of Health is working with our partners to strengthen maternal child health programs across Nunavut. These programs provide a strong foundation for lifelong health by ensuring that Nunavummiut receive the support they need to raise healthy children and families. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

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

**Minister's Statement 080 – 4(2):
Nunavut's Council of the
Federation Literacy Award
Winner**

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Good afternoon, colleagues, Nunavummiut, and Kuglukturmiut. Mr. Speaker, every year, the Council of the Federation celebrates outstanding achievement, innovative practice, and excellence in literacy. This annual award is presented to educators, volunteers, learners, community organizations, non-governmental organizations, and businesses.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the contributions of Neil Christopher, Nunavut's Council of the Federation Literacy Award winner for 2014. Mr. Christopher is a dedicated, inspiring Nunavummiuq who has worked tirelessly to further literacy in our territory. I would like to acknowledge Mr. Christopher, as he is here in the Gallery today.

Mr. Speaker, we recognized Neil's long-term contributions to the Nunavut Teacher Education Program. We were also impressed with Neil's leadership in Inhabit Media and its ongoing successes, as well as his efforts to encourage Inuit to write and publish their stories.

Mr. Speaker, the contributions of citizens like Neil are invaluable to Nunavut. As we strive towards self-reliance and optimism through education and healthy, resilient communities, literacy will be a key component in moving forward. Education is fundamental to the success of our territory. I encourage all Nunavummiut to take a moment to see how they can strengthen learning opportunities within

their communities, with their children, friends, and extended family members.

On behalf of all the Government of Nunavut, I would like to express my appreciation to Mr. Christopher for his contributions and encourage him to continue his work in strengthening literacy in our territory. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Ministers' Statements. Hon. Minister Mr. Peterson.

**Minister's Statement 081– 4(2): 2014-
15 Homeowner Fuel Rebate**

Hon. Keith Peterson: Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce that Nunavummiut can now apply for the 2014-15 Homeowner Fuel Rebate.

>> *Applause*

The rebate is in the form of a one-time payment of \$500 to homeowners.

In order to be eligible, homeowners will need to have owned a home in Nunavut and be living in it as their primary residence on October 31, 2014.

In the coming days, everyone who received the rebate last winter will be contacted directly by my officials, either by email or by Canada Post.

New applicants and individuals who want more information on who is eligible for this payment and how to apply can:

- visit the Department of Finance website;
- email us at homefuelrebate@gov.nu.ca;
- phone us at 1-800-316-3324; or
- Come into our Finance offices in Iqaluit, Rankin Inlet, Cambridge Bay, and Igloolik.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements. (interpretation ends) Hon. Minister Mr. Mike.

**Minister's Statement 082– 4(2):
Implementation of Heritage
Appreciation Plan for Kugluk
(Bloody Falls) Territorial Park**

Hon. Johnny Mike (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the people who are here in the Gallery.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to provide an update on the excellent work my department has made towards implementing the Heritage Appreciation Plan for Kugluk (Bloody Falls) Territorial Park, completed in the spring of 2013.

(interpretation) Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to advise that my department has completed new interpretive materials in collaboration with the community and other stakeholders.

(interpretation ends) In particular, I would like to thank the Kugluktuk Park Advisory Committee that provided

direction for the project, the elders and community residents who participated in the many interviews, the Kitikmeot Inuit Association, and the departments of Education and Culture and Heritage for their support.

(interpretation) In keeping with the umbrella Inuit Impact and Benefit Agreement for territorial parks, (interpretation ends) the materials produced highlight the long history of human use of the park and its natural resources, and explain the regulations that protect the park, its resources, and the people who use the park.

(interpretation) In addition, my department has recently signed a memorandum of understanding with the Hamlet of Kugluktuk in an effort to work together effectively to ensure that several of the new interpretive elements in the plan can be successfully integrated with the hamlet's new heritage visitors centre.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I am happy with the progress my department has made to date on implementing the Heritage Appreciation Plan with the community, and I am sure these new interpretive materials will become a great asset to both Kugluktuk and Kugluk (Bloody Falls) Territorial Park. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements. (interpretation ends) Hon. Minister Mr. Quassa.

Minister's Statement 083 – 4(2): Book Launch

Hon. Paul Quassa (interpretation):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to inform members of a book launch this week. Bill Lyall and Louis Tapardjuk will both be releasing books at the Inuit Studies Conference in Quebec City that tell their stories. Both of these individuals have worked tirelessly and passionately on matters dear to their hearts. Bill has devoted his time to the Co-op movement while Louis has committed his life to preserving Inuit language and culture.

Bill grew up in Taloyoak and, in his early years, explored a number of careers. In 1978, he was elected president of the Ikaluktutiak Co-operative in Cambridge Bay and expanded its business lines. He was also involved with (interpretation ends) Canadian Arctic Producers (interpretation) in the 1970s, which later joined with the (interpretation ends) Canadian Arctic Co-operative Federation (interpretation) in 1981 to form Arctic Co-operatives Limited. Arctic Co-operatives Limited is one of the largest federations of independent aboriginal owned businesses in North America. Bill Lyall also served a term in the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly.

Louis Tapardjuk grew up in Igloolik and attended residential school. He was involved in Inuit politics and served both as a staff member and a board member with Qikiqtani Inuit Association. Louis was also a cabinet minister for two terms in the Nunavut Legislative Assembly. He was instrumental in moving forward

the *Inuit Language Protection Act* and the *Official Languages Act*.

I'll speak in English.

(interpretation ends) The title of Bill's book is "Helping Ourselves by Helping Each Other." Louis Tapardjuk's book is titled "Fighting for Our Rights." Both of these titles reflect the essence of these two individuals.

(interpretation) Mr. Speaker, Nunavut Arctic College, through the Nunavut Research Institute, and Laval University are pleased to have been able to provide support for these two books. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements. I have no more names on my list.

Members, for your information, we only have one page working in the House today and her priority is to deliver messages in the Chamber only. Therefore, any requests for documents or requests to deliver documents to your offices cannot be undertaken. Please be aware that she is working alone today.

Members' Statements. Member for Iqaluit-Niaqunngu, Ms. Angnakak.

Item 3: Members' Statements

Member's Statement 173 – 4(2): Nunavut Wise Woman Award

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation) Good afternoon. (interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, it's not every day that one has

the opportunity to rise in the Legislative Assembly to offer congratulations to one's own mother, but today, I have the honour to do just that.

My family and I were privileged this weekend to attend a wonderful event at which my mother, Margaret Gardener, received the Nunavut Wise Woman Award from the Qullit Nunavut Status of Women Council.

>> *Applause*

This event was organized by the Qullit Nunavut Status of Women Council and as a family, we are very grateful for their efforts.

Mr. Speaker, the annual Nunavut Wise Woman Award was established to "recognize a woman from Nunavut who is dedicated and committed to improving the lives of women and families in Nunavut." The award is presented as a "way of honouring women who are role models in their community and who provide volunteer, counselling, and caregiver services to those in need."

Mr. Speaker, my mother has called the eastern arctic home for over 50 years and has been the foundation and support for my father, the Reverend Michael Gardener, in his work as an Anglican Minister in Kimmirut, Cape Dorset, Pangnirtung, and Iqaluit.

Mr. Speaker, over the years, much of my mother's work has involved teaching, counselling, and providing guidance to the many children who were in need of help and guidance, children who felt that they had nowhere else to go to or who did not know who to turn to in times of grief, frustration, or just not knowing

what the next step in their lives should be.

Mr. Speaker, my parents were the first teachers in Kimmirut and had the joy of teaching students like Ann Hanson and the late Jonah Kelly. Mr. Speaker, I have very clear memories of my mother inviting local children over to our house in the evenings on almost every single night. Sometimes there would be as many as ten other kids in the house.

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

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude her statement. Are there any nays? (interpretation) I didn't hear any nays. Please proceed, Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, colleagues.

In too many cases, these children had no place to go and in too many cases, they faced extremely painful and difficult situations at home. Mr. Speaker, my mother was there for many of them, and I still remember how they often commented on how good the juice and homemade cookies were that she provided them.

Mr. Speaker, I am extremely proud of my mother and that she has been recognized by the Qullit Nunavut Status of Women Council for all the work and leadership that she has provided over the years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all members here today to join me in recognizing Margaret Gardener, my mother, for her

contributions to our territory and its people. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for (interpretation ends) South Baffin, Mr. Joanasié.

**Member's Statement 174 – 4(2):
Kinngait Hunters – South Baffin
Connection**

Mr. Joanasié (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to start off by welcoming the visitors to the Gallery.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate and commend the creators of a professional music CD that was recorded and produced in one of Cape Dorset's schools, specifically at the Peter Pitseolak School. It was completed and released this past summer.

Mr. Speaker, this music CD is entitled (interpretation ends) *Kinngait Hunters – South Baffin Connection*. (interpretation) This CD contains 26 original tracks, all recorded by the artists, and ranges from throat singing to modern music and songs. This was a compilation of work by various individuals, and I wish to acknowledge the following people for their involvement in the creation of this CD:

Ms. Danick Clavel, who was the executive producer of the CD;
Christa Borden, the production assistant;
Cory Buott, recording engineer of Enoogoo Records from Grise Fiord;
Hannah Tully, the album cover artist;
Natasha Harwood from the National Arts Centre Music Alive Program;

Jimmy Melvin, who recorded the video of the CD production.

Further, Mr. Speaker, I want to especially acknowledge the following artists who recorded their songs and music featured on the CD:

Neevee Jaw;
Pii Toonoo;
Charlie Jaw, also known as C.J.;
Arn Pootoogook;
Oqituq Simigak;
Kelly Fraser;
Conner Ross;
Doug Bart;
Christa Borden;
(interpretation ends) Ms. Danick Clavel and the Brackish Water Privateers;
(interpretation) and
Ijiraq.

Mr. Speaker, the CDs are for sale at the Peter Pitseolak School and are available for purchase by anyone interested in buying the CD. I would like my colleagues to share in congratulating the creators of the CD and the successful production of this unique CD, and I hope more projects will be supported in the future. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

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

**Member's Statement 175 – 4(2):
Supporting Our Children**

Mr. Shooyook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the visitors watching the proceedings from the Gallery, I welcome you to the House.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my concern for the children of Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, all too often, our children are left neglected because their parents get caught up in alcohol abuse, substance abuse, and gambling.

Mr. Speaker, it makes me very sad when I see parents taking the money that is provided by social assistance to help them buy food to feed their families or supplies to go hunting and using that money on unhealthy activities instead.

Mr. Speaker, I know that it makes the children sad as well. Some of them are very young and some of them suffer greatly.

As my time is nearing the end, I would like to ask for unanimous consent from my colleagues to conclude my statement.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statement. Are there any nays? (interpretation) I don't hear any nays. Please proceed, Mr. Shooyook.

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

Mr. Speaker, when these children see their friends who are fine and well looked after, they feel envy. Later in life, these feelings could lead to anger and other problems.

Mr. Speaker, I want parents in Nunavut to think about what they are doing and what is best for their children. Mr. Speaker, I also want our government to find ways to help these parents get away

from their addictions and focus on their children.

At the appropriate time, I will be asking questions on this issue. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Iqaluit-Tasiluk, Mr. Hickes.

**Member's Statement 176 – 4(2):
Homeowners Fuel Rebate
Program**

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I actually didn't have a Member's Statement prepared, but I'll take this opportunity to recognize the Minister of Finance and the hard work that his department has done to help alleviate some of the financial challenges that homeowners face here in Nunavut.

Like I stated previously, the budgeted amount in the overall scheme of things may not seem like much, but this \$500 one-time payment to support homeowners in the fuel rebate is very much appreciated. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

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

**Member's Statement 177 – 4(2):
Appreciation to Minister on Behalf
of Qilautimiut Society**

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Firstly, prior to commencing with my Member's Statement, a grandchild of

mine is celebrating their first birthday, and I wish to extend birthday greetings to Ursula Angela Tatty Niego. As it is her first birthday, I wish her an awesome celebration.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my appreciation to the Minister of Justice (interpretation ends) for providing support to the Qilautimiut Society, Baker Lake's elders' group.

Mr. Speaker, it was with great pleasure that I welcomed Minister Okalik to visit the community of Baker Lake. During one of his visits, we had the opportunity to meet with the members of the Qilautimiut Society. At that time, it was brought to our attention that the group was not formally registered as a society and could, therefore, not take advantage of a number of opportunities, such as accessing additional funding for programs and activities.

The minister took the lead in providing assistance and helping the group get its registered society status. The Qilautimiut Society now has an officially recognized board and has the opportunity to apply for grants, contributions, and other supports.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Qilautimiut Society of Baker Lake, I wish to formally extend my thanks to the minister and his staff for their great work. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

**Member's Statement 178 – 4(2):
Happy 87th Birthday to James
Manigyogina**

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again good afternoon to Nunavummiut.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a very special person in my life and a special person in my family's life.

Right last spring, my wife and I had the opportunity and privilege of participating in a birthday party of our aunt's 100th birthday that was in June. Today, I want to recognize her little brother's birthday. Mr. James Manigyogina has turned 87 and he has been my father-in-law for the last 37 years, so I am very pleased to rise today and mention a few words of him.

He spent a lot of time, almost 40 years, working for the DEW line sites right across the north, from the early days of construction to almost the very end. Not only that, he spent a lot of time as a northern ranger training survival skills for the military that came from down south. Not only that, he spent a lot of time at elders' and youth camps helping the young parents and youth with land skills, survival skills, and traditional skills, including languages.

I wish my father-in-law a very happy 87th birthday. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. I have no more names on my list. (interpretation ends) Item 4. Returns to Oral Questions. Hon. Minister Mr. Kuksuk.

Item 4: Returns to Oral Questions***Return to Oral Question 237 – 4(2):
Oil and Gas Development**

Hon. George Kuksuk (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I say “good afternoon” to my fellow residents of Nunavut and Arviat.

Mr. Speaker, if it’s alright with you, before I proceed with my return, I would like to say that I feel for the people of my community today, especially the people who have lost a relative.

I was just informed about the passing of an individual whom a lot of us know, Mr. Vital Ulayuk. He will be greatly missed by the people of Arviat, especially today. I send my condolences to his family in Baker Lake.

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I have a Return to Oral Question No. 237 – 4(2) asked by the Member for Iqaluit-Niaqunngu on October 28, 2014 concerning oil and gas development.

Mr. Speaker, the return is quite detailed. I have filed it with the Clerk for transcribing to the *Hansard* for the public record and for distribution to all members. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Returns to Oral Questions. Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Hon. Minister Mr. Mike.

*See Appendix for full text of Return to Oral Question 237 – 4(2) filed with the Clerk.

Item 5: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery

Hon. Johnny Mike (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize the people here from Pangnirtung, Anita Evic, Priscilla Angnakak, and Doreen Kanayuk. They are students who came in from Pangnirtung. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Welcome to the Gallery. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. (interpretation ends) Hon. Minister Mr. Quassa.

Hon. Paul Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would also like to recognize the Nunavut Political Science class. They are learning about the Nunavut government system, what the Legislative Assembly does, who the MLAs are and their constituents, where their ridings are, who the ministers are, and how the Legislative Assembly functions, which is a very appropriate class. I will be reading out the names. Please stand.

Firstly, the substitute instructor is Ooloota Maatiusi. Some of the students were already recognized, but I would like to welcome:

Priscilla Angnakak,
Anita Evic,
Lydia Innualuk from Pond Inlet,
Doreen Kanayuk from Pangnirtung,
Louisa Kipsigak from Igloolik, and
Corianna Manitok again from Igloolik.

We also have, and I hope I say it correctly, Bryton Moyles. (interpretation

ends) I'm sorry if I mispronounced it. He's from Lewisport, Newfoundland.

(interpretation ends) We also have Mary Pijamini from Iqaluit and Jamesee Pisuktie again from Iqaluit.

Please welcome the students to the Gallery. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Welcome to the Gallery. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. (interpretation) Thank you. I have no more names on my list. (interpretation ends) Hon. Minister Mr. Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just recognized someone on the other side that used to sit here in the House where you are now sitting, and I still use his mug to this day. I wish to warmly welcome James Arreak to the House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Please be welcome to the House. (interpretation ends) I would like to take this opportunity to recognize a group of visitors who are in the Gallery today.

Joining us today is a group of senior federal public servants who are currently in Iqaluit for a steady tour on northern issues as part of their executive leadership program. This tour has been organized by the Institute on Governance and the tour leader is Ms. Katherine Waters. Please join me in welcoming our guests.

>>Applause

(interpretation) Thank you. Welcome to the Gallery. (interpretation ends) Item 6. Oral Questions. (interpretation) Member for Iqaluit-Tasiluk, Mr. Hickes.

Item 6: Oral Questions

Question 288 – 4(2): Agreement on Internal Trade

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question today is for the Premier.

Mr. Speaker, the Agreement on Internal Trade is an intergovernmental trade agreement signed by Canadian First Ministers that came into force in 1995. Its purpose is to “reduce and eliminate, to the extent possible, barriers to the free movement of persons, goods, services and investments within Canada and to establish an open, efficient and stable domestic market.” However, Mr. Speaker, Nunavut is not a signatory to the Agreement on Internal Trade, but has observer status.

In August of this year, the Premier attended the annual meeting of Canada's provincial and territorial premiers. Following this meeting, he issued a communiqué in which he stated that, and I quote, “Nunavut is supportive of a modernized internal trade agreement, one that would bring benefits to the territory.” Mr. Speaker, can the Premier describe what specific elements of a modernized trade agreement Nunavut is looking for? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Premier of Nunavut, Hon. Mr. Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the member's keen

interest in the Agreement on Internal Trade.

Mr. Speaker, I did participate in the Council of the Federation in August down in PEI. At that time, a steering committee was formed led by four premiers, the premiers of Manitoba, Nova Scotia, Ontario, and Saskatchewan. Mr. Speaker, the negotiations are still ongoing. We are hoping that we can get an update in January.

Mr. Speaker, although Nunavut is the only jurisdiction that hasn't assented to this agreement, we are quite keen on getting to that point where we have free mobility of people, professionals, and also goods going back and forth throughout the great jurisdictions of Canada. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On Friday, I asked a number of questions concerning the recent meeting of the forum of labour ministers. The government's report from this meeting indicated that there have been revisions to the Labour Mobility Chapter of the Agreement on Internal Trade.

An example is, although "individuals are still required to apply to jurisdictional regulators for certification in their occupation... workers in regulated occupations can apply to be certified in the same occupation in another province or territory without having to undergo significant additional training, examination or assessment."

Can the Premier indicate what additional changes the Government of Nunavut is looking for in this area? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Premier Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for that question. Mr. Speaker, Nunavut has a small little population of 36,000. We're quite interested in seeing more freedom of trade within our jurisdiction, especially the mobility of labourers and apprenticeships. We want to see more of that happening. As I indicated, those are still being negotiated with other jurisdictions.

In Nunavut, we want to make sure that our land claims agreement is protected, especially Article 24, that being the NNI Policy that's within the government here. We've got to make sure that during a session of signing onto the agreement, there's an initial carve-out of the protection of the NNI Policy. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I look forward to some further discussions with the Premier on that matter. It might help alleviate some of the vacant positions that the Minister of Finance tabled in his report yesterday towards a representative public government.

Mr. Speaker, one of the announcements that were made at the August meeting of provincial and territorial premiers was a commitment to undertake a comprehensive renewal of the

Agreement on Internal Trade. Can the Premier indicate what the timetable is for Nunavut to sign the Agreement on Internal Trade? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Premier Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm not going to speak on behalf of the other jurisdictions. Once all jurisdictions have agreed, including Nunavut, I will certainly let the member know when that's going to be taking place. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Iqaluit-Niaqunnguu, Ms. Angnakak.

Question 289 – 4(2): Government Restructuring

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is also for the Premier. He is on the hot seat today.

In July of 2012, the previous government announced a number of major structural changes, including the splitting of the Department of Health and Social Services into two entities, and the absorption of the staff and functions of the Department of Human Resources into the departments of Finance and Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs.

Can the Premier describe how the government is evaluating the extent to which these structural changes are achieving their intended goal of strengthening the delivery of programs and services to our residents? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Premier Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for that question. Mr. Speaker, when we structured in the Inuit employment side into EIA, it was to ensure that our training programs would fit the needs of our employees within the government. That is strictly more or less based on Article 23 of our Nunavut Land Claims Agreement, to get more Inuit beneficiaries into the government workforce.

For the second part of the question on social services and health, it is still being worked on; it's a moving target. We have initiated some changes so that we could better serve the people of Nunavut. At some point in time, we will be evaluating what the outcomes may be. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On June 3, 2011, the Minister of Finance informed the Legislative Assembly that the government had engaged a well-respected former public servant, Mr. Ken Lovely, to undertake a comprehensive review of the government's organizational structure. It is my understanding that Mr. Lovely's report contained a number of recommendations that led to the organizational changes that were subsequently announced in 2012.

I believe that it would benefit all Members of the Legislative Assembly to have the opportunity to review the

rationale and recommendations which led to the government's current structure. Would the Premier commit to tabling a copy of this report in the House before the end of this current sitting? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Premier Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the question from the hon. member. Mr. Speaker, as governments go, we had a change in government in 2013. Of course, some of the ongoing work that was inherited from the previous government, at times, we're working on these and trying to improve the outcomes and improve the services provided for the people of Nunavut. For the tabling of that document, I'll check with my colleagues to make sure that we're able to do that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Your final supplementary, Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the Premier for his good answer. We will look forward to receiving that information.

Mr. Speaker, earlier this year, the Legislative Assembly was informed that the government would be "hiring an independent organization" to support its current program review initiative.

Can the Premier describe the extent to which the current program review initiative is looking at potential changes to the number or structure of departments, agencies, and territorial corporations? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Premier Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We have initiated an RFP, request for proposals, to ensure that the programs we want to review are the ones that the government is uncertain of its outcome. What I mean by that is we have to get value for the dollar that we put out there in contributions and grants, and we want to ensure it benefits the people of Nunavut. Mr. Speaker, as I indicated, there is an RFP out at this moment, at this current time, trying to retain a group that can assist us in doing that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 290 – 4(2): Baker Lake Roads

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Community and Government Services.

Mr. Speaker, last Friday, I made a Member's Statement expressing my appreciation to several ministers who toured our community I represent over this past summer. The Minister of Community and Government Services partook in that tour.

During that tour, the minister obviously noted, with his own eyes, the scenic beauty of Baker Lake. However, on the other hand, he also experienced dustiness during summer in the community. The road from the airport showcased the dusty conditions we complain about as we drove amidst

clouds of dust from the airport to the community.

Mr. Speaker, it is my understanding that for the majority of communities in Nunavut, local roads are mostly unpaved. However, at this current time, they are treated with calcium chloride, which is a primary means for fighting dust on our roads. It is also my personal understanding that calcium chloride cannot be used within a certain distance of airports. They are not allowed to get too close to airports.

Would the minister agree that the best long-term permanent solution for dust control will be paving community roads? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Minister of Community and Government Services, Hon. Minister Mr. Sammurtok.

Hon. Tom Sammurtok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for his question because it has an impact on all Nunavut communities and is continually being addressed. We have been kept abreast in regard to this issue.

I went to Baker Lake last summer and I too saw the dust on the roads. At this time, I can state that we provide funding to all local governments annually to fight the dust on the roads. We are now working with all communities in Nunavut on how to combat this dust problem. Thank you.

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

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. As the minister will recall, the road from the airport to the community is particularly long and that is very problematic in Baker Lake. Would the minister consider doing a feasibility of paving this stretch of the community's roads as a priority? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Community and Government Services, Mr. Sammurtok.

Hon. Tom Sammurtok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At this time, we are in discussions with various communities about the best methods for dust suppression in the communities. During this winter, we have plans to discuss these issues with the communities to search for the best and safest dust suppression method. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. There is no doubt that growth of the mining sector has resulted in a significant impact in the Kivalliq. As a result of mining development, it goes without saying that summer traffic is having a growing effect on roads in Baker Lake.

Given the increase of on road traffic in Baker Lake and recognizing the health of people, paving is unquestionably the solution to reducing detriment to health. Can the minister indicate if such projects are eligible for federal support under the Building Canada Fund that the minister

has spoken about? Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Minister of Community and Government Services, Hon. Minister Mr. Sammurtok.

Hon. Tom Sammurtok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I can tell my colleague that this coming weekend, I will be going to Rankin Inlet to attend the meeting with NAMA, (interpretation ends) Nunavut Association of Municipal Administrators. (interpretation) We will have a meeting with them and we will be discussing the topic of dust on the roads.

When I return to Iqaluit, the Nunavut Association of Municipalities will be holding a meeting and discussing this matter with us. Through these meetings, we will discuss how we can properly deal with this issue. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Tununig, Mr. Enook.

Question 291 – 4(2): Development Partnership Agreements

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon to the people of Pond Inlet, residents of Nunavut, and visitors in the Gallery. Welcome.

Mr. Speaker, my questions are for the Minister of Transportation.

In May of this year, I asked the minister about the status of negotiating a development partnership agreement with Baffinland in relation to the Mary River project near Pond Inlet.

In my questions to the minister, I noted that the Nunavut Impact Review Board had strongly encouraged the Government of Nunavut and Baffinland to “enter into discussions to negotiate a development partnership agreement.”

Can the minister update me today on whether negotiations for a development partnership agreement for the Mary River project have begun or when they will start? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Economic Development and Transportation, Mr. Kuksuk.

Hon. George Kuksuk (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I thank my colleague for that question. Mr. Speaker, up to date, as per my previous responses to that issue, I reiterated that there is only one agreement within that category the member alluded to between our government and the mining company. With respect to the member’s question, there still isn’t an agreement to date. That is what I can respond with. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the minister is aware and has just stated, there is currently one development partnership agreement in place between the Government of Nunavut and Agnico-Eagle Mines in relation to the Meadowbank project.

Can the minister indicate if his department is looking at basing its development partnership agreement with Baffinland on the existing DPA that’s in

place with Agnico-Eagle? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Minister of Economic Development and Transportation, Hon. Minister Mr. Kuksuk.

Hon. George Kuksuk (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I can't state categorically that this agreement would mirror that agreement he refers to between the government and Agnico-Eagle. However, the agreement process includes collaborative meetings between the government and the mining company. At the same time, we also need to work with community representatives as part of the process to reaching an agreement. That is how it would play out. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) As the minister is aware, mining companies are required to enter into a development partnership agreement with the government in order to be eligible to participate in the government's Fuel Tax Rebate Program.

In light of last week's court judgment regarding the Fuel Tax Rebate Program, I am concerned that mining companies may be reluctant to enter into development partnership agreements with this government.

Can the minister assure me that the Department of Economic Development and [Transportation] is working closely

with the Department of Finance to ensure that entering into development partnership agreements for the benefit of our territory's residents remains an attractive option for mining companies? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Minister of Economic Development and Transportation, Hon. Minister Mr. Kuksuk.

Hon. George Kuksuk (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I can tell my colleague that with respect to the member's question, we will work closely with the (interpretation ends) finance department (interpretation) before the DPA is finalized. The finance department would be involved in the fuel tax component as it would be part of the DPA. Yes, we will be working with the Department of Finance in this process. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for South Baffin, Mr. Joanasié.

Question 292 – 4(2): Medical Travel Escort Policy

Mr. Joanasié (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Health.

Mr. Speaker, I am sure the minister is aware from time to time about medical clients who travel to receive medical care and treatment away from their home may be gone for very long periods of time. Sometimes that client has to have an escort and so that escort also has to be away from home for a similarly long time.

Can the minister indicate whether or not there are any limits to the length of time that an escort has to remain with a medical client? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Health, Ms. Ell.

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for that question. There are four different criteria for patients who need an escort as we send out patients to hospitals for different reasons. We follow the four criteria as to how long the escort has to stay down. For example, if a person is under the age of majority or has reached the age of majority, that is one criterion. Normally, there aren't any limits when there are other considerations as well. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Maybe I didn't make my question clear enough. I was asking if there is a time limit for escorts to spend in the south.

My second supplementary question is, I have heard from an escort who was told that there was a four-week maximum. The escort would then have to go home after four weeks and be replaced by another escort. In the department's website, under (c), it states that "After a four week period, a Client Escort may submit a request to a Director, to travel home, and a new Client Escort may be authorized."

Can the minister clarify what specific circumstances in which an escort would be required to leave after four weeks is

up and another escort sent to accompany a medical client? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Minister of Health, Hon. Minister Ms. Ell.

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you to my colleague for asking that question. Medical patients on medical travel outside of their communities and who are approved for an escort and are expected to be gone for an extended period are subject to an agreement. This agreement can be made so that after a specified number of weeks have passed, another escort can be sent to replace their original escort. That is the process.

If you want more information on this policy, you can speak to our medical travel staff and/or if you wish to lodge a complaint, then you can make further enquiries to our patient relations officers. People can also enquire about these policies or any other health-related matter. Further, this policy is also available on our website for anyone to peruse. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank the minister for her response. Mr. Speaker, yes, I do appreciate that the Medical Travel Policy is scheduled to be reviewed. Furthermore, if there are any improvements that have to be made, revisions can be made in the future.

Can the minister commit to having the issue I raised in my question reviewed for revisions to the policy by her department? The reason why I raise this question is firstly to try to enact more savings for the department, as some of my constituents have expressed concerns and complaints about this policy.

Some patients who expressed their desire to extend their escorts' stay have had their escorts sent home and a replacement escort sent down. This isn't exactly a cheap way to resolve the issue and triggers more expenditures for her department. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Minister of Health, Hon. Minister Ms. Ell.

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member as well. Since I don't have the particulars about a patient and their circumstances, it is hard to respond adequately without some background information. However, if any complaints are lodged with you, I would recommend sending them onto the Patient Relations Office so that their complaint can be looked after.

When a medical patient is to spend an extended period being away and asks for another escort after a certain time, it is at the discretion of the patient. Our officials generally ask the patient if they would prefer to maintain the same escort. I haven't heard about any case where patients have asked for their escorts to be replaced at a certain time.

This policy, as I reiterated this past summer, expired and that it would be under review for a year, which is taking place now. Further, they are consulting

lawyers to ensure that the entire policy is reviewed, not just bits and parts of it. This is also part of the review process on options to change the policy.

I can't tell you if there will be changes to the policy and I don't want to create any false expectations, as this policy is under review up to the end of this fiscal year. We expect that this review will be completed by the end of 2015 and that these issues we wanted reviewed will result in recommendations, if any are needed. We will be sure to announce these changes, if any, at the appropriate time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Quttiktuq, Mr. Shooyook.

Question 293 – 4(2): Supporting Our Children

Mr. Shooyook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Family Services.

Mr. Speaker, in my Member's Statement, I spoke about the need to support our children. One way to do that is to help their parents turn away from unhealthy activities like alcohol abuse, substance abuse, and gambling.

Can the minister tell us what programs her department has in place to assist parents who spend their social assistance on alcohol or gambling instead of on food for their children? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Family Services, Ms. Ugyuk.

Hon. Jeannie Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you to the Member for Quttiktuq for asking that question. The Department of Family Services usually deals with parents with addiction problems when they apply for income support. Social workers refer clients who have addictions problems to mental health workers. The Minister of Health is involved in this area through mental health workers where addiction problems arise. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Shooyook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Can the minister describe what programs her department has in place to provide support to children who are suffering because their own parents have spent the social assistance money on alcohol or gambling? What is the policy with respect to addictions problems? Do you have a requirement for the proper care of children and advice on how parents can better fulfill their roles? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Minister of Family Services, Hon. Minister Ms. Ugyuk.

Hon. Jeannie Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank my colleague. I believe the member is asking two different questions. We don't have the authority to tell our clients what they should be spending their social assistance payments on because we have no jurisdiction over that. There is no legislation that empowers us to do that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Shooyook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for helping me to understand. I keep going back to how Inuit societal values are non-existent within the Department of Family Services and that is a barrier when we want to help our children across Nunavut.

With that being the case, as minister, will you be working hard for *Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit* and Inuit social practices to be fully integrated and allow Inuit to be equally represented? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Family Services, Ms. Ugyuk.

Hon. Jeannie Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would also like to thank the Member for Quttiktuq for those questions. I can only respond by saying that social workers are going to be having a meeting this month and that is going to be part of the agenda under the topic of *Inunnguiniq* (raising human beings) aimed at parents. There is a growing desire to focus on the need for parents do a better job of their role in raising children, as it is a part of income support in general. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Arviat South, Mr. Savikataaq.

Question 294 – 4(2): Review of Harvesters Support Programs

Mr. Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions today are for the Minister of Environment.

As the minister will be aware, the Government of the Northwest Territories recently announced that it is increasing the price that it pays for sealskins under that government's Hide Procurement Program from \$55 to \$70.

In Nunavut, the price that the government pays harvesters for sealskins under our territorial Fur Pricing Program ranges from \$35 to \$55.

Can the minister indicate if and when the amount that we pay harvesters for sealskins will be increased? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Environment, Mr. Mike.

Hon. Johnny Mike (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will take the question as notice. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The minister has taken the question as notice and we will move to the next member on my list. (interpretation) Member for (interpretation ends) Hudson Bay, Mr. Rumbolt. No? (interpretation) I apologize. Oral Questions. Member for Aivilik, Mr. Mapsalak.

Question 295 – 4(2): Renaming of Repulse Bay to Naujaat

Mr. Mapsalak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions are for the Minister of Community and Government Services.

As the minister is aware, the residents of Repulse Bay voted earlier this year in support of adopting the traditional Inuktitut name for the community, which is Naujaat.

Under section 4.1 of the *Cities, Towns and Villages Act*, the minister may, on the recommendation of the Executive Council, agree to such a change and make it official by way of a ministerial order.

Can the minister confirm when the government will officially change the name of the community from Repulse Bay to Naujaat? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Minister of Community and Government Services, Hon. Minister Mr. Sammurtok.

Hon. Tom Sammurtok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) Yes, I can confirm to the minister...oh, to the member...

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...that we have received that particular request from the hamlet and our government will be reviewing that very shortly. (interpretation) Thank you.

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

Mr. Mapsalak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Section 4.1 of the *Cities, Towns and Villages Act* also provides that the minister may “provide for any transitional matters that may be necessary” in relation to an official change in a community’s name.

Can the minister confirm that his department will be in contact with the municipality to discuss the logistics associated with the change in the community’s name? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Community and Government Services, Mr. Sammurtok.

Hon. Tom Sammurtok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, we will be discussing this further with the municipalities before the name is officially changed. (interpretation) Thank you.

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

Mr. Mapsalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Can the minister indicate when the change in the community’s name will officially come into effect? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Minister of Community and Government Services, Hon. Minister Mr. Sammurtok.

Hon. Tom Sammurtok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As a government, we will request the Hamlet of Repulse Bay to provide their thoughts about whether July 15, 2015 is an appropriate date to undertake the name

change of the community, as the date in July coincides with their incorporation date as a hamlet. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Iqaluit-Tasiluk, Mr. Hickes.

Question 296 – 4(2): Sale of Ivory from Nunavut

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My second question for today is for the Minister of Environment.

Mr. Speaker, in a recent media article, the chair of Cambridge Bay’s hunters and trappers organization suggested the consideration of brokering narwhal tusks directly to buyers to ensure hunters get more revenue.

Mr. Speaker, as the minister will recall, on March 19 of this year, I asked about the feasibility of incorporating the harvest and sale of ivory from narwhal into the department’s existing programs to support harvesters. In my questions, I noted that this could positively impact revenues of harvesters who legally sell narwhal tusks in the global market.

Mr. Speaker, for the benefit of the listening public and the members with me, can the minister describe the work his department has undertaken in the last eight months on this matter? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Minister of Environment, Hon. Minister Mr. Mike.

Hon. Johnny Mike (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank my colleague for the question. Actually, we

have reviewed the issue of narwhal tusk sales. With respect to the mandate, the Government of Nunavut isn't responsible for managing this matter, as it is the Department of Fisheries and Oceans who has the mandate instead. The Government of Nunavut is heavily involved in any policy changes or management issues related to this species, including meetings with co-management partners.

Now, with respect to further deliberations on the harvesting and sale of tusks, what I can respond about that question is that our department has done some research on the implications on changes to ivory tusk sales stemming from narwhal and other marine mammals. This aspect is very well managed by the private businesses that sell and buy ivory, as the government doesn't manage the sales and purchases of ivory. This is a well-run process.

In our opinion, it doesn't look as if any changes need to be made. Even if we wanted changes to the system, it might also have unwanted ramifications elsewhere. That is all I can respond with at this time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If the program was being very well run, I think it wouldn't be that difficult to add a little bit more to a well-run program.

Mr. Speaker, as the minister will recall, in January of 2013, it was announced that the Integrated Fisheries Management Plan for Narwhal was approved by the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board and the Department

of Fisheries and Oceans, as the minister just spoke to. It is my understanding that Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated, regional wildlife organizations, and hunters and trappers organizations were consulted in the development of this plan.

Can the minister describe his department's role with respect to the implementation of the Integrated Fisheries Management Plan for Narwhal? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Minister of Environment, Hon. Minister Mr. Mike.

Hon. Johnny Mike (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Without a doubt, this issue is something I want to comment on, as whenever this issue is brought up, I really enjoy the discussions.

The meeting you mentioned that took place in January of 2013 is one I recall very vividly, as I was part of it.

With respect to the management of ivory, its sale requires tags. It is due to the fact that populations can end up in dire straits. The management system was put in place where any tusk for sale requires a tag. It was primarily due to the conservation concerns of the government at the time and that is the reason why the process was moved under CITES to ensure tusks were sold legally.

If we look at last year's changes, it has resulted in a better system of control in response to the international community's concerns about over-harvesting of marine species. The changes that were made were approved

by the international community to better manage tusk sales stemming from our territory. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was getting more to what the Department of Environment was doing to implement that plan, but I'll move along to the next part of my question.

Mr. Speaker, it is my understanding that some of the concerns that the minister spoke to are regarding the complexity of the Integrated Fisheries Management Plan for Narwhal at the recent annual general meeting of the Kitikmeot Regional Wildlife Board, although there were some differing views on the value impact with the current tagging process of drilling holes to attach the tag to the tusk and some of the onerous paperwork in the shipment of them.

Can the minister describe how his department is working with its partners to address such concerns as tagging of narwhal tusks prior to sale? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Environment, Mr. Mike.

Hon. Johnny Mike (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Indeed, the Department of Environment which I am responsible for is involved with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to manage the tag system for the sale of ivory tusks, as they have the jurisdictional responsibility.

Additionally, with respect to the management system currently used to

manage the narwhal harvest, it also includes other partners, such as the local HTOs, regional wildlife organizations, and the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board.

This system was set out in the land claims agreement. Due to that, it seems bureaucratically cumbersome. However, the issue of the sale of narwhal tusks has been a prime opportunity to showcase the careful management of the species by Nunavummiut. In particular, this is a selling point used by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. That is why, to date, the issue of selling ivory tusks and harvesting of narwhal has been designed to use the best possible management system. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Iqaluit-Niaqunnguu, Ms. Angnakak.

Question 297 – 4(2): Grants for Persons with Mobility-related Disabilities

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Family Services.

Mr. Speaker, earlier this month, a public service announcement went out about the Nunavut Solutions Grants, which are available to persons living with mobility-related disabilities. A total of \$20,000 will be allocated to people who are eligible for this grant. However, in some cases, a single electric wheelchair can cost almost \$15,000.

Can the minister explain how applications for funding under this grant will be evaluated, and how will her

department determine who receives the funding? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Family Services, Ms. Ugyuk.

Hon. Jeannie Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Department of Family Services entered into an agreement with the (interpretation ends) Rick Hansen Foundation, (interpretation) and they will be managing this matter. They have to conduct a review on who is eligible for this assistance. The Department of Family Services, the Nunavut Housing Corporation, and the Nunavummi Disabilities Makinnasuaqtiit Society collaboratively review cases where a request has been made to review any application. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The grants under the Nunavut Solutions program can be used to buy mobility aids like wheelchairs and lifts, renovate homes, or provide support services like respite care. These are all much needed across our territory. How will the minister ensure that everyone across Nunavut who may need this kind of support has access to the funding? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Minister of Family Services, Hon. Minister Ms. Ugyuk.

Hon. Jeannie Ugyuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Rick Hansen Foundation had identified an interest in partnering with registered charitable disability-

related organizations in Nunavut. The Nunavummi Disabilities Makinnasuaqtiit Society has agreed to work with the foundation and the GN to administer the program. The Nunavummi Disabilities Makinnasuaqtiit Society has applied for charitable status. Once they have the charitable status, they will be looking for donations as a society. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Your final supplementary, Ms. Angnakak

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm not sure if I got an answer to my question. I was trying to find out how we can ensure that everybody who needs that kind of support has actual access to the funding.

My third question, Mr. Speaker, applications to the Nunavut Solutions Grants will be accepted until November 28, 2014. That's this month. Can the minister provide an update on how many people have applied for these grants to date and what her department is doing to ensure that everyone who is eligible to apply is aware of the program and the deadline? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Family Services, Ms. Ugyuk.

Hon. Jeannie Ugyuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you to the member for asking for clarity. To date, no one has applied yet. There has been some interest, but the decisions for funding approvals will be made by a Nunavut Solutions team consisting of representatives from our department, the Nunavummi Disabilities

Makinnasuaqtiit Society, the Nunavut Housing Corporation, the Department of Health, and the Rick Hansen Foundation. They approve the funding for people who apply. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Arviat South, Mr. Savikataaq.

Question 298 – 4(2): Nepotism and Favouritism within the Public Service

Mr. Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for recognizing me a second time. My questions are for the Minister of Finance.

Yesterday, he tabled documents, towards a representative public service, and I have just been going through them. I have asked many questions and made statements about how casual and relief workers by the GN are a major way to encourage or promote nepotism and favouritism.

I was looking through the figures. On December 31, 2013, there were 2,372 casual and relief workers, and then on June 30, 2014, there were 2,729 relief workers. If my reading of the stats is correct, can the minister confirm that casuals and relief workers are actually on an increase instead of a decrease? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Minister of Finance, Hon. Minister Mr. Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I didn't have quite enough time to get my calculator out and add up

the numbers, but it appears to me, just quickly glancing at them, that the casuals and relief workers are on the increase. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Is the minister concerned about the casuals and relief workers actually going up? As I stated, it's a way around fair and transparent process of hiring a competent worker. Is there any concern from the minister about those stats? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Finance, Mr. Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank Mr. Savikataaq for the question. I have to be careful and choose my words carefully here because I have been accused in the past of using the wrong words.

We constantly analyze these numbers. Mr. Speaker, through the *Public Service Act*, we have said that people will be hired on merit and promoted on merit. There are many reasons for departments using casuals and relief workers. Relief workers are as and when. It could be for two or three days. It could be for a week. Casuals could be filling in for full-time indeterminate positions or positions that are on training. For casuals we require under Article 51, I believe, of the collective agreement, we do need approval from the Nunavut Employees Union to go beyond four months.

Usually, we encourage departments, if there are longer term requirements, they

go to term positions. Certainly, any position that casually employs is going beyond 12 months, we contact the departments to give us full explanations on why a position would be over 12 months. We are working on it. The departments are getting the message that casuals are not to be a way to get around hiring a full-time indeterminate position. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members will note that the time for question period has expired. (interpretation ends) Item 7. Written Questions. Item 8. Returns to Written Questions. Item 9. Replies to Opening Address. Item 10. Petitions. Item 11. Responses to Petitions. Item 12. Reports of Standing and Special Committees on Bills and Other Matters. Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Premier Taptuna.

Item 13: Tabling of Documents

Tabled Document 067 – 4(2): Annual Report on the Administration of the ATIPP Act for the Period April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to table the 2013-14 Annual Report on the Administration of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Tabling of Documents. Hon. Minister Mr. Okalik.

Tabled Document 068 – 4(2): 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 Family Abuse Intervention Act Annual Reports

Tabled Document 069 – 4(2): Victims Assistance Fund Annual Report April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to table the Victims Assistance Fund Annual Report for the period April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014.

I am pleased to table the 2011-12 and 2012-13 *Family Abuse Intervention Act* annual reports. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Tabling of Documents. Hon. Minister Ms. Ell.

Tabled Document 070 – 4(2): Chief Medical Officer of Health's 2013-14 Tobacco Control Act Annual Report

Hon. Monica Ell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to table the Chief Medical Officer of Health's 2013-14 *Tobacco Control Act* Annual Report. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Hon. Minister Mr. Peterson.

Tabled Document 071 – 4(2): Letters of Expectation and Responses to the Letters of Expectation 2014-2015

Hon. Keith Peterson: Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to table the Letters of Expectation and Responses to the Letters of Expectation 2014-15. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Tabling of Documents. Premier Taptuna.

Tabled Document 072 – 4(2): 2014 Annual Report of the Utility Rates Review Council

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to table the 2014 Annual Report of the Utility Rates Review Council. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Tabling of Documents. Hon. Minister Mr. Peterson.

Tabled Document 073 – 4(2): Human Resource Strategy 2014-2018

Hon. Keith Peterson: Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to table the Human Resource Strategy 2014-18. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Tabling of Documents. Member Mr. Mikkungwak.

Tabled Document 074 – 4(2): Correspondence to the GN from the Baker Lake Hamlet Council Regarding Resolution

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I wish to table today a copy of a resolution that was recently passed by the Municipal Council of Baker Lake concerning the urgent need to address environmental contamination at the old Northern Canada Power Commission site in the community.

As members will recall, this issue was discussed during our recent hearing on the Qulliq Energy Corporation's activities, and I look forward to the government's response to our committee's report. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Item 14. Notices of Motions. Member Ms. Angnakak.

Item 14: Notices of Motions

Motion 014 – 4(2): Establishing a Hospital Board of Management – Notice

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Thursday, November 6, 2014, I will move the following motion:

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Member for Iqaluit-Tasiluk, that the Government of Nunavut undertake a comprehensive review of the merits and benefits of establishing a board of management for the Qikiqtani General Hospital;

AND FURTHER I MOVE that the Government report on its considerations and findings to the House on the first day of the 2015 spring sitting of the Legislative Assembly.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Notices of Motions. Member Mr. Mikkungwak.

**Motion 015 – 4(2): Extended
Adjournment – Notice**

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Thursday, November 6, 2014, I will move the following motion:

I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Netsilik, that pursuant to the provisions of Rule 3, that when the House concludes its fall 2014 sitting, it shall be adjourned until February 24, 2015.

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

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Notices of Motions. Item 15. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Item 16. Motions. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Item 16: Motions

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I seek unanimous consent to deal with my motion today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: The member is seeking unanimous consent to deal with his motion today. Are there any nays? There are none. Please proceed, Mr. Mikkungwak.

**Motion 015 – 4(2): Extended
Adjournment**

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Netsilik, that pursuant to the provisions of Rule 3, that when the House concludes its fall 2014 sitting, it shall be adjourned until February 24, 2015.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The motion is in order. To the motion. All those in favour. (interpretation) Thank you. (interpretation ends) Opposed. The motion is carried.

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 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 with Mr. Akoak in the Chair.

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

(interpretation) Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>*House recessed at 15:22 and
Committee resumed at 15:47*

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

Chairman (Mr. Akoak): Good afternoon, Inuit and fellow members. MLAs, Inuit, and (interpretation) all the people of Nunavut, (interpretation ends) welcome.

(interpretation) If my grandchild happens to be watching on television, I send you a kiss.

(interpretation ends) I would like to call the committee meeting to order. In Committee of the Whole, we have the following items to deal with: Bills 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9. What is the wish of the committee? Member for Hudson Bay, Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and good afternoon. Mr. Chairman, we wish to commence with the review of the capital appropriation of the Department of Culture and Heritage, followed by the Legislative Assembly. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Rumbolt. Are we in agreement that we first deal with the capital estimates for the Department of Culture and Heritage?

Some Members: Agreed.

**Bill 08 – Appropriation (Capital) Act,
2015-2016 – Culture and Heritage
– Consideration in Committee**

Chairman: Thank you. Minister responsible for the Department of Culture and Heritage, Minister Okalik, do you have officials that you would like to appear before the Committee of the Whole?

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Does the committee agree to allow his officials to go to the witness table?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Thank you. Sergeant-at-Arms, please allow the officials to go to the witness table.

For the record, Minister Okalik, please introduce your staff.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. With me this afternoon to my right is Joe Kunuk, my Deputy Minister, and to my left is Regilee Adla, who is our Finance Officer for the Department of Culture and Heritage. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Okalik. Please proceed with your opening comments, minister.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am pleased to appear before the Committee of the Whole to present the Department of Culture and Heritage's 2015-16 capital plan.

The department holds a leadership role within the Government of Nunavut for the preservation, development, and enhancement of Nunavut's culture, heritage, and languages for Nunavummiut.

Mr. Chairman, the capital estimates for the Department of Culture and Heritage for the 2015-16 fiscal year is \$560,000. \$60,000 of the capital budget is to renovate its headquarter offices and to purchase new office equipment to accommodate new or expanding programs and services within the department.

Mr. Chairman, since the creation of Nunavut, we have been storing our history in other jurisdictions. The cost for care and storage is now over \$1 million annually, yet the loss to our identity cannot be quantified. Nunavut

needs to take action to bring our history home.

An additional \$500,000 is to inject funding into current and future heritage infrastructure across Nunavut. This is a positive step towards being able to begin the repatriation process of heritage assets currently cared for outside of the territory.

Mr. Chairman, I will be pleased to respond to any questions that members of the committee may have. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Okalik. I would now ask the chair for the standing committee to make his comments. Mr. Joanasie.

Mr. Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am pleased to provide opening comments on behalf of the Standing Committee on Social Wellness concerning its review of the proposed 2015-16 Capital Estimates of the Department of Culture and Heritage.

Members note that the department's proposed capital budget for the 2015-16 fiscal year is \$560,000. The department did not receive any capital funding for the 2014-15 fiscal year.

Members note that the department's proposed 2015-16 capital estimates include \$500,000 for a minor project that will allow the department to begin repatriating Nunavut's cultural artefacts from facilities in the Northwest Territories and Ottawa. Members also note that the department will allocate \$60,000 for small capital projects such as office renovations and equipment replacement.

Mr. Chairman, members recognize that Nunavut's artefacts hold great cultural and historical significance for the territory. Members also note that the cost of storing artefacts in out-of-territory facilities has been increasing on an annual basis. The standing committee notes that the ongoing costs of such contracts are currently in excess of \$1 million per year.

During the minister's recent appearance, members were informed that climate-controlled cases may be installed in various buildings throughout the territory, allowing a number of communities to receive and display repatriated artefacts. Members encourage the minister to develop a strategy by which artefacts will be distributed fairly throughout Nunavut.

Members also encourage the minister and his officials to open a dialogue with the territory's regional Inuit organizations and schools to explore options for identifying additional facilities that may receive and display artefacts.

During the minister's recent appearance, he indicated that approximately 145,000 artefacts are currently being stored and displayed in out-of-territory facilities. Members encourage the department to develop a timeframe for repatriating all artefacts which will allow the department to evaluate its progress in completing this important project.

Mr. Chairman, the Standing Committee on Social Wellness looks forward to receiving regular updates on the department's progress in repatriating these artefacts and distributing them across the territory.

Mr. Chairman, that concludes my opening comments on the proposed 2015-16 Capital Estimates of the Department of Culture and Heritage. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Joanasie. The floor is now open for general comments. I have no names for general comments. I will now open the floor for questions starting on page F-3. Mr. Hickes.

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think I only have one question here.

In the \$500,000 for storage of the heritage collections, there is an agreement between the GNWT and an agreement with the Canadian Museum of Nature. While they both finish at the same time, March 31, 2016, there's a fairly substantial difference in the contract amounts. Is there an explanation? Are there more artefacts stored at one site over the other or is the storage cost substantially more expensive from one to the other? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Hickes. Minister Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik: Yes, there are more artefacts being held in Yellowknife. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Okalik. Mr. Hickes.

Mr. Hickes: With the storage of the artefacts and the desire to bring them back to Nunavut, the substantiation sheet makes reference to specific equipment and care required to properly move,

store, and maintain these artefacts. Will Culture and Heritage be hiring any specialists to complete or supervise this project? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Hickes. Minister Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) We're blessed with the cooperation of the operators and they have been very helpful in looking after our artefacts. They're very open to assisting us in relocating these artefacts to our territory when and if we have proper storage facilities in our territory. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Okalik. Mr. Hickes.

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. With the number of artefacts in these two different facilities that we're paying quite a substantial amount of money to store, what is the estimated value of these artefacts? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Hickes. Minister Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) We cannot value the artefacts. They're far more valuable to us, so we cannot estimate the amount at this time. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Okalik. The next name on the list, Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, not Mr. Speaker. My question is: in your opening comments, you talk about that it costs \$1 million to store the artefacts annually and you're asking \$500,000 to inject into current and future heritage infrastructure that can store the items. What is the \$500,000 really buying if it costs \$1 million to store the artefacts now? Nunavut is an expensive place to do business. What will that \$500,000 really get you? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Angnakak. Minister Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Technology is catching up to our desires whereby you can purchase showcases that provide climate-controlled protection and those are now available. We would love to explore those and find ways to showcase the artefacts in each of the communities that these artefacts come from so that the stories can be passed on to the community, especially the young people, so that they learn about their own history and what these artefacts meant to their community at the time. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Okalik. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Can the minister tell us how many showcase climate-controlled units he thinks will be needed across Nunavut in order to properly provide storage and also to provide the opportunity for Nunavummiut to look at these artefacts? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Angnakak. Minister Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) This is a start. This will be our first test run. From there, we will learn from that and determine how we can partner with the communities on proper places to store our artefacts. We want to showcase them wherever possible and to provide them with protection.

With the infrastructure that we have throughout the territory, it may be a challenge in some communities, so it may take a little longer. I can't readily explain exactly where and when these showcases will be put in place throughout Nunavut. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Okalik. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Can the minister tell us then how he came up with the \$500,000 budget? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Angnakak. Minister Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) We talked with the people in the Prince of Whales, for example, which have some experience in these showcases, as well as other museums. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Okalik. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It seems to me, if you have a budget of \$500,000, you would have discussed, perhaps, at least how many communities some of these items will be going to. Can you elaborate a little bit more on your discussions with the other people who are experts in this area? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) We have reviewed submissions from the communities as well that have projects that are coming up that would like to see some of these projects include showcasing of culture. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Okalik. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Can the minister tell us which communities have contacted his department and have indicated that kind of interest? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Angnakak. Minister Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) So far, we have received a submission from the Kivalliq Inuit Association, Cape Dorset, and as well, I know that Kugluktuk, the new centre there, is a project that we also helped out. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Okalik. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Can the minister tell us if these requests are for new requests or have you already stored items there in the past and you're going to be providing them with new ones? Can you elaborate on what's going on there? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Angnakak. Minister Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) These are new projects. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My last question, how many cultural infrastructure buildings do we currently have in Nunavut? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Angnakak. Minister Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) We have about seven that we can point to that have some of our cultural artefacts throughout Nunavut. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Okalik. I have no more names. Culture and Heritage. Branch Summary. Directorate. Total Capital Expenditures. \$560,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: We will go back to page F-2. Department Summary. Culture and Heritage. Detail of Expenditures. Total Capital Expenditures. \$560,000. Do members agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Do members agree that we have concluded the Department of Culture and Heritage?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Minister Okalik, do you have any closing comments?

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I want to thank my colleagues for their assistance as we are currently planning projects that will eventually surface in our future. I will take great pleasure in opening any future showcases that we have planned for. I also want to extend my immense gratitude to my officials for continuously providing information that we want to receive. Thank you and I hope you have a great day.

Chairman: Thank you. Sergeant-at-Arms, please escort the guests out.

Before the next, we will take a five-minute break.

>>Committee recessed at 16:10 and resumed at 16:12

**Bill 08 – Appropriation (Capital) Act,
2015-2016 – Legislative Assembly
– Consideration in Committee**

Chairman: I would like to call the committee back to order. Welcome back. Mr. Speaker, do you have officials that

you would like to appear before the Committee of the Whole?

Speaker: Yes, I would.

Chairman: Does the committee agree to allow his officials to go to the witness table?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Sergeant-at-Arms, please allow the officials to go to the witness table.

For the record, Mr. Speaker, introduce your staff.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) To my right is Mr. John Quirke, the Clerk, and to my left is Mr. Mike Rafter, Director of Corporate Services. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Please proceed with your opening comments, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) It is a pleasure for me to appear before you and members today to present the proposed 2015-16 Capital Estimates of the Office of the Legislative Assembly.

As members will note, the 2015-16 capital budget for the Office of the Legislative Assembly is \$335,000. Our capital budget continues to be modest and responsible.

Our priority areas for the coming fiscal year include ongoing investments in equipment and furniture for the Assembly and members' offices, in addition to enhancements and upgrades

to the Legislative Assembly's audiovisual, *Hansard*, and information technology systems.

That concludes my opening comments, Mr. Chairman. I would be pleased to answer any questions that members may have. (interpretation) Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The floor is now open for general comments. That's including the ministers. I have no names for general comments. I will now open the floor for questions starting on page A-3. That's including questions from the ministers. Office of the Legislative Assembly. Branch Summary. Assembly Operations. Total Capital Expenditures. \$320,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: To page A-5. Office of the Legislative Assembly. Branch Summary. Independent Officers of the Legislative Assembly. Total Capital Expenditures. \$1,500...oh. \$15,000. Agreed?

>>*Laughter*

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Go to page A-2. Department Summary. Office of the Legislative Assembly. Detail of Expenditures. Total Capital Expenditures. \$335,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Do members agree that we have concluded the Office of the Legislative Assembly?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Thank you. Closing comments, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. I am grateful to the members for approving the capital estimates we provided to the committee overseeing these matters. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Sergeant, please escort the guests out.

Thank you. Members, you can go to Bill 8 in your legislative binders.

Bill 8, *Appropriation (Capital) Act, 2015-2016*. Clause 1. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 2. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 3. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Go to Schedule on page 2. Amounts Appropriated for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2016. Total Capital Appropriation. \$205,610,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Back to page 1. Clause 4. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 5. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 6. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Do members agree to Bill 8 as a whole?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Do members agree that pursuant to Rule 62(2) that Bill 8 can immediately be placed on the orders of the day for third reading?

Some Members: Agreed.

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

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I wish to make a motion to report progress at this time. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Item 20. Report of the Committee of the Whole. Mr. Akoak.

Item 20: Report of the Committee of the Whole

Mr. Akoak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Your committee has been considering Bill 8 and would like to report that Bill 8 is immediately ready for third reading. Mr. Speaker, I move that the Report of the Committee of the Whole be agreed to. *Koana*, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Is there a seconder? Mr. Mikkungwak. The motion is in order. All those in favour. Opposed. The motion is carried.

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

Item 21: Third Reading of Bills

Bill 08 – Appropriation (Capital) Act, 2015-2016 – Third Reading

Hon. Keith Peterson: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Pangnirtung, that Bill 8, *Appropriation (Capital) Act, 2015-2016*, be read for the third time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The motion is in order. All those in favour. Opposed. The motion is passed and Bill 8 is ready for assent.

Item 22. *Orders of the Day*. Mr. Clerk.

Item 22: Orders of the Day

Clerk (Mr. Quirke): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A reminder that there's a meeting of the Regular Caucus at nine o'clock tomorrow morning in the Tuktuk Boardroom.

Orders of the Day for November 5:

1. Prayer
2. Ministers' Statements
3. Members' Statements
4. Returns to Oral Questions
5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery

6. Oral Questions
 7. Written Questions
 8. Returns to Written Questions
 9. Replies to Opening Address
 10. Petitions
 11. Responses to Petitions
 12. Reports of Standing and Special Committees on Bills and Other Matters
 13. Tabling of Documents
 14. Notices of Motions
 15. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills
 16. Motions
 17. First Reading of Bills
 - Bill 11
 - Bill 12
 - Bill 13
 18. Second Reading of Bills
 19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters
 - Bill 4
 - Bill 5
 - Bill 6
 - Bill 7
 - Bill 9
 20. Report of the Committee of the Whole
 21. Third Reading of Bills
 22. Orders of the Day
- Thank you.
- Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) This House stands adjourned until Wednesday, November 5, at 1:30 p.m.
- (interpretation) Sergeant-at-Arms.
- >>*House adjourned at 16:25*

Appendix – November 4, 2014

Return to Oral Question 237 – 4(2): Oil and Gas Development

Asked by: Ms. Angnakak, MLA (Iqaluit-Niaqunnguu)

Asked of: Hon. George Kuksuk, Minister of Economic Development and Transportation

Date: October 28, 2014

Question:

The government's current business plan states that, and I quote, "Nunavut has significant petroleum potential. Current estimates place its conventional undiscovered resources at 25% of Canada's conventional crude oil resources and 34% of Canada's conventional natural gas resources. Significant future exploration activity will be required for a more accurate picture of Nunavut's oil and gas potential."

Can the minister indicate what actions his department is taking to support oil and gas exploration activity?

Response:

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to respond to the question asked by Ms. Angnakak, Member for Iqaluit-Niaqunnguu, who asked on Tuesday, October 28, what actions the Department of Economic Development and Transportation is taking to support oil and gas exploration activity in the territory.

Nunavut and our surrounding waters hold a large portion of Canada's petroleum resources, and we want to make sure that companies involved in exploration activities have certainty about our regulatory processes. However, if or petroleum resources are to be developed, it is essential that they be developed in a way which maximizes benefits to Nunavummiut and minimizes the impact on the environment.

Offshore petroleum resources fall under the jurisdiction of two federal bodies: the National Energy Board and Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC). We are working with these organizations to ensure that petroleum resources are developed responsibly.

One option that the department and other stakeholders are discussing is to work more closely on a strategic environmental assessment, or SEA. The federal government, through AANDC, has begun work on an SEA for the Baffin Bay and Davis Strait waters. A strategic environmental assessment examines the potential environmental and socio-economic impacts of petroleum development.

AANDC has invited the participation of the Qikiqtani Inuit Association, my own department, and individual communities which may be affected by any petroleum development. The department will work to expand the importance of the SEA in

decisions made by the federal government to develop petroleum resources in the territory and this includes exploration activities.

Our government recognizes the importance of community readiness before long-term development projects, such as those related to oil and gas development, are initiated. We are also working to determine whether petroleum development is something that Nunavummiut want at this point and how they would like to see it happen.

To this end, my department will be providing leadership in organizing the Nunavut Oil and Gas Summit in Iqaluit in January 2015. The summit will address questions of Nunavut's readiness on all issues surrounding oil and gas, and it is my hope that this can be the first step towards developing a set of guiding principles pertaining to oil and gas development for Nunavut.

In summary, my department will continue to work to make sure that the people of Nunavut see a return on potential petroleum development and that any such development does not occur against the wishes of Nunavummiut.

I hope this answers the member's question. Thank you.