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Iqaluit, Nunavut**Wednesday, November 5, 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 13:31

Item 1: Opening Prayer

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

>>Prayer

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Good afternoon, members, ministers, and all Nunavummiut. Welcome.

(interpretation ends) Item 2.
(interpretation) Ministers' Statements.
(interpretation ends) Hon. Minister Mr. Quassa.

Item 2: Ministers' Statements

Minister's Statement 084 – 4(2): It Starts at Home, Family Engagement: A Resource for Nunavut Schools

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

and Igloolik, as well as all the people watching the proceedings.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to present a new resource for schools, *It Starts at Home, Family Engagement: A Resource for Nunavut Schools*.

The Government of Nunavut has stated in its mandate document, *Sivumut Abluqta*, that education is its top priority.

Mr. Speaker, our goal is to make sure that all Nunavut students receive high-quality education. To help us reach this goal, the Department of Education will be focusing on improving family engagement.

We know that parents are a child's first and most important teacher. Parental and family support plays a key role in making sure our students attend class regularly, on time, and mentally and physically ready to learn. Students will be successful learners by following this path.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, this document was prepared in collaboration with the Nunavut Teachers Association to provide schools and families with information and strategies to help increase family engagement in schools throughout Nunavut. The research-based information and strategies in this guide can help schools and families support students to reach their full academic potential.

It Starts At Home – Family Engagement: A Resource for Nunavut Schools provides comprehensive information on family engagement and other topics, such as report cards, parent-teacher

meetings, homework, Internet safety, and cyber bullying.

(interpretation) Mr. Speaker, our goal is to have families, communities, and school staff working together in culturally appropriate ways to create a strong foundation of support that will encourage student success. *It Starts at Home* is a resource that will help us build that foundation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements. (interpretation ends) Hon. Minister Ms. Ell.

**Minister's Statement 085 – 4(2):
Influenza Vaccination Campaign**

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Later today, I will be participating in the influenza vaccination clinic in the foyer of the Legislative Assembly to get my flu vaccine.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage Nunavummiut to get their influenza vaccine because it's the easiest way we can protect ourselves and our families and friends from getting influenza. Once I have been vaccinated, I can take comfort in the fact that I won't pass the virus to others, especially those at greatest risk, such as the very young and the elderly. Immunization is the most effective and easiest way to prevent influenza and to prevent the spread of this serious illness.

Mr. Speaker, the Department of Health has enough vaccine to vaccinate more than 50 percent of the population. Again this year, we have FluMist, which is a

nasal mist vaccine, available for children aged 2 to 17. The vaccine is available in all of our health centres and is free for everyone.

Mr. Speaker, influenza does affect Nunavummiut. During the 2013-14 flu season, we had 108 confirmed cases of influenza A and 8 confirmed cases of influenza B. Our health care team suspects there were many more cases because not everyone seeks health care or is tested when they are sick.

Mr. Speaker, we can all do our part this year by getting our influenza vaccination. I encourage everyone to join me at the afternoon break to get their vaccination. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

Minister's Statement 086 – 4(2): By-law Officer Training Offered by MTO

Hon. Tom Sammurtok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'll be making my statement in English.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise today to introduce a new training program available to Nunavummiut offered through the Municipal Training Organization. The Department of Community and Government Services, in partnership with the Municipal Training Organization, funds a program for Nunavummiut interested in developing

skills in the field of municipal governance.

The Municipal Governance Program offered through Nunavut Arctic College and funded by the MTO and CGS provides students an opportunity to learn core competencies in public administration, leading to a Diploma in Municipal Governance.

As part of this program, students are able to take college-accredited courses specific to their job or career path in one of seven career streams: Finance Officer, Senior Administrative Officer, Works Foreman, Recreation Leader, Office Administrator, Economic Development Officer, and Planning and Lands Administrator.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to advise the House today that an 8th career stream has been added to the Municipal Governance Program this year for students interested in public safety and municipal enforcement.

The new by-law officer stream provides students with training in crisis management, dispute resolution, firearm safety, municipal law, and vehicle safety to prepare them with practical skills they can use on the job.

Course materials were developed over the past year by MTO and CGS, in consultation with active municipal by-law officers from throughout the territory.

This week, MTO started delivering the first two of five college-accredited by-law officer courses for this new program.

The new by-law officer stream of the Municipal Governance Program also achieves the aims set out in a resolution passed at last year's Nunavut Association of Municipalities (NAM) and Nunavut Association of Municipal Administrators (NAMA) to provide more skilled training for municipal by-law officers. As part of that resolution, CGS has helped create a territorial association of municipal peace officers, the first of its kind in Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, this is an exciting opportunity for all Nunavummiut with an interest in public safety and municipal enforcement.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank Nunavut Arctic College for their assistance in delivering college-accredited training courses for the Municipal Governance Program.

I must also thank the Municipal Training Organization for their tireless work in developing and delivering high-calibre courses that directly respond to the needs of our communities. CGS is grateful for their ongoing partnership and cooperation.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I wish all the by-law officers enrolled in this course the best as they move forward in achieving their Diploma in Municipal Governance. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

**Minister's Statement 087 – 4(2):
Congratulations to Finance's
Recent Accounting Graduates**

Hon. Keith Peterson: Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize the achievements of two finance employees who recently earned their accounting designations.

Dennesha Ferguson from our Financial Reporting and Controls Division at the Department of Finance graduated from the Certified General Accountants program.

Frank Skoda, sitting in the Gallery over there, from our Expenditure Management Division has graduated from the Certified Management Accountants program.

This is a proud moment for Dennesha, Frank, and the Government of Nunavut. Accountants perform many important functions in our government, including financial planning, risk and financial management, budget and tax planning, among many other tasks.

Dennesha has worked for the Government of Nunavut for more than 11 years, the last two years with the Department of Finance preparing notes and schedules for the public accounts. She spent the majority of her time with the Government of Nunavut working for the Nunavut Housing Corporation in Cape Dorset. The district director characterized Dennesha as being extremely well organized and dedicated, acting on many occasions as the district comptroller and keeping tight controls on district finances.

As the treasury analyst since 2012, Frank is responsible for monitoring the

government's cash flow position and federal revenue, providing advice to the Financial Management Board, and ensuring due diligence with respect to borrowing and our debt cap.

Both the CGA and the CMA programs are very demanding and require dedication and sacrifice. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dennesha Ferguson and Frank Skoda on their successful completion of these accounting programs. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

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

Item 3: Members' Statements

**Member's Statement 179 – 4(2):
Granddaughter's Member's
Statement**

Mr. Akoak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon, (interpretation) Inuit, Nunavummiut, and the people of Gjoa Haven.

(interpretation ends) I rise today to remind all members, regular members and ministers, that who is watching our sitting is not only the news people, not only the elders, and not only the teenagers. We've got little young people watching, such as my granddaughter who is two years old. She was able to mention all of the regular members' names earlier on.

>> *Applause*

Now she has graduated from that; she's now making her own Member's Statement.

>>Laughter

Mr. Speaker, she stands up on a box and holds a toy mic, she makes her Member's Statement, and when she's done, she says, "Thank you" and takes a bow.

>>Laughter

That's who is watching us. I'm proud to say, like Hon. Minister Quassa, Minister of Education, it starts at home. That's one of their programs.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, today is a very special day for my wife and I. It is our 37th wedding anniversary. This is the first time we are not together during our anniversary. I would like to say a special happy anniversary to my wife. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Aivilik, Mr. Mapsalak.

**Member's Statement 180 – 4(2):
Memory of Terrible Accident with
Wife**

Mr. Mapsalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to celebrate an event that happened on this day. Every time this day comes, I am reminded that I really have to be thankful.

I'm talking about November 5, 2012, when my precious wife and I were on

our way home in bad weather by snowmobile when we fell off a cliff. When we fell, the 400 lbs. *Qamutiik* landed on my wife's face. Her face was injured badly.

Mr. Speaker, now I can say she has recovered. She looks the same as before. She can help others once again. I'm very happy today to say that we are fine and I'm able to be here. Also, my wife is able to be home to help our children and other people.

Mr. Speaker, to my colleagues and fellow residents of Nunavut, this day to me is a very special day. I'm always very happy on this day. Also the people who helped and rescued us, they struggled to come and get us and we are forever grateful to them this special day. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

**Member's Statement 181 – 4(2):
Tribute to Wife**

Mr. Shooyook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to pay tribute, as today is a day filled with happiness. That is due to the fact that it involves my wife and that I take pride in her abilities, as she has raised 12 children under difficult circumstances.

Mr. Speaker, I am humbled to be proud of my wife. She has raised her children to the utmost of her ability to this day, even though many of her children are now adults. On top of that responsibility, she performs another role that revolves

around her grandchildren and great-grandchildren who she looks after with every ounce of her abilities. She does this despite suffering the rigours of old age. She has looked after all her descendants and for that unceasing sense of love and care, I take immense pride in her.

Lastly, the other reason why I am so filled with pride is the fact that we have been married for 55 years now. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Iqaluit-Niaqunngu, Ms. Angnakak.

**Member's Statement 182 – 4(2):
Tribute to the Qayuqturvik
Society**

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to recognize an organization here in the city of Iqaluit that is making a significant contribution to the welfare of our community.

The Qayuqturvik Society operates the Iqaluit Soup Kitchen. It provides a hot meal every day, seven days a week, 365 days a year, to people who otherwise might be alone or hungry or both. More than 500 meals are prepared every week by volunteers who cook and serve the food. Much of the cost of these meals is offset by contributions from our local business community.

Since 2006, Captain Cyrus Blanchet of the Anglican Church Army has been a mainstay of the soup kitchen operations. Captain Rus, as many know him, will retire at the end of this year, but he

leaves a legacy at the Qayuqturvik Society of dozens of community volunteers and a model food service.

We are fortunate in this city to have a number of charitable organizations that raise money to provide support for those in need. Like the Qayuqturvik Society, these organizations bring together people from different cultural and economic backgrounds, newcomers and long-term northerners, Inuit and non-Inuit, in a spirit of good fellowship and community service. Our city is a better place because of them.

I would like to this time to thank all the volunteers who work at that organization in providing this food. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

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

**Member's Statement 183 – 4(2):
Grandson's First Walrus**

Hon. Johnny Mike (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank my colleagues for this opportunity. I wish to extend a good day wish to my fellow Pangnirtung residents and in particular, my relatives.

Actually, during the Ministers' Statements, the Minister of Education announced that education starts from one's home. I was happy to hear that announced in this House.

I had the pleasure of practising that by teaching hunting skills to one of my grandchildren whom I nicknamed my

“real grandson.” His Christian name is Nate and he is six years old. While on a boating trip with his father and uncle from Iqaluit to Pangnirtung just this fall, he caught his first walrus.

The teaching of traditional skills starts from home as well as outside of one’s home. They all start from that point. I am extremely gratified by the fact that Minister Quassa made that announcement about education beginning at home and we have to take that to heart, as we were taught by our parents both at home and outside.

Further, to all the children and youth who caught their first ever animal this year, I am proud of your accomplishments. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members’ Statements. Member for Cambridge Bay, Mr. Peterson.

**Member’s Statement 184 – 4(2):
November – A Tribute to Fred
Elias**

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to commend the Kitikmeot Inuit Association for naming their new office building after the late Fred R. Elias.

Mr. Elias was a well-known and respected man in the Kitikmeot, having served as the SAO of Kugluktuk for many years before becoming KIA’s executive director in 1993. I had the opportunity and privilege to work closely with Fred at KIA.

Mr. Speaker, Fred was committed and dedicated to the people of the Kitikmeot and it is a tribute to his memory that the new building now bears his name.

On April 16, 2010, employees and executives at KIA held a small gathering for Fred in their boardroom to share sincere appreciation of our friend and colleague.

Mr. Speaker, at that time, Fred was near the end of his battle with cancer, but he still carried himself with poise and was more concerned with the well-being of others. He always put his family, friends, and community first.

On that day, he thanked everyone for working together to accomplish goals for the greater good. Fred encouraged all of us to continue our work to serve people and make our communities and Nunavut better places to live for future generations.

Mr. Speaker, cancer of any type can have a profound impact on all of our lives. I am proud to live in a territory where individuals, organizations, and communities volunteer and promote activities to raise awareness of cancer and raise funds to help people who are fighting cancer.

Mr. Speaker, this is the annual month for November, the event where men and women across Nunavut raise awareness and understanding of health issues affecting men. You will notice many of us growing moustaches in honour of this cause to help raise funds to raise awareness and educate people on the need for further research and work towards battling cancer.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House to join me in thanking KIA for honouring Fred Elias and thank all Nunavummiut who are helping out as volunteers and supporters to raise money for cancer research and awareness.

I encourage all Nunavummiut to get involved in any of the different campaigns of work being done across the country aimed at battling cancer. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Arviat North-Whale Cove, Mr. Kuksuk.

**Member's Statement 185 – 4(2):
Jordan Konek of Arviat**

Hon. George Kuksuk (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I say "good day" to my fellow Nunavummiut and residents of Arviat and Whale Cove.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my pride of a young person who is here to do some work from my community. I know that many of you know who the person is because of his job. I'm sure he has spoken with you. His name is Jordan Konek. I would like to show my pride in him.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, Jordan is an outstanding youth who has participated in many activities during his young life. I know him as someone who takes initiative and cares deeply for his family and community. He is a very good support to his grandparents who reside in my constituency of Arviat North.

Mr. Speaker, Jordan was recently awarded the Indspire 2014 award for Inuit youth. This award is given to Inuit youth who demonstrate outstanding career achievement.

Currently, Jordan is working at CBC here in Iqaluit as a reporter and editor. Having been interviewed by Jordan since my election, I can tell the Members of this House that he has a great attitude and exemplifies professionalism.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to invite all members to join me today in congratulating Jordan on his award and wish him all the best in his future work. (interpretation) Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

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

**Member's Statement 186 – 4(2):
Recognition of Search and Rescue
Volunteer Robert Oolamik**

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. To the people of Baker Lake and Nunavut, I wish you all a good day. Haw.

>> *Laughter*

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about this individual who has made great strides that benefit Baker Lake as well as his fellow Nunavutmiut.

Just last week in Baker Lake, the local search and rescue society held a meeting and this person was recognized for his significant contributions to the society. I

was also a fellow search and rescue volunteer with him. Mr. Robert Oolamik is well known throughout the Kivalliq region, but he is also well known by his fellow volunteers by his (interpretation ends) nickname “Dubbermint.”

(interpretation) Last week, he spoke about his various roles within the Baker Lake search and rescue society, as he has served for many years as a volunteer. However, out of passion and devotion to serving others, (interpretation ends) over three decades, he has been a volunteer. He finally put in his resignation on November 3, 2014.

(interpretation) He has substantially assisted his fellow residents by serving in different roles, such as the chair and vice-chair positions in various years. He has saved many lives as a first responder, in some cases under very trying circumstances. However, whenever the phone rang that a search is required, he would rush to provide assistance.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask for unanimous consent 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) There are none. Mr. Mikkungwak, please proceed.

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I also thank my colleagues.

I have been diligent in supporting the Baker Lake search and rescue society. However, hearing about his resignation

touched me deeply. He has given countless hours of dedication to serving his people, sometimes staying up all night without any sleep and sometimes even forgetting to go home or visit his relatives for several days.

His focus was entirely on the search and rescue effort underway at the time. Regardless of the season, he would search via Honda, by truck, by boat, and even via aircraft on occasion. He undertook airplane search and rescue training to conduct air searches.

Further, since the society has a building that one can visit, he would spend his entire time all night and all day due to his compassion and devotion. Whenever a search party needed any supplies, he would check and run around until all the supplies they needed were filled.

However, due to his undying dedication to the search and rescue society, I believe it was either last year or the year before when he found out a search was underway for a person out of Arviat during the fall. He personally made his way to Arviat to offer his services to the search party.

This individual has a positive impact in his role as a first responder due to his dedication and devotion he has voluntarily served in various roles. Upon his initiation to the Baker Lake search and rescue society, he learnt from his elders about the traditional Inuit practices which he then taught to the younger members of the search and rescue society, even though it is extremely hard. Nonetheless, it is the continuance of the ancient ways of survival that will serve as his legacy.

I can even provide this tidbit about his undying fidelity to the search and rescue society. As usual, he was very involved in the search for a person. Although an RCMP officer who came to visit him jokingly said that he may have to handcuff him in order to have him go home and sleep, “Dubbermint,” Mr. Robert Oolamik, immediately turned to the officer and said, (interpretation ends) “I’ll sue you.”

(interpretation) He was a dedicated volunteer ever since he joined the group and his contributions to Baker Lake didn’t go unnoticed. He is a great supporter of all search and rescue organizations in Nunavut. Mr. Oolamik’s retirement was very touching to many of us, as he retired on (interpretation ends) November 3, 2014, after three decades of non-stop volunteering.

I would like to ask all of my colleagues in congratulating and our heartfelt, warm thank you to Robert Oolamik, “Dubbermint,” who has volunteered all his time in search and rescue. (interpretation) Thank you very much, 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 Ms. Ugyuk.

Item 4: Returns to Oral Questions

Return to Oral Question 252 – 4(2): Assistance for Seniors

Hon. Jeannie Ugyuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Asked by MLA for Iqaluit-Tasiluk, Mr. George Hickes, No. 252 – 4(2), October 29, 2014, Assistance for Seniors.

Question:

“Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I recognize that the Government of Nunavut is assisting our seniors with some subsidies.

One thing I’m not hearing in the response is the discussions that need to occur with the Government of Canada to recognize that the cost of living is significantly higher here in Nunavut in comparison to the rest of the country. Can I get a little bit further clarity from the minister on the anticipation of how that dialogue with the federal government is or will be occurring? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.”

Response:

The Department of Family Services actively participates in a number of intergovernmental working groups and committees to ensure our voice is heard by Canada. We always take the opportunity at these meetings to bring up the high cost of living so that Canada and the rest of the country are aware of the challenges we face when delivering programs and services.

Our department provides a number of services for Nunavut seniors, including:

- **Senior Fuel Subsidy (SFS)**, which reimburses eligible homeowners for fuel costs up to a specified maximum number of litres to help offset the high cost of household heating fuel

in Nunavut. So far in 2014, 100 seniors in Nunavut have received the subsidy.

- **Senior Citizens Supplementary Benefits (SCSB)** is a program governed by the *Senior Citizens Benefit Act*. Low-income seniors in Nunavut who qualify for the federal Guaranteed Income Supplement will receive the Nunavut Senior Citizens Supplementary Benefit of \$175 per month. This is a payment jointly managed with the federal government and is included on the monthly Old Age Security cheque. The amount of seniors who receive this benefit changes from month to month. However, in October, 477 seniors received the Senior Citizens Supplementary Benefit.
- The department currently funds elders' homes in Iqaluit, Baker Lake, and Arviat which provide level 1 or 2 (non-medical) care. The three facilities combined have a total of 22 permanent beds and 5 respite and/or palliative care beds.
- The Department of Family Services is currently reviewing the income assistance programs. Changes will be made to ensure that these programs are meeting the needs of seniors to reflect the high cost of living in Nunavut.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Returns to Oral Questions. Item 5. (interpretation) Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Ms. Angnakak.

Item 5: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize Captain Rus, behind me, who has lived in Iqaluit a number of years and has been instrumental in running the soup kitchen in Iqaluit. He retires at the end of the year, and I would like to wish him well and that we will miss his help very much. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Shooyook.

Mr. Shooyook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to recognize this individual, if he can please stand. Lew Philip, please stand. The reason why I want to recognize him is that he served in the past as an RCMP officer and he was a capable officer who managed to complete his career without being killed.

>>*Laughter*

For that reason, I am very proud of his accomplishment in that regard.

Further, I also saw a constituent of mine who lives in the northernmost community, if she could please stand to be recognized, Ms. Laisa Ningiuk. I don't know her too well personally, but she is currently in Iqaluit and in the Gallery. She has served in many roles and served as a member of various committees, and for her dedication, I am very proud that one of my constituents was able to travel to Iqaluit. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Welcome to the Gallery. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize three individuals in the Gallery today: my Deputy Minister of Finance, Mr. Chris D'Arcy, my Treasury Analyst, Frank Skoda, who I acknowledged earlier in the speech, welcome, and from Cambridge Bay, a good friend of mine, Jimmy Haniliak, also known as "Little Jimmy," sitting right behind me here.

Just a little background on "Little Jimmy" for folks back home who are watching, Jimmy has been involved in search and rescue since 1967. He retired in 2012, but he still helps out where necessary. He is still actually involved in guiding.

In the summer of last year, I recall that he was protecting our community in August from a grizzly bear that got a little bit too close to town. He went out at 7:30 to eight o'clock in the morning and took care of business.

>> *Laughter*

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Welcome to the Gallery. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Hickes.

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A couple of weeks ago, I had the pleasure of recognizing a lady who was up here helping some of our early childhood

education students at Nunavut Arctic College. I have the distinct pleasure of recognizing her husband, who is here in the Gallery today, also helping educate northerners within the by-law program that is currently ongoing.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Ken Ferguson was a long-time northerner who, a few years back, decided to move him and his family down to Ottawa. It is with great pleasure that I welcome him back to the territory of Nunavut for work. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Welcome to the Gallery. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Taptuna.

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

Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize a person who is taking the by-law officer training. He comes from my favourite place 2,200 kilometres away from here, Kugluktuk...

>> *Laughter*

...Mr. Colin Niptanatiak. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Welcome to the Gallery. (interpretation) Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak: And so it begins.

(interpretation) Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Today, I would like to

recognize some individuals. Since I have been elected, I've had the opportunity to acknowledge my wife and my children, but I haven't had an opportunity to acknowledge my constituents.

Therefore, I am very pleased to acknowledge Hugh Tularialik. I ask him to rise. He is a member of the elders' advisory committee. He's here for a conference for environment.

However, I can tell you, Minister Quassa, I'm sure you have to thank him because he teaches Inuit societal values at Jonah Amitnaaq School in Baker Lake. Also, I can say that he is a singer, as well as his wife. They are performers. I'm sure you have heard him sing.

I would like to recognize another individual and I'll say it in English. (interpretation ends) The next person I would also like to recognize in the Visitors' Gallery, if you could stand up, Richard Rumbolt. He is the by-law officer in the Hamlet of Baker Lake. As you will recall last year, when I did a Member's Statement about the defibrillator, that was his late mother.

I would like to welcome them to the Gallery and it's nice to see Baker Lake people in the Gallery. (interpretation) Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. My brother-in-law, I welcome you to the Gallery. (interpretation ends) Welcome to the Gallery. (interpretation) Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member Mr. Mike.

Hon. Johnny Mike (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the

minister, I am very pleased to welcome and acknowledge some visitors to the Gallery today. The members of the Department of Environment's Elders' Advisory Committee (Inutuqait Mianiksijiit Anngutiksaniq) have an important role in advising my staff and myself and helping to ensure that *Inuit Qaujimagajatuqangit* are used to guide the Department of Environment programs and services. They are here in Iqaluit to take part in the Baffin caribou workshop as well as participating in their regular meetings.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to welcome and introduce:

Hugh Tularialik;
Joe Arlooktoo, who was a Member of the Legislative Assembly in the past;
Lew Philip;
Laisa Ningiuk;
Jimmy Haniliak;
David Siksik; and
Barthelemy Nirlungayuk, Deputy Minister Gabriel's father.

The two other members of the committee who were unable to be here today are Guy Alikut and Johnassie Nakoolak.

I would like to welcome them all to the Legislative Assembly. Thank you.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Please proceed.

Hon. Johnny Mike (interpretation): Mr. Speaker, also from Pangnirtung taking by-law training are Silasie Nowyook and Eric Lawlor. Welcome them to the Gallery. Thank you.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Welcome to the Gallery. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member Mr. Savikataaq.

Mr. Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize a grade 9 student from the Inuksuk High School today. His name is Hayden Ahle. He is doing job shadowing, so he is spending the afternoon here job shadowing me as MLA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Welcome to the Gallery. (interpretation) Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member Ms. Ugyuk.

Hon. Jeannie Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Although visitors are leaving, Kugaaruk resident Barthelemy Nirlungayuk was one of the actors from the Netsilik Eskimo Series. He also is a layman in Kugaaruk and always helps the Kitikmeot region as a layman in the church. Barthelemy Nirlungayuk is here to attend the meeting and I am very appreciative of the fact that he helps all the time with wildlife issues. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

Hon. Tom Sammurtok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was going to

recognize the individuals, but they have already been recognized. I made my Minister's Statement earlier regarding the (interpretation ends) by-law officer training. (interpretation) I would like to recognize the students who are taking the MTO training. (interpretation ends) I would appreciate it if you would stand up when I mention your name.

Dwight Tilley from Arctic Bay;
Richard Rumbolt from Baker Lake;
Terry Manik, Coral Harbour;
George Nagmalik, Hall Beach;
Elisha Edward, Igloolik;
Tyson O'Neil, Igloolik;
Colin Niptanatiak, Kugluktuk;
Eric Lawlor, Pangnirtung;
Silasie Nowyook, Pangnirtung;
Instructor Ken Ferguson from Ottawa;
Also from Iqaluit, Michelle Rheault. He is with the Municipal Training Organization.

(interpretation) I would like to recognize all the visitors. Thank you.

>>Applause

Speaker: Welcome to the Gallery. (interpretation) Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Akoak.

Mr. Akoak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The person I was going to recognize disappeared from the Gallery, but he has been recognized by Minister Mike, an elder from Gjoa Haven. His name is David Siksik. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Welcome to all the visitors in the Gallery. I have no more names on my list.

I would like to acknowledge George Nagmalik, who is one of my constituents, and also the two individuals, Elisha Edward and Tyson O'Neil from Igloodik. I would like to thank all of them for visiting the Gallery.

(interpretation ends) Item 6.
(interpretation) Oral Questions. Member for Iqaluit-Niaqunngu, Ms. Angnakak.

Item 6: Oral Questions

Question 299 – 4(2): Oil and Gas Development

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions are for the Minister of Economic Development and Transportation. I want to follow up today on the issue of oil and gas development.

The minister indicated in his return to my earlier oral question that his department is organizing a “Nunavut Oil and Gas Summit,” which is to be held in Iqaluit in January of 2015. Can the minister give us a sense of what organizations will be participating in this event? 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. In regard to the member's question, there will be many organizations that will be participating in this event. The Nunavut government, Inuit organizations, government officials, and third parties

will be attending this event. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The current business plan of the Department of Economic Development and Transportation indicates that one of its current priorities is to “promote a regulatory regime that will attract responsible resource developers,” and the minister's return to my earlier oral question indicated that the government “wants to make sure that companies involved in exploration activities have certainty about our regulatory processes.”

The minister also stated that the federal government “has begun work on [a strategic environmental assessment] for the Baffin Bay and Davis Strait waters.” Can the minister indicate what the timeline is for this assessment process? 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. In regard to the member's question, many people will be dealing with this. As I stated earlier, Inuit organizations will be involved and all those communities or entities that will be impacted will be involved. Others will also start working on this issue.

Also, as a government, we will be monitoring the process and progress in regard to the member's question. Mr.

Speaker, today, I cannot elaborate as to the timeline for the assessment. I cannot tell the member exactly when the target date is for the completion of this project. However, I can tell the member that once everything is ready and prepared, I will provide the information in the House or I can directly communicate with the member. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Concerns have been expressed in recent months regarding the issue of seismic testing in Nunavut's waters, which is considered to be the first step towards oil and gas exploration and development. What is the government's position on seismic testing? 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. The issue the member raises in her question has also been expressed by numerous outside groups. However, what I can say is that this government's position on this issue is if we are going to be involved in the issue, we would first consult the communities or Nunavummiut in general prior to the government moving ahead. That is what I can provide to the member today. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 300 – 4(2): Assistance for Seniors

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to go back to the return to oral question that Minister Ugyuk provided to me. I have some further questions for her.

Mr. Speaker, in her response, she talks about the opportunity at different meetings to “bring up the high cost of living so that Canada and the rest of the country are aware of the challenges we face when delivering programs and services.”

Mr. Speaker, I, too, every opportunity I get, try and stress with other counterparts from across the country, but unfortunately I'm not usually at a table with ministers from other jurisdictions and the country of Canada itself.

Mr. Speaker, while bringing this awareness to her counterparts, has the minister ever directly communicated the need to increase benefits to our senior population? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Jeannie Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Up to today, I haven't attended any of those meetings yet. However, through my office, we are talking with them. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Hickers: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm not sure where to go with this next one then. I'll continue on. Maybe one of my other colleagues may have some further questions regarding FPTs.

Mr. Speaker, also in her response, she talks about the Senior Citizens Supplementary Benefit and that it is a program that is governed by the *Senior Citizens Benefit Act*. This program is jointly managed with the federal government to be included in the Old Age Security cheque each month for senior citizens. The amount of that is \$175.

Mr. Speaker, how is that amount decided and when was the last time it was increased? 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. Thank you to my colleague for requesting that information. According to the policy, that is how the total amount was set. The last time it was changed was January 7, 2008. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Hickers: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That was six years ago. I'm pretty sure it's time for an update.

Mr. Speaker, the minister had mentioned also in her response that the number of seniors that benefit from this subsidy

changes from month to month. In October, 477 seniors from across the territory received the Senior Citizens Supplementary Benefit.

Mr. Speaker, my next question, although the number is substantially higher than the question I had for the Minister of Finance last week with regard to the Fuel Tax Rebate Program, I think this program may be underutilized. How does the application process work, as the number changes from month to month? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Jeannie Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank my colleague for requesting clarification on this issue. The elder's income tax return is used to determine the elder's pension amounts by the federal government. Similar to that, if a person is eligible for the elders' pension, the amount they receive in benefits is also based on that return. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 301 – 4(2): Communications between Frontline Workers

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

Mr. Speaker, one of my constituents recently faced a distressing situation when she took a child to the health centre to address an urgent concern. The very next day, a social worker showed up to apprehend the child. I am sure you

can appreciate that this kind of situation does not encourage trust and confidence in our frontline workers.

Can the minister clarify what communication protocols are currently in place for health care staff to contact social services staff with respect to a client or a client's children? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for the question. Numerous people go to the health centres and so I can't be expected to know them all. I try to stay out of any individual incident.

However, there is a policy that if anyone has a complaint about their treatment in the hospital, then they can complain to the frontline staff and then to management. If they have a problem, then there are the medical travel people as well. There are also patient relations officers available as well.

We also work with the Department of Family Services. Sometimes medical clients are referred by social services for medical treatment. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. While I appreciate that our health care workers and social services workers are looking out for the well-being of children, it should be clear that when a caregiver brings a child to a health centre, they too are looking out

for the well-being of the child. Will the minister explain what procedures should be followed if a health care worker has concerns about a 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. I thought I stated who patients can complain to. If you went to the Department of Family Services, then you have to ask them what their transportation policies are. If you go to the doctor or health centre, then you go to the medical travel staff to complain. If you don't like their response, you can go to the patient relations officer. That is how the process is set up. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, we know that there is a place where they can go to complain. I don't know if it is utilized much, but I would like to ask the minister another question.

Mr. Speaker, I recognize that misunderstandings can occur and from time to time, frontline workers may make mistakes in determining the true circumstances of a situation. Can the minister commit to ensuring that health care workers follow the appropriate procedures and protocols when they communicate concerns about clients to other frontline care workers? 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 for the question. Nurses for whom we are fortunate for coming to the Arctic are also given orientation and people who go to the doctors are given pamphlets that explain the procedures that will be used during their medical treatment and what phone numbers they need to call. There are resources that are available to them. At the health centres, there is always a phone listing of people they can call. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Rankin Inlet South, Mr. Sammurtok.

Question 302 – 4(2): Options for Housing Construction

Mr. Sammurtok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good day to the residents of Rankin Inlet and Nunavut.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct my question to the Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation.

Mr. Speaker, as the minister will recall, in June, I asked questions about alternative options for providing housing in our communities. It has been brought to my attention that when the Nunavut Housing Corporation issues tenders for construction, it is always for five or ten units at a time.

Can the minister indicate whether any consideration has been given to contracting work on a smaller scale for one or two units at a time so that smaller

contractors could have an opportunity to bid on the projects? 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. In regard to his question, that is, indeed, the direction the housing corporation has taken. Mr. Speaker, whenever we build standalone units, the material is always more expensive and that's the reason why we have been moving to build what we have been building. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Sammurtok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I appreciate that contracting projects to larger companies may allow for an economy of scale. However, it is also important to support small businesses and encourage local training, apprenticeship, and economic opportunities. Will the minister consider contracting smaller construction projects like one-unit or two-unit projects in order to stimulate the local economy? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister responsible for the Housing Corporation, Mr. Kuksuk.

Hon. George Kuksuk (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. As I indicated earlier, we have been building five-plex and ten-plex units. Mr. Speaker, it is obvious that it's more

expensive to build smaller units. Whatever money we save is used to build more houses in Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, with contractors, we make sure they know whom they can subcontract in the smaller communities, which is usually the procedure we follow. I can use as an example M&I projects to maintain and improve houses and other programs. Mr. Speaker, that's the way we will continue to support smaller companies in the communities. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Hudson Bay, Mr. Rumbolt.

Question 303 – 4(2): Airport Mobile Equipment

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon to the people of Sanikiluaq and the people of Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, my questions today are for the Minister of Economic Development and Transportation.

Mr. Speaker, during question period a few days ago, I asked a number of questions to the Minister of Community and Government Services concerning the government's Surplus Disposal Policy. In his answers to me, he indicated that it is the responsibility of individual departments to report surplus assets to the Department of Community and Government Services for disposal through the public tender process.

As the minister will recall, his department's 2012-13 capital estimates included funding for the acquisition of a new plow truck for Sanikiluaq's airport.

The equipment has been operational for over a year now. However, the airport's old plow truck has not yet gone through the government's surplus disposal process and continues to sit outside facing the elements.

Can the minister explain why it is taking such a long period of time for his department to undertake the necessary work to have this piece of equipment go through the surplus disposal process? 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. Thank you for your question. Mr. Speaker, I can't respond to his question at this time. It's not only our department. We have to work together with the Department of Community and Government Services. I cannot respond to the question at this time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I stated in my first preamble, it's that department's responsibility to report it to CGS before they can go through the process. That's why I was asking the question. I will move on to my next question.

Each year, the Department of Economic Development and Transportation brings forward hundreds of thousands of dollars

in its capital estimates for the acquisition of new airport mobile equipment.

I would imagine that the situation which I described is occurring in Sanikiluaq is probably happening in other communities.

Will the minister commit to having his department undertake a comprehensive inventory of mobile equipment assets at Nunavut airports to determine which ones should go through the government's surplus disposal process before the surplus equipment ends up in our communities' dumps? 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. My department can look into this issue regarding the government's surplus disposal process. It could be part of the review process within our department. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today, I have only mentioned one example of GN surplus vehicles sitting in the community for long periods of time before going through the GN's formal disposal process. I have other examples of similar situations with other GN departments, and I am sure other communities have similar situations throughout Nunavut. Will the minister commit to having his officials work with their counterparts in other departments to ensure that proper disposal procedures

are followed throughout the Government of Nunavut? 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. As per my previous response, this is what we keep reiterating as a government. With respect to the department that is in my portfolio related to his question, we have continued to collaborate with other departments to ensure that surplus assets or vehicles in our department follow the protocol and we continue to collaborate with our partner departments. (interpretation ends) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 304 – 4(2): Solid Waste Management in Arviat

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

Mr. Speaker, Arviat's integrated community infrastructure sustainability plan was published on March 8, 2011 and it indicates that the community's current landfill is at capacity.

I recognize that the Legislative Assembly recently approved the department's 2015-16 capital estimates, which indicated that \$288,000 in third party funding has previously been

allocated to a solid waste improvement project in Arviat.

I also recognize that on the occasion of the Committee of the Whole's recent consideration of his department's 2015-16 capital estimates, the minister indicated that negotiations for the Building Canada Fund agreement between the federal government and Nunavut are ongoing.

Can the minister confirm that the solid waste improvement project in Arviat will be a priority for his department once the Building Canada Fund agreement is finalized? 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. Regarding the member's question, the Building Canada Fund agreement hasn't been finalized yet, but the Gas Tax Fund has been approved. We can utilize those funds to work on the solid waste improvements for Arviat. Thank you.

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

Mr. Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the minister will recall, I previously asked him a number of questions regarding waste management in my community of Arviat. On March 19, 2014, the minister indicated that his department would be consulting with the municipality on issues related to waste management and the location of landfills. Can the minister indicate if his

department has had these consultations and, if so, what were the outcomes of those consultations? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Tom Sammurtok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We are currently working on solid waste management and what improvements can be made. In November, the (interpretation ends) Nunavut Association of Municipal Administrators (interpretation) will be having a meeting in Rankin Inlet and we will be submitting a written statement at that time. Thank you.

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

Mr. Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On March 19, 2014, the minister also indicated that his department was "investigating the feasibility of incineration as a solid waste management strategy for Nunavut." Can the minister indicate if his department will be installing an incinerator in Arviat as part of the solution to manage the community's solid waste problems? 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. Thank you for your question. In regard to your question

about incinerators, we have a draft strategy where we have included the investigation of the feasibility of incineration as a solid waste management strategy. We haven't finalized the report yet. Once that report is released, the incinerator issue will be clarified. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Aivilik, Mr. Mapsalak.

Question 305 – 4(2): Housing Associations and Authorities

Mr. Mapsalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Nunavut Housing Corporation.

Mr. Speaker, the local housing organizations fall under different types in Nunavut and they are in the process of being updated. There housing associations that are being turned into housing authorities.

Mr. Speaker, could the minister explain exactly what increased authority and responsibilities that a housing association gains when they become a housing authority? That is my first question. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation, Hon. Minister Mr. Kuksuk.

Hon. George Kuksuk (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. With respect to my colleague's question about the differences between a local housing (interpretation ends) association (interpretation) and a local housing

organization, or in an association becoming an (interpretation ends) authority, (interpretation) what are the differences?

With respect to local housing associations' duties, as an example, there is no real change in the daily operational matters by an association. If they were to upgrade to becoming an authority, most of their duties would continue. The community's responsibilities would continue.

With respect to appointments, either through appointments or other notices used by the association following the (interpretation ends) *Societies Act*, (interpretation) which lays out the changes caused by becoming an authority, it isn't that different in that regard. That is what I can tell the member. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Mapsalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The minister just stated that there is no real difference between an association and an authority. Do they get elected in the same way when they become authorities? Who elects them? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation, Mr. Kuksuk.

Hon. George Kuksuk (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. That would be the only slight difference with the board of directors for an association that is elected locally. Once they become an authority, the community makes a recommendation to

the government for appointment as to who they want to serve on the authority's board of directors. The minister would then appoint those individuals to the housing authority. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Mapsalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If only I could ask one more supplementary question, I could get a better understanding.

However, once they become a housing authority, are they given more powers over their operations as they serve their communities? Are they given more decision-making authority than when they were associations? Could the minister clarify the difference? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation, Hon. Minister Mr. Kuksuk.

Hon. George Kuksuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I stated earlier, there is a difference between an association and an authority. When an association becomes an authority, their roles and responsibilities in their communities change very slightly. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 306 – 4(2): Abuse of Income Support – Need for Policy

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon to the people of Nunavut, especially to the people of Pond Inlet, Qikiqtarjuaq, and Clyde River. Welcome to the Assembly's proceedings.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Family Services.

As the minister is aware, I have been alluding to the concern that we have as Nunavummiut regarding income support abuse. Many of us believe that there is a certain level of income support abuse in Nunavut. Yesterday, Member for Quttiktuq, Mr. Shooyook, asked a question about this issue.

My question is based on the *Blues* dated Tuesday, November 4, 2014, on page 23. I know the *Blues* are not finalized. However, when the minister was asked a question by Mr. Shooyook yesterday in regard to income support and how it can be utilized better by the clients, the minister responded by saying, and I quote, "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I hear two questions. We don't have the authority to tell our clients what they should be spending their social assistance payments because there is nothing in the policy that says that."

Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask: since there are no regulations, will the minister be willing to make new regulations in regard to this? 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 Tununiq

for asking for clarification on income support. My prior response to the Member for Quttiktuq yesterday is that yes, it is true that there are no regulations on how income support funds should be used. However, when clients go to their appointments, we believe that they are there to get income support funds to purchase foodstuffs.

(interpretation ends) The Department of Family Services has a process to deal with verified fraud of the Social Assistance Program. How the Department of Family Services responds in cases of client fraud or abuse of the Social Assistance Program is governed by specific policies outlined in the *Social Assistance Act* and regulations.

For cases of fraud under \$1,000, the client will be suspended from the Income Assistance Program for a period of 60 days and required to repay the amount. For cases of fraud over \$1,000, the case must be referred to the Deputy Minister of Family Services, who consults with the comptroller general about possible RCMP investigation. In these cases, the client is still suspended from the program and required to repay the amount. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just to get clarification, yesterday, the minister stated that there are no regulations on how income support should be utilized. Now you're saying that if there's fraud, there are financial consequences. I don't understand at all.

You mentioned fraud in English and you stated that there are no regulations when you say that they can use income support for anything. Which one is the reality, Mr. Speaker? Thank you.

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

Hon. Jeannie Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would also like to thank the Member for Tununig for asking for clarification. The Income Support Policy is now being reviewed. Social workers know that the policy is old and that it was grandfathered from the Northwest Territories when it was transferred after division. We're now reviewing the regulations and then we will have a better regime in place in 2015 with amendments instituted.

As a result, clients of income support in Nunavut will be subject to certain expectations. In order to make this clear, I will speak in English. (interpretation ends) There is an expectation that clients who receive assistance use it to meet their basic needs and those of their family. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The people of Nunavut, I'm sure, have expectations that the funds from social assistance are going to be used properly.

The minister said that they believe that the clients use the income support properly, even though we actually see clients abusing those funds. However, from your department's perspective, you believe the program is being properly

used, even though we keep saying that we still witness such abuse. It seems what we see is an illusion when you say that the program is being properly used.

It's my understanding that the program is being reviewed. I was once told that we cannot do as we wish with the human rights of any individual, but it turns out that does not need to be the case. Will they be able to put in regulations rather than being concerned about individual rights? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Jeannie Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't understand the latter part of the question. Once I get clarification of the question, I can get back to the member with a response. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): I will allow the member to please rephrase his question for clarity, Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thought I was very clear. I don't know if it was last spring's session or before when I was asking questions in regard to this. I was asking why there is no policy on how income support assistance can be utilized. The minister replied by saying that we do things in a way that have an impact on an individual person's rights and that this was being reviewed. We all remember what the minister said on the review here in the House that we cannot change this issue because of how it affects individual rights.

My question is: through the review, is there now a better understanding that

you can make policy by putting this issue of individual rights alone? 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 also would like to thank the Member for Tununig for his question. When a client receives assistance, there are no regulations on the right of clients to spend the money as they wish. That is all I can reply to the member. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 307 – 4(2): Seniors' Programs Eligibility

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I say "good afternoon" to the people of Baker Lake and Nunavut. My question is directed to the Minister of Family Services. (interpretation ends) My question will be to the Minister of Family Services.

I have a large constituency of elders within my community also. I believe I did ask some questions last year. In reference to the return to oral question from Mr. Hickes, my first question will be regarding the senior fuel subsidy and Senior Citizens Supplementary Benefit.

My first question to that is, considering that I did ask another minister, the age requirement varies from NTI, government, and federal government, when you look at these two programs,

are the age requirements the same?
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. Thank you to the member from
Baker Lake for asking the question. The
Government of Canada, in budget 2012,
announced three changes. The age of
eligibility for Old Age Security pension
and Guaranteed Income Supplement will
gradually increase from 65 to 67 over six
years starting in April 2023. The age
eligibility for allowance and allowance
for survivors will also gradually increase
from 60 to 62. As of July 2013, a
voluntary deferral of OAS pension
allows you to delay receipt of your OAS
pension by up to 60 months after the first
date of eligibility in exchange for a
higher monthly amount. (interpretation)
That's what we follow, Mr. Speaker.
Thank you.

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

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr.
Speaker. I understand there are some
changes occurring. At the same time,
when we look at the changes that are
occurring to these subsidies or these
programs that should be helping our
elders within our territory, my first
supplementary question here would be:
when we look at all these changes, has
the minister advocated on behalf of us,
being the minister, considering the cost
of living and considering the fact that the
last increase to assist the elders within
our territory was, I believe, 2018? Thank

you, Mr. Speaker. Ah, 2008. Thank you,
Mr. Speaker.

>>*Laughter*

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

Hon. Jeannie Ugyuk (interpretation):
Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to
thank my colleague for his question. I
heard (interpretation ends) "To the
future and beyond." (interpretation) My
officials are listening. I'll ask them after
the session to get clarification on that.
Once I get that information, I'll provide
it to my colleague. Thank you, Mr.
Speaker.

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

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you very
much, Mr. Speaker. *Ma'nalluavik*. Can
the minister also look into, when we
look at all these programs, seeing that
the cost of living has really increased
within our territory and no doubt, there
are a number of elders within our
territory... ? Can there be more
educational programs or more assistance
to our elders within the territory
considering that some of these may have
deadline submissions? 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. With respect to
the deadline he asked in his
supplementary question, I didn't
understand it. However, with respect to

the deliberations on these issues, we collaborate with the Department of Finance on all of the various benefits if changes are going to occur. For the fiscal year 2015, we are expecting that changes may be implemented at that time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 308 – 4(2): Baffin Correctional Centre

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my questions to the Minister of Justice.

Mr. Speaker, I recognize that the Legislative Assembly recently approved the Department of Justice's 2015-16 capital estimates, which included \$850,000 in funding for "life safety renovations" to the Baffin Correctional Centre.

Can the minister indicate if the Baffin Correctional Centre is currently in compliance with statutory requirements under such statutes as the *Safety Act* and the *Fire Prevention Act* and, if not, can the minister indicate what specific safety deficiencies currently exist in the facility? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am aware that the Baffin Correctional Centre is continually being reviewed and renovated. In addition, they try to follow

all regulations that are in place. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Can the minister indicate how often the Baffin Correctional Centre is inspected by the Office of the Fire Marshal? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Minister of Justice, Mr. Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Office of the Fire Marshal isn't under my portfolio, but I can commit to checking into the question and I will speak directly with the minister next to me. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Can the minister indicate if his department currently has an emergency plan for the relocation of inmates in case of extensive damage or closure of the Baffin Correctional Centre? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We are always reviewing these plans to see how we can make improvements and what contingencies there are for any emergency. The staff try to be available

at all times in this area. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Aivilik, Mr. Mapsalak.

Question 309 – 4(2): Housing Associations and Authorities

Mr. Mapsalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question will be directed to the Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation.

Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to expand on my earlier question. Local housing associations are elected by the people of the community and it is the elected board who selects their manager. Once they become an authority, does the appointed board decide who will manage them? Who will manage the local housing authority? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation, Hon. Minister Mr. Kuksuk.

Hon. George Kuksuk (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. If I understood the question properly, this was asked previously. Mr. Speaker, they are called authorities and they are responsible for the delivery of public housing programs and services in the community. They will continue to perform the same duties as they did previously as an association. The work just proceeds as it normally would. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Mapsalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm just trying to understand if local housing boards continue to pick their own manager like before. If the association is turned into an authority consisting of people appointed by the minister, can they hire their own manager as well? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation, Mr. Kuksuk.

Hon. George Kuksuk (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. If I understand your question correctly, yes, the appointed board of directors are responsible for choosing a chairperson and vice-chairperson. They follow the same rules and procedures and manage public housing operations in the community once they become an authority. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Mapsalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want people out there to understand this fully. They can pick their own manager that will manage housing, even though they're called an authority now. Even though they're a board appointed by the minister, the manager for housing has the overall say. The minister can't interfere with the appointed board hiring their own manager. Am I correct in understanding that and that the housing corporation headquarters have no say as well? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation, Mr. Kuksuk.

Hon. George Kuksuk (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Unfortunately, I don't know if you're talking about a staff member or the appointed board members. You're talking about management. I'm just asking for more clarification as to what he means. I don't really understand what he is saying. What do you mean by management? Can my colleague explain that a bit further? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. I will give you an opportunity to explain your question further so that Mr. Kuksuk can understand, Mr. Mapsalak.

Mr. Mapsalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I call them *Aulattiji*; they're called managers. They manage local public housing operations. That's what I'm asking about. If the appointed board does not like the manager, do they have the authority to remove the manager before the housing corporation gets involved? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation, Mr. Kuksuk.

Hon. George Kuksuk (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. As I stated previously, the staff who work at the housing office, whether it's a maintenance person, manager, or tenant relations officers, there are various positions at the housing organization. Once it's turned into an authority, then it works through an agreement. They

would just follow the provisions of the agreement and proceed from there. Those would be drawn up in the agreement where things that were run by the association can be run by the authority. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. The time for question period has expired. We will move on to Item 7. (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. Mr. Okalik.

Item 13: Tabling of Documents

Tabled Document 075 – 4(2): FPT Ministers Responsible for Culture and Heritage September 9, 2014

Tabled Document 076 – 4(2): FPT 19th Ministerial Conference on the Canadian Francophonie “Pan-Canadian Showcase: Government Support of the Contemporary Francophonie”

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to table the FPT Ministers Responsible for Culture and Heritage September 9, 2014.

The other one is the Ministerial Conference on the Canadian Francophonie “Pan-Canadian Showcase: Government Support of the Contemporary Francophonie” on June 26 and 27, 2014 in Prince Edward Island. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Tabled Document 077 – 4(2): 2013-2014 Annual Report on the Operation of the Medical Care Plan

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to table the 2013-14 Annual Report on the Operation of the Medical Care Plan. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Tabling of Documents, Ms. Ugyuk.

Tabled Document 078 – 4(2): 2013-2014 Child and Family Services Annual Report

Hon. Jeannie Ugyuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to table the Child and Family Services Annual Report for 2013-14. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Tabled Document 079 – 4(2): 2013-2014 Nunavut Liquor Commission Annual Report

Tabled Document 080 – 4(2): Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission's 2013 Annual Report

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to table the 2013-14 Nunavut Liquor Commission Annual Report.

I am also pleased to table the Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission's 2013 annual report. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Tabling of Documents. I have no more names. Mr. Shooyook.

Mr. Shooyook (interpretation): I would like to go back to Item 5 in the *Orders of the Day*.

Speaker: The member is seeking to return to Item 5, Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Are there any nays? (interpretation) I don't hear any nays. Please proceed, Mr. Shooyook.

Revert to Item 5: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery

Mr. Shooyook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Actually, while I had the opportunity, I wanted to recognize a couple of visitors who have just walked in.

I am extremely pleased to recognize my daughter and my wife who have just entered the Gallery. Inooya Shooyook, if you could please stand so that you can be recognized.

>>Applause

Also, to provide some background on my daughter, who is my oldest and very capable woman working here for the City of Iqaluit, her name was changed after her marriage to Ruth Arnauyumayuq, and I am very proud of her accomplishments.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Welcome to the Gallery. (interpretation ends) Item 14. Notices of Motions. Item 15. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Item 16. Motions. Mr. Mikkungwak. (interpretation) I'm sorry. (interpretation ends) Item 17. First Reading of Bills. Mr. Okalik.

Item 17: First Reading of Bills

Bill 11 – An Act to Amend the Corrections Act – First Reading

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Member for Iqaluit-Manirajak, that Bill 11, *An Act to Amend the Corrections Act*, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The motion is in order. All those in favour. (interpretation) Thank you. (interpretation ends) Opposed. (interpretation) Thank you. (interpretation ends) The motion is carried and Bill 11 has had its first reading.

First Reading of Bills. Mr. Peterson.

Bill 12 – An Act to Amend the Tobacco Tax Act – First Reading

Hon. Keith Peterson: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Pangnirtung, that Bill 12, *An Act to Amend the Tobacco Tax Act*, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

(interpretation ends) Opposed. The motion is carried and Bill 12 has had first reading.

Item 17. First Reading of Bills. Ms. Ell.

Bill 13 – An Act to Amend the Vital Statistics Act – First Reading

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Netsilik, that Bill 13, *An Act to Amend the Vital Statistics Act*, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The motion is in order. All those in favour. (interpretation) Thank you. (interpretation ends) Opposed. The motion is carried and Bill 13 has had first reading.

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, 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 15:37 and Committee resumed at 16:03*

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

Chairman (Mr. Akoak): Good afternoon, Inuit and Nunavummiut. 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, 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 Bill 4, Bill 5, Bill 6, Bill 7, and Bill 9. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Rumbolt. Are we in agreement that we first deal with Bill 4, *Supplementary Appropriation (O&M) Act, No. 4, 2013-2014*?

Some Members: Agreed.

Bill 04 – Supplementary Appropriation (Operations & Maintenance) Act, No. 4, 2013-2014 – Consideration in Committee

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Peterson, do you have officials that you would like to appear before the Committee of the Whole?

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

Chairman: 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, Mr. Peterson, introduce your staff.

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

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

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am here to present Bill 4, *Supplementary Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, No. 4, 2013-2014*.

Bill 4 is for operations and maintenance supplementary appropriations for 2013-14 totalling \$4,099,000. All of the items in this bill are designed to address departmental deficits. It consists of the following items:

- \$433,000 to Finance to address the budget shortfall created by an actuarial adjustment at year-end;
- \$707,000 to Justice to address the budget shortfall created by a prior-year expenditure for the territorial policing contract;
- \$642,000 to Education to address the budget shortfall created by an actuarial adjustment at year-end;
- \$2,270,000 to Health to address the budget shortfall created by over-expenditures in various programs as well as year-end adjustments;
- \$9,000 to Environment to address the budget shortfall created by an actuarial adjustment at year-end; and

- \$38,000 to Economic Development and Transportation to address the budget shortfall created by an actuarial adjustment at year-end.

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

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Peterson. Keep in mind that we have translators. 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 4 in English and Inuktitut. Finance. Operations and Maintenance. Not Previously Authorized. Total Centrally Administered Funds. \$433,000. Mr. Hickes.

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just have one general question, if the Chairman will allow it. Bill 4 deals with 6 of 13 departments declaring supplementary appropriations for O&M. Is this government still in a position to carry a surplus from last fiscal year? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Hickes for the question. Yes, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. To deal with page 4, this is for the Nunavut Staff Relocation Program. Can the minister explain the \$433,000 supplementary appropriation? Is this a budget shortfall of the amount of people that are leaving or coming to the

territory for work? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Hickes for his question. Mr. Chairman, the answer is no. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Could the minister maybe go into a little more detail on where this amount comes from? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Hickes for the question. Mr. Chairman, at year-end, prior to an actuarial evaluation, we were projecting a year-end surplus. We had an actuarial firm come in and analyze our severance and relocation costs based on the number of people working in our department. They did that for the other departments as well. They determined that the numbers that we had were too low. They gave us actuarial figures that made us have to adjust our year-end and we ended up with a deficit. We had to record the actuarial figures as a liability. In order to bring our budget into a positive balance, we had to request a supplementary for year-end. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Peterson. I have no more names. Thank you. We are on page 4. Finance. Operations and Maintenance. Not

Previously Authorized. Total Centrally Administered Funds. \$433,000. Total Department. Not Previously Authorized. \$433,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Thank you. Now we are on page 5. Justice. Operations and Maintenance. Not Previously Authorized. Total Law Enforcement. \$707,000. Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a question regarding this number and I do know that the Nunavut government contracts the RCMP to provide the services. Is this for that service that is provided or is it something else? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Enook. Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Enook for the question. Yes, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Peterson. Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you.
Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you. Could you elaborate further on why that \$707,000, which is a lot of money... ? Is it because we needed more RCMP members or was that because there were too many unplanned events? If we can get an explanation for that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Enook. Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Enook for the question. Mr. Chairman, my understanding is that the RCMP or Public Safety Canada has a different year-end in terms of when they invoice. They invoice us after the year-end. I don't have the particulars of the actual invoice, but the department actually did try to pay for the invoice using internal funds. They used surpluses from other areas within the department. We were unable to pay for the full cost of the invoice and that is why they are requesting an additional \$707,000. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Peterson. I have no more names. We are on page 5. Justice. Operations and Maintenance. Not Previously Authorized. Total Law Enforcement. \$707,000. Total Department. Not Previously Authorized. \$707,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Thank you. Page 6. Education. Operations and Maintenance. Not Previously Authorized. Total Directorate. \$642,000. Mr. Joanasié.

Mr. Joanasié (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Welcome, Mr. Minister and your officials. Just for clarity, if you can elaborate further on the increase of approximately 75 percent. That is my question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Joanasié. Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Joanasié for the

question. Again, it's the actuarial adjustments that were completed and submitted to us in a report in July. It was after year-end. The department, again, similar to other departments, attempted to fund within. We were unable to and now we're requesting a supplementary. In terms of the actual numbers, \$642,000, it's a very small percentage based on a total overall department budget of \$183,589,000. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Peterson. I have no more names. We're on page 6. Education. Operations and Maintenance. Not Previously Authorized. Total Directorate. \$642,000. Total Department. Not Previously Authorized. \$642,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Thank you. Page 7. Health. Operations and Maintenance. Not Previously Authorized. Mr. Hickes.

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Earlier this year, we approved a supplementary appropriation of approximately \$26 million for the Department of Health. At that time, I made some fairly strong comments that the lack of comfort level with continually being, I'm not going to say forced to approved these types of appropriations.

I think we all understand that Health is a demand service department. At the same time, I think I would not be doing my job properly, Mr. Chairman, if I didn't re-emphasize that concern and really put it to the department to undertake some cost savings and be a bit more fiscally responsible in their budgeting so that we

are not continuously having to have these supplementary appropriations in front of us from the Department of Health.

I don't really have a question in here. I understand some of it is the demand for services from medical travel and maybe some of the actuarial conditions that have applied to other departments. I just want to emphasis to the Minister of Health that we are all looking very closely at these appropriations. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Hickes. If you would like to respond to Mr. Hickes, Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just a brief comment. It is very difficult for the department based on the nature of the delivery of health services in Nunavut and a lot of the work is based on estimates. They do send patients out of the territory, so we have out-of-territory hospital costs and out-of-territory physician costs. It is very difficult at times to estimate the amount of billings that will come in after year-end.

In this particular case, they thought it would be \$26 million to cover them until March 31, 2014 and they were short by \$2,270,000. It is difficult for them, but they are working and I understand that we have given them FMB directives over the last couple of years. My officials at the Department of Finance are working with the new deputy minister to develop strategies and to address their budget. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Peterson. I have no more names. We're on page 7. Health. Operations and Maintenance. Not Previously Authorized. Total Health Care Service Delivery. \$2,270,000. Total Department. Not Previously Authorized. \$2,270,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Page 8. Environment. Operations and Maintenance. Not Previously Authorized. Total Program Management. \$9,000. Total Department. Not Previously Authorized. \$9,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Economic Development and Transportation. Operations and Maintenance. Not Previously Authorized. Total Corporate Management. \$38,000. Total Department. Not Previously Authorized. \$38,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Go to Schedule on page 2. Schedule 1: Operations and Maintenance. Operations and Maintenance Appropriation. \$4,099,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Thank you. Go to Bill 4 in your legislative binder. Thank you. Bill 4, *Supplementary Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, No. 4, 2013-2014*. 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. Supplementary Amounts Appropriated for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2014. Total Supplementary Appropriation. \$4,099,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Go 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: Clause 7. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Do members agree to Bill 4 as a whole?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Do members agree that pursuant to Rule 62(2) that Bill 4 can immediately be placed on the orders of the day for third reading?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Thank you. Closing comments, Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Mr. Chairman, I thank yourself and your committee for your questions on Bill 4. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Sergeant-at-Arms.

We're moving on to Bill 5. Minister Peterson, you can proceed to your comments on Bill 5.

Bill 05 – Write-off of Assets Act, 2013-2014 – Consideration in Committee

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am here to present Bill 5, *Write-off of Assets Act, 2013-2014*.

Bill 5 addresses the write-off and write-down of certain government assets, which are as follows:

- \$287,317.40 for the evaporation and shrinkage of petroleum products within the Petroleum Products Division of the Department of Community and Government Services;
- \$277,071.43 for the write-off of eight housing units that no longer have any economic value. One of the units is beyond economic repair and the remaining seven units were destroyed by fire; and
- \$199,309.03 for the write-down of two housing units that have been damaged by fire.

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

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

Mr. Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As Chair of the Standing Committee on Legislation, I am pleased to make some brief opening comments as the Committee of the Whole begins its consideration of Bill 5, *Write-Off of Assets Act, 2013-2014*.

The standing committee has no objections to the purpose of the proposed legislation, which is to write off petroleum products inventory lost due to evaporation and shrinkage, in addition to writing off or writing down assets of the Nunavut Housing Corporation that have been destroyed or damaged due to fire.

Mr. Chairman, the most recent bill of this nature to have been considered and passed by the Legislative Assembly was Bill 56, *Write-Off of Assets Act, No. 1, 2011-2012*, which received assent in March of 2013.

During the Minister of Finance's recent appearance before the standing committee on the occasion of its clause-by-clause consideration of Bill 5, he indicated that a bill to write off assets lost during the 2012-13 fiscal year will be introduced in the House during the upcoming winter sitting of 2015.

Mr. Chairman, the standing committee noted that although prior years' bills of this nature referred specifically to "evaporation and shrinkage" of petroleum products, Bill 5 only makes reference to "shrinkage." It is the standing committee's understanding that the Petroleum Products Division of the

Department of Community and Government Services has decided to adopt a single term to encompass all petroleum products losses.

Information provided by the government to the standing committee indicates that the volume of petroleum products inventory lost due to evaporation, shrinkage, and other causes has decreased in recent years. This is a positive development, and the standing committee encourages the Minister of Community and Government Services to report annually to the Legislative Assembly on the operations of the Petroleum Products Division of the department and that this reporting include detailed information concerning evaporation, shrinkage, and spillage rates in different communities for different classes of petroleum products, as well as information concerning the department's inventory management practices. This information would be of use to all members in noting any abnormal trends with respect to fuel losses due to evaporation, shrinkage, spillage, or other causes.

The standing committee is also mindful that the 2015-16 capital estimates of the Department of Community and Government Services include \$1.5 million in funding for a new electronic point-of-sale system and fuel management software for the Petroleum Products Division.

Mr. Chairman, during the minister's recent appearance before the standing committee, members noted that sections 24 and 82 of the *Financial Administration Act* currently provide that no asset, debt, or obligation owed to the government that exceeds \$20,000 may

be written off "without the express authority of an Act," the Write-off Act. During the minister's appearance before the standing committee, members raised the issue of the current appropriateness of this threshold.

Mr. Chairman, that concludes my opening comments. The standing committee recommends the passage of Bill 5 to all members. Thank you, Mr. Chairman

Chairman: Thank you. The floor is now open for general comments. Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a question when the floor is open for questions.

Chairman: I have no names for general comments. Go to Bill 5 in your legislative binder. Bill 5, *Write-off of Assets Act, 2013-2014*. Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It's not an actual question. I'm just asking for more clarity so that our fellow residents of Nunavut will understand what write-off of assets means.

It's obvious here that the \$277,000 is the cost of the material that will be written off for eight housing units that no longer have any economic value or damaged by fire. Right below that, the \$199,309, I'll read the Inuktitut. It's for the write-down of two housing units that have been damaged by fire.

Please help us understand the difference between the two. The two building units are still usable. However, the price of the building has gone down. I just need that clarified. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Enook.
Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Enook for the question. Yes, for the \$277,071.43, the houses were burnt down and they were beyond economic repair in one case, so they're uninhabitable.

In the case of the two houses to be written down, they were damaged by fire. The Nunavut Housing Corporation technical people went in and assessed them and lowered the net book value because they still have economic value to the Nunavut Housing Corporation and the government. Not being a Nunavut Housing Corporation technical person, I presume that, because they have economic value, they would be repaired and brought up to standard where people could live in them again. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Peterson. Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am not sure who to direct a question to, you or the hon. minister. I don't think I can direct my question to the Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation, even though he is here. With units like that in that write-down condition, are they habitable? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Enook.
Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Enook for the question. As I indicated earlier, the houses were damaged by fire and I know that in my own community of

Cambridge Bay, when a house is damaged by fire, it is inhabitable for a period of time until the Nunavut Housing Corporation either contracts someone to repair it or repairs it themselves and then they are habitable. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Peterson. Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): That's all. Thank you.

Chairman: We are on Bill 5, Write-off of Assets Act, 2013. Mr. Joanasie.

Mr. Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The minister indicated that there are housing units that are no longer having any economic value. I have raised questions to the minister of NHC on a social housing unit in my constituency which has had a very detriment longing; it has been a very sensitive social issue. Would the government consider writing off housing units that have no social value? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Joanasie. That is not on Bill 5, but if Minister Peterson would like to respond. Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Joanasie for the question. I'm not familiar with the situation in his riding. What we are dealing with here are accounting entries. These eight houses were burnt down or beyond any economic repair. The housing corporation assessed and came forward and wanted to write them off.

In the case of any other houses in any of the communities, the Nunavut Housing Corporation would have to assess and determine whether they have any economic value or if they have to be written off, then they would come forward to the Financial Management Board with a request for a decision on that, and then we would appear before the committee for a decision. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just have a question regarding the assets written down. There are two housing units on the substantiation documents that we went over earlier. It has those two units were part of the same housing unit number, one was "A" and one was "B," yet one was valued at approximately \$82,000 and the other one was the remainder of \$117,000. If it is a duplex, why is one worth substantially more than the other? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Mr. Hickes, for that question. Yes, I recall that question. We did ask for clarification for those two units. It looks like a duplex. We didn't get a reply. However, there are units out there classified as burnt down. I don't know how they ended up with two different values, but they are classified as burnt down and that's why they're being asked to be written off. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As you had put that question to the department and you didn't get response, I was wondering if you would be interested in deferring that question to the Minister of the Nunavut Housing Corporation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Hickes for the question. I don't know if I should defer it to the minister. We are dealing with burnt down units. Unfortunately, it was not the minister himself who didn't provide the information; it was someone else in the Nunavut Housing Corporation who failed to provide that information. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I guess I'm just having trouble wrapping my head around it. Most duplexes that I am aware of have identical units from one side to the other, yet one is valued at basically more than 50 percent more than the other. For me to understand the nature of this write-down, I would feel a lot more comfortable if I could get an answer to the question I had asked previously. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Hickes for sharing his concerns. Mr. Chairman,

based on the information we do have here, it is not even clear that it was a duplex. It could be a four-plex or a six-plex for all we know. It's 137 A and 137 B. It could be 137 C, D, E, F, and G. We get nine-plexes in my community and six-plexes and seven-plexes, I believe. We are not even sure that this is a duplex. There are also different amortization values. Without that information, I can't say whether it is a duplex, but what I can say with certainty is that the Nunavut Housing Corporation has submitted it to be both units be written off. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm hoping the Minister of the Nunavut Housing Corporation is taking notes on this question because maybe I will approach him after these proceedings and get some further information. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Hickes. I have no more names. We are on Bill 5, *Write-off of Assets Act, 2013-2014*. Clause 1. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Go to Part 1 Schedule on page 2. Schedule. Part 1. Petroleum products inventory lost due to fuel shrinkage. Total. \$287,317.40. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 2. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Go to Part 2 Schedule on page 2. Part 2. 8 housing units. \$277,071.44. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 3. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Go to Part 3 Schedule on page 2. Part 3. 2 housing units. Total. \$199,309.03. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Do members agree to Bill 5 as a whole?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Do members agree that pursuant to Rule 62 (2) that Bill 5 can immediately be placed on the orders of day for third reading?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Thank you. Closing comments, Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Again, thank you and your committee for your consideration of Bill 5. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Peterson. Please proceed with your opening comments on Bill 6.

**Bill 06 – Supplementary
Appropriation (Capital) Act, No.
2, 2014-2015 – Consideration in
Committee**

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am here to present Bill 6, *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 2, 2014-2015*.

Bill 6 is for capital supplementary appropriations for 2014-15 totalling \$34,524,000. This appropriation is for adjustments to the capital carryover amounts previously approved from the 2013-14 fiscal year to the 2014-15 fiscal year, in addition to three new requests for project funding.

The total capital appropriation can be broken down as follows:

- \$469,000 for the Department of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs to carry forward the remaining 2013-14 Vote 2 budget for the Aeroplex office building renovations;
- \$43,000 for the Department of Finance, which includes an \$85,000 increase in the capital budget for the office renovations of the Helen Maksagak building in Cambridge Bay, a \$41,000 decrease to the capital carryover amount for the heavy equipment operator simulator in Rankin Inlet, and a \$1,000 decrease to the small capital budget for Nunavut Arctic College;
- -\$64,000 in adjustments to capital carryovers for two projects for the Department of Education – a \$63,000 decrease for the Internet School Connectivity project and a \$1,000 decrease for the Education Flooring Project;
- \$11,134,000 for several projects for the Department of Health, which includes an increase in the carryover budget of \$942,000 for the Taloyoak Health Centre, \$10,266,000 in new funding for the Baffin Regional Hospital Renovation Project to allow the proceeds of the performance bond to be used by the project, a \$22,000 reduction to the carryover for fixtures and equipment for the Baffin Regional Hospital Renovation Project, a \$49,000 decrease to the carryover for diagnostic medical equipment, and a \$3,000 decrease to the carryover for the Community Health Centre Wiring and Phone Upgrade Project;
- -\$9,000 adjustment for the Department of Community and Government Services for a capital carryover adjustment to the Iqaluit Parnaivik Structured Cabling Project; and
- \$22,951,000 in several projects for the Department of Economic Development and Transportation covering decreases of \$690,000 in the capital carryover amounts for airport improvement projects in Grise Fiord, Repulse Bay, Chesterfield Inlet, Iqaluit, Baker Lake, and Rankin Inlet, as well as a \$23,641,000 increase to the Iqaluit International Airport Improvement Project to bring the accounting for the project in line with current financial reporting practices.

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

Chairman: Thank you. Questions? We're on page 4 of Bill 6. Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs. Capital. Not Previously Authorized. Total Directorate. \$469,000. Total Department. \$469,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Page 5. Finance. Capital. Not Previously Authorized. Total Comptrollership. \$85,000. Total Centrally Administered Funds. -\$42,000. Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In the minister's opening comments, below the \$42,000, under Arctic College, \$41,000 is for the heavy equipment operator simulator in Rankin Inlet, I believe. I just want further information on whether this has been deferred or why it is in this situation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Enook. Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Enook for the question. Mr. Chairman, these are accounting entries. What happened is the department paid more in the old year than they expected to pay, so now we're reversing or making adjustments to record the payment in the last fiscal year. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Peterson. We're on Page 5. Finance. Capital. Not Previously Authorized. Total Comptrollership. \$85,000. Total Centrally Administered Funds. -\$42,000. Total Department. Not Previously Authorized. \$43,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Thank you. Page 6. Education. Capital. Not Previously Authorized. Total Corporate Services. Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Again I have a question regarding the \$63,000 decrease and in Inuktitut, it states here that there's a \$63,000 decrease for the Internet School Connectivity project. In Inuktitut, I believe we're talking about the Internet. My question is: as Mr. Peterson was saying, is it a paper adjustment? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Enook. Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Enook for the question. The answer is yes. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. We're on page 6. Education. Capital. Not Previously Authorized. Total Corporate Services. -\$64,000. Total Department. Not Previously Authorized. -\$64,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Page 7. Health. Capital. Not Previously Authorized. Total Directorate. \$11,134,000. Total Department. Not Previously Authorized. \$11,134,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Thank you. Page 8. Community and Government Services. Capital. Not Previously Authorized.

Total Capital Planning. -\$9,000. Total Department. Not Previously Authorized. -\$9,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Page 9. Economic Development and Transportation. Capital. Not Previously Authorized. Total Transportation. Mr. Rumbolt, I'm sorry.

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Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On page 9, it states that it's to provide \$23,641,000 to bring the accounting for the Iqaluit International Airport Improvement Project into line with the current fiscal reporting practices.

When anyone looks at this figure, it looks like we are injecting more money into Iqaluit's airport project and from my understanding, that's not the case; it's more of an accounting procedure that has to be done for contracting purposes.

I'm wondering if the minister or his officials can take us step by step through the process of how this accounting issue was identified and to the point where it was resolved and having to have it showing up in our books the way it is. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Rumbolt. Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Rumbolt for that question. Mr. Rumbolt is absolutely correct. Contrary to what the media is reporting, there is no increase to the budget for the airport P3 project. If a

reporter wants to talk to us, we're free to answer questions and they can report that.

The full cost of the Iqaluit improvement project had to be included in the capital plan and this is based on months of discussions with our accounting people and also the Auditor General of Canada's office. I'm not an accountant myself, I understand the process, but I will ask my deputy minister, if a detailed explanation is requested, he can provide that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Peterson. Mr. D'Arcy.

Mr. D'Arcy: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In the normal capital planning process, we appropriate the amount that we are going to spend in a year on a capital project. If a project costs \$100 to build, normally there is an appropriation for \$100. In this case, this is the first time that the government is actually taking on some debt and we did not appropriate for the amount of money that the project company had spent on the project to date.

We talked to several accountants about the proper treatment of it, whether we should appropriate it at the time we are paying back the debt over 30 years piece by piece or if it's more important to do an appropriation that shows the value of what we put into the airport project to date, which would be the money that the government has spent, but also the funds that the project company that has put into physically building the airport.

At the end of the day, we decided that it was better to show the value of what we

have spent on the building to date, both ourselves and the project company, so that at any one time, we can know how much has been put into the airport project in terms of construction. To do that, we now create an additional liability, which, in this case, is \$23,641,000.

As the minister and as member have said, there is no change at all to the value of the contract or the cost to the airport. It's merely the way that we are presenting it on our balance sheet. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. D'Arcy. We are on page 9. Economic Development and Transportation. Capital. Not Previously Authorized. Total Transportation. \$22,951,000. Total Department. Not Previously Authorized. \$22,951,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Go to page 2. Schedule 1: Capital. Capital Appropriation. \$34,524,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Go to page 6 in your legislative binder. Bill 6, *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 2, 2014-2015*. 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 3. Schedule. Supplementary Amounts Appropriated for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2015. Total Supplementary Appropriation. \$34,524,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 4. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 5. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 6. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 7. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Do members agree to Bill 6 as a whole?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Do members agree that pursuant to Rule 62(2) that Bill 6 can immediately be placed on orders of the day for third reading?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Thank you. Closing comments, Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I again thank you and your committee for your consideration of the bill. Not only today but in-camera standing committee meetings, we had good discussions and we appreciate that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Peterson. Minister Peterson, please proceed with your opening comments on Bill 7.

**Bill 07 – Supplementary
Appropriation (Operations &
Maintenance) Act, No. 1, 2014-
2015 – Consideration in
Committee**

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am here to present Bill 7, *Supplementary Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, No. 1, 2014-2015*.

Bill 7 is for operations and maintenance supplementary appropriations for 2014-15 totalling \$7,329,000. It consists of the following items:

- An interdepartmental transfer from Finance to Family Services of \$247,000 to transfer three positions and their corresponding base funding;
- An interdepartmental transfer from Community and Government Services to Family Services of \$20,000 to fund the YWCA Aggvik agreement;
- An additional \$1,100,000 to the Department of Family Services to fund the Labour Market Agreement for Persons with Disabilities;
- \$3,585,000 to Education for NTA agreement increases;
- \$6,000 to Nunavut Arctic College for NTA agreement increases;

- \$2,138,000 to Health to fund the mental health and addictions expansion (phase 1); and
- \$350,000 to Environment to fund the preliminary steps of an assessment program for contaminated sites, plus an additional \$150,000 to create an air quality specialist position.

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

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Peterson. We're on Bill 7, page 4. Finance. Operations and Maintenance. Not Previously Authorized. Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I believe we are on page 4. The first one is the interdepartmental transfer to Family Services for three positions.

I believe that Nunavummiut all know that the Department of Family Services was separating from the Department of Health. At that time, we believed that new positions would not be created in the new department.

I just want to ask: are these positions new? Did these positions already exist and therefore, are only being transferred to the department? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Enook. Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Enook for his question. Yes, Mr. Chairman, these positions currently exist within the Department of Finance and we are transferring them to Family Services to

strengthen the Corporate Services Division in Family Services. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Peterson. Mr. Enook, are you done?

Mr. Enook: I don't know.

>>Laughter

Chairman: Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. You asked if I was done before I finished my train of thought.

These positions currently are in the Department of Finance and they are being transferred to Family Services. I may be mistaken, but I believe the positions that are being transferred are from the Department of Finance. I know there is a good reason they are being transferred, but why do you need them transferred? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Enook. Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Enook for the question. Yes, they are positions within the Department of Finance. They are positions we identified on our HR side with corporate services that we do not require in our department. We talked to the Minister of Family Services, and they do require additional assistance in their corporate services side and that is why, by identifying positions that we don't require, we are able to help their department to strengthen their corporate services side. That's what we're doing with this process. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Peterson. We are on page 4. Finance. Operations and Maintenance. Not Previously Authorized. Total Directorate. -\$195,000. Total Policy, Planning and Financial Management. -\$52,000. Total Department. Not Previously Authorized. -\$247,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Page 5. Family Services. Operations and Maintenance. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just have a question about the Labour Market Agreement for Persons with Disabilities. Can you elaborate a little bit about what that's about? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll just find my notes here.

The Government of Nunavut signed an agreement with the Government of Canada. I think it's a four-year agreement of \$1.1 million. It's matching funds. The Government of Nunavut has to match the \$1.1 million that is provided to us through that agreement.

The funds are not for health and wellness; they are for people with disabilities to help them in the labour market, in areas such as education and training, employment participation, employment opportunities, connecting employers and persons with disabilities, and building knowledge. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Peterson. Mr. Hicke. Thank you. Family Services. Operations and Maintenance. Not Previously Authorized. Total Corporate Management. \$88,000. Total Children and Family Services. \$179,000. Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Under the \$159,000 that would be transferred from the Department of Finance to Family Services, I want to get clarification on what this means exactly. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Enook. Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Enook for the question. The Department of Family Services required additional funding for residential care and we were able to assist them with that funding. That's what the purpose of that transfer is. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Peterson. Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Although I understand that it would be used for residential care, I wanted to get clarification on what this exactly means and what would they do. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Enook. Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I was just seeking clarity from my deputy.

Mr. Chairman, it is another vacant PY in the Department of Finance. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Peterson. Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This transfer of \$159,000 from Finance to Family Services is to provide additional funding (interpretation ends) for residential care. (interpretation) I didn't see the translation in Inuktitut yet. I just want to get clarification on what the definition of residential care is. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Enook. Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Perhaps I'm not understanding Mr. Enook clearly. If he could restate his question. Sorry, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Peterson. Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook: Thank you, *Iksivautaaq*. (interpretation) How can I rephrase my question? I was trying to find the Inuktitut translation. Mr. Chairman, let me look at the Inuktitut translation first. Let me read the Inuktitut translation of this bill, if it was the same.

This \$159,000, it states here, and I'll start reading from the beginning, it's to provide additional funding for residential care. What are these funds for residential care for? Are these for staff, for the cooks, for the mental health workers, for the custodian? I understand that it's to provide services, but what exactly is the work? Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Enook. Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I apologize to Mr. Enook. We don't have details at the table here of what exactly they mean by residential care, but we believe that it is a PY. We transferred PYs to the Department of Family Services and then they redirected one of the PYs to this position here for children and family services. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Peterson. Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Sometimes I do not know the exact rules of the House. Perhaps, through you, Mr. Chairman, the Minister of Finance can ask the Minister of Family Services to provide the response. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Enook. Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Sorry, Mr. Chairman. Again, we don't have any details. I just looked at the Minister of Family Services and she doesn't have the details either available today. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Peterson. Are you done? Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): I'm a little bit unsure how to say it. If I'm going to use a lot of money and I want approval from my fellow MLAs, I would be prepared to answer questions, but there is no information on it. I wonder why that is.

Mr. Chairman, would it be appropriate to ask this to be deferred until they get back to us with an answer? We can't just okay what you want. That is not how we are supposed to operate.

An Hon. Member: Hear, hear!

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Mr. Chairman, I will leave this here for now and think about it some more. Maybe my colleagues will have more questions. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Enook. Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Not so much a question on what is here, but maybe on process. Whenever we get a budget put before us, it is always accompanied by substantiation sheets to explain exactly why this money is being spent. I think I have asked in the past: why is it the government can't submit substantiation sheets along with their supplementary appropriations so that we have a better understanding of the money that we are spending? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Rumbolt. Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Rumbolt for the excellent suggestion. If that's the will of the committee, we can review that. I really personally don't see any reason why we can't, but sometimes the information could be quite detailed or cumbersome and can make our books extraordinarily thick. You could see my binder down here. It's just one of the binders. We are open to suggestions if it

will help provide clarity. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Peterson. Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As I stated before, I suggested this I think it was last year and the year before. If your binders get thicker, they get thicker, so be it. The more information for us the better, and that's just a comment. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Rumbolt. That was just a comment. Mr. Hickes.

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It's just a comment as well. This is the second time now that we're asking questions to the budgets that we're being asked to approve and we're not getting the information that we're asking for.

I empathize with the minister on your pack, that you have to pack a heavier binder, but maybe your colleagues in cabinet could maybe provide better briefing notes for you.

At the same time, I can't help but notice that this is the second time now that we're asking questions on a budget line that we can't get a response to. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Hickes. Minister Peterson, would you care to comment?

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I personally don't have any problem carrying heavy binders. I can probably carry up to 70 to 80 lbs. per

arm, properly packed in bags. I have no problem with it.

Again, it's hard to anticipate all the information that a standing committee will ask. I have commented to my officials that the quality of briefing notes that we are getting from some officials or some departments are not up to our standard. They put me and other ministers on the hot seat. We apologize. We don't have that information because it's hard to anticipate all the information that you require.

In this particular case, I apologize. We probably should have had that information. The minister indicated that she doesn't. I don't have that information here. As the Minister of Finance, I don't get the level of information that the individual minister in a department might have.

If it helps, Mr. Chairman, I can ask my Deputy Minister of Finance to make a few comments on this particular area. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Peterson. Mr. D'Arcy.

Mr. D'Arcy: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We identified in the Department of Finance that there was a person year that transferred over from the Department of Human Resources and that we didn't need that position anymore. As a result, that position ended up being vacant. The person transferred out to another area of the government.

We have taken a look at the Department of Family Services and we determined that we probably needed to transfer between all of the other areas about ten

and a half PYs, if you can imagine half a PY, Mr. Chairman. We transferred two positions that actually have incumbents in them and they're moving over to the Department of Family Services.

This funding here was just money that was on the compensation and benefits line that the Department of Family Services has seen fit to use in their funding area of residential care, which is a budget line for them. It's a program that they deliver. We did not ask them what specifically they were going to spend the money for. We just are aware that they're using it in the residential care section of Family Services. That's the best explanation I can give, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. D'Arcy. Mr. Hickes, are you satisfied? Mr. Hickes. No? Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation) This is a substantial amount of money to me. If it's over a dollar, it's a lot of money to me. This is a request by Family Services. Did they substantiate why they wanted it like that? Did you see it? I know that you said that you don't have it, but I think you're aware of it. Here we are and you want us to say yes to it and you don't have any information or details about it. You should know the details.

Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask, perhaps to the Minister of Finance or through the Minister of Finance to the Minister of Family Services, if we take a 15-minute break, would you be able to get the information? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Enook. Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Enook for the question. I'll have to ask the Minister of Family Services. Is 15 minutes long enough for you to get information from your officials to provide an answer to Mr. Enook's question? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Ugyuk.

Hon. Jeannie Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think I know the answer, but I don't want to mislead anybody. When Family Services started out on its own, they were lacking PY money. This is an important matter. It's got to do with residential care. We should take a break and get the information. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This money is in the proposal from Family Services and the Minister of Family Services should know what it's for as she signed it herself. Her reply is that she wants to take a break to get the information. I am asking, Mr. Chairman, if we can take a 15-minute break to get that information. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. You're asking for 15... .

Thank you. We will take a 15-minute break.

>> *Committee recessed at 17:28 and resumed at 17:43*

Chairman: Thank you. Welcome back. Answer to the question, Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Minister Ugyuk is going to respond to the question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Peterson. Minister Ugyuk.

Hon. Jeannie Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Every year, we ask for a budget to pay for the expenses for people who have to be taken care of outside of Nunavut. The money coming from the Department of Finance would help pay for the residential care part of the (interpretation ends) out-of-territory placement. (interpretation) I hope that is understandable. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ugyuk. Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I don't really understand. That substantial amount of money would come from the Department of Finance to the Department of Family Services to be used for residential care outside of Nunavut for those who have to be taken care of outside of Nunavut. That is what I understand. If I understood it correctly, \$159,000 was from the finance department's budget. What did you take off in order to find that money? What other program or something did you take off to get that money? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Enook. Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Enook for the question. Mr. Chairman, the Department of Finance deleted that position from our department. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Peterson. Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If I understand it correctly, this \$159,000 was a person year. He stated that it was a position in English. It was a position and it's no longer a position and it's going to be added into the residential care money. You erased that position and are using the money now for residential care instead. Do I understand that correctly? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Enook. Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, Mr. Chairman, that is correct. Two of the positions were incumbent. They were positions that had people in the positions, employees, and one was not incumbent. There was no position, so it was available to delete. We didn't require it. We're trying to help the Department of Family Services. The area of residential care services is an area that traditionally requires lot of funding because we do send a lot of people down south for residential care. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Peterson. Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, hon. minister. Just to request for more clarity, this would be more for residential care, for a

service, not a position. The \$159,000 is a lot of money in my opinion. Does it mean that because we have to send so many people outside of Nunavut and we want to send so many people out of Nunavut that you need this exorbitant amount of extra money? Is that what it means? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Enook. Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Enook for the question and his concern. Yes, if we didn't delete the position and transfer that money to allow them to use it for residential care, then it's very likely that if they were sending people out to residential care, if they didn't have the funding, they would have to do a supplementary request, regardless, to get additional funding.

The simple fact of the matter is that we do have people in Nunavut who require care. We don't have the facilities or expertise up here and we do have to provide them with that care. In most cases, that care is in the south and it is very expensive care. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Peterson. Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This \$159,000 for residential care is what it looks like. Who are we talking about? Who needs residential care? Children? People in the hospital? Is it people in foster care? Can you tell us which ones we are talking about? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Enook. Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I don't have that level of detail here, but I do recall from my days as the Minister of Health, which included social services, typically it would be for children who were sent down to facilities in the south for care. There's Health. Health and social services were under one department, but social services, they have people who had to go into care down south as well.

On the medical side, you have residential facilities down south where people from Nunavut will be sent down south for, for example, the Selkirk facility in Winnipeg. There are people in other facilities across Nunavut. So whether it's family services or health, we do have to send people down south. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Peterson. Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Through you and through the Minister of Finance, I would like to redirect the question to the Minister of Family Services because I want to find out exactly which category we're talking about. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Enook. Minister Peterson, would you defer the question?

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Enook for the question. I will defer that question to the Minister of Family Services. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Peterson. Minister Ugyuk.

Hon. Jeannie Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I don't have the level of detail. It is a request to transfer the money from the Department of Finance to the Department of Family Services for residential care outside of the territory. That's all we have here. We do know that there are children down there and there are other clients being cared for in southern institutions. I don't have the level of detail, but this money is going to be transferred from one department to another to provide for residential care. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ugyuk. Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to make a motion at this time to report progress. 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. Motion carried. I will now report progress.

Sergeant-at-Arms, please escort the guests.

Speaker: 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 Bills 4, 5, and 6 and would like to report

that Bills 4, 5, and 6 are immediately ready for third reading. Mr. Speaker, I move that the Report of the Committee of the Whole be agreed to.
(interpretation) Thank you.

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

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

Item 21: Third Reading of Bills

Bill 04 – Supplementary Appropriation (Operations & Maintenance) Act, No. 4, 2013-2014 – Third Reading

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Pangnirtung, that Bill 4, *Supplementary Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, No. 4, 2013-2014*, be read for the third time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: The motion is in order. All those in favour. Opposed. The motion is passed and Bill 4 is ready for assent.

Third Reading of Bills. Hon. Minister Mr. Peterson.

Bill 05 – Write-off of Assets Act, 2013-2014 – Third Reading

Hon. Keith Peterson: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Pangnirtung, that Bill 5, *Write-Off of*

Assets Act, 2013-2014, be read for the third time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: The motion is in order. All those in favour. (interpretation) Thank you. (interpretation ends) Opposed. The motion is passed and Bill 5 is ready for assent.

Third Reading of Bills. Hon. Minister Mr. Peterson.

**Bill 06 – Supplementary
Appropriation (Capital) Act, No.
2, 2014-2015 – Third Reading**

Hon. Keith Peterson: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Pangnirtung, that Bill 6, *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 2, 2014-2015*, 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. (interpretation) Thank you. (interpretation ends) Opposed. The motion is passed and Bill 6 is ready for assent.

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

Item 22: Orders of the Day

Clerk (Mr. Quirke): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just a reminder that there is a meeting of the Special Committee on the Review of the *Education Act* tomorrow morning at nine o'clock in the Tuktu Boardroom.

Orders of the Day for November 6:

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
 - Motion 14 – 4(2)
17. First Reading of Bills
18. Second Reading of Bills
 - Bill 11
 - Bill 12
 - Bill 13
19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters
 - 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: Thank you. This House stands adjourned until Thursday, November [6], at 1:30 p.m.

(interpretation) Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>*House adjourned at 17:59*

