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Iqaluit, Nunavut
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Members Present:

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

>>*House commenced at 13:30*

Item 1: Opening Prayer

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

>>*Prayer*

Speaker (interpretation): Good afternoon, members, ministers, and Nunavummiut. Welcome to the House.

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

Item 2: Ministers' Statements

**Minister's Statement 088 – 4(2):
Nunavut High School Graduates
of 2013-14**

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating

the 206 students in Nunavut who earned their High School Diploma in the 2013-14 school year.

Graduating from high school is a significant achievement and we are all proud of our graduates and the abilities they have demonstrated.

Mr. Speaker, our government has stated in its mandate document, *Sivumut Abluqta*, that education is our top priority. This means making sure that all Nunavut students receive high-quality education. The government cannot do this alone. Focusing on increasing family engagement will help us give parents and families the support they need to make sure our students attend class regularly, on time, and be mentally and physically ready to learn.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, partnerships are important to supporting student success. Working together with district education authorities, the Coalition of Nunavut District Education Authorities, and the Nunavut Teachers Association, we can develop programs and resources that will help students and schools across Nunavut connect with families and find the best methods to improve student attendance, which is so important in achieving academic success.

(interpretation) I would also like to recognize and congratulate the parents and relatives of these graduates. We know that they played a key role in supporting the success of our new graduates.

Mr. Speaker, this year's graduates relied on the support of parents and family members to make good choices and

focus their efforts on their studies to reach this milestone in their formal education, graduating from high school.

These graduates are now in the enviable position to pursue college or university studies, or pursuing employment and we know that Nunavut will always be a place where they can work and grow. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements. I have no more names on my list. Members' Statements. Member for Rankin Inlet North-Chesterfield Inlet, Mr. Sammurtok.

Item 3: Members' Statements

Member's Statement 187 – 4(2): Merry Christmas

Hon. Tom Sammurtok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to express gratitude to my constituents in Rankin Inlet, actually my fellow residents as well as those in Chesterfield Inlet. Thank you and I hope you are all well.

Also, I wish to inform my constituents that we are already approaching Christmas and I will be going to Rankin Inlet and Chesterfield Inlet to celebrate the holidays.

(interpretation ends) As we wrap up our fall session and move towards the Christmas season, I just want to wish everyone a safe and a very merry Christmas and all the best for 2015. (interpretation) Thank you.

>>Applause

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

Member's Statement 188 – 4(2): Thanks to the People of Whale Cove

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

The reason why I rise today is to voice the immense pleasure I felt when the cabinet had a retreat in Whale Cove last month and met over several days. To my colleagues who went to Whale Cove, I thank you enormously for having travelled to the community.

In particular, I wish to thank the residents of Whale Cove as well as the mayor, Stanley Adjuk, whom we thank profusely, and his SAO, Paul Kaludjak. The hotel was already full when we went there and some of us ended up having to be billeted out, but the people of Whale Cove opened their doors and extended their hospitality to those of us who were billeted during our stay there. I extend our thankfulness for their hospitality.

Further, while we were in the community, we dealt with many issues and toured the schools, health centre, various local government offices, and other facilities. We were able to tour the school while students were in class, and the students and teachers had a question-and-answer session with us. It was interesting to have that interaction between the teachers, nurses, and other people who facilitated the tours.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, many volunteers in Whale Cove came together to support the cabinet retreat and this included cooking for the community feast. We also met with local committees and the hamlet council.

(interpretation) Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask for unanimous consent to conclude my statement. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. George Kuksuk (interpretation): Thank you very much, my colleagues. At that time, (interpretation ends) during the night of the feast, we had games and (interpretation) square dancing. In addition, (interpretation ends) the people of Whale Cove also held an auction with goods donated by the local businesses and also even from the Government of Nunavut and the Hamlet of Whale Cove.

During the auction, the Premier's Office supplied a professional model. (interpretation) I am extremely grateful to the (interpretation ends) Premier's (interpretation) staff who used a (interpretation ends) model (interpretation) to raise money for the purpose identified and it really helped us to reach our goal to donate the proceeds to the (interpretation ends) food bank, (interpretation) as that was the purpose. (interpretation ends) It was for the local food bank. I am proud to say that the community raised over \$7,000 for the local food bank...

>> *Applause*

...during the auction that evening. (interpretation) Thank you very much to the organizers and other volunteers who assisted us.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I am very proud and thank the good people of Whale Cove who supported and helped ensure that our cabinet retreat in the community was a success. (interpretation) Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) Thank you.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Tununig, Mr. Enook.

Member's Statement 189 – 4(2): Clyde River Bowhead Whale Hunt

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise on this last sitting day to bring great news to this House about a historic event for Clyde River that occurred this past summer.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to congratulate the people of Clyde River on the successful harvest of a bowhead whale. On August 3 of this year, a crew of 30 hunters harvested a 54-foot whale. It is the first whale Clyde River has harvested as a community in perhaps over a century.

Mr. Speaker, the team of hunters successfully worked together to accomplish this feat. For the purpose of

my statement today, I will name the following residents of Clyde River who took part in this hunt.

Captain

The captain was David Iqaqrialu, whom some of us remember as a former Member of the Legislative Assembly

Co-captain

Sandy Kautuq

Hunters

Jerry Natanine
 Roger Etuangat
 Noah Kautaq
 Larry Kautuq
 Leroy Kautuq
 Joshua Kautuq
 Trevor Qillaq
 Joamie Qillaq
 Jusa Iqaqrialu
 Jackie Natanine
 Joanasie Illauq
 Josie Piungituq
 Leslie Ashevak
 Joeline Sanguya
 Niore Iqalukjuak

Additionally, Mr. Speaker, I wish to specifically announce these two names since I am doubly proud of their involvement, as they are women who also partook in the bowhead whale hunt and helped to catch it.

Female Hunters

Meena Tassugat
 Cynthia Panipak

Mr. Speaker, it takes a dedicated and skilled team with expertise to conduct a harvest of this magnitude. I pay tribute to committee members, planners, organizers, hunters, butchers, boat

drivers, toolmakers, and photographers who were involved.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all members to join me in celebrating the success of Clyde River's bowhead whale hunt. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

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

**Member's Statement 190 – 4(2):
 Review of the Education Act**

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I say "good day" to the people of Nunavut and Baker Lake.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to rise today and remind Nunavutmiut that the Legislative Assembly's Special Committee to Review Nunavut's *Education Act* welcomes thoughts and comments from the public on the effectiveness of Nunavut's education legislation which came into force just over five years ago. Mr. Speaker, the special committee's role is to review the legislation.

Our educators, our dedicated teachers, our elected community district education authorities, and many others work hard every day to deliver an education system that meets the needs of Nunavutmiut.

The guiding force behind the delivery of Nunavut's education system is the piece of law that is the *Education Act*. The focus of our review is to ensure that this legislation provides the best guidance for

delivering education in a way that meets the needs of Nunavutmiut. The special committee would like to encourage all Nunavutmiut to share their views on whether the *Education Act* is effective in achieving this purpose.

Mr. Speaker, from time to time, there are concerns with the day-to-day operations of the education system. While these concerns are certainly important, our review will not be addressing how the law is implemented. Our primary focus is on the law itself because it provides the foundation for what follows.

Mr. Speaker, we would like to encourage members of the public, including those with children in the school system, to let us know whether the legislation is effective in meeting their needs and aspirations.

Individuals can drop off submissions at their local MLA's constituency office to be forwarded to the special committee. I would like to thank my colleagues for their support in this initiative. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Arviat South, Mr. Savikataaq. Members' Statements. Member for South Baffin, Mr. Joanasie.

**Member's Statement 191 – 4(2):
Process for Resolving Health Care
Concerns**

Mr. Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to address an issue that continues to be of great

concern to all of us in the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, later today, at the appropriate time, I will be tabling an item from CBC News concerning a recent incident that occurred in Cape Dorset involving the community's health centre and personnel. Mr. Speaker, the issues raised in this news story are troubling and it's regarding the manner in which the government handled concerns about the services being provided at the community's health centre.

Mr. Speaker, the issue of how to best address concerns and questions about the health care system is one of the most frustrating and difficult issues that we face as MLAs. Mr. Speaker, I fully recognize that none of us are doctors, and I fully recognize that the Minister of Health should not be asked to interfere in medical decisions and diagnoses. I also recognize that it is not appropriate for any minister to talk in detail in this House about personnel or disciplinary actions that are ongoing so as to ensure that investigations are not prejudiced and that all parties' rights are respected.

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 is a nay.

Members' Statements. Member for Pangnirtung, Mr. Mike.

Member's Statement 192 – 4(2): The Cost of the Pangnirtung Dock

Hon. Johnny Mike (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for giving me this opportunity as I rise today for the people of Pangnirtung and its fishermen and fisherwomen.

I wish to talk about the dock in Pangnirtung that the Department of Fisheries and Oceans constructed and completed last year in 2013. The dock has proven to be very useful for the people of Pangnirtung. It has started a lot of other activities and it has benefited in many other ways. The efforts to get a dock have been discussed since the 1970s. Today, the people of Pangnirtung are discovering the usefulness of the dock. That is a good thing.

What I would like to say now while I have this opportunity is that I have been told that the dock was too expensive. That didn't rest well with me and the people of Pangnirtung. This was paid for by the people of Pangnirtung, by the fishermen and fisherwomen of Pangnirtung.

The dock cost \$42 million. The fishermen and fisherwomen of Pangnirtung and the workers at the fish plant bring in revenues of \$2 million per year. As Minister Kuksuk explained, the Minister of Economic Development and Transportation, in the last 20 years, they have seen \$70 million. I rise today for that purpose.

The people of Pangnirtung now have a lifestyle of commercial fishing. My father-in-law was one of the very first fishermen. Now his grandchildren are involved as fishermen.

Mr. Speaker, I would like 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) I don't hear any nays. Mr. Mike, please proceed.

Hon. Johnny Mike (interpretation): Thank you for the opportunity to conclude my statement.

Now, our grandchildren are involved in turbot fishing. Even women have become involved. In the dead of winter, they can do that now. I have a niece who is not even 20 years old who can turbot-fish in the wintertime on her own.

The infrastructure that have been built in Pangnirtung make it look, as someone mentioned how expensive these are, like the community is just given free gifts. However, that is not the way it works. I would like the House to be fully aware of that. It is only through the great efforts of the community that they have earned these things.

Also, as someone stated this week, there is a (interpretation ends) "culture of intimidation," (interpretation) which has to do with discrimination. We don't want to have to fight against this. We have to try to treat everybody the same, even here, if we are going to try and work well together. Let's set aside all of this negativity and tell the truth instead. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Member's Statement 193 – 4(2): Year in Review

Mr. Shooyook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I say “good day” to the people of Nunavut.

I would like to express my pride in how hard all of my fellow regular MLAs have been working for the people of Nunavut, even the youngest one here. He doesn't have too many years under his belt, but I am so proud of all the work he is trying to do for Nunavut.

I am an old man and I don't speak English, but I am able to sit here and I am thankful for that opportunity. The ministers, who are my fellow Inuit, we can all talk to each other as fellow Inuit with no interpreter needed. We have to be proud of that.

I have been here for a year and I realize how hard we have to work. Mr. Speaker, I have been here for three weeks because I am committed, but it seems like we have only been meeting for three days. I would like see more efforts like this so that Nunavut can be brought up well. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Members for Netsilik, Ms. Ugyuk.

Member's Statement 194 – 4(2): Appreciation to Colleagues

Hon. Jeannie Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I say “good day” to the people of my community, Taloyoak. They are going to have a funeral today and I express my love and

compassion towards the people of my town.

We become MLAs in order to help the people of Nunavut. I would like to thank the Member for Quttiktuq for pointing out the fact that we can use our own language when we talk to each other. I am grateful for that.

I say “good day” to the people of Kugaaruk as well. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. I have no more names on list. Member for Iqaluit-Tasiluk, Mr. Hickes.

Member's Statement 195 – 4(2): Movember Movement

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Minister Peterson made a statement the other day talking about the Movember movement. Although it might not be quite so apparent on me, as I don't grow facial hair too fast, I'm participating in that great endeavour to raise funds for cancer research.

I just wanted to highlight some of the components of the Movember movement. In Canada, in 2013, it raised almost \$34 million for cancer research and since 2003, over \$574 million, with 21 countries now participating in this fundraising activity to deal with cancer research.

Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to encourage... . We're not quite into the first week of November or as some people are calling it now, “Movember,”

but it's not too late to join in the activities. I encourage all residents, if they've got a friend or a family member participating, to help them in their fundraising efforts. There are tax receipts available to assist in that manner. If anyone has any questions regarding that, feel free to contact my office. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

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

Item 4: Returns to Oral Questions

Return to Oral Question 231 – 4(2): Concern Regarding Nunavut Medical Clients Receiving Health Care in Other Jurisdictions

Hon. Monica Ell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Return to Oral Question asked by Mr. Alexander Sammurtoq, MLA for Rankin Inlet South, asked of the Minister of the Health, No. 231 – 4(2), dated October 28, 2014. The subject is: Concerns Regarding Nunavut Medical Clients Receiving Health Care in Other Jurisdictions.

Question:

Can the minister clearly explain the Government of Nunavut's policy with respect to long-term residency of medical clients from Nunavut who are forced to relocate to another jurisdiction to receive health care?

Response:

All provinces and territories have agreed to and have complimentary residency requirements for health care plan enrolment. A person's jurisdiction of residence is responsible for providing health benefits and other services. This is in line with the guidelines of the Interprovincial Agreement on Eligibility and Portability of Hospital and Medical Care Insurance, which states:

“8(b) When an insured person is temporarily absent from his/her province of residence and is hospitalized in another province without establishing residence in the other province, and this hospitalization prevents him/her from returning to his/her province of origin within a 12 month period from the time of initial departure, the person will continue to be regarded as a resident of the original province of residence and entitled to continuation of coverage during the period of up to 12 months of continuous hospitalization or until he/she can return to his/her own original province of residence, whichever is earlier.

The province of hospitalization assumes coverage on the day following discontinuation of coverage by the province of origin.”

When it becomes apparent that an individual will be out of the territory for more than one year, a letter is sent from Health Insurance Programs to advise the client of the necessity of enrolling in the health care program of the jurisdiction where the client is now residing. Cases are reviewed individually and if there is a plan of care that includes a return to Nunavut, then Nunavut health care benefits may be extended. Although health care benefits may be extended,

any assistance received under the Extended Health Benefits Policy is limited to one year.

The Nunavut out-of-territory case managers help to guide a client, in conjunction with social workers in the new jurisdiction of residence, to access programs and services. Although guidance is available, individuals are responsible for contacting service providers, such as public housing and income support, in the new jurisdiction. Support in transitioning may also be available from other local organizations such as the Manitoba Urban Inuit Association.

Non-Insured Health Benefits is a federal program available to all First Nations and Inuit across Canada. These benefits are available regardless of Canadian jurisdiction of residence. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Returns to Oral Questions. Ms. Ell.

**Return to Oral Question 235 – 4(2):
Status of Medical Clients Living in
Other Jurisdictions**

Hon. Monica Ell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Return to Oral Question asked by Allan Rumbolt, MLA for Hudson Bay, asked the Minister of Health, No. 235 – 4(2), dated October 28, 2014. The subject is: Status of Medical Clients Living in Other Jurisdictions.

Question:

[Mr. Speaker, a constituent of mine in the community of Sanikiluaq requires dialysis treatment which is not available

in Nunavut. The Department of Health organized the necessary health services in another jurisdiction and helped my constituent find an apartment to live in.

Now it seems that he is being pressured to become a resident of Manitoba and Nunavut's Department of Health no longer wants to provide for his medical treatment. From information that I have received, all he has in his apartment is a bed and he has been left to fend for himself for the rest.

Recently as three weeks ago, there was an announcement through the local radio asking for donations for the patient of money and household items.

Can the minister clearly explain what options are available to Nunavut residents who are required to relocate to other jurisdictions in order to receive the medical treatments they need in order to stay alive?]

Response:

All provinces and territories have agreed to and have complementary residency requirements for health care plan enrolment. A person's jurisdiction of residence is responsible for providing health benefits and other services. This is in line with the guidelines of the Interprovincial Agreement on Eligibility and Portability of Hospital and Medical Care Insurance, which states:

“8(b) When an insured person is temporarily absent from his/her province of residence and is hospitalized in another province without establishing residence in the other province, and this hospitalization prevents him/her from returning to his/her province of origin

within a 12 month period from the time of initial departure, the person will continue to be regarded as a resident of the original province of residence and entitled to continuation of coverage during the period of up to 12 months of continuous hospitalization or until he/she can return to his/her own original province of residence, whichever is earlier.

The province of hospitalization assumes coverage on the day following discontinuation of coverage by the province of origin.”

When it becomes apparent that an individual will be out of the territory for more than one year, a letter is sent from Health Insurance Programs to advise the client of the necessity of enrolling in the health care program of the jurisdiction where the client is now residing. Cases are reviewed individually and if there is a plan of care that includes a return to Nunavut, then Nunavut health care benefits may be extended. Although health care benefits may be extended, any assistance received under the Extended Health Benefits Policy is limited to one year.

The Nunavut out-of-territory case managers help to guide a client, in conjunction with social workers in the new jurisdiction of residence, to access programs and services. Although guidance is available, individuals are responsible for contacting service providers, such as public housing and income support, in the new jurisdiction. Support in transitioning may also be available from other local organizations such as the Manitoba Urban Inuit Association.

Non-Insured Health Benefits is a federal program available to all First Nations and Inuit across Canada. These benefits are available regardless of Canadian jurisdiction of residence. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Returns to Oral Questions. I have no more names on my list. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Ms. Ugyuk.

Item 5: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery

Hon. Jeannie Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am quite proud to have the opportunity to recognize an individual visiting the Gallery today in this House. My youngest son, Swen Hammuqtuq Ugyuk, is here, whom I love intensely. As a matter of fact, my endearment name for him is *Naglik*. He is a responsible teenager.

His friend sitting beside him is Anna Wolki, who is a mother to my grandchild and is my future daughter-in-law. I also love her dearly.

Also, one of our favourite grandchildren of Nauyaq and me, Mason Kuninaaq, will be turning two years old next year in February.

Please welcome them to the Gallery. Thank you.

>> *Applause*

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

Mr. Akoak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's my second day of recognizing someone in the House. After here a year, this is my fourth Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery.

I would like to recognize an elder from Gjoa Haven, Mr. David Siksik. Welcome to the House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Similar to my colleague's experience of rarely having the opportunity to recognize a constituent, when the opportunity arises, it is very pleasurable to recognize someone.

I already recognized the individual yesterday, but I want him to feel welcome while I am in the House speaking in Inuktitut. He is a resident of Baker Lake attending meetings here in Iqaluit for the various wildlife-related meetings going on here. Please welcome Hugh Tularialik.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): To my brother-in-law, welcome to the Gallery. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Tom Sammurtok.

Hon. Tom Sammurtok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize one of my nephews, Paul Sammurtok. Thank you.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Welcome to the Gallery. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Quassa. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Paul Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For a second there, I became a Quassa, but I don't have a problem with that.

>>Laughter

Mr. Speaker, this individual was recognized yesterday, but I want to acknowledge him personally, as he is from Cambridge Bay.

One time, during the winter when it was extremely cold, since I wanted to harvest my first muskox in the west, he was my guide and he enabled me to catch my first muskox. His stature may look small, but he's an extremely capable hunter and while out on that trip, he made me feel as if I was a small child while observing him butchering the muskox which was rather huge.

I would like to my colleagues to warmly welcome Mr. Jimmy Haniliak to the Gallery. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Welcome to the Gallery. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. I have no more names on my list. I'm sorry. Alex Sammurtok.

Mr. Sammurtok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This person was already recognized, but I want to recognize my paternal cousin, Paul

Sammurtok, who is in the Gallery.
Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Visitors, welcome to the Gallery. I have no more names on my list. Item 6. Oral Questions. Mr. Rumbolt.

Item 6: Oral Questions

Question 310 – 4(2): Workers’ Safety and Compensation Commission

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and good afternoon. Mr. Speaker, my questions are for the Minister responsible for the Workers’ Safety and Compensation Commission.

Mr. Speaker, I think that this is the first question for WSCC that the minister has received during this Assembly, so he might have to pull out a different one of his other 70 lbs. binders that he mentioned yesterday.

>>Laughter

Mr. Speaker, a meeting of the International Association of Firefighters was held last month in Yellowknife. One of the concerns that were raised during this meeting was the issue of amending the *Workers’ Compensation Act* for Nunavut and the Northwest Territories to expand the list of cancers for which firefighters can be covered for under the legislation.

It is my understanding that WSCC itself supports these changes. Can the minister indicate when he will introduce amendments to Nunavut’s *Workers’*

Compensation Act? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Minister responsible for the Workers’ Safety and Compensation Commission, Hon. Minister Mr. Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank Mr. Rumbolt for the question. He caught me off guard. As he said, I don’t get very many questions on workers’ safety.

Mr. Speaker, I haven’t been briefed on that yet, but of course, I do have to talk to my colleague from the Northwest Territories because it’s a joint board. I have to talk to them as well and it’s my plan, hopefully this month, to be talking to them. We don’t have any immediate timeframe to introduce any amendments to the legislation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Workers’ Safety and Compensation Commission is shared between Nunavut and the Northwest Territories. Can the minister indicate how frequently he meets with his NWT counterpart to discuss issues that concern both territories? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Minister responsible for the Workers’ Safety and Compensation Commission, Mr. Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We do have representatives on

the Workers' Safety and Compensation [Commission]. Personally I haven't met with the minister yet. We have been trying, believe it or not. I go through Yellowknife quite a few times, but we haven't been able to connect at a time that's convenient for both of us. We are trying to set up a meeting for later this month and I hope to be able to talk to them then. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yesterday, the minister tabled WSCC's 2013 annual report. However, for some reason, the 2011 annual report has never been tabled in the House. Will he commit to tabling this outstanding report during the upcoming winter sitting? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Minister responsible for the Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission, Hon. Minister Mr. Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'll look into it. I was unaware of that. I have only been the minister responsible for workers' safety for a year now, but I'll look into that and if it's outstanding, then we will certainly look into tabling it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 311 – 4(2): Liquor Licensing Board

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions today are for the Minister of Justice.

Yesterday, the Minister of Finance tabled the most recent annual report of the Nunavut Liquor Commission.

Can the Minister of Justice indicate when the outstanding annual reports for the Nunavut Liquor Licensing Board for the 2012-13 and 2013-14 fiscal years will be tabled in the House? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We have requested the outstanding annual reports of the Nunavut Liquor Licensing Board. I will enquire as to what the status is on that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The liquor licensing board's 2011-12 annual report, which was tabled on October 29, 2012, which I have a copy of here, indicated that the appointment of an independent auditor for the board had enabled it to catch up on its annual reporting. Can the minister explain what factors have caused the board's 2012-13 and 2013-14 annual reports to be delayed? 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 did

encourage them to do so this past spring, but we have yet to get a response to what have been the factors. I will follow up on this matter. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Maybe I'll talk to the minister after and we can find out what the delay has been.

Under section 6 of the *Liquor Act*, one of the responsibilities of the board is to, and I quote, "generally advise the Minister on all matters of policy, legislation and administration relating to the sale, distribution and consumption of liquor."

Can the minister describe what kinds of discussion he has had with the board over the past year? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will look into the matter of the annual reports as they are required to do. Until then, we have not looked into anything else, as the annual reports will explain what has transpired. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 312 – 4(2): Grise Fiord Water Supply

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

Mr. Speaker, as the minister may recall, on March 20, 2014, I asked him when he would be tabling a copy of his department's study on Grise Fiord's water supply, which was based on Grise Fiord's integrated community infrastructure sustainability plan, completed in 2011.

Mr. Speaker, will the minister commit to tabling his department's study on Grise Fiord's water supply by the winter sitting? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Tom Sammurtok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will look into the issue of the Grise Fiord water supply and once I have the information, I'll pass it on to the member. Thank you.

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

Mr. Shooyook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the minister may also recall, on that same day, I had raised concerns that a number of my constituents have raised with me regarding the condition of Grise Fiord's existing water tanks.

Mr. Speaker, I requested that the minister's department conduct a review of the capacity of the community's existing water supply. In his response, the minister indicated that his department was "currently studying the situation" and that it is undertaking an "ongoing review of the water supply situation."

Mr. Speaker, can the minister update us today on the work that his department has done since March of this year on this issue? 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 your question, our employees went there in the summer and we will start undertaking the work in the summer of 2015. Thank you.

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

Mr. Shooyook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, may I remind the House that Grise Fiord's main water supply is a glacier-fed stream. Although the water quality is excellent, there are concerns about the depletion of the glacier in the long term. As the minister may recall, Grise Fiord had a severe water shortage in 2008.

With water being a basic human need and requirement for life, will the minister agree that addressing the issue of Grise Fiord's water supply needs to be a priority for his department? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Tom Sammurtok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Regarding your question, we have already started working on the issue and I'll give an

update to the member once we have all the information. Thank you.

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

Question 313 – 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, the conditions at the Baffin Correctional Centre have been a longstanding concern for Nunavut residents and this issue has been raised in the House on a number of occasions.

Yesterday, I asked the minister how often the Baffin Correctional Centre is inspected by the fire marshal's office.

As the Minister of Justice has had the opportunity to consult with the minister responsible for the fire marshal's office, he can now, perhaps, indicate how often the Baffin Correctional Centre is inspected by the fire marshal's office. 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. (interpretation ends) Twice a year. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for that

answer. It's good to know that they are doing their inspections; we've just got to check up on how many times they are supposed to be doing the inspections.

As the minister is aware, in April of this year, Nunavut Corrections made available the "Report of the Office of the Correctional Investigator on Baffin Correctional Centre and the Legal and Policy Framework of Nunavut Corrections." Can the minister indicate what actions his department is taking to address the concerns that have been raised in this report? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) A lot of the concerns that were raised have been addressed in the report. Some of the immediate security issues that were identified were addressed, along with some of the fire hazards that were identified in the report. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That's very good to hear.

In light of the fact that many concerns have been raised regarding the conditions at the Baffin Correctional Centre and because the department will soon be opening its new overcrowding relief structure, it may be beneficial for the Members of this Legislative Assembly to witness first hand the conditions of each facility. Will the

minister commit to extending an invitation to all MLAs to participate in a tour of each facility at the appropriate time? 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. (interpretation ends) In my appearance before the standing committee, I issued an invitation to tour our facilities. I have signed off on a letter to the chair of the committee to be available for the end of January, when the standing committees are here, for members to tour our facilities here in Iqaluit. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 314 – 4(2): Process for Resolving Health Care Concerns

Mr. Joanasié (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions are for the Minister of Health.

As I noted in my Member's Statement, a recent incident involving the health centre in Cape Dorset has been the subject of a major news story on CBC News. I do not expect the minister to go into the details about any ongoing investigations. However, I would like her to indicate to the House what lessons the department has learned from this unfortunate experience. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Monica Ell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for that very important question. Mr. Speaker, I have directed the department to conduct an external independent review of the administrative processes of this case. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Joanasié (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for her good response. It is important that health care professionals and ordinary Nunavummiut are not afraid to raise concerns in good faith about the quality of health care in our communities. What message does the Minister of Health have today for our health care professionals and ordinary Nunavummiut about this issue? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Monica Ell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for that question. The well-being of all Nunavummiut and the level of service that we provide in our health centres are vital. For that reason, we did an internal review and it was conducted at an operational level. Again, Mr. Speaker, I have directed my officials at the Department of Health to immediately conduct an external independent review of the administrative processes of this case. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Joanasié (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have heard suggestions from leaders and residents in my constituency that we need to look at setting up some form of independent mechanism to review concerns in this area. Is the minister open to this idea? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Monica Ell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for that question. Mr. Speaker, the external independent review will provide information as to what processes the department should or should not take and will identify those and other matters. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 315 – 4(2): 2013-14 High School Graduates

Mr. Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to question the Minister of Education on his Minister's Statement.

First, I would like to congratulate all the 206 graduates of Nunavut. I would like to thank the minister for coming to Arviat for the Arviat graduation because I know graduations are all at about the same time and the minister's time is limited. I thank him for being able to make it. I am proud that I was able to be part of the graduation in Arviat.

Mr. Speaker, I'm aware that the number of graduates in Nunavut changes every year. I would like to ask the minister what the trend is, the general trend of number of graduates in Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Minister of Education, Hon. Minister Mr. Quassa.

Hon. Paul Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you to my colleague. I was very pleased to go to his community to attend graduations in Arviat for that one.

As you stated, it's true that the number of graduates are different every year. For this year, like I said, there are 206 graduates. It's a smaller number than last year. Last year, we had 215 graduates in Nunavut. Even though the numbers seem to drop a bit in recent years, over the longer term, the trend is growing a little bit. Some years, it's one or two less and then the next year, it will be many more. If you look at it from 1999, the number of graduates has been rising, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

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

Mr. Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am glad the trend is more graduates. Once the students graduate, I know some do go onto further education. Does the department track or observe the number of students who go on to further their education, whether it's through university, college, or trades? Is there a mechanism to track that? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Education, Mr. Quassa.

Hon. Paul Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In Nunavut, we are aware of the grade 12 graduates. However, we don't really keep track of what they do afterwards, although we are aware that the number of students who attend Nunavut Arctic College is quite many, as well as to other programs like Nunavut Sivuniksavut.

We don't keep track of the actual numbers. I can say that the ones who go to college, we track them more through there as to where they go afterwards and what work placement they go to after they finish college. However, we don't have one set up for the high school. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think it would be useful information to know how many students go on to further their education in any field, whether it be down south or in Nunavut. I don't know the process to do it, but would the minister consider setting up a system where you can track the number of students who go to further their education once they have graduated? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Minister Education, Hon. Minister Mr. Quassa.

Hon. Paul Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for requesting more information on education. When they graduate, it would

be better if we could track where they go after high school. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 316 – 4(2): Human Resources Strategy

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wasn't expecting to get up again so soon.

Mr. Speaker, today, I have a question for the Minister of Finance.

A couple of days ago, he had tabled the Human Resource Strategy for 2014-18. There are four priorities listed, but two of them are of special interest to me today in my line of questioning. Not that they're not all important to me, but these two are how I'll direct my question: increasing and enhancing Inuit employment and recruiting the skilled people we need.

Mr. Speaker, a number of times in this House, I have spoken to the need to identify students who are in post-secondary academic studies and linking them to employment within the territory of Nunavut, specifically the Government of Nunavut. We have a number of capacity issues across the territory and in numerous different departments, and I would so far as to say all the departments.

As I have broached this topic a number of times, I would like an update from the minister if any progress has been made in communication with the department responsible for Financial Assistance for Nunavut Students in linking [post-

secondary] academic studies to employment. Thank you. It's to the Minister of Finance. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That was a long question.

Mr. Speaker, the Human Resource Strategy has been in development for quite a long time and all departments and territorial corporations have been involved, all deputy ministers, all policy officials, committees, the whole departments. In this strategy, we have stated that all departments, all territorial heads, deputy heads, even if they're corporation deputy heads, everybody is committed to this process. I believe that the deputy heads are talking to each other.

In terms of FANS, I cannot speak for the minister, but we have made a commitment to our post-secondary students, our high school students. Through the summer student employment program, we had 380 applicants last summer and I think we hired 197 throughout Nunavut. We do make a very serious effort to support our students and give them employment through grades 10, 11, and 12 and beyond as they move forward in their studies.

These are students we hope will continue their education, post-secondary or into apprentice programs. By working for the government and being supported by government and getting annual increases in their summer pay, they will eventually

come to work for the Government of Nunavut.

They should deal with the Department of Family Services in terms of applying in a timely basis for their FANS funding. Of course, the minister can speak to that, but I'm not intimately familiar with the timelines in terms of meeting the deadlines to apply for FANS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In the strategy that I had referenced in my initial question, on page 11, in "Engaging and developing employees at all levels," it talks that at senior levels, "employees are encouraged and supported to attend executive development programs or to take education leave to develop academic credentials."

The next line kind of confused me a bit, Mr. Speaker. It says, "To date, however, training and career development have been focused on the individual's needs rather than on the longer-term interests of the public service." Would the minister be able to elaborate a little bit on the intent of that sentence? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's a 34-page document. I did read it all. There are a few extra pages in here to pick one line out of the document, but I don't want to put words in the mouths of the people who wrote this.

The Government of Nunavut does want to train employees to work for the Government of Nunavut. Through performance management and performance appraisals, if they're in a specific job or planning for a specific job, then we want to focus on providing training to those individuals to do those jobs. Career progression, so jobs that would enhance their skills to work in a job in a department or in a territorial corporation, is a benefit to the government and to public service. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would think that any academic studies that are applied for would have to be to the benefit of Nunavut to be approved.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to touch on the ePersonality database that the GN uses for personnel records. One of the gaps it identifies in here is that it continues to be constrained to "conduct government-wide analyses of workforce skills gaps and potential" that it does not track the "level of education, training programs attended or career history."

Later in the document, it talks about maintaining career development records, tracking education, career history, and career interests, identifying talent pools, and development of individual learning plans.

Can the minister maybe explain that data collection? Is there a technical reason why it can't be carried over into the ePersonality software? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Keith Peterson: Mr. Speaker, I'm not a technical guy, I'm not an IT guy, so I can barely operate my BlackBerry on the best of days.

Mr. Speaker, it does clearly identify in this area, page 12, that we do have shortfalls in ePersonality. I know our staff is working very hard. We don't want people to get overly high expectations of how we're going to track everybody. We do identify that there are shortcomings. Again, it's a strategy that's over four years. We do state here that we're going to make incremental improvements. Of course, when you're working with the databases, you do have to test the data and make sure the system works.

I can assure members that we're very committed to this strategy. We want to have the best available data to assist us to go forward. We do want to support and train our employees and make sure that they continue to work for the Government of Nunavut. We have said in our document that we want to make the Government of Nunavut the choice of employers to work for, and we are committed to this document. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 317 – 4(2): Outcomes of Three Teaching Models

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the

Minister of Education in regard to his Minister's Statement.

I know that my colleague had asked a question in regard to that, but looking at the Minister's Statement, we're always pleased to see graduates in our community. We provide support to the students who are graduating, no matter where they are.

I do want to ask my first question to the Minister of Education. The DEAs used to select one of three different teaching models that they will be using. The DEAs (interpretation ends) select a model. (interpretation) Can the minister identify which model is used the most in the higher grades? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Minister of Education, Hon. Minister Mr. Quassa.

Hon. Paul Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank my colleague for that question. Yes, the DEAs can select from one of the three teaching models, which are the Qulliq model, dual model, and immersion model. If the DEA selects either one of the models, they have to apply it for five years. For example, if Baker Lake chooses the Qulliq model, they would apply that model for five years, unless the DEA decides to formally change the model.

However, we haven't identified which model will be used. If I understood the member's question correctly, determining which model to use to correlate the number of graduates is something we can't divulge since I don't

have that kind of detail with me personally.

However, the three teaching models will also depend on the community's language use. If the community speaks more Inuktitut, then they would depend more on the Qulliq model. I can state that the majority of the communities in Nunavut are using the Qulliq model, primarily due to the reason that the majority of the community speaks in Inuktitut. Just to compare Iqaluit to the other communities, they are using the dual model, using both English and Inuktitut as languages of education. That is how they use these models.

Nonetheless, it hasn't been clearly identified as to which model has the correlation to the higher number of graduates. I can state that in Baker Lake, they are using the Qulliq model at this time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank the minister for his response. The reason I asked this question is because some DEA members have a two-year term and their terms are staggered from year to year. If the DEA was all replaced, as is the right of voters to choose their own DEA members, how would you inform them the models, such as the Qulliq model that the minister mentioned? Can a newly elected DEA make a decision to change the model? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Minister of Education, Hon. Minister Mr. Quassa.

Hon. Paul Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I said, if DEA members chose to use one model in one year, that model would have to be in place for five years.

The DEAs in the communities are elected to three-year terms and when they reach the fourth year, the new DEA has to continue with the curriculum model as chosen by the previous DEA. Once the fifth year has been reached, the DEA can elect to change the model.

Regardless of whether the DEA is completely new or not, they will still have to follow the agreement signed by the previous DEA that the model must be used for five years. Thank you, Mr. Speaker

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

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I would also like to thank the minister for his response. Education is our top priority in order for our children and young people to have a good future in Nunavut.

When do DEAs make a selection on the model for the high school and for the elementary school? For example, in Baker Lake, we have two schools: Rachel Arngnamaktiq School and Jonah Amitnaaq School, which is the high school. If the DEA chose that model, would both high schools and

elementary schools have to use that model? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Education, Mr. Quassa.

Hon. Paul Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes. To respond briefly, no matter how many schools a DEA has in one community, the DEA is one entity and they make a decision for all the schools in a given community. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

An Hon. Member: *Nakurmiik Inuuk.*

>> *Laughter*

Question 318 – 4(2): Health Care Cards

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today, I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Health in regard to the health care card.

We tend to think that our government is always limited with their resources and that we're always looking for ways to save money. The health care cards look really nice. We have to renew them every two years. Those cards don't have a picture ID, but there is a number on there and I believe there is a map of Nunavut on it. They have to be renewed every two years and I'm sure it costs a lot of money to reissue them.

I know that everything usually has a good reason. I would like to know why the health care cards are only good for two years whereas driver's licences can

be used for five years and there is a picture on it. I would like to find out exactly why it is two years. 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 would also like to thank the member for his question. Although I always want to respond to all of his questions, it is impossible to respond to every question.

The reason why the health care cards are only valid for two years is partly out of my hands. I talked about why there isn't a picture ID on the health care card with my officials. We have not made a decision on that yet.

I know that some people move out of the territory. I know that's one of the reasons why there is a two-year term. There are various reasons why it is a two-year term. I don't know the reason why it has been set at a two-year term. Once I determine that information, I will pass it on to the member. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just recently, I was shown a health care card. I believe it expired last year in 2013. The individual never got a new health care card. Perhaps the minister might not be able to respond to my question, but I'll ask it anyways. The individual who showed me the health care card was out of Nunavut or had to be sent south for medical treatment,

would that individual have a problem going to get health services because his health care card was expired? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would also like to thank the member. I know that some people lose their health care cards. Sometimes we drop our ID cards from time to time. The number on the health care card never changes and you can call for help at any health care facility.

I know that in the past, I have never really seen a problem occurring because of the expired health care cards. I don't think anyone should be overly alarmed about that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 319 – 4(2): Cultural Orientation for Social Workers

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

Mr. Speaker, I tried asking the minister about this last week and did not receive an answer, so I'll ask again in hopes to get an answer today.

Can the minister explain why social services workers are using policies and procedures from a southern jurisdiction when all the studies and reports and the government's own legislation states that Inuit societal values must be taken into

consideration when implementing the law? 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 asking that question. I had a meeting with my colleague regarding the concern that he raised in writing, which I passed on to my deputy minister. I would like to tell my colleague that we apply Nunavut's legislation when we're dealing with our clients. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is extremely important for social workers to receive the appropriate cultural orientation, especially for newcomers to the territory. Can the minister identify who develops the training material for the orientation program for social workers and who delivers the programs? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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 asking who develops the training material for the orientation of social workers. It's the directors who set up the orientation program. We also place a priority on the recommendations that were made by the Office of the Auditor General in the training material that is being prepared. We work with the Department of Culture

and Heritage to develop the training material for new social workers Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Joanasié (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We had a meeting with respect to what the minister just indicated. During our hearings on the Auditor General's review of child and youth services, we learned that social workers were to receive training last month and in fact, the minister recognized a number of them here in the House. Can the minister confirm that all Nunavut social workers have received the necessary and appropriate cultural orientation training? 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. First of all, social workers have a very heavy workload and they have to see their clients, whether it is day or night. I thank them very much for all the hard work they do to provide the appropriate services to the people.

I can tell my colleague that new social services workers are provided with all the required orientation training before assuming their new duties. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 320 – 4(2): Patients Living in Other Jurisdictions

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

Mr. Speaker, earlier today in Returns to Oral Questions, I would like to quote from her return. It says, "Although guidance is available, individuals are responsible for contacting service providers, such as public housing and income support, in the new jurisdiction."

Can the minister explain what guidance does her department provide to ensure that unilingual Nunavut residents on long-term Medicare are receiving adequate services in the other jurisdictions? 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 would like to thank my colleague for that question. Medical clients sometimes have to be in the south for a long time. In my return, I indicated that the social workers talk with the clients to see which option would be best for the individual who is going to be down there for a long time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When a patient is out for maybe two or three years for medical reasons in another jurisdiction, he probably becomes a resident of that province or territory.

I'm just wondering if the minister can explain what processes or policies that her department has to follow up with patients to ensure that they are living as comfortably as possible in that other jurisdiction. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Monica Ell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for that question. I wonder if I can ask the member a question on what he is referring to when he says that if a patient is down for two or three more years, is the patient a resident of that province or still a resident of Nunavut, so that I can answer his question properly. I know this is not normal practice, but I would like to answer him properly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Mr. Rumbolt, verify the question.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll try to make it a bit clearer. Mr. Chairman, as she stated in her return to oral questions, once a patient is down for 12 months, they are then required to apply for residency in the other jurisdiction.

My question to the minister is, after that term is up, sometimes the patient is going to be down there maybe for many years because of their medical condition under another jurisdiction. They're down there not because they wanted to become a resident there, but they had no choice for their treatment.

My question is: what is her department doing to do follow-ups on these long-term care patients to ensure that they're receiving adequate services throughout the time of their Medicare? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Monica Ell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for that question. Individual cases are very different and I would not want to assume what happens to specific or many individuals, as case by case is usually different. Normally, an individual is assisted with a social worker from that particular province or if they're in Nunavut, from here. Arrangements are made to ensure that they have a proper transition and then once they become a resident of that province, the province looks after them. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When a patient is out in long-term care like that and if he's not happy with the services that are being provided, is there any guidance or any help that is provided by the health department to ensure that the person is trying to make his stay in another jurisdiction as convenient as possible? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Monica Ell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for that question. There are organizations in place with jurisdictions. If we were looking at the Winnipeg jurisdiction, as an example, where most of the clients are from that the member is asking questions, there is a transitioning to a new jurisdiction and organizations can seek support from local organizations there, such as the Manitoba Urban Inuit Association. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 321 – 4(2): Support for Search and Rescue Volunteers

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Community and Government Services.

Yesterday, I recognized a search and rescue volunteer who is finally retiring.

With winter coming, there's going to be cold weather all over Nunavut, I'm sure. In support of the search and rescue organizations, are the minister and his officials prepared for search and rescue operations in Nunavut? One would prefer that these operations are not needed, but nevertheless, preparedness at all times is important when we live in a cold climate. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Tom Sammurток (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, we always try to be prepared for search and rescue operations. We don't want to have people lost, but that is unrealistic, especially now that the weather is turning colder and all the gear for going out on the land can freeze and break down. However, we are always prepared for the eventuality of the need for a search and rescue operation anywhere. Thank you.

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

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I am always worried about that. I wonder if the minister has taken future operations of the search and rescue organizations into consideration, as they currently use their own machines to conduct these searches. For the future operations related to mobile equipment, has any thought been given to providing the equipment to the search and rescue organizations in Nunavut? Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Tom Sammurток (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I believe it was this spring when I made an announcement that we were initiating discussions with the various (interpretation ends) Inuit associations (interpretation) as well as the federal government to see how we can cooperatively fund mobile equipment specifically for search and rescue operations. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I also thank the minister. With the response that I am hearing, his department will be discussing this issue with the Inuit organizations. Will the study have a deadline and further, if it passes that deadline, as per the usual practice of providing a report after any meeting, will there be a report forthcoming? Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Tom Sammurtok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The study to be conducted and our discussions with the organizations have a deadline. However, I don't have the actual date of the completion date. Once the study is complete, a report will be released and tabled in this House. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. The time for question period has expired. We will proceed to Item 7. Written Questions. Ms. Angnakak.

Item 7: Written Questions

Written Question 003 – 4(2): Workshops and Training for Parents

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My written questions today are for the Minister of Education and they

continue the issue of workshops and training for parents.

Mr. Speaker, my written questions are very detailed, so I ask that they be entered into the record as read.

The early years of a child's life are critical in the development of language, culture, values, and beliefs. The Early Childhood Education Division of the Department of Education delivers a number of programs to promote early childhood issues. The Department of Education's annual reports for 2009-2010, 2010-11, and 2011-12, which were tabled in the Legislative Assembly on February 26 and September 13, 2013, indicate that the department has been working with parents to promote quality child care.

For each year, 2009-2010, 2010-11, and 2011-12:

- 1) What specific workshops and training opportunities were provided to parents to promote quality child care?
- 2) In which communities were workshops and training opportunities provided to promote quality child care?
- 3) How many parents participated in workshops and training opportunities that were provided to parents to promote quality child care?
- 4) What specific supports or training opportunities were provided to parents of children with special needs?

5) How many children with special needs were identified as requiring support from the department?

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The member has asked that the written questions be entered into the record as read. Do members agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Speaker: There is agreement. Ms. Angnakak.

**Written Question 004 – 4(2):
Correctional Facilities, Recidivism
Rates, and Rehabilitation Plans**

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My written questions today are for the Minister of Justice and they concern the issue of correctional facilities in Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, my written questions are very detailed, so I ask that they be entered into the record as read.

1. As of November 1, 2014, how many adult and young offenders are serving sentences in territorial custody at the Baffin Correctional Centre, the Rankin Inlet Healing Facility, the Illavut Healing Centre, and the Iqaluit Young Offenders' Centre?
2. As of November 1, 2014, how many individuals are incarcerated in territorial correctional facilities awaiting trial?

3. As of November 1, 2014, what is the average period of time before an individual on remand in territorial custody goes to trial?
4. As of November 1, 2014, what is the rate of recidivism for male adult offenders in territorial custody?
5. As of November 1, 2014, what is the rate of recidivism for male young offenders in territorial custody?
6. As of November 1, 2014, what is the rate of recidivism for female adult offenders in territorial custody?
7. As of November 1, 2014, what is the rate of recidivism for female young offenders in territorial custody?
8. As of November 1, 2014, what rehabilitation, counselling, and education programs are offered to adult offenders in territorial custody?
9. As of November 1, 2014, what rehabilitation, counselling, and education programs are offered to young offenders in territorial custody?
10. As of November 1, 2014, how does the Department of Justice measure the effectiveness of its rehabilitation, counselling, and education programs for adult offenders?
11. As of November 1, 2014, how does the Department of Justice measure the effectiveness of its rehabilitation, counselling, and education programs for young offenders?
12. From April 1, 2013 to April 1, 2014, what percentage of adult offenders in

territorial custody participated in rehabilitation, counselling, and education programs?

13. From April 1, 2013 to April 1, 2014, what percentage of young offenders in territorial custody participated in rehabilitation, counselling, and education programs?

14. As of November 1, 2014, what rehabilitation, counselling, and education programs are offered to former adult offenders who have completed sentences in territorial correctional facilities?

15. As of November 1, 2014, what rehabilitation, counselling, and education programs are offered to former young offenders who have completed sentences in territorial correctional facilities?

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The member has asked that the written questions be entered into the record as read. Do members agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Written Questions. Mr. Enook.

**Written Question 005 – 4(2):
Ministerial Travel**

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My written questions today are for the Premier and they concern the issue of ministerial travel.

Mr. Speaker, my written questions are very detailed, so I ask that they be entered into the record as read.

1) For the period November 19, 2013 to November 1, 2014, how many trips on official ministerial business were undertaken by:

- a. The Hon. Peter Taptuna, MLA;
- b. The Hon. Monica Ell, MLA;
- c. The Hon. George Kuksuk, MLA;
- d. The Hon. Johnny Mike, MLA;
- e. The Hon. Paul Okalik, MLA;
- f. The Hon. Keith Peterson, MLA;
- g. The Hon. Paul Quassa, MLA;
- h. The Hon. Tom Sammurtok, MLA; and
- i. The Hon. Jeannie Ugyuk, MLA?

2) What was the purpose, itinerary and duration of each trip?

3) Who participated in each trip?

4) What was the total cost of each trip, broken down by:

- a. Airfare and/or aircraft charter expenses;
- b. Accommodation expenses; and
- c. Other expenses?

5) Within the meaning of the “Home Travel” provisions of the Government of Nunavut’s Ministerial Benefits Policy, how many trips were undertaken for the period November 19, 2013 to November 1, 2014, by:

- a. The Hon. Peter Taptuna, MLA;
- b. The Hon. George Kuksuk, MLA;
- c. The Hon. Johnny Mike, MLA;
- d. The Hon. Keith Peterson, MLA;

- e. The Hon. Paul Quassa, MLA;
- f. The Hon. Tom Sammurtok, MLA; and
- g. The Hon. Jeannie Ugyuk, MLA?

6) What was the itinerary and duration of each trip?

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The member has asked that the written questions be entered into the record as read. Do members agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Written Questions. Mr. Hickes.

Written Question 006 – 4(2): Staffing Status of the Department of Health

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My written questions today are for the Minister of Health and they concern the issue of departmental staffing.

Mr. Speaker, my written questions are very detailed, so I ask that they be entered into the record as read.

1. By position in the Department of Health, which positions are currently filled by:
 - a. Indeterminate employees;
 - b. Term employees;
 - c. Casual employees;
 - d. Individuals on contract; and
 - e. Internal transfers from other positions and/or departments?

2. With respect to the positions referred to in Question 1, how many of these positions are currently being filled in an acting capacity?

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The member has asked that the written questions be entered into the record as read. Do members agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Written Questions. Mr. Hickes.

Written Question 007 – 4(2): Government of Nunavut Expenditures on Overtime Pay

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My written questions today are for the Minister of Finance and they concern the issue of government expenditures on overtime pay.

Mr. Speaker, my written questions are very detailed, so I ask that they be entered into the record as read.

1. Expressing the information in a comparable format to that which was provided in Return to Written Question 11 – 3(3), what were the Government of Nunavut's expenditures on overtime pay for indeterminate, term, and casual employees during the 2012-13 and 2013-14 fiscal years for each of its departments, Crown agencies, and territorial corporations?

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The member has asked that the written questions be entered into the record as read. Do members agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Written Questions. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Written Question 008 – 4(2): Roles, Responsibilities, and Authorities of Local Housing Organizations

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) My written questions today are for the Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation and they concern the issue of roles, responsibilities, and authorities of local housing organizations.

Mr. Speaker, my written questions are very detailed, so I ask that they be entered into the record as read.

Preamble:

The 2008 Report of the Auditor General of Canada to the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut on the Nunavut Housing Corporation noted that “The Corporation’s public housing program is delivered by 25 community-based partners, according to agreements that outline the roles and responsibilities of both the Corporation and the community partner.”

1. As of November 1, 2014, how many separate management agreements were in place between the Nunavut

Housing Corporation (NHC) and local housing organizations (LHOs) in Nunavut?

2. Broken down by community, on what date was the current management agreement between the NHC and the LHO formally signed?
3. Broken down by community, on what date does the current management agreement between the NHC and the LHO expire?
4. Broken down by community and expressed within the meaning of the relevant management agreement between the NHC and the LHO, what are the respective roles, responsibilities, and authorities of the NHC and LHOs in relation to the following areas:
 - a. Hiring of LHO employees;
 - b. Termination of LHO employees;
 - c. Approval of annual operating budgets for LHOs;
 - d. Acquisition of capital assets, including mobile equipment;
 - e. Approval of collective agreements with unions representing employees of LHOs;
 - f. Approval of public housing allocations;
 - g. Approval of evictions of public housing tenants; and
 - h. Initiation of collection actions in relation to tenant arrears?
5. To what extent do the current management agreements between the NHC and LHOs define the process by which an LHO’s status, within the meaning of sections 1 and 45 of the *Nunavut Housing Corporation Act*,

may be converted from a “housing association” to a “housing authority”?

(interpretation) Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The member has asked that the written questions be entered into the record as read. Do members agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Written Questions. Mr. Mapsalak.

**Written Question 009 – 4(2):
Community Access Roads
Program**

Mr. Mapsalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) My written questions today are for the Minister of Economic Development and Transportation and they concern the issues of the department’s Community Access Roads Program.

Mr. Speaker, my written questions are very detailed, so I ask that they be entered into the record as read.

1. Broken down by community and project, what were the Department of Economic Development and Transportation’s actual expenditures under its Community Access Roads Program for the 2012-13 and 2013-14 fiscal years?
2. How many applications for funding under the Community Access Roads Program were received by the

department in the 2012-13 fiscal year?

3. How many applications for funding under the Community Access Roads Program were approved by the department in the 2012-13 fiscal year?
4. How many applications for funding under the Community Access Roads Program were rejected by the department in the 2012-13 fiscal year?
5. How many applications for funding under the Community Access Roads Program were received by the department in the 2013-14 fiscal year?
6. How many applications for funding under the Community Access Roads Program were approved by the department in the 2013-14 fiscal year?
7. How many applications for funding under the Community Access Roads Program were rejected by the department in the 2013-14 fiscal year?
8. What application and reporting requirements are in place with respect to funding received by municipal governments and other entities under the department’s Community Access Roads Program?

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The member has asked that the written questions be

entered into the record as read. Do members agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Written Questions. Mr. Rumbolt.

Written Question 010 – 4(2): Annual Fuel Purchases by the Government of Nunavut

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My written questions today are for the Minister of Community and Government Services and they concern the issue of fuel purchases.

Mr. Speaker, my written questions are very detailed, so I ask that they be entered into the record as read.

1. Expressing the information in the same format as that which the Government of Nunavut provided in Return to Written Question 23 – 3(3), what quantities of fuel were purchased and delivered in 2013 and 2014?
2. As of November 1, 2014, what is the current bulk fuel storage capacity in each of Nunavut's communities?
3. From January 1, 2013 to November 1, 2014, which communities in Nunavut received fuel deliveries by airlift?
4. What policies and/or procedures does the Government of Nunavut currently follow with respect to the rationing of fuel supplies in communities in circumstances where shortages exist?

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The member has asked that the written questions be entered into the record as read. Do members agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) There is agreement. Written Questions. Mr. Sammurtok.

Written Question 011 – 4(2): Government of Nunavut Responses to Resolutions of the Nunavut Association of Municipalities

Mr. Sammurtok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My written questions today are for the Minister of Community and Government Services and they concern the issue of the government's responses to resolutions adopted by the Nunavut Association of Municipalities.

Mr. Speaker, my written questions are very detailed, so I ask that they be entered into the record as read.

1. What were the Government of Nunavut's responses to the resolutions adopted at the 2013 Annual General Meeting of the Nunavut Association of Municipalities?

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The member has asked that the written questions be

entered into the record as read. Do members agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) There is agreement. Written Questions. Mr. Savikataaq.

Written Question 012 – 4(2): Status of Decentralization

Mr. Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My written questions today are for the Minister of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs and they concern the issue of decentralization.

Mr. Speaker, my written questions are very detailed, so I ask that they be entered into the record as read.

- 1) Expressing the information in a comparable format to that which was provided in Return to Written Question 10-2(4), what is the status of the Government of Nunavut's decentralization initiative as of November 1, 2014?
- 2) As of November 1, 2014, what is the status of the implementation of the "Key Actions," "Key Recommendations" and "Timelines" contained in the Government of Nunavut's *Decentralization Action Plan*, which was tabled in the Legislative Assembly on June 5, 2012?

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The member has asked that the written questions be

entered into the record as read. Do members agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Speaker: There is agreement. (interpretation) Thank you. (interpretation ends) Written Questions. I have no more names. 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. Kuksuk.

Item 13: Tabling of Documents

Tabled Document 081 – 4(2): 2013-2014 Annual Report of the Nunavut Housing Corporation

Hon. George Kuksuk (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I am pleased to table the Nunavut Housing Corporation's 2013-14 annual report. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Tabled Document 082 – 4(2): Public Accounts 2013-2014

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am very pleased to table the 2013-14 Public Accounts of the Government of Nunavut. This is the first time in 15 years that we have completed the accounts on time and have been able to table them during a regular session of this Assembly...

>> *Applause*

...without having to table them through other mechanisms.

I want to thank all of our officials across the government for working hard to achieve this milestone. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Tabling of Documents. I have one.

**Tabled Document 083 – 4(2): 2015
Sitting Calendar**

Thank you, members. As required under Rule 3(2), I am tabling today a copy of the Legislative Assembly's sitting calendar for 2015.

Tabling of Documents. Mr. Kuksuk.

**Tabled Document 084 – 4(2): Nunavut
Business Credit Corporation's
Annual Report 2013-2014**

**Tabled Document 085 – 4(2): Nunavut
Development Corporation's
Annual Report 2013-2014**

Hon. George Kuksuk (interpretation): Thank you again, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I also wish to table the following documents:

- NBCC's 2013-14 annual report; and
- The Nunavut Development Corporation's 2013-14 annual report.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Tabled Document 086 – 4(2):
Northwest Territories and
Nunavut Workers' Compensation
Appeal Tribunal 2013 Annual
Report**

Hon. Keith Peterson: Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to table the Northwest Territories and Nunavut Workers' Compensation Appeal Tribunal 2013 Annual Report. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Tabled Document 087 – 4(2): Issues in
the Governance of Canadian
Hospitals, Part I: Structure and
Process**

**Tabled Document 088 – 4(2): Issues in
the Governance of Canadian
Hospitals, Part IV: Quality of
Hospital Care**

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to table two articles that are part of a series on hospital governance in Canada.

As my colleagues will be aware, I feel strongly about the establishment of a board of management at the Qikiqtani General Hospital.

I encourage all members to read these articles. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Tabled Document 089 – 4(2): Quality Protects Action Plan

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to table a document which was provided to the Standing Committee on Oversight of Government Operations and Public Accounts during our public hearings on the Report of the Auditor General of Canada to the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut on the 2014 Follow-up Report on Child and Family Services in Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, witnesses from the Department of Family Services attended the hearings this past September and provided a copy of the department's Quality Protects Action Plan in response to the Auditor General's recommendations. That document is now part of the public record.

As noted during the proceedings, the standing committee encourages the government to provide regular updates on the progress achieved in meeting the objectives outlined in this action plan. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Tabled Document 090 – 4(2): Story from CBC News Regarding Cape Dorset Health Centre

Mr. Joanasié (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table today a story from the CBC News website concerning a recent incident in Cape

Dorset involving the community's health centre.

Mr. Speaker, the issues raised in this story are very serious and we need to think seriously and calmly about how to address them. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Tabled Document 091 – 4(2): Process for Resolving Health Care Concerns

Mr. Joanasié (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am tabling another document. Mr. Speaker, I will be tabling my Members' Statement on the process of resolving health centre concerns for the public record. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Tabling of Documents. I have no more names. Item 14. Notices of Motions. Item 15. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Item 16. Motions. Ms. Angnakak.

Item 16: Motions

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

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

WHEREAS boards of management are the standard mechanism for hospital governance across all Canadian jurisdictions, including our two neighbouring territories;

AND WHEREAS Nunavut has one hospital, the Qikiqtani General Hospital, which provides services to Nunavut residents;

AND WHEREAS the Qikiqtani General Hospital is currently administered by the Government of Nunavut's Department of Health, which is bound by government processes and procedures for financial management, staffing, and the delivery of services at the hospital;

AND WHEREAS establishing a hospital board of management at the Qikiqtani General Hospital could allow for more effective financial oversight, including the ability to fundraise, more input on human resources management, more direct involvement in patient care and patient relations, and an enhanced ability to determine quality of care;

AND WHEREAS the membership of a hospital board of management at the Qikiqtani General Hospital could include a diverse range of skills, expertise, and representation;

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

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

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The motion is in order. To the motion. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to take this opportunity to speak to the motion before the House today.

Mr. Speaker, this motion encourages the government to fully consider the merits and benefits of establishing a board of management at the Qikiqtani General Hospital.

Mr. Speaker, across Canada, the standard mechanism for hospital governance is the board of management.

Mr. Speaker, one of the key benefits to having a hospital board of management is to improve financial responsibility. As we are all very much aware, the Department of Health struggles with cost overruns on a yearly basis. I believe that with a board's closer financial oversight, operations at the hospital level could be more directly and economically managed.

In addition, as an organization at arm's length from the government, a hospital board could register as a society or as a charity and conduct any number of fundraising activities. A government entity does not have access to such alternative funding options.

Mr. Speaker, another area that the government struggles with is the staffing of health professional positions. With a board that focuses directly on a vision and strategic plan for the hospital, professional staff can be specifically recruited and specialized training or service delivery programs could be

established which would enhance the type and quality of care.

Mr. Speaker, there are many successful individuals in Nunavut who have much to offer the territory. There is a diverse range of expertise, business acumen, experience, and understanding that could be positively applied to the hospital's management.

We also have several long-term professionals in the health care field whose expertise and experience can be drawn upon to help make effective decisions in the management of operations at the hospital. I believe that we should be taking advantage of what these highly skilled individuals can offer.

Mr. Speaker, Nunavut is unique in its cultural and linguistic characteristics. Providing quality patient care must take these characteristics into consideration. A board of management could play an important oversight role in developing policies and determining how patient relations can be best supported within the hospital environment.

Mr. Speaker, like most hospitals across Canada, our hospital undergoes a voluntary accreditation process every few years. A board of management could contribute greatly to ensuring that quality improvement efforts are in line with recommendations following an accreditation audit.

Mr. Speaker, I am confident that when the government gives full consideration to establishing a board of management at the Qikiqtani General Hospital, the many benefits and merits of taking this step will be clearly demonstrated.

I encourage all members to join me in supporting this motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) To the motion. Ms. Ell.

Motion 016 – 4(2): Amendment to Hospital Board of Management

Hon. Monica Ell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As Minister of Health, I will speak to the motion.

Mr. Speaker, the cabinet noted that the motion says that “the Government of Nunavut undertake a comprehensive review of the merits and benefits of establishing a board of management for the Qikiqtani General Hospital.”

The cabinet has discussed the motion and will perform a review as requested to look at the merits and benefits but also the logistics, administrative and financial aspects of a board of management for the Qikiqtani General Hospital. We will ensure that a balanced approach on the pros and cons are documented.

Given the comprehensive review requested, cabinet would like an amendment to the motion to extend the date for reporting from spring 2015 to fall 2015. The cabinet appreciates the member bringing the motion forward and, with this amendment to reporting, cabinet will be supporting the motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

There's a motion on the floor. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would just like to take this time to say that I think we all accept that request for amendment. Thank you very much for your support. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: The motion is on the floor. All those in favour. To the amendment, yes. Thank you. To the motion as amended. Mr. Joanasie.

Mr. Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today, I kept talking about health issues and I am in support of this motion to have a comprehensive review of the Qikiqtani General Hospital, whether we need to establish a board of management for the hospital.

On top of that, also the needs of the smaller communities in Nunavut have to be considered to ensure that their health centres are properly managed. It is a major concern and I talked about it earlier. Some of my constituents would like to see an independent review on health services.

I am in full support of the motion and to say that I am very thankful of the fact that my colleagues are in support of the motion. Thank you.

Speaker: I have no more names on my list. To the amended motion. All those in favour. (interpretation) Thank you. (interpretation ends) Opposed. The motion is carried as amended.

Item 17. First Reading of Bills. Item 18. Second Reading of Bills. Mr. Okalik.

Item 18: Second Reading of Bills

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

Hon. Paul Okalik: *Merci Monsieur le President.* I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Iqaluit-Manirajak, that Bill 11, *An Act to Amend the Corrections Act*, be read for the second time.

Speaker: To the principle of the bill. Question has been called. Mr. Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This bill amends the *Corrections Act* to provide rules respecting the use of physical restraints. It also repeals the section dealing with the administration of drugs and increases access to inmates in segregated confinement. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The bill is in order. All those in favour. (interpretation) Thank you. (interpretation ends) Opposed. The bill is carried and Bill 11 is referred to the Standing Committee on Legislation. (interpretation) Thank you. (interpretation ends) The motion is carried.

Second Reading of Bills. Mr. Peterson.

Bill 12 – An Act to Amend the Tobacco Tax Act – Second 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 second time.

Mr. Speaker, this bill amends the *Tobacco Tax Act* by adding a definition of “price at wholesale” and differentiating between additional types of tobacco. 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. Bill 12 is referred to the Standing Committee on Legislation.

Second Reading of Bills. Ms. Ell.

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

Hon. Monica Ell: 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 second time.

Mr. Speaker, this Act amends the *Vital Statistics Act* to allow for the addition of the particulars of a parent of a child after initial registration to allow for changes to the sex designation on a birth certificate, to add certain duties of the coroner with respect to death registration statements, to allow for the maintenance of electronic records, and to address certain decisions of the Supreme Court of Canada. 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 is referred to the Standing Committee on Legislation.

Second Reading of Bills. Item 19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters. Bills 7 and 9 with Mr. Akoak in the Chair.

In accordance with the authority granted to me by Motion 11 – 4(2), the committee will stay in session until it reports itself out.

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

(interpretation) Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>*House recessed at 15:45 and Committee resumed at 16:16*

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

Chairman (Mr. Akoak): Good afternoon, Inuit, colleagues, (interpretation) and the people watching the televised proceedings and listening to the radio broadcast. (interpretation ends) Welcome.

The committee meeting will come to order. In Committee of the Whole, we have the following items to deal with: Bills 7 and 9. What is the wish of the committee? Member for Hudson Bay, Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We wish to continue with Bill 7, followed by Bill 9. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Rumbolt. Are we in agreement that we continue with Bill 7, *Supplementary*

Appropriation (O&M) Act, No. 1, 2014-2015?

Some Members: Agreed.

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

Chairman: Does the committee agree to have Mr. Peterson's staff go to the witness table?

Some Members: Agreed.

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

Thank you. For the record, minister, please introduce your staff.

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

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Peterson. We were on page 5. Family Services. Operations and Maintenance. Not Previously Authorized. Total Corporate Management. \$88,000. Total Children and Family Services. Not Previously Authorized. \$179,000. Total Career... . Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. During our committee review of the bill, this item is where we ended up adjourning at. We were informed of the purpose of this item, but it wasn't very clear. Perhaps I could be reminded, through you, Mr. Minister of

Finance, and if you can ask the Minister of Family Services to remind us of the exact purpose of this \$159,000 fund. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If I could quote from the *Hansard*, the question yesterday from Mr. Enook, what does this \$159,000 residential care look like? Who are we talking about? Who needs residential care? Children or people in the hospital? Is it people in foster care? Which one are we talking about? Thank you.

Mr. Chairman, to answer that question, I would like to redirect the question to the Minister of Family Services. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Peterson. Minister Ugyuk.

Hon. Jeannie Ugyuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for the member asking for the question. I would like to first apologize. I took directly that FMB submissions were highly confidential and not to be brought down to the leg. for my information purposes. I didn't have it with me yesterday, so I apologize to the Member for Tununig.

Mr. Chairman, the money identified is being used to offset a deficit in the department's residential contracts for out-of-territory services, not to fund a particular contract. Residential care services are demand-driven, meaning that it's difficult to predict the number of clients who will require such services.

Our department has the responsibility to ensure that those who need the service get it. Our department is currently conducting a variance analysis which points to deficits in areas, so we require the funds to ensure that we're able to provide this important service to Nunavummiut. That's residential care. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Do I understand that this fund is for the residential care units for patient care outside of the territory, perhaps in southern locales? Is this fund specifically to pay for these residential care services? Is that what they want to use it for? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. To answer Mr. Enook's question, yes. Looking at the current stats in one of my briefing notes, family services range from provision of care for Nunavummiut who are elderly, children, young adults, cognitively or physically challenged, or those who are otherwise unable to care for themselves. If we don't have those facilities in Nunavut, we will make arrangements for those individuals to be cared for in the south. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I had a copy of yesterday's *Hansard* earlier, but I can't find it now. I raised that question about

the purpose of this \$159,000 fund. From what I read, it was transferred from the Department of Finance to the Department of Family Services in order to have the funds available for their use. Now, what was the original purpose of this \$159,000 fund within your department? What was the original purpose of this line item when it was still part of the Department of Finance budget? 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 position in the Department of Finance was a senior advisor on human resources and we deleted that position. That position then came over in a reorganization and we determined that we didn't require the position, so we deleted it. The Department of Family Services required additional funds for residential care and we thought that that would be a good use for that funding. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Peterson. The next name on the list, Mr. Hickes.

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Personally, I have never heard of a position being eliminated from a department and the funds being transferred to another department for program funding before. Maybe this had occurred in the past or maybe it occurs all the time. Throughout my career with the Government of Nunavut, I have never heard of a circumstance such as this. Could the minister maybe explain

to me how frequent this is? 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, it doesn't happen very often.

Again, as I explained to Mr. Enook, it was part of the reorganization of the government going back to 2012. We determined that we didn't require the position. To help the other department, we assisted them that way. To us, our use of funding sounded like a good, efficient, and effective way.

There is no point in keeping a position in a department if you don't need it and if it can help somewhere else in the government. We did follow the appropriate mechanisms to make that happen. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Maybe the minister could elaborate on what those mechanisms are to eliminate a position. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Hickes for the question. For the benefit of the listening public, I'm going to ask my deputy minister to take us through the detailed technical aspects of making things like this happen. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. D'Arcy.

Mr. D'Arcy: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We took a look at our organizational structure and also talked to Family Services with respect to what their needs were. As part of the reorganization, we had kept these three positions in the Department of Finance. We needed the senior advisor for a year to get our feet wet on HR matters. We also determined that there were two positions that probably could better assist Family Services in corporate services than they were doing in the Department of Finance. In other words, we would be able to live without them.

We did up the calculations to show how the value of those positions was and agreed with the Department of Family Services to make the switch. That ended up with an FMB submission and a cabinet submission as well, one, to move the money over and two, to move the positions and also to physically delete that position from our org. chart, the one that was not staffed and that we weren't using.

Presumably, this will go through this afternoon and that Bill 7 will get read into law. At that point in time, the whole of the change will crystallize and the funds will be appropriated to Family Services and the funding reduced from the Department of Finance. Physically how to do that is making some adjustments in the ePersonality system. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. D'Arcy. Mr. Hickes.

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I can appreciate the additional funding

needed for residential care, but I can't help but go back to numerous comments I have made and just highlighting the fact that we really need to start looking at bringing people and their care closer to home. I know that the Department of Family Services and the Department of Health are working towards that, and I just want to give them my full support in those endeavours.

That being said, I just have one final question, Mr. Chairman. Are there any other positions that are anticipated that you guys will be cutting from your department and, if so, what positions those might be? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Hickers for the question. Mr. Chairman, we don't foresee deleting any other positions at the Department of Finance in the foreseeable future. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Peterson. I have no more names. Family Services. Operations and Maintenance. Not Previously Authorized. Total Corporate Management. \$88,000. Total Children and Family Services. \$179,000. Total Career Development. \$1,100,000. Mr. Hickers.

Mr. Hickers: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have probably just a very brief question. I understand that this is matching funds that were matched with the federal government, so we have \$2.2 million to spend on the Labour Market Agreement for Persons with Disabilities.

Earlier this week, I had asked another minister questions regarding the labour market agreement. I guess what I am getting at is: what are these dollars going used to actually do? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Hickers for asking for clarification. If I can read and quote from the briefing note, under education and training, they would use the funds to augment existing programs, such as Adult Learning and Training Supports.

Under employment participation, they would use the funds to develop and enhance programs that promote and enable persons with disabilities to enter the labour market, such as through the job support programs for small businesses.

Under employment opportunities, the funds would be used to enhance existing on-the-job training programs, such as training-on-the-job and potentially pilot new delivery options.

Under connecting employers and persons with disabilities, the funds could be used to develop advertising materials to improve public and employer awareness and persons with disabilities and their capacity to contribute to their communities in meaningful ways that promote self-reliance.

Finally, under building knowledge of the whole area, building knowledge of all the programs and how to assist people with disabilities and how they can

promote or increase participation in the labour market, that is essentially the bottom line, to help our disabled across Nunavut. I think, as I said yesterday, it's not for health and wellness; it's more to help people with disabilities enter the labour market and contribute meaningfully in our territory. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Peterson. Just a reminder, we have interpreters who need to keep up. Mr. Hickes.

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. One final question regarding this topic. I understand that there is a lot of career development, information-sharing, and bringing attention and awareness. Are there monies available to assist people with disabilities with actual equipment or mobility to assist them in entering the workforce? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I must apologize, I don't have that level of detail in the materials I have here. If the Minister of Family Services wants to answer that question, she may be able to provide that information. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Peterson. Minister Ugyuk.

Hon. Jeannie Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If the budget got approved, then the Nunavummi Disabilities Makinnasuaqtiit Society would be funded. We would understand more about what disabilities they have. As for that extra information, we don't

have any figures in Family Services as to how many people are in that condition. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Hickes.

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Maybe the minister misunderstood. I was more getting at the specialized equipment or potential different types of wheelchairs or different types of mobility equipment that may be needed to assist somebody with disabilities enter the workforce. Would those types of products be available under this budget line as well? 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. I have been scanning through the detailed information on this program, and I just can't see... . It is more providing with training and those kinds of supports to work in the workplace. I can't see where it offers providing or building ramps or new doors or specialized equipment. Those kinds of programs may be available through Family Services through other programs. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Peterson. Next on the list, Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. That money is for the Labour Market Agreement for Persons with Disabilities.

My first questions is, from the federal government program, disabilities get a one-time-per-year subsidy or help from

the federal government. Will this program affect that government program? That is my first question.

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

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Mikkungwak for the question. Mr. Chairman, this program is a four-year program. There is no indication or we have no knowledge that this new program would affect any other programs for disabled people. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Mikkungwak: Just for clarity, what I'm referring to is the disability tax credit, which is filed by individuals with disabilities across the territory and across the nation. In addition to that, my next question is: when you look at the Labour Market Agreement for Persons with Disabilities to get into the workforce, does this also taken into consideration elders with disabilities and are receiving a pension? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Mikkungwak for his question. On the tax-related one, I don't believe that that would be affected. This program is to get disabled people into the workforce.

If there is a senior, depending on what the definition of senior is, they would qualify. Obviously, if they are out of the workforce and they have no plan to be in

the workforce, I would say that they would probably not benefit from this program. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Peterson. We are on page 5. Family Services. Operations and Maintenance. Not Previously Authorized. Total Corporate Management. \$88,000. Total Children and Family Services. \$179,000. Total Career Development. \$1,100,000. Total Department. \$1,367,000. Not Previously Authorized. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed

Chairman: Page 6. Education. Operations and Maintenance. Not Previously Authorized. Total K-12 School Operations. \$3,519,000. Total Curriculum and School Services. \$61,000. Total Adult Learning and Educational Initiatives. \$5,000. Total Department. Not Previously Authorized. \$3,585,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed

Chairman: Page 7. Health. Operations and Maintenance. Not Previously Authorized. Total Health. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just would like the minister to expand a little bit. It says here in the document that we have before us, expansion phase 1, "To provide funding...for the Mental Health and Addictions Service." If you can just expand a little bit on what is going on there. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Ms. Angnakak for the question. Mr. Chairman, mental health and addictions is a mandate item for the Government of Nunavut. We all agreed on it in Full Caucus and it got tabled in the winter sitting.

In Cambridge Bay, there was an opportunity to convert an unused two-storey building with 12 beds into a mental health and addictions service, a 24/7 facility. As part of the mental health and addictions expansion across Nunavut, turning it into a 24/7 facility would require a little over 23 PYs and they would provide client referrals, outpatient day programming, and drop-in support.

I believe, in the wintertime, the Minister of Health is planning to introduce a draft framework for action that is on mental health and addictions. In the last government, we converted the Akausisarvik building out of the old hospital into Akausisarvik. That was part of our continuing efforts to improve mental health and addictions in Nunavut, then Cambridge Bay, and I think the Minister of Health is looking for something in Rankin Inlet. It's not just to serve those communities, but it would serve the communities in the regions. We will continue that expansion.

I'm not 100 percent clear on why they haven't determined phase 1, but perhaps the Minister of Health could clarify that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Peterson. Minister Ell, would you clarify?

Hon. Monica Ell: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think Minister Peterson said

what the amount would be for. Under *Sivumut Abluqta*, we did make mental health and addictions a priority for our government and phase 1 is exactly what he described.

It would create more psychiatric nurses as well, in Qikiqtarjuaq, one in Kimmirut, one to provide services for Grise Fiord and Resolute Bay, one additional psychiatric nurse here in Iqaluit, and one community wellness worker has been hired as well in Iqaluit. These staff are required to address critical service needs.

I said in Committee of the Whole previously that Health is working towards creating more psychiatric nurses in the territory, and phase 1 is a process towards that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Can the minister tell us how many phases are expected in this area? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Ms. Angnakak for the question. Mr. Chairman, I would like to just go back a little bit, back in, I think it was May 2012. The Mental Health Commission of Canada came out with a report about mental health in Canada. They made a lot of recommendations to provinces and territories, but they didn't commit to any resources to support provinces and territories.

Essentially, what the provinces and territories had to start doing is looking at what services and programs they offered and the facilities they had, and then start redirecting program dollars and money into facilities, but it's going to take time. It's not something that's going to happen overnight.

As I indicated earlier and the minister also indicated, with Akausisarvik, the facility in Cambridge Bay, hopefully a facility in Rankin Inlet, and more psychiatric nurses and mental health workers in different communities, we hope to eventually have coverage across Nunavut.

Again, I'm not 100 percent sure why this expansion phase 1... . To me, it's an ongoing process, whether it's phase 1, phase 2, or phase 3. Who knows where it's going to end, but we do know that there's a great need for mental health services in Nunavut. I think we have debated this in a number of sittings since March. I know that we have identified it through our three-year business plan, but we do have business planning by departments. The departments identify three years out what type of funding they need and what programs.

We're seeking funding in this current fiscal year through the supp bill for the facility in Cambridge Bay. I believe, probably in the winter sitting, in standing committee or the main estimates process, the minister will likely provide more information through that business planning and main estimates process. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to make sure I state for the record that I'm not against anything to do with mental health. I agree with you. We need all the help that we can get. It's rather just for clarification about the funds. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It's just a comment.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Angnakak. That's just a comment. We're on page 7. Health. Operations and Maintenance. Not Previously Authorized. Total Health Care Service Delivery. \$2,138,000. Total Department. Not Previously Authorized. \$2,138,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Page 8. Environment. Operations and Maintenance. Not Previously Authorized. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. If it's okay, I'll ask a question at this time on (interpretation ends) item 2, "to provide funding to develop a class "D" estimate of the Government of Nunavut's environmental liabilities." Will this work involve assessing QEC sites that were inherited from the Northern Canada Power Commission? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Mikkungwak for the question. Mr. Chairman, we are not assessing active sites. We will only be assessing the inactive sites in Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Maybe for clarification then, are the abandoned QEC sites within municipal boundaries taken into consideration, yes or no? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Mikkungwak for the question. I can't give you a yes or no, but I can say that we don't know. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The reason why I asked that question is that we have a land area within the community of Baker Lake that is very well known by the government, the federal government, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, and the municipality, which had spills from the past. When I look at Nunavut's environmental liabilities, it is why I'm asking this question. Seeing that that site is no longer used, will that be considered as an environmental liability for future cleanup? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Mikkungwak for the question. Mr. Chairman, I said earlier that we just don't have that level of information. That may already be on the QEC books to be cleaned up or dealt

with. I don't know if the Minister of QEC could answer or wants to respond to that question, but as far as this class "D" estimate, we're not looking at active sites; we're looking at inactive sites. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Peterson. Minister Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) QEC is continuing to impress upon the federal government to do their work in "remediating" the site. We have taken steps to contain the contamination, but the work is still outstanding. We will continue to press this matter with the federal government. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for the minister's response. Will the community be updated and will there be a meeting with the hamlet council and the community to inform them regarding what actions are forthcoming in the near future? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Mikkungwak for that question. Minister Okalik would like to answer that question. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Peterson. Minister Okalik.

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

(interpretation ends) Yes, there have been some past meetings with the hamlet when some progress was made, but unfortunately those have stalled so far. We will continue to keep the community updated on any progress that may be made in the near future, hopefully. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a few questions regarding the air quality specialist position for \$150,000. With this position, will the person be based in Iqaluit and have to basically work around here or will it be a requirement to service all of the communities in Nunavut? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Rumbolt for the first question. Mr. Chairman, the information we have is that the position would be based in Iqaluit, but the position would work with and support all municipalities in Nunavut. One of the initiatives they would be working on would be an air quality management program, which, of course, is identified in prioritizing air pollution issues and potential impacts on air quality in Nunavut. So it's all communities. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Has there always been a need

for this position here in Nunavut? Why is it just coming to light now that this position is required? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Rumbolt for the question. I believe it has always been a position that has been needed. The Department of Environment has asked for it several times. Due to austerity measures and priority items, it just didn't make it to the main estimates and getting approval. We are able to do that now through this supp bill. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. With the position of an air quality specialist, I would presume that they would need a lot of highly specialized equipment. Does the Nunavut government have the highly specialized equipment for this position? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Rumbolt for the question. The minister of the day signed an agreement with the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment in October 2012 and by signing that agreement, they had access to some equipment. They did purchase \$100,000 of, as they say, sophisticated air quality monitoring equipment for Nunavut

through the National Air Pollution Surveillance Program.

I believe that if they have this position, then the person can start working on developing air quality strategies and programs which will enable them to access other program funds nationally and then, of course, through our own main estimates and capital estimates and programs. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The minister stated that they had some equipment for this position. Does the minister have any idea whether a supplementary appropriation will come in the near future to acquire more equipment for this position and, if so, how much? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Rumbolt for the question. Mr. Chairman, the department hasn't indicated that they require any equipment. They may in the future, but as of this time, no. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a question in regard to this item. This position has been requested for quite some time. Why is it so important to fill that position now, Mr. Chairman? Thank you.

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

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Enook for the question. Mr. Chairman, I believe that it's no secret that the issues this year with the dump in Iqaluit and issues with the dump in Rankin Inlet highlighted the need for this type of position. We constantly hear questions and concerns about dust in communities that cause respiratory problems for our elders and infants.

It is probably a position that is long overdue. I think we might be the only jurisdiction without a position like that. By adding this position, we will join the provinces and territories and be able to avail ourselves of their network of programs, services, and information to address air quality in Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Perhaps I can ask two questions, with your approval, Mr. Chairman, if I can ask two questions at once.

My first question is that we don't have any air quality specialists in Nunavut at all. This position is for an air quality specialist. Would the specialist be required to make annual reports to the Legislative Assembly or to the committee? What is the process that will be used? If you can elaborate further on that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There is a part-time air quality... . Sorry, I'll just read it here. I've got thousands of pieces of paper here. I'll just read. There is a briefing note. They indicated in their briefing note that the only air quality monitoring that is being done throughout the territory is in Iqaluit and it's done on a part-time basis by staff of the Environmental Protection Division. There is no individual who is specifically tasked with that kind of work.

Mr. Chairman, I can't say with certainty that the position would report to the Legislative Assembly with reports. They certainly would probably be required to prepare reports for the minister and his officials to utilize when they're meeting with their provincial and territorial counterparts. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, through you and also through the Minister of Finance, I would like to ask the Minister of Environment to respond to my question regarding the production of annual reports made by the air quality specialist. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Enook for asking me to redirect the question. Minister Mike has indicated that he would like to answer that question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Mike.

Hon. Johnny Mike (interpretation) Thank you. I have been waiting for this question to come up for a long time. Thank you for asking that question.

As the Minister of Finance indicated, we signed an agreement in 2012 with the federal government. I believe that there will have to be more and more air quality monitoring and a specialist will be required not only here in Iqaluit, but there are also mining companies and more mining companies being developed and established in Nunavut.

If we had an air quality specialist, I am sure that eventually, we will see annual reports on what has been completed and have air quality checks done on our facilities and the environment. With the Department of Environment not having an air quality specialist and should there be a need for such a person to do the work around the communities and our pollution or dust control or fires, we would be more prepared to handle that type of work in the Department of Environment. That's very briefly. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Maybe I wasn't listening carefully, but I didn't get a response to my question. Maybe I will rephrase my question. In regard to the creation of an air quality specialist, when would this position be established and when would the individual start working? 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. Mr. Chairman, if this item is approved, then the department could begin the process of going through the necessary steps to recruit for that position. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I believe that we are working on both number 1 and 2. I would like to move on to number 2 regarding \$350,000. It states here that it is to provide funding of \$350,000 to develop a cost estimate. This \$350,000 is a large amount of money. When are we going to see an RFP and once the RFP goes out, when would this project start at the earliest? I know that we haven't approved this money yet. 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. With the department, there's a contract amount for \$250,000 and to get the work underway, they identified \$150,000 from the corporate services budget and \$100,000 from the environmental protection budget, and then through a standing offer agreement, they were able to offer the work to a company called WESA. That's four letters, w-e-s-a. It's an engineering firm. The plan is to get the contract underway as fast as possible and schedule work to

be completed by March 31, 2015. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Do I understand that the Department of Environment has already found some money for this project? So is it okay if we don't approve this \$350,000 because the Department of Environment has already found the money? 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. Mr. Chairman, they identified \$250,000 from the two budgets to get the contract underway. However, an additional \$100,000 is identified as a contingency for \$350,000. The purpose of this \$350,000 in the supp bill here would be to replenish the \$150,000 and the \$100,000 to those two budget line items that I mentioned. They had the money temporarily, but they decided to get the contract to proceed because of time constraints. They would have to replenish that budget and that's the purpose of this supp bill. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you. If I understood correctly and with the time constraints, why is it that we have to do this all of a sudden? Why didn't you wait for us to approve this before the project got underway? 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. Again, it is November now and we want to get the work underway. It's that critical.

I had a meeting last week with the Auditor General of Canada on our public accounts. The Auditor General of Canada has been putting a lot of pressure on the Government of Nunavut that we have to identify these as liabilities, these contaminated sites as liabilities, and get that work done to show that we're actually serious about contaminated sites in Nunavut. The Auditor General wanted to see some progress in that area.

This is a class "D." All we do is identify the inactive sites. We want to get that report by the end of March or early April so that we can take it to cabinet and discuss what the next steps are. Part of the process would be identifying who is responsible for those sites, who has to clean up the sites, or do they need to be cleaned up or can they be left alone.

It's a timing issue, Mr. Chairman. There are no two ways around it. If we waited until November, we probably couldn't have gotten this work done by the time the Auditor General shows up again and starts auditing our financial statements and public accounts. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I don't want to be construed to think that I am not

concerned about the environment. I think it's very important, but at times, it seems a little bit much. We're Members of the Legislative Assembly and we approve the budget. In more cases than not, we hear that we have time constraints.

Another thing I hear is that it was one of the recommendations of the Auditor General. I do read the Auditor General's report. There are many times that many recommendations have not been implemented by the government, so it confuses me at times.

Further, there are a lot of concerns from our communities that barely ever get approved by the government, and here we say we have time constraints. The projects have already started, even before we approve the budget. Why do we bother getting all this information if the project has already been started? Now you're looking for an approval for some months. I don't think that's the right way to go.

It seems like we only get things that have time constraints and we have no choice but to approve it because there is no other way about it. I don't like that sort of a government. We have to work together.

My next question is in regard to the RFPs. How many tried for this item number 2? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Enook for his comments. Mr. Chairman, I must clarify. The Auditor General is very influential on the Government of Canada and all the

provinces and territories where they have auditor generals. They take their recommendations and advice very seriously.

In this case, the Auditor General is our auditor, but there are Public Sector Accounting Standards. Under the Public Sector Accounting Standards, the Auditor General had to tell us that this must happen. It's not a suggestion or recommendation. He is saying that it must happen, so we have to. We just can't ignore it anymore. We must proceed with that.

In terms of using the money from the department, they did identify the \$250,000. They did not overspend their budget, so they're funding within. They had moved money and identified that the \$150,000 and the \$100,000 would give them \$250,000 so that they could go to the standing offer agreement to offer the work to that company.

The company that they chose was through what they call a process called a standing offer agreement. There are a number of companies, I believe, that Community and Government Services can choose from on a standing offer agreement that have been qualified to do that kind of work. They picked that company. I don't have any other details on that. Presumably, they're a qualified company. As I said, it's WESA, w-e-s-a, and they're an environmental engineering firm. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. What I was trying to say

and just to have further clarity, there are a lot of recommendations made by the Auditor General. They make quite numerous recommendations. Sometimes it takes years and years because of lack of funding and so on that those recommendations are not implemented at the appropriate time. Before the regular members are told anything, it seems like projects are started, even without our knowledge and without us approving any money until after the fact.

As we heard, the Auditor General... I'm not sure what year it was, but it says here that this could be started in the spring. It was too late for the spring sitting and we're rushing to get it approved this fall. Is that the 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, the Government of Nunavut and the Department of Environment weren't ready in the spring to proceed with the project and we're proceeding now. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would just like to question on the air quality specialist position. The minister that if the budget is approved, the job would be advertised right away. That must mean that a job description and powers and duties have been done. Will the person in this position have regulatory powers or are they just going

to be able to say, “Okay, your air is no good.”? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Savikataaq for the question. Mr. Chairman, I don’t believe I said that they will hire the person right way.

The department would take the necessary steps to proceed to fill the position, then, of course, you do have to write a job description, you do have to send a job evaluation, then you have to assign the pay level, and then you begin the recruiting process. It could take... I don’t know. I’m not going to put a... I hope it’s not 318 days, but I think the average is 81 days. We got it down to 81 days.

I don’t know what level or if they even have a job description yet. This is something that we do need to get the budget approved first before we can proceed to even consider what Mr. Savikataaq was asking about. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I’m aware that you probably wouldn’t have that level of information, but the Minister of Environment is in the House and they have been requesting this position since 2012, so they must have an idea of what the position entails. I would like to know. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If I can just quote from the notes I have here, some of the key roles of the proposed air quality technologist position would be: developing air quality strategies and programs, including regulations, standards, guidelines, and codes of practice for adoption under the *Environmental Protection Act* for the protection and enhancement of air quality within Nunavut; providing input into environmental assessments of potential development projects across the territory to assess potential impacts on the north’s air resources and atmosphere.

I’ll just apologize to the interpreters because I realize I’m reading too fast. I apologize to them.

...and developing an air quality management program for all of Nunavut. Those will be some of the key roles. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think it’s obvious that we’re not sure whether this position will have regulatory powers or not. I believe that it would be nice if that position did because at times, we don’t need someone to tell us that our air quality is no good, but at times, you definitely need to be able to tell someone to do something about the air quality. I don’t know if that’s in there or not, but it’s just a comment saying that I believe it should have those powers.

On the same subject, if we approve this budget, the process starts, as the minister indicated, to write a job description, duties, pay levels, and all that. He admitted that it takes a while to recruit a person. This person might be a very specialized technical person. Would the minister say that there is a good chance that this money will lapse, and then ask for new funding in the new year for the very same position before it's filled? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Savikataaq for the question. On one of his earlier points, the Minister of Environment is in the House and I'm sure he would probably talk to his officials about your concerns about having regulatory powers.

In terms of the funding, if it gets staffed this year, then we will pro-rate a portion of funds to go towards the position. The position is in the department's business plan for next year and subsequent years and that will be coming forward in the main estimates in February and March. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Peterson. We're on page 8. Environment. Operations and Maintenance. Mr. Joanasié.

Mr. Joanasié (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a question about item 1, the \$150,000 for the creation of an air quality specialist position. Can you help us understand if that person will be studying the outside air or the air inside buildings or both? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Joanasié for that question. The information that we have down here is it's the air quality outside buildings and, as I mentioned, dumps, dust, and those sorts of things. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Peterson. We're on page 8. Environment. Operations and Maintenance. Not Previously Authorized. Total Program Management. \$500,000. Mr. Hickee.

Mr. Hickee: My apologies, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Joanasié touched on something that I understand, through most of the responses, it's talking about outdoor air quality. In Minister Mike's response, he quoted our facilities and environment. Maybe I need a little bit more clarification on it. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Hickee for his question. Mr. Chairman, it's my understanding that indoor air quality would be something dealt with through CGS in office buildings and the Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission's workplace health hazard programs.

If Minister Mike has some additional information about what this position would do with indoor air quality and outdoor air quality, I defer to him to answer that question. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Peterson. Minister Mike.

Hon. Johnny Mike (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I did not say that a facility would be put up. I did not say that in Inuktitut. I only stated that the federal government... For air quality, dust, and dump smoke, if we had an air quality specialist position, then we would be able to set up air quality testing equipment. We could have that available if we had a position. That is what I was trying to say. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I didn't mean to make it sound like I had heard that you were going put a facility up, but I did clearly hear... Maybe it was through the interpreters or English. I don't recall the language that was coming through at the time, but it specifically said that air quality monitoring would be done. I'll quote in here, "...in our facilities and the environment." You may even want to back check the *Hansard*, but I clearly heard that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Hickes for the comment. Mr. Chairman, it's air quality and my understanding is that it's outdoor air quality. As I said, it's the air quality outside. We have other organizations that deal with air quality inside. There's CGS. There's the Workers' Safety and Compensation [Commission]. I don't know. We're getting sidetracked here. To me, my understanding is that it is

outside air quality. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I just want to fully understand. (interpretation ends) Nunavut's environmental liabilities, will it focus on all federal, municipal, and Inuit owned lands within the municipal boundary or is it just focusing on municipal boundaries? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Mikkungwak for his question. Mr. Chairman, my understanding is it within the boundaries of Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you. If we do approve these two, the position and this, will there be future consideration of contaminated land sites out in the wilderness that were federal government responsibilities that have been abandoned? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Mikkungwak for the question. Mr. Chairman, this is exactly the purpose of this initiative, to look at those types outside in Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Peterson. We are on page 8. Environment. Operations and Maintenance. Not Previously Authorized. Total Program Management. \$500,000. Total Department. Not Previously Authorized. \$500,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Page 9. Community and Government Services. Operations and Maintenance. Not Previously Authorized. Total Community Support. - \$20,000. Total Department. Not Previously Authorized. -\$20,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Page 10. Nunavut Arctic College. Operations and Maintenance. Not Previously Authorized. Total Nunavut Arctic College. \$6,000. Total Department. Not Previously Authorized. \$6,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Go to Schedule on page 2. Schedule 1: Operations and Maintenance. Total Operations and Maintenance Appropriation. \$7,329,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Go to Bill 7 in your legislative binder. Bill 7, *Supplementary Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, No.1, 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. Supplementary Amounts Appropriated for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2015. Total Supplementary Appropriation. \$7,329,000. 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 7 as a whole?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Do members agree that pursuant to Rule 62(2) that Bill 7 can immediately be placed on the orders of the day for third reading?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Closing comments, Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Yes, Mr. Chairman, thank you for your time and your committee's time in consideration of Bill 7. I want to assure members that the ministers heard all of your good comments and concerns and will incorporate them into their work plans and business plans going forward.

I believe that these are good initiatives that will benefit Nunavummiut in the coming years. Again thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Peterson. Please proceed with your opening comments, Minister Peterson, on Bill 9.

**Bill 09 – Supplementary
Appropriation (Capital) Act, No.
5, 2013-2014 – Consideration in
Committee**

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am here to present Bill 9, *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 5, 2013-2014*.

Bill 9 is for our capital supplementary appropriation for 2013-14 totalling \$31,890,000 for the Department of Economic Development and Transportation.

This appropriation will increase the capital budget for the Iqaluit International Airport Improvement Project to bring the accounting for the project in line with current financial reporting practices. This is an accounting adjustment and does not increase the overall cost of the airport.

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

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Peterson. Do members have any general comments? I have no names on my list. We will now proceed to the page-by-page review of the departmental estimates starting on page 4. Economic Development and Transportation. Capital. Not Previously Authorized. Total Transportation. \$31,890,000. Total Department. \$31,890,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Go to Schedule on page 2. Capital. Capital Appropriation. \$31,890,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Go to Bill 9 in your legislation binder. Bill 9, *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 5, 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. \$31,890,000. 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 9 as a whole?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Do members agree that pursuant to Rule 62(2) that Bill 9 can immediately be placed on the orders of the day for third reading?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Closing comments, Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to thank you and your committee for your consideration of all the bills this week. It's very much appreciated. You had good questions. I assure you and the committee that the government takes all your issues, concerns, and recommendations and we will consider them carefully. We will deal with them going forward. I will talk to my officials as well.

I would like to thank my ministerial colleagues for being in the House here today on the last day to help answer questions and provide more details.

I would like to thank all the staff across Nunavut in the different departments

that helped prepare all the capital estimates and the supp bills. There's a lot of work, as you can imagine.

I would like to thank my Deputy Minister of Finance, Chris D'Arcy, of course, for being, literally, my right-hand man and Peter Tumilty for being my left-hand man and here to answer questions.

Of course, I want to thank my staff upstairs, Nick Pashkoski and Annie Akoak, for keeping me organized on a daily basis. As you can imagine, it gets pretty busy trying to stay organized. There's so much paper coming at us, it's a tremendous job.

I would like to take this opportunity right now, I know it's a little early, but I wish all Nunavummiut a very merry Christmas over the coming weeks and month. I wish all the MLAs and ministers a very merry Christmas as well. If everyone can remember to help the less fortunate in our communities, I'm sure there are people out there who don't have as much as we have, if we can share our food with them, toys, gifts, and things like that.

I would also like to put in a little plug for Movember. I'm growing a bit of a moustache. It's been six days so far, so it's looking a little dirty right now. It's all for a good cause. It's for cancer research and awareness, whether it's for prostate cancer or mental health.

Cancer is a serious issue in Nunavut. We all know someone who has cancer or fighting cancer or could be dealing with cancer. If you can help support cancer awareness programs in Nunavut over the next month and coming years, it would

be greatly appreciated. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Peterson. Sergeant, please escort the guests.

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

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

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

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 7 and 9 and that Bills 7 and 9 are immediately ready for third reading. Mr. Speaker, I move that the Report of the Committee of the Whole be agreed to. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

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

Item 21: Third Reading of Bills

Bill 07 – Supplementary Appropriation (Operations & Maintenance) Act, No. 1, 2014-2015 – Third Reading

Hon. Keith Peterson: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Iqaluit-Sinaa, that Bill 7, *Supplementary Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, No. 1, 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 7 is ready for assent.

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

Bill 09 – Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 5, 2013-2014 – Third Reading

Hon. Keith Peterson: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Iqaluit-Sinaa, that Bill 9, *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 5, 2013-2014*, be read for the third time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The motion is in order. All those in favour. Opposed. The motion is passed and Bill 9 is ready for assent.

Mr. Clerk, will you please determine if the Commissioner of Nunavut is

prepared to enter the Chambers to give to assent to bills.

Assent to Bills

Commissioner Edna Elias

(interpretation): We will soon be going home to our families.

Members, as Commissioner of Nunavut, I am pleased to give assent to the following bills:

- Bill 4, *Supplementary Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, No. 4, 2013-2014*;
- Bill 5, *Write-off of Assets Act, 2013-2014*;
- Bill 6, *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 2, 2014-2015*;
- Bill 7, *Supplementary Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, No. 1, 2014-2015*;
- Bill 8, *Appropriation (Capital) Act, 2015-2016*;
- Bill 9, *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 5, 2013-2014*; and
- Bill 10, *An Act to Provide for an Assistant Chief Electoral Officer*.

(interpretation ends) Although the change in season means that our days are growing colder and shorter, let us take comfort in knowing that the warmth of the holiday season will soon be upon us.

Before the holiday season, I would ask that we all show our respect for the veterans, recent fallen soldiers, and our Canadian troops overseas by holding off

on decorating for Christmas until after Remembrance Day, November 11, has been marked.

On a personal note, (interpretation) I would like to take this opportunity to thank family, friends, and Nunavummiut for their concerns and prayers over the past year regarding my health.

I am very happy to say that my doctors gave me some encouragement and positive results at my last medical in Ottawa. Between the medications and prayers, (interpretation ends) my lungs are starting to show signs of improvement. That was the best thing I heard. They no longer sound like Velcro being pulled apart with every breath I take.

Thank you so much to everyone for all the well wishes and concerns.

I wish you all a very safe journey as you return to your families and constituencies. (interpretation) Thank you. I wish you all a safe journey as you return to your families and constituents.

Speaker: Item 22. (interpretation) *Orders of the Day*. (interpretation ends) Mr. Clerk.

Item 22: Orders of the Day

Clerk (Mr. Quirke): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. *Orders of the Day* for February 24, 2015:

1. Prayer
2. Ministers' Statements
3. Members' Statements
4. Returns to Oral Questions

5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery
6. Oral Questions
7. Written Questions
8. Returns to Written Questions
9. Replies to Opening Address
10. Petitions
11. Responses to Petitions
12. Reports of Standing and Special Committees on Bills and Other Matters
13. Tabling of Documents
14. Notices of Motions
15. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills
16. Motions
17. First Reading of Bills
18. Second Reading of Bills
19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters
20. Report of the Committee of the Whole
21. Third Reading of Bills
22. Orders of the Day

Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. I would like to thank all the members. Before we adjourn, I would like to take the opportunity to say a few words.

(interpretation ends) I would first like to express my appreciation to all members

for their support over the past few weeks as we have worked to ensure the safety and security of the Legislative Assembly.

I would like to thank our Sergeant-at-Arms, security staff, and the members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police for their dedication.

I also want to thank our pages who have served us over the past week, Nicole Amagoalik, Apphia Kullualik, (interpretation) I apologize if I mispronounced your name, Joe Nowdluk-Moss, and Jasmyn Perkins.

(interpretation ends) As members are aware, our Fifth Youth Parliament will be held later this month and I am very looking forward to seeing a number of my colleagues attend this event.

Please accept my best wishes for a safe journey home and a very joyous holiday season.

This House stands adjourned until Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 1:30 p.m.

(interpretation) Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>*House adjourned at 17:55*

