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Iqaluit, Nunavut
Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Members Present:

Hon. David Akeeagok, Mr. Tony Akoak, Hon. Pat Angnakak, Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak, Hon. Joe Enook, Mr. George Hickes, Hon. David Joanase, Ms. Mila Kamingoak, Mr. Pauloosie Keyootak, Hon. Lorne Kusugak, Mr. Adam Lightstone, Mr. John Main, Mr. Simeon Mikkungwak, Ms. Margaret Nakashuk, Mr. Patterk Netser, Mr. Emiliano Qirngnuq, Hon. Paul Quassa, Mr. Allan Rumbolt, Hon. Joe Savikataaq, Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik, Ms. Cathy Towtongie.

>>*House commenced at 13:32*

Item 1: Opening Prayer

Speaker (Hon. Joe Enook)
(interpretation): Let us pray.

>>*Prayer*

Speaker (interpretation): Premier and ministers, good afternoon. Our fellow Nunavummiut who are listening to the radio broadcast and watching the televised proceedings, welcome to your Legislative Assembly.

Proceeding with the orders of the day.
Item 2. Ministers' Statements. Premier,
(interpretation ends) Premier Quassa.

Item 2: Ministers' Statements

Minister's Statement 024 – 5(1):
Council of the Federation Literacy
Award

Hon. Paul Quassa (interpretation):
Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good day to
Nunavummiut, residents of my

community, and my fellow members.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to tell my fellow members about the 14th annual Council of the Federation Literacy Award.

Mr. Speaker, each year the Council of the Federation celebrates achievement, innovative practice, and excellence in literacy. Established in 2004, this annual award is presented to educators, volunteers, learners, community organizations, non-governmental organizations, and businesses in each province and territory that have undertaken literacy training or made valuable contributions to literacy in their province or territory. Each award recipient receives a certificate signed by the premier of their province or territory, as well as a Council of the Federation Literacy Award medallion.

Mr. Speaker, nominations for the 2018 award are now open and we are looking for passionate Nunavummiut who work hard in their communities to promote literacy, language, and a love of lifelong learning.

Nunavut has already recognized 14 incredible recipients of this award, including outstanding and dedicated educators, publishers, community advocates, and more.

I look forward to reviewing the selection of nominees this year. It fills me with immense pride to know we have so much potential and inspiration within our territory. I encourage my colleagues to please share the nomination forms in their constituencies and help promote this prestigious prize. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements. Minister of Environment, Minister Sheutiapik.

**Minister's Statement 025 – 5(1):
Federal Government Investment
in Marine Training for
Nunavummiut**

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik
(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good day, Nunavummiut, which I haven't said since I was in this legislature.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased that I will be making this statement as it's important and it's obvious that it has an impact on Nunavut.

(interpretation ends) Fellow members, please join me in congratulating the Nunavut Fisheries and Marine Training Consortium on its receipt of \$12.6 million in funding from the Government of Canada. This funding will come from the Oceans Protection Plan which, at \$1.5 billion, is the largest investment ever made to protect Canada's coasts and waterways.

Uqaqtitsijii, the consortium will be provided \$12.6 million over three years to deliver a marine training program in the north. This investment is anticipated to provide training to upwards of 150 people a year over the course of the project in the areas of environmental response and coastal waterway management.

Uqaqtitsijii, I am pleased to see a strong focus on skills training and employment capacity in the fisheries industry for

Nunavummiut. Oceans serve Nunavummiut as a source of livelihood and food security. This investment will provide economic opportunities for the territory while protecting our coasts and waterways for future generations.

My department looks forward to working with the consortium to ensure Nunavummiut receive the skills they need to pursue successful careers in Nunavut's sustainable and prosperous fisheries industry. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements. Minister of Justice, Minister Ehaloak.

**Minister's Statement 026 – 5(1):
Community Justice Committees**

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon and good morning to my constituents of Cambridge Bay.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to talk about the community justice committees that provide important services in all of our Nunavut communities.

The community justice committees are made up of dedicated community members, including youth and elders appointed by the Minister of Justice. The committees oversee local justice and crime prevention activities. Some of these activities include:

- overseeing local restorative justice processes to hold offenders accountable for their actions in meaningful ways and, where

possible, help repair the relationships of offenders and victims harmed by crime. This restorative justice work is guided by *Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit* of community healing and justice;

- providing support for offenders to reintegrate back into the community after they have served terms of incarceration both in territorial and federal correctional facilities; and
- helping to organize and deliver community-specific crime prevention initiatives.

Although justice committee members receive a modest honorarium for attending meetings, they are motivated by a strong desire to help their community by promoting public safety and crime prevention in a culturally appropriate way.

I want to thank all justice committee members for their dedication and hard work. I encourage all Nunavummiut to get involved in supporting their local justice committees in the important work that they do and consider serving as a member. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements. Minister responsible for the Housing Corporation, Minister Kusugak.

**Minister's Statement 027 – 5(1):
Progress on Public Housing
Construction**

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good day to

the people of Rankin Inlet and Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share with my colleagues an update on the progress of new public housing construction across the territory.

Mr. Speaker, in 2016 the federal government announced an investment in housing of \$76.7 million over two years. This funding, combined with GN funding, allowed the housing corporation to commit to building 185 new public housing units in 15 communities across the territory. I am pleased to say that 90 of these units have already been tendered and are being constructed on schedule, and the remaining 95 will all be tendered before the end of the month.

Mr. Speaker, I am also pleased that additional funding from the Government of Nunavut capital budget for 2018-19 will allow the housing corporation to build another 35 public housing units in seven communities across the territory. If approved, these units will be tendered at the same time as the 95 federally funded units.

>>Applause

It will bring the total number of public housing units constructed with 2017-18 and 2018-19 funding to 220 within the territory.

>>Applause

(interpretation ends) Like all new public housing units, the decision of where to build these units was based on the Nunavut Housing Corporation's needs-based allocation methodology. This methodology, developed in 2013,

calculates a community's relative housing need using its public housing wait-list as a proportion of public housing stock in the community.

Mr. Speaker, this system ensures fairness in the allocation of new public housing construction, as it is based on a proportional need rather than community size or politics.

It is no secret that our territory is facing a severe housing crisis that has negative impacts on the well-being of our people. The Nunavut Housing Corporation has been working hard to lobby for increased federal funding so that more units can be constructed to meet the high demand for housing.

Mr. Speaker, with the launch of the federal government's *National Housing Strategy*, the Nunavut Housing Corporation will continue to work to ensure that new federal funding can be implemented in best way possible to improve the housing situation for all Nunavummiut.

I look forward to updating my colleagues when more details about funding under the *National Housing Strategy* are available. (interpretation)
Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements. Minister of Finance, Minister Akeeagok.

Minister's Statement 028 – 5(1): Let's Be Aware Campaign – Ujjiqsuqta

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to

provide an update on Let's Be Aware/Ujjiqsuqta, the Government of Nunavut's campaign to encourage the responsible use of alcohol.

The goal of Let's Be Aware/Ujjiqsuqta is to empower local communities through education and awareness about the responsible use of alcohol through four key priority areas: alcohol education for the general population; education and support for alcohol education committees; education and support for helping professions; and support for youth and young adults.

Mr. Speaker, since the strategy was launched in March of last year, the Let's Be Aware/Ujjiqsuqta team has made presentations in a number of Nunavut communities. In order to reach as many groups as possible, different resources have been created, including posters, fact sheets, pamphlets, training modules, and promotional items.

A comprehensive website not only has useful information on drinking guidelines and health risks of alcohol, but it also has sections providing information to families on how to talk to youth about alcohol and to communities on alcohol use and how it can lead to community harm. The most recent addition to the website is a drink calculator to help people keep track of their alcohol consumption and provide feedback on the risk pattern of their drinking.

Mr. Speaker, in the next fiscal year we will be rolling out a youth strategy, with the objective of sharing information and engaging youth on the responsible use of alcohol. In order to ensure that this strategy is appropriate and fits the

Nunavut context, there have been consultations with youth in our communities.

Mr. Speaker, I invite all my colleagues to promote Let's Be Aware/Ujjiqsuqta in their communities. For more information and participation, I encourage you to visit www.responsiblenunavut.ca, www.ujjiqsuqta.ca, or through the Responsible Nunavut page on Facebook. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

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

Before we proceed, my fellow members, you have noticed that our colleague for Amittuq, Mr. Kaernerk, is not here. It's regretful that he is ill today and can't be here in the House today. Mr. Kaernerk, if you are listening or watching the proceedings, we are missing you and hope that you get well soon.

Proceeding with the orders of the day. Item [3]. Members' Statements. Member for Aivilik, Mr. Netser.

Item 3: Members' Statements

Member's Statement 063 – 5(1): Recognizing Naujaat's 3055 Army Cadets

Mr. Netser (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My statement is quite long, so please stop me when I run out of time.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, (interpretation) I rise today to commemorate Naujaat's program, as they manage one of the top cadet corps,

which has been running for over 20 years, and it behooves us to praise the Naujaat residents as they work really well together.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of the top youth groups in the north, Naujaat's 3055 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps.

Mr. Speaker, 60 Naujaat youth are currently registered with 3055. Even though it is a small community, hundreds of Naujaarmiut have been part of its cadet program and last week many of them gathered to share memories and celebrate their 20th anniversary.

Mr. Speaker, (interpretation) the corps was officially established on February 1, 1998, thanks to the hard work of Alex Stewart, Priscilla Tungilik, Romeo Kopak, and others. Leonie Aissaoui was the first Commanding Officer. Mr. Speaker, Leonie is my son-in-law's grandmother. Devin Aviugana's grandmother was previously a teacher and principal in Naujaat. Jennifer Perry was then the Commanding Officer and now Lloyd Francis, all of whom also worked at Tusarvik School. Last week Mayor Solomon Malliki, one of Naujaat's first cadets, presented the corps with a certificate commemorating its 20 years of community service.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, Naujaat's cadet program is supported by the local Co-op and Northern stores, as well as such entities as the federal government, the territorial government, the Canadian Armed Forces, Kivalliq School Operations division, and the hamlet.

Mr. Speaker, the cadet program allows

youth to participate in marksmanship, biathlon and sports programs as well as develop land skills and take part in citizenship, team building, leadership activities, and community service. For the past three years the Naujaat program... .

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

Speaker (interpretation): The member, Mr. Netser, is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statement. Are there any nays? There are none. Mr. Netser, please proceed.

Mr. Netser (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank you for allowing me to continue.

It has also included an IQ cultural component which includes Naujaat elders. This reflects well on any community when they are working collaboratively.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, only two Inuit have ever completed the Basic Parachutist Course which is offered to 20 cadets from across Canada each year and they were both from the 3055 Naujaat Army Cadet Corps.
(interpretation) Such an accomplishment!

>>Applause

(interpretation ends) Over the years Naujaat cadets have travelled across Canada, to Europe, South America, and the United States. Last spring 26 Naujaat cadets participated in an exchange trip with a group from

Vancouver Island.

Opportunities such as this have provided those involved with the Naujaat Cadet Corps over the years to meet and make friends across this great country and abroad and to make memories that will last a lifetime.

Mr. Speaker, (interpretation) I congratulate the 3055 Naujaat Cadets for their very successful 20 years. Let's be proud of them today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Kugluktuk, Ms. Kamingoak.

Member's Statement 064 – 5(1): HTOs and Caribou Management

Ms. Kamingoak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, colleagues. Good afternoon, Kugluktuk.

Mr. Speaker, managing caribou populations in Nunavut is becoming more complicated each day. The Government of Nunavut, regional wildlife organizations, hunters and trappers organizations, along with a number of other regulatory bodies, all work together to identify the best ways to manage caribou in our territory.

Today I would like to highlight the role of our hunters and trappers organizations. These organizations participate in the co-management of wildlife throughout Nunavut. Representing each community, HTOs ensure that governmental and regulatory bodies make decisions that reflect our

needs. Made up of Inuit from within the community and advised by elders and other local hunters, each HTO maintains first-hand expertise and experience of wildlife in their communities.

Mr. Speaker, elders and hunters in Kugluktuk have approached our HTO with concerns that wolves may be hunting a large amount of caribou in the area around the community. While a number of management plans have been developed for some of the caribou populations in the area, there remains a concern that these management plans do not address the effect that wolves may have on the caribou.

Mr. Speaker, a number of my constituents have made these types of observations while residing in camps outside of Kugluktuk and the territory. If I may, I would like to acknowledge John and Mercie Kaodloak, whose commitment to keeping Inuit traditions alive continue to inform my community on how best to manage the wildlife on the land.

Mr. Speaker, at the appropriate time I will have questions for the appropriate minister. *Koana*, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Pangnirtung, Ms. Nakashuk.

**Member's Statement 065 – 5(1):
Celebrating 30 Years of
Pangnirtung Fisheries, and
Cumberland Sound Fisheries**

Ms. Nakashuk (interpretation): Thank you. Good day, my colleagues. Good

afternoon, people of Pangnirtung.

I am pleased to announce that this year Pangnirtung will be reaching 30 years of the inshore turbot fishery in our area. The inshore fishery will no longer be managed by the federal government, which I was apprised of. It will now be held by (interpretation ends) Pangnirtung Fisheries Ltd. and Cumberland Sound Fisheries. (interpretation) This inshore fishery is now being administered by these two organizations and it is now possible for local people to administer their inshore fishery.

This past winter the turbot fishery has been running successfully. There are 64 licensed fishermen, not counting their assistants or helpers. This fishery supports the Pangnirtung fish plant, which in turn provides invaluable income to our community, and many people are aware of this fact.

The fish plant workers dress and package the harvested turbot, which are exported to overseas markets. There are 30 fish plant workers working at the plant, and as this makes me proud to see, hence my announcement. That is all. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

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

**Member's Statement 066 – 5(1): New
Banking Services in Arviat**

Hon. Joe Savikataaq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This information is for the residents of Arviat in regard to financial services. I know

that this will help Arviarmiut.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce that thanks to our banking partnership with the Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) an agency outlet will open in late May in Arviat, through which elders will be able to access community banking services at Eskimo Point Lumber Supply and Airport Services.

This initiative was made possible through a 2017 request for proposals for government banking services, which included a request to expand and maximize the level of banking services available to the residents of Nunavut, especially in communities where there are no physical bank operations.

Mr. Speaker, there are ongoing discussions with community partners to identify banking opportunities in other hamlets, and I am hopeful that further announcements can be made in the near future. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Aggu, Minister Quassa.

**Member's Statement 067 – 5(1):
Appreciation of Staff at Qikiqtani
General Hospital**

Hon. Paul Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm very pleased to rise this afternoon. Ever since daylight saving time, we get confused.

First of all, I would like to thank the people who work at the Qikiqtani General Hospital after my stay there.

The doctors and nurses help a lot with patients, and I know that we are aware of that, but I just want to acknowledge and thank them. I was very proud during my stay there. Some of the health professionals and doctors now speak the Inuktitut language.

During the Nunavut land claims negotiations it was one of our dreams to be serviced in our Inuktitut language in hospitals and health centres, not just in those facilities but everywhere.

I was very pleased to be receiving Inuktitut-speaking health professionals who took care of me, and I appreciate and thank them. We would like to see that occurring, not just in Iqaluit but also in the smaller communities, to have that kind of service in Inuktitut. I'm sure we can get health professionals who can speak Inuktitut.

I'm urging the public out there, especially young people, to stay in school and please become health professionals like doctors so that the Inuit who speak their mother tongue can be provided services in their language.

I just wanted to state my appreciation from Friday to Monday during my stay at the hospital here in Iqaluit. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

**Member's Statement 068 – 5(1):
Arviat's Participants at Ground
Search Coordinator Course**

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm very pleased to have the Premier back in the Chamber today.

I would like to congratulate the search and rescue team in Arviat because they provide a very good, valid service. They search for hunters who are lost out on the land. I am very proud of them and I'm very pleased that they held a workshop in Arviat from February 20 to March 1. This workshop was preparing participants for search and rescue coordination, in English (interpretation ends) ground search and rescue coordinator course. (interpretation) We heard that this course was quite successful based on the information I was provided.

I would like to congratulate these individuals who took part in the course: Miki Paliksalik, Peter Nutarasungnik, Mike Curley, Kelly Owlijoot, Lizzie Alareak, Tony Jr. Atatsiak, Suzanne Alareak, Louis Jr. Irkok, Mark Nanauq, Donovan Katsuak, Alvin Illungiyok, and David Kalaq. These individuals are the search and rescue team that is very supportive and helping the community.

I would also like to thank the Municipal Training Organization for the course they provided in Arviat by working with the hamlet council. I would like to congratulate them for taking the course. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Proceeding with

the orders of the day. Item 4. Returns to Oral Questions. There being none. Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Aivilik, Mr. Netser.

**Item 5: Recognition of Visitors in the
Gallery**

Mr. Netser (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to welcome a fellow Coral Harbour resident, who is a young person, Charlie Shapangak.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, (interpretation) when Inuit become orphaned, they tend to choose a person as the adult decision-maker, which is a cultural tradition, even if that person isn't the oldest sibling. This young man provides leadership to his family, even at his tender age.

This is also the first time he has travelled to Iqaluit. He said those mountains are the first ones he has ever seen and he is very proud of the scenery around Iqaluit based on his initial assessment. I would like everyone to welcome Charlie Shapangak.

>>Applause

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, (interpretation) I would also like to welcome this individual in English. (interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I would like to welcome to this House the one who preps my steps, gives pride to my stride, and makes my liver quiver, please welcome to the House my wife of 38 years, Ms. Netser.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Welcome to the gallery. Recognition of

Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Cambridge Bay, Ms. Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: *Koana*, Mr. Speaker. Today I would like to recognize a constituent of mine who has been a dear friend and a huge supporter all the way from Cambridge Bay, Clara Hokayak Evalik. Please welcome her to Iqaluit. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Welcome. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Gjoa Haven, Mr. Akoak.

Mr. Akoak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon, colleagues.

Yesterday, if I may make a correction for Hon. Pat Angnakak, she recognized some people from the elders' council, either by mistake. She did not mention one person who was there and he's sitting right behind you, the translator behind the window, Mr. Attima Hadlari. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Laughter*

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Welcome to the gallery. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. I don't think there are any more. Let's proceed. Item 6. Oral Questions. Member for Arviat North-Whale Cove, Mr. Main.

Item 6: Oral Questions

Question 065 – 5(1): Health of Caribou Populations

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question today is for the Minister of Environment.

(interpretation ends) Yesterday in the House, the minister stated, "I can say I understand that the herd in the Kivalliq is healthy." This was with regard to the Beverly and Qamanirjuaq caribou herds. I would like to follow up on that statement and ask the minister: how does the minister know that the herd is healthy and what information is that judgment based on? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik

(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thought I had responded to the question yesterday, as I spoke about using the (interpretation ends) total survey (interpretation) results and the harvesting data from the hunters and trappers organizations, as they are part of the co-management system. I was able to respond to that question using the co-management process. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Main: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess I'll follow up to that response and ask the minister what the current trend is with the Beverly and Qamanirjuaq herds. As we all know, snapshots are useful, but trends are even more interesting. In terms of the trend of that herd and in terms of the population numbers, if she could share her most current information, it would be appreciated,

Mr. Speaker. (interpretation) Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik

(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) As of 2014, population estimates, of course we know, had declined to 265,000, a decline of 24 percent. Since June of 2008 abundance estimates were 4 percent annually declining as an average. Over winter calf survival studies also undertaken in April of 2015 and 2016 indicate that the herd is continuing to decline in this trend. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Main: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for the additional information. Yesterday the minister also mentioned that the Beverly and Qamanirjuaq Caribou Management Board is an important organization. Sorry, I should quote you properly in the House. “My department will continue to work with the Beverly and Qamanirjuaq Caribou Management Board and our co-management partners to determine if management actions are necessary.”

Now, one of the issues that the caribou management board is concerned about is cumulative effects. Just briefly to summarize a very good summary from the latest caribou news in brief issued by the caribou management board written by a grade 10 student from Arviat, “Cumulative effects refers to many different things that individually would only cause small negative effects, but when combined would cause much

larger negative effects.”

My final question is: does the environment minister agree with the caribou management board that more information is needed to better understand how cumulative effects and the different factors are affecting caribou, particularly with regard to this herd? Does the minister agree with the caribou management board that cumulative effects need to be understood better? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik

(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) That’s a mouthful, cumulative. (interpretation) What I can say at this time is that during the surveys planned for 2018-19, different organizations are identified as being (interpretation ends) co-management (interpretation) partners, including obviously the (interpretation ends) hunters and trappers, Environment, and wildlife boards. Through that process of collaboration, I would imagine that that discussion would take place. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 066 – 5(1): Support for Businesses

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

Mr. Speaker, the Department of Economic Development and Transportation administers a number of sources of funding to help Nunavummiut start and run new businesses.

(interpretation ends) These include the Small Business Opportunities Fund, the Entrepreneur Development Fund, the Sustainable Livelihood Fund, the Nunavut Business Investment Fund, and the Nunavut Economic Foundations Fund.

(interpretation) Mr. Speaker, the Department of Culture and Heritage has recently been holding public information sessions in a number of Kivalliq communities to explain what support is available to Nunavummiut from that department. I think that it would be an excellent idea for the Department of Economic Development and Transportation to also hold similar public information sessions about its business support programs.

Will the minister commit to having her department hold a public information session in Baker Lake within the next six months? Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik

(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That's a very excellent question. At this time I can't respond if we can have public information sessions within the next six months. However, it's very important and I do agree that there should be a public information session, but I can't tell you whether that's going to happen within the next

six months. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I believe that it would also be an excellent idea for both the Nunavut Development Corporation and the Nunavut Business Credit Corporation to hold similar public information sessions in the community of Baker Lake to explain what support they can provide to businesses in the way of loans and equity investments. Will the minister commit to asking the two corporations to do this? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik

(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will look into it because I don't know exactly what those two corporations do on a daily basis. I will get that information and get back to the member. 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 for agreeing to have a meeting with the two corporations.

Mr. Speaker, the Department of Economic Development and Transportation's *Strategic Investments Program Policy* was recently updated and will not expire until March of 2021,

three years from now. However, the department's *Small Business Support Program Policy* expired on March 31, 2011.

Can the minister indicate what her department's timetable is for updating its *Small Business Support Program Policy*? Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik

(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't know why it hasn't been updated. (interpretation ends) Maybe it's an oversight on why it's not updated on our website. (interpretation) I'm sure it needs an update, but you will see a change on the website tomorrow. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 067 – 5(1): Nunavut Liquor Commission

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions are for the Minister of Finance.

As the minister will recall, the Iqaluit Beer and Wine Store opened on September 6, 2017, a little over six months ago. The opening of this store followed the release in October of 2016 of the government's strategy to "reduce alcohol-related harm in Nunavut."

Mr. Speaker, this strategy indicates, "A closely-monitored pilot beer and wine store in Iqaluit will enable government

to determine impacts on the community (positive and negative) of providing liberalized access to lower alcohol content liquor, and encourage sound decision-making about the effectiveness of this approach in reducing the harms related to alcohol use for Nunavummiut."

Mr. Speaker, one of the main reasons for opening the store was to reduce bootlegging. Can the minister indicate what feedback he has received from the RCMP about this issue? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank you for asking a very good question. At this time we usually receive a monthly report of activities from the RCMP. This is how the reporting is set up on a monthly basis. However, once the calendar year has passed, we will commence a comprehensive review of the impacts due to the opening of the store. That is part of our planned activities. Nonetheless, we do get monthly activity reports from the RCMP. That is how our current reporting system is set up. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for that response and I look forward to seeing that report in another six months' time. I would also like to thank the minister about his opening comments on the

“Let’s Be Aware” campaign that sort of ties into my next question.

Section 59.1 of the *Liquor Act* provides that “Sums in the Liquor Revolving Fund may be used for expenses related to education campaigns promoting the socially responsible use of liquor...”

I was pleased to note that in the 2016-17 annual report of the Nunavut Liquor Commission where they indicated that it spent over \$574,000 on social responsibility initiatives in the 2016-17 fiscal year, which was a significant increase over the \$185,000 that was spent in the prior year, 2015-16.

Now, can the minister give us a sense today of what impact revenues from sales at the beer and wine store are having on the government’s social responsibility expenditures? Since the release of the 2016-17 annual report, the beer and wine store has increased the liquor commission’s revenues considerably. I’m hoping that the social responsibility education expenditures have also increased. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As we are still within this fiscal year when the Iqaluit Beer and Wine Store opened, I don’t have the exact amount on the revenues. What we are finding out is that there are increases in revenue coming from the general public, but there are other establishments that are not seeing the revenue or we’re not getting the volume of orders coming from our establishments. These are the very products that we need and what’s

being sold and who is buying them.

We are still in the middle of our fiscal year and until we are done, given the opportunity of at least one year to go through this three-year pilot project of determining where these revenues are coming from, and if there are increased revenues, then we will be reporting on them, if there are towards the social [responsibility]. I believe the Fourth Assembly had committed to spend \$500,000 towards social [responsibility], towards this. Our government still remains committed towards that. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for the response. On March 11, 2010, just over eight years ago, a motion was passed during the Third Legislative Assembly calling on the Nunavut Liquor Commission to impose a moratorium on the purchase of alcohol products from the European Union. The government respected this motion and the Nunavut Liquor Commission stopped buying alcohol products from the European Union.

Mr. Speaker, the terms of the motion provided that the moratorium should stay in place until such time as the “issue of the seal product ban is resolved to Nunavut’s satisfaction.”

Mr. Speaker, a lot has happened over the past eight years. Can the minister tell us today the new government’s position on this issue? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There is still a seal product ban in the European Union, and we still have a moratorium on the purchase of alcohol products from the European Union. It has not been resolved yet, they still have a seal product ban, and it's still in place. As long as there's a seal product ban, the alcohol moratorium will remain in place, which I don't have a problem with. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 068 – 5(1): Curriculum Development in Nunavut

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to go back to my line of questioning with the Minister of Education from yesterday.

Mr. Speaker, when I look at the OAG's report on education from 2013, item 47 speaks to "A curriculum is a set of subjects that make up a course of study in a school. To deliver the curriculum in schools, educators require teaching resources, such as handbooks and manuals, to guide their instruction." Mr. Speaker, "In Nunavut, teachers need bilingual resources to teach the curriculum in Inuktitut or Inuinnaqtun."

In my question yesterday and the final one, I'm just looking for some further detail on the question where I ask: what grade levels are complete and can the minister confirm the status of the Inuit language curriculum team, how many

people are staffed in it, and is it a fully functioning unit? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. David Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank Mr. Hickes for his question. I looked at this further yesterday, and the Inuktitut language arts starting from kindergarten up to grade 6 has been completed. The other levels and curricula will have to be reviewed to make sure that they're all up to date, that they're using the Inuktitut language, and that they're available in the schools. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess it's my supplementary question, but it's still the same question. Can the minister confirm the status of the Inuit language curriculum team, how many people are staffed in it, and is it a fully functioning unit? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Joanasie.

Hon. David Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for the repeated question, Mr. Hickes. I'm going to have to get back to him on that. I don't have the specific information in front of me, so I would like to get back to him on that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess I'll leave that until I get the information and I'm sure I'll follow up.

I would like to take this moment to follow up with recommendation 45 where it speaks to the Department of Education needs to "identify areas in which training is needed for language specialists and individuals hired under letters of authority to fill teaching positions."

In the department's response, it states... . I'm losing one of my supplementary questions in here, so I'll jump to the point, Mr. Speaker. "The Department will work with Nunavut Arctic College to revitalize the Language and Culture Instructor Diploma program to deliver basic instructional programs to language specialists and potential Inuit language instructors. This review will include collaboration with the Nunavut Teacher's Association to determine how to credit prior learning, and to link the program with teacher education courses."

Mr. Speaker, I just spent some time this morning and this afternoon going through Nunavut Arctic College's website and I cannot find any indication of the Language and Culture Instructor Diploma program. I was wondering if the Minister of Education has had discussions with the Minister of Nunavut Arctic College on how this program will be revitalized, as this was from 2013. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Joanasie.

Hon. David Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Mr. Hickes, for that

question. It's becoming quite evident that there's a great need for and the Auditor General's report highlighted this about the need for more Inuktitut teachers if we're aiming for a bilingual education system. There's a great need for this and this is a high priority focus for the Department of Education and Nunavut Arctic College. We're going to have to work very closely together in order to meet that big gap that exists today. I'm hoping that we're going to make some very incremental progress within this term.

As for the specific question that he asked regarding the teacher training program, we're looking at options, whether it's on-the-job training or different avenues that we can pursue, in addition to the Nunavut Teacher Education Program. That's just one area that we can continue to produce more Inuktitut teachers, but we want to look at what else is out there. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Netsilik, Mr. Qirngnuq.

Question 069 – 5(1): Homelessness

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good day, my colleagues and the people of Kugaaruk and Taloyoak. Let's have a great day.

Mr. Speaker, my questions today are for the Minister responsible for Homelessness, (interpretation ends) the hon. minister (interpretation) and member for Arviat.

Yesterday my colleague from Gjoa Haven asked a number of questions concerning the issue of homelessness. I

want to follow up today on these important issues.

My first question to the minister is very basic: how many homeless people are there in Nunavut? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister responsible for Homelessness, Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. With respect to the number of homeless people in Nunavut, I cannot respond to it because they have different circumstances. Some homeless live in shacks. We hear in Iqaluit that some homeless people sleep in old boats. Some of them go from home to home or live with friends. I can't tell you the exact number, but once our survey is done, we will have an idea of how many homeless people there are and the number of hidden homeless at that time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yesterday the minister informed the Legislative Assembly that his department is conducting homelessness surveys in Pond Inlet, Gjoa Haven, Arviat, and Clyde River. Will the minister consider conducting similar surveys in Kugaaruk and Taloyoak? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I can say right now that four communities will be

surveyed and the last one should be done in the middle of May. We requested funding from the federal government and they were funded by that. Once that survey is done, we will know whether we should apply for more funding. If the survey goes well and we get the exact information we are looking for, we will try to conduct it in other communities. The people will conduct the survey when they're capable of doing the work. Staff from the Department of Family Services is doing that work. We will be looking at whether we can conduct the survey in other communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank the minister for his response. I'll ask my last question in English.

(interpretation ends) The Legislative Assembly spent many hours yesterday asking questions to the Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation about housing issues, including the need for units in our communities. I have another very basic question for the Minister responsible for Homelessness: how does his role differ from that of the Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I see our role as to do the research, to find out the numbers, and to come up with a workable solution, and

then we work with the housing corporation because they're in charge of building houses and we don't have that mandate. We will work with the Nunavut Housing Corporation to come up with solutions to a problem that exists, but I see our role as a researcher, a facilitator, and to get different organizations and different levels of government to come up with a solution for homelessness. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 070 – 5(1): Need for Elders Facilities in Nunavut

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

It is no secret that Nunavut is facing a growing need for long-term care facilities where our elders can be safely and comfortably taken care of. The community of Naujaat is no exception with its aging population and concern for their future well-being.

Mr. Speaker, I note that NTI came forward with an offer of \$5 million towards the establishment of a heritage centre for Nunavut. As an NTI beneficiary, I want to see the funds from my birthright corporation being used where they are most needed.

Can the minister tell this House whether NTI has ever approached her office with an offer to help fund the establishment of a new elder care facility in Nunavut, particularly in Naujaat? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Health, Minister Arnaquq...Minister Angnakak.

>> *Laughter*

Hon. Pat Angnakak (interpretation): Angnakak, yes, that's alright. Thank you for the question. I can tell you no, I haven't heard any information like that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Netser (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank the minister for the response. Perhaps the priorities are for artefacts over our elders. Has the Department of Health not had discussions with NTI to see if they have any funding for an elder care facility? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Angnakak.

Hon. Pat Angnakak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We haven't written a letter. We're working on it and we're still planning. We can do that if we want to, but right now we don't have all the information. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Netser (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank the minister for that response. In the coming years, we will probably see such a facility because we have to care for our elders. If they were going to build such a facility, will the government request for assistance from NTI? They offered \$5

million. Can the minister ask such a question? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Angnakak.

Hon. Pat Angnakak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, we will be working on this. Once we have an idea of how we will approach it, we will ask them for assistance if we need to. We might get all sorts of funding. We don't have that information right now. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Rankin Inlet North-Chesterfield Inlet, Ms. Towtongie.

Question 071 – 5(1): Reducing the Waste of Harvest Meat

Ms. Towtongie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions are for the Minister of Environment, the Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik.

As you are aware, Mr. Speaker, our Inuit ancestors placed great emphasis on meat as they depended on it. We have heard that the Beverly and Qamanirjuaq caribou herds are still healthy. Nonetheless, hunters and sometimes, even as a woman, I like to hunt and I wish to speak to my personal observations.

I have seen caribou carcasses where only the tongue was removed, which were not even butchered, and abandoned. I have seen caribou where only the rump was sliced off to determine if it had back fat and it was abandoned. The whole caribou was abandoned. That happened more than once, as we found seven

abandoned caribou carcasses.

Furthermore, I have also seen caribou parts such as the rump, head, and skins thrown out at the dump, with the meat purposefully discarded. Just recently the Beverly and Qamanirjuaq caribou were harvested to sell for about \$550 per caribou and sometimes the Inuit who purchased the caribou don't get the meat.

I have seen aircraft near Baker Lake (interpretation ends) at Twin Lakes (interpretation) loaded up with caribou carcasses. I have witnessed this. I have seen (interpretation ends) semi-trucks, (interpretation) huge trucks from outside of Nunavut near the forested areas which were being packed full of caribou. These caribou were all from the Beverly and Qamanirjuaq herds in these modern times, not in the past but rather recently. If you were to go to the dump, you would find examples of what I am iterating here.

However, I am concerned with the increasing number of wasted caribou meat that is being found by hunters and campers across Nunavut. Can the minister indicate what her department is doing to monitor the amount of caribou meat that is being abandoned and wasted in our territory? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That's really unfortunate, but I haven't been informed of that. Anyone who sees people who don't respect the

caribou needs to call the conservation officers. If the information doesn't get to us, then we can't do anything about it. I would like to remind the people of Nunavut that they need to inform us through the conservation officers. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Towtongie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I have notified the conservation officers. I have taken photos of caribou and other people have done that.

(interpretation ends) Can the minister indicate what efforts her department plans to take during the 2018-19 fiscal year to inform the public on how to reduce the amount of meat that is wasted during a hunt? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will certainly be asking my department about the pictures. I have not been briefed of any misuse of caribou, but I certainly will be asking for a briefing and then strategize on what steps to try to prevent that.
(interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Towtongie: *Qujannamiik*, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation) Whenever our elders would cross the rivers, they had to follow certain rules. You will not harvest the animals from the first herd, which we

call *amirrait* (caribou herd during migration). We have seen people hunt them now.

As the minister may be aware, section 76 of the *Wildlife Act* prohibits anyone from wasting, destroying, or abandoning harvest meat. If someone breaks this law, they may be subject to a penalty under section 221 of the legislation, resulting in fines or imprisonment or both.

Can the minister indicate how her department enforces section 76 of the *Wildlife Act*? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Savikataaq.

>> *Laughter*

Minister Sheutiapik. My apologies.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is very important, obviously. I can say right now as the minister, if people break the law, I would want that to be looked at to see what can be done to those people who break the law. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. I'm a bit embarrassed. My apologies.

>> *Laughter*

Oral Questions. Member for Kugluktuk, Ms. Kamingoak.

Question 072 – 5(1): The Effect of Predation on Nunavut's Caribou

Ms. Kamingoak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions are for the

Minister of Environment.

Can the minister tell me what her department is doing to measure the effect that wolves and other predators have on caribou populations in our territory? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for asking that question. I can state now that it's being studied near Kugluktuk for the next three years. The HTO is involved. We're thinking that it would be good to have the hunters and trappers do the monitoring on the third year. (interpretation ends) Our hope is that the hunters and trappers will manage the study on their own next year. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Kamingoak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. She answered part of my first question, so I'll move on.

In its most recent annual report, the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board indicates that it piloted a community-based monitoring network in a number of communities during the 2014-15 fiscal year. These networks help to compile information that is needed to address concerns affecting wildlife management, conservation, and Inuit harvesting rights.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that Kugluktuk

would benefit greatly from such a program, which acknowledges the expertise of local knowledge. Will the minister commit to looking into the possibility of establishing a community-based monitoring network in Kugluktuk? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I agree to that. I will get my department to look into the possibility of establishing the monitoring network. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Your final supplementary, Ms. Kamingoak. My apologies. Please indicate if you don't have any more questions. Oral Questions. Member for Pangnirtung, Ms. Nakashuk.

Question 073 – 5(1): Education Positions in Pangnirtung

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

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, statistical updates on the public service of the Government of Nunavut are published on a regular, quarterly basis. Over the past few years it is quite clear that the number of Department of Education positions based in the community of Pangnirtung have decreased while the number of positions based in Iqaluit has increased by the same number.

(interpretation) Can the minister explain why the Department of Education is reducing its positions in Pangnirtung and increasing them in Iqaluit? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. David Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank Ms. Nakashuk for her question. I can't really respond to the question, but I can say that if Nunavut government jobs are going to be taken out of a decentralized community, then they try to replace the positions with other positions so that the number of GN employees will not go down in that community.

I can say that the Department of Education counts the number of students there are every year and that is reviewed every year. If the number of students is increasing, then we can say that we need to increase the number of staff in a certain community. That's what I can say. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Nakashuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) The Government of Nunavut publishes the "Towards a Representative Public Service" on a quarterly basis. Published statistics from December 2012 showed 70 education positions in Pangnirtung and 251 education positions in Iqaluit. As of December 2017, the latest statistics show 61.25 education positions in Pangnirtung and 258 education positions in Iqaluit. It is clear that eight

positions have been relocated. Can the minister clarify what positions have been relocated? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Joanasie.

Hon. David Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I can't say which positions have been moved right off the bat, but I can say that we had to do some revising in the past two or three years of our department's divisions. That may be the reason why, but I can check into it and get back to Ms. Nakashuk. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Nakashuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) The Government of Nunavut committed to the policy of decentralization in order to provide greater employment opportunities for Nunavummiut in our smaller communities. As the elected representative of a decentralized community, I am very concerned by the possibility that jobs have been removed from my community.

Will the minister commit to respecting the principle of decentralization and ensuring that employment positions in the Department of Education that were based in Pangnirtung remain in the community of Pangnirtung?
(interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Joanasie.

Hon. David Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I stated

earlier, as a government, if a position is being moved from a decentralized community, we try to replace it with another position. We have been trying to fill the positions in the decentralized communities. EIA is part of the decision-making process, so I will work with them to make sure that that continues. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Gjoa Haven, Mr. Akoak.

Question 074 – 5(1): Assessing Mental Health Needs

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

Mr. Speaker, as the minister is well aware, the community of Gjoa Haven has suffered through a number of difficult and traumatic incidents in the recent past.

Mr. Speaker, can the minister tell this House what steps her department takes to assess the extent of mental health issues and needs in communities which have suffered recent crisis or trauma? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

>> *Laughter*

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for his question. I can say that we're always trying to help communities as best as we can. We have different avenues that we go through. The department is working to ensure that mental health coverage is

provided to all communities. We have a registered psychiatrist nurse or we have a mental health nurse, and we're working to develop local mental health and addictions teams as well.

Furthermore, the department is currently undergoing a needs assessment and options development process to try to see how we can best address addictions and trauma in the communities. What's the best way? It's our growing focus. We want to look at in-territory treatment. We're working with stakeholders like NTI, we have a joint working group that is looking at this very issue, and we have done consultation work with communities. I could say that communities have been involved.

I think mental health very much on our mind. We want to make sure that everybody has the services that they require. We're working by having positions placed in every community that can address mental health. We're working to support local people so that they could also build their mental health teams. We also have regional mental health facilities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Akoak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When it comes to infectious diseases of the body like tuberculosis or influenza, our health professionals scramble to contain the spread of the disease. If we consider poor mental health as an infectious disease of the soul, we must also ensure that appropriate measures are taken to contain it as soon as possible.

Mr. Speaker, can the minister clarify

how her department addresses critical mental health needs in communities which are suffering from crisis? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Angnakak.

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I hear the member. I recognize that mental health is a real need across Nunavut. It might look like we're not doing anything, but I can assure you that there are staff that are working very hard.

We are going in new directions than we have been before. We're working hard with NTI. We're working hard with the communities. We have systems in place that if somebody is in critical mental health need right now, we have nurses that can address that. We have facilities. We have telehealth. We can access psychiatric services through our telehealth right from your health centre. There are ways and furthermore, we're looking at other ways. In what other ways we can service people? We're working with our partners in trying to determine that.

We had a lot of press on the Qikiqtarjuaq TB clinic that we have, but we are working and we do take it very seriously. I think that if you have specific things from your community that you think needs addressing right now that have not been addressed, you should raise it with me and I will make sure that your community is looked at. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Akoak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for the answer from the minister. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate that there are a number of mental health related initiatives such as the Quality of Life Secretariat, the Ilisaqsivik Society in Clyde River, and the mental health facility in Cambridge Bay.

Mr. Speaker, they should be considered as Kitikmeot west and Kitikmeot east. The three communities like Taloyoak, Kugaaruk, and Gjoa Haven could be considered as Kitikmeot east. It's a big area.

Mr. Speaker, will the minister commit to ensuring that specialized mental health services are provided to the community of Gjoa Haven as soon as possible? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Angnakak.

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Just trying to look at my notes here for... . Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Excuse me. Thank you for raising that too. I know that we do have support groups. You mentioned Ilisaqsivik, but in the Kitikmeot we actually have a support group as well; Pulaarvik Friendship Centre and there is that Pirurvik Centre. I can't read it. I don't know if they're from Gjoa Haven, but there is somebody, I think, maybe out of Cambridge Bay.

I think we are open for you to come forward and say what it is that you need and we have staff that can work with your community because that is what we do. We have that process in place where if there is a community need, we have a means of addressing some either through the Quality of Life or through our nurses

or whatever other means. We could build up capacity at the community level as well; the traditional kind of trauma counselling. There are ways that we can help you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 075 – 5(1): Installation of LED Street Lights

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today my questions are for the Minister responsible for the Qulliq Energy Corporation.

Mr. Speaker, the Qulliq Energy Corporation's current corporate plan was tabled in the Legislative Assembly on September 18, 2017. One of the QEC's priorities for the 2017-18 fiscal year has been to "Install LED streetlights in Cambridge Bay, Rankin Inlet, Iqaluit and Kugluktuk."

Mr. Speaker, the QEC's 2016-17 annual report indicates that it received funding from the federal government's Northern REACHE program to expand the number of communities in which LED street lights will be installed.

Mr. Speaker, LED street lights are intended to improve energy efficiency, which in turn reduces the cost to our government and benefits the environment.

Can the minister indicate when the QEC will be installing LED street lights in smaller communities? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you.

Minister responsible for the Qulliq Energy Corporation, Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I would like to thank my colleague for the question. He is right. The QEC actively seeks to improve energy efficiency, incorporate industry best practices and current technologies across Nunavut.

I'm happy to say that the LED lighting, the communities which have been completed are: Kugluktuk, 100 percent; Cambridge Bay, 100 percent; Iqaluit, 60 percent; and Rankin Inlet, 30 percent.

At this time I cannot give you detail on which small communities will be the next communities to receive LED lighting. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wonder if the minister can indicate if the QEC has or will be applying for additional federal funding to install LED street lights in other communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do not have that information at this time, but I can get back to the member. They did try it in Grise Fiord and Kugaaruk. However, the plan was revised to replace the street lights in four other communities ultimately selected due to procurement and shipping timelines, logistics, and funding constraints. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We all know that the cost of installing LED street lights across the territory can be an expensive undertaking. Can the minister tell us approximately how much has been spent to date in installing LED street lights throughout the territory? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Of the communities that have received street lights, the QEC has spent \$932,999 that has been cost shared with INAC and the QEC. The share is 56 percent by INAC and 44 percent by the QEC. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members, please note that... Mr. Mikkungwak.

Motion 012 – 5(1): Extension of Question Period

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to Rule 39(7), I move, seconded by the Member for Hudson Bay, that question period be extended. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. There is a motion on the floor and the motion is not debatable. All those in favour of the motion, please raise your hand. All those opposed. Abstentions. Thank you. The motion is carried. With that, question period is extended for another 30 minutes.

Oral Questions. Member for Baker Lake, Mr. Mikkungwak.

Question 076 – 5(1): Youth Initiatives

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. My questions are for the Minister of Culture and Heritage.

Mr. Speaker, the Department of Culture and Heritage's most recent business plan indicates that its "Elders and Youth Administration provides overall direction and planning for the various...youth programs and services that are delivered by the department."

Can the minister tell us: what specific youth programs and services does his department deliver, if any? Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Culture and Heritage, Minister Joanasie.

Hon. David Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank Mr. Mikkungwak for his question. The Elders and Youth Administration is provided by our department, especially through funding that can be accessed by request by any community, either for a starter for a youth council or for youth activities. This funding is provided either through grants or contributions. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. The Department of Culture and Heritage's

most recent main estimates included \$100,000 for youth and elders' committees across the territory for the 2017-18 fiscal year.

As the minister is aware, not all communities have established or maintained a youth committee. Municipalities may require assistance with the establishment and administration of these committees. Can the minister describe how his department would help a municipality through the process of establishing a youth committee? Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Joanasie.

Hon. David Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank the member for his question. In some of the municipalities, if there are no youth committees, they will have to do their own start-up, but we do have an office in Igloolik that can support or help the communities set up a youth committee. The young people will have to take the initiative and then we would give them support so that the youth committee can get established. I do urge any community that does not have a youth committee to apply and to start up their committee. 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 for his response. I recognize that the department provides grants, as the minister indicated, to youth communities upon application.

However, there are a number of other federal programs and foundation funding pots that youth can access to deliver initiatives in their communities. For example, the National Bank of Canada distributed grants to 175 youth initiatives across the country this past year.

While many of our territory's youth committees may be eligible to receive this type of funding, some of these youth committees may not have the resources to find and apply for these programs on their own. Will the minister commit to exploring ways in which his department's Elders and Youth Division could proactively help Nunavut's youth to access more pots of funding from across the country? Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Joanasie.

Hon. David Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank the Member for Baker Lake for his questions. Yes, there are different pots of money that are available either from our government or the federal government. There other entities like the Inuit organizations that have funds aimed for youth activities, such as incentives for start-up projects. We also have start-up funds that we have made available to interested members of the communities and we would be happy to hear from them.

We do want to see applications and we want to hear from the communities that would take the initiative to start a committee. We already give the support. There are different pots of funding that might not be available from this government, but they are available from

other sources, either at the federal level or the Inuit organizations. When I was a regular member, I tried to make sure that I give support not only to the youth committees but also other initiatives that are started at the community level. We would like them to access those funds. It's just something to think about.

I would like to urge the communities to talk with their GLOs and to access funds, whether it's for the youth or the elders. There are other funds that are available from other departments as well. There are quite a lot of resources that are available. I can talk about it for a long time, but I'll leave it at that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Arviat North-Whale Cove, Mr. Main.

Question 077 – 5(1): Fuel Tax Rebate Program

Mr. Main: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question today is to the Minister of Finance.

I'll refer to the recent public service announcement from the department regarding the Fuel Tax Rebate Program. Harvesters are eligible to apply for a rebate from the Department of Finance.

My first question to the minister is: does he feel this program is effective in supporting harvesters in particular, Mr. Speaker? Thank you.

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

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank

him for that question. Yes, these tax rebates are available to the harvesters and they can provide a lot of support if they are accessed. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think we all believe that we have to support our hunters as a government because they feed the community as a whole.

However, looking at the government documents, (interpretation ends) I'll refer to the *Fuel Tax Rebate Program Summary Report* for 2014-15 and 2015-16. This was tabled in the House on March 14 of 2017. Based on this document, it doesn't appear that this program was particularly effective for the harvesters in Nunavut. 0.19 percent, not even half a percent, of this money goes to our harvesters.

I'll try not to laugh about this. I'll refer to the statistics in here for my two communities, Arviat and Whale Cove. Since 2006, since this program was started, in Arviat there was one application that was processed for a harvester for \$21. In Whale Cove it's slightly better. There was one application processed for \$32, to say nothing of the windfall in Resolute Bay where three applications have been processed since 2006 for a total of \$35.

Will the minister commit to changing this program so as to make it more effective for our harvesters or scrapping it altogether and finding ways to support our harvesters that work for them, Mr. Speaker? Thank you.

An Hon. Member: Good question.

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

Hon. David Akeegok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) This program is based on the number of litres that are bought by harvesters and this program has three levels that are being used. When you look at the volumes, the harvesters use very small amounts.

For your question, yes, definitely, I will commit to look into this, whether it's effective and whether we can communicate it more. It's one that I want to provide to the harvesters. This is one small component that our government provides to harvesters. There are different harvester programs that we provide. This is one component and it's timely as the new government that we look at this, and I applaud your questioning. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Main: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for his response. In terms of looking into whether this is effective, I'll refer to the summary report again. It says in here, "The GN has worked to increase uptake in a few ways, including simplifying forms..." It also states in this report, "It is likely that the costs of delivering the program (processing applications, issuing cheques, recording transactions, marketing the program, etc.) outweigh the value of the program to this sector."

It appears that the conclusion has already

been drawn by the Department of Finance. I'll ask the minister again: will he commit to finding more effective ways to support our harvesters? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. I would like to remind everyone that we want to ask questions and we do want to get responses, but please remember that you have to use the interpreters and to slow down a bit so that we can get proper translations across. Mr. Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Laughter*

I thought I responded to your question. Yes, we will look at the matter. As a new government, it is perfect timing to do a review of this program. I thought that's how I responded to your question. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 078 – 5(1): Developing a Nunavut Patient Engagement Council

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

I was recently going over a document that I'm sure she read with much interest, the Ottawa Hospital's *Stronger Voices, Better Care: Serving the People of Nunavut*. As almost 3,000 visits from Nunavut cross the door of the Ottawa Hospital, I commend them for taking the

time to actually look at customizing their care to make sure they're meeting the needs of Nunavut residents and patients.

In the document in engaging the stakeholders, participants mentioned that one of the most promising suggestions was the "Nunavut patient engagement council to discuss some of the bigger challenges around better patient care." In it, "Although this council would hold quasi-formal discussions with health-care stakeholders," participants mentioned very strongly that "it shouldn't be a decision-making body. It should be an advisory body that exists to create a safe space where government officials, stakeholders, and community voices can come together for an informed conversation about meeting challenges" within the Ottawa Hospital system.

Participants thought that the council would provide "a forum for community leaders, TOH administrators, and officials from the Government of Nunavut...to explore some important issues together. (...) They saw it as a natural way to move the dialogue on patient care to a new level."

I would like to get the minister's thoughts on how fast they could work with the Ottawa Hospital on developing this advisory body. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member. I'm familiar with the document; I haven't memorized it. In fact I was one of the people they interviewed, so I do know

about the document, I do know about what they're trying to do, and I do support that.

We have many problems when it comes to our health care, having to provide health care out of territory. I would support any kind of means where we can show that we could make it better for people so that we have better communications at all levels. At the end of the day, we can offer a better service. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I could probably fill the whole question period from this document itself.

Also in this document it speaks to training youth as cultural navigators. It states in there that a lot of the participants stated that young people have a natural skill set that could play a key role in developing the Ottawa Hospital to lead the next generation of health care institutions.

"They are extremely well-positioned to help TOH respond effectively to the cultural needs" of our elders travelling down for health care. "They told us that youth could and should serve as intermediaries or 'cultural navigators' for their elders and several called on TOH to work with the Government of Nunavut to develop a plan or strategy to engage and train youth for this mission."

I would like to get the minister's perspective on, again, how fast something like this could be coordinated with the Ottawa Hospital and implemented. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Angnakak.

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you. Thank you to the member for that question. As we know in Nunavut, elders and youth go hand in hand. It's something that's very important to elders. I believe that statement to be true that if we're going to make elders feel better about being in an environment that might be foreign to them, then that would be one option to go with. We haven't been asked yet.

I think what I would say today is that I would welcome that kind of request to come forward, and then we can start working with the Ottawa Hospital. The youth that come to mind is, for example, the Nunavut Sivuniksavut. They often go out and go to the Embassy West, and they go and be with the elders there. As you were speaking and reading from that document, they came to mind right away. They would be like somebody like that that perhaps we can use. I'm sure that they would be happy to do it, but we need a starting point. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. These are our residents going down there. I think the starting point is right here right now from the Minister of Health.

Mr. Speaker, during some of the interviews, they heard many stories of "distrust of the medical system and their reluctance to follow up on treatment," specifically with cancer care. They heard many stories of "early-stage cancer victims who arrive at nursing centres

with pains" who weren't able to describe in a way that the nurses could understand or understated "the gravity of the symptoms."

Mr. Speaker, when "participants were asked to comment on this, they replied that if trust is a critical condition of patient-centred treatment, there is much work to be done in Nunavut." My question today would be: what work is being done to make sure that there is trust within the health care system from all levels and all communities? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Angnakak.

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Trust is a very big thing, absolutely. I totally agree with you. I think it's something that we have to continually work on every day, just as you did when you were the Minister of Health. We have the same problems as we had last year and the year before. We continue to work on those same problems.

I've had some ideas on how better we can work with our health staff. I often think about what my mom said to me. My mother said that when she arrived at the hospital in Pangnirtung in 1954, a community member approached her and that community member said, "You are going to be my pretend daughter while you work here. I will look after you." She said that made the biggest difference in her view of where she was coming to. It was foreign because she was coming over from Europe, but that person made her feel welcomed and comfortable. I think we can still do this today.

I would like to encourage families from communities to embrace people who are

coming to their community who are not from there, to embrace them in partnership and make them part of the community. I think that goes a long way in building trust. When you start to know each other not just at the health care but outside of the health care, where you can go on community picnics together or you can do different kinds of events, and you're together and you're building that relationship because I think that's what's needed now.

We need to build relationships. It can't just be the staff and the community. Myself personally I think that would go a long ways in building that kind of trust that we need to work on. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 079 – 5(1): Fire Damage Replacement Fund

Mr. Netser (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I'll put my \$5 million question on the shelf for now and let it draw a bit of interest.

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

Perhaps I'll ask it in English. (interpretation ends) The NHC has a Fire Damage and Replacement Fund. How much money do they allocate for that particular fund for the year? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister responsible for the Housing

Corporation, Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There are different pots of money that we put in the fire replacement fund. (interpretation) There are different pots of money and they are allocated to different fiscal years. For example, in 2016-17 it was \$3 million and last year it was \$1 million. This current fiscal year close to \$5 million will be allocated for fire damage replacement costs. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Netser (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, minister, for your response. Recently during the month of December, a duplex in Coral Harbour burnt completely down to the ground. I wonder if this building would be replaced from the funds the minister spoke about or perhaps this is the (interpretation ends) \$5 million question, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Laughter*

(interpretation) Will the unit damaged by fire in Coral Harbour be replaced, Mr. Speaker? Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): I thank the member for asking that \$5 million question.

>> *Laughter*

The prices vary based on the type of building lost to fire. Obviously we prefer

that we don't lose any units to fires. With regard to his question about the replacement of the duplex and when the building would be replaced, I don't have that information currently, but I will look into the matter, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

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

Mr. Netser (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank the minister. Once he has been briefed with the pertinent information, I wonder if he could inform the community about the replacement timeline for the duplex that was burned to the ground in Coral Harbour. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, once the various details have been finalized regarding the replacement process for the unit, if it is going to be replaced, I will commit to sharing that information with my colleague who asked about this issue. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Gjoa Haven, Mr. Akoak.

Question 080 – 5(1): “Let’s Be Aware” Community Visits

Mr. Akoak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions are for the Minister of Finance.

Earlier this month the minister's department announced that its “Let's Be Aware/Ujjiqsuqta” team would be

visiting a number of communities in the Kitikmeot to discuss the issue of the responsible use of alcohol.

As per your public service announcement, the Gjoa Haven events were scheduled to begin yesterday and continue until tomorrow. Mr. Speaker, can the minister confirm how many of his department's staff have travelled to Gjoa Haven for these events? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. With respect to the numbers of my staff that are on duty travel and their destination, I don't have that level of detail in the reports I have in front of me, which is unfortunate. With respect to the numbers, I can't speak to the actual figures, but if they are in the community, I am glad that they are there as they had planned to travel to the community and they should be in the community now. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Akoak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is my understanding that the Department of Finance's Let's be Aware/Ujjiqsuqta unit has held a number of events over the past year in a number of different communities. Mr. Speaker, will the minister to commit to tabling a report in the Legislative Assembly during our upcoming spring sitting on its activities to date? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The details of where staff are planning to travel to as well as the activities are available online via our website to members of the public, and I would prefer that members check that site.

However, if I am required to table the information to the House, I will do so. Nonetheless, I spoke to it earlier in my minister's statement. We need to ensure our cross-communication works well together, as proper communication has many benefits.

We need to have Nunavummiut properly informed about our activities and we want to see them engaged in the activities, including us as Members of the Legislative Assembly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Akoak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the minister is very much aware, some communities in Nunavut have chosen to restrict or prohibit the possession of alcohol. In December of 2015 the residents of my community of Gjoa Haven voted in a plebiscite against removing the current prohibition on the possession of alcohol in the community.

Mr. Speaker, other communities have chosen to go in a different direction. Can the minister indicate if any plebiscites under the *Liquor Act* are scheduled to be held over the next six months and, if there are, can he confirm the communities in which they will be held? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Akoak, I don't think it is related to your first question. Nevertheless, if the minister wants to respond, you have the floor. Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank you for acknowledging that the question is slightly different from his first question.

With regard to my colleague's question, what I can state here is that whenever a community wishes to enact changes, they generally start with (interpretation ends) petitions (interpretation) to that effect. I haven't received any petitions at this time.

Once the petition has been compiled, the process leads to a plebiscite asking voters to enact changes to their community. That is how the process is usually laid out for proposed changes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members, please note that the time for question period has totally expired and you can't add any extensions to it today. We will go back to the orders of the day. Item 7. Written Questions. Item 8. Returns to Written Questions. Item 9. Replies to Opening Address. Item 10. Petitions. Item 11. Responses to Petitions. Item 12. Reports of Standing and Special Committees on Bills and Other Matters. Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Member for Rankin Inlet North-Chesterfield Inlet, Ms. Towtongie.

Item 13: Tabling of Documents

**Tabled Document 018 – 5(1):
Correspondence from Residents of
Chesterfield Inlet to Calm Air**

Ms. Towtongie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will be tabling a copy of correspondence from the residents of Chesterfield Inlet. Currently residents of Chesterfield Inlet have been informed by the president of Calm Air, with written support from the Minister of Health, that they would be able to modify their flight schedules.

The schedule is currently set up this way: for the First Air flight north, medical patients in Winnipeg are awoken at 4:00 a.m. and preparations are made to transport them to the airport by 5:00 a.m. to leave Winnipeg, and then the flight leaves at 7:30 a.m. via Churchill, ending up in Rankin Inlet. The flight finally reaches Baker Lake by 6:30 in the evening. From Baker Lake the flight finally lands in Chesterfield Inlet. Now, these are patients on medical travel due to their illness, yet they have to travel all day to finally arrive home.

It is my understanding, which was provided earlier, that if the Government of Nunavut is going to assist the community, flight schedules can be modified to accommodate certain requests. Following this process, I am tabling copies of the correspondence to this House. I will have questions for the Minister of Health later this week on this issue. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Tabling of Documents. I also have a document to table.

**Tabled Document 019 – 5(1): 2018
Report of the Auditor General of
Canada to the Legislative
Assembly of Nunavut on Climate
Change in Nunavut**

I wish to table today the 2018 *Report of the Auditor General of Canada to the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut on Climate Change in Nunavut*.

Tabling of Documents. There being none. Item 14. Notices of Motions. Item 15. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Item 16. Motions. Item 17. First Reading of Bills. Item 18. Second Reading of Bills. Item 19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters. Bills 1, 2, 3, and 4 with Mr. Rumbolt in the Chair.

In accordance with the authority provided to me by Motion 10 – 5(1), 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.

Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>*House recessed at 15:49 and
Committee resumed at 16:12*

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

Chairman (Mr. Rumbolt): I would like to call the committee meeting to order. In Committee of the Whole we have the following items to deal with: Bills 1, 2, 3, and 4. What is the wish of the committee? Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) We wish to continue with Bill 1 and commence the review of the capital appropriation for Nunavut Arctic College, followed by the Department of Economic Development and Transportation and the Department of Health. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main. Does the committee agree that we first start with Nunavut Arctic College?

Some Members: Agreed.

Bill 01 – Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 2, 2018-2019 – Nunavut Arctic College – Consideration in Committee

Chairman: Thank you. I would like to ask Minister Joanasie: do you have any witnesses that you would like to bring to the table?

Hon. David Joanasie: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Joanasie. Does the committee agree to allow the witnesses to enter the Chambers?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Thank you. Sergeant-at-Arms, please escort the witnesses to the table.

Thank you. Mr. Joanasie, if you could introduce your witnesses, please.

Hon. David Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. To my right and your left is Sheila Kolola, President

of Arctic College, and to my left and your right is Mr. Karsten Henriksen, Vice-president of Arctic College. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Joanasie. Welcome. If you could continue with your opening comments, please, Mr. Joanasie.

Hon. David Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Good afternoon to the people who are listening to the proceedings and members.

Mr. Chairman, Nunavut Arctic College's (NAC) budget request for 2018-19 is \$8.9 million, which includes three capital projects and budgets for ongoing lifecycle and small capital projects. The Nunavut Arctic College capital project breakdown is as follows:

- \$6 million for the Iqaluit Community Learning Centre/Campus;
- \$950,000 for releveling one of the *Qiturngalingnut Najugait* residences (student family residences also known as the Q-units);
- \$700,000 for the Kitikmeot Campus facility development;
- \$1 million for ongoing lifecycle projects; and
- \$250,000 for small capital projects.

Mr. Chairman, the Iqaluit Community Learning Centre/Campus project is currently underway. Construction of this project began July 1, 2017. This project is addressing the need to create a space for the Iqaluit Community Learning Centre and for other Nunavut Arctic

College post-secondary program offerings. Nunavut Arctic College is expecting to receive a second payment of \$5,370,000 in 2018-19 from the contribution agreement with the federal government to offset the costs for the foundation and shell of the new building. Nunavut Arctic College is requesting \$6 million needed to complete this project for the 2018-19 fiscal year. The final completion date for the building is scheduled for October 31, 2018, on Halloween.

Mr. Chairman, the releveling of an Iqaluit student family residence located behind Nunatta Campus is the second capital project for the 2018-19 fiscal year. The three family units above Nunatta Campus were built over 25 years ago. There is an urgent need to relevel one of the buildings' floors due to significant pile heaving. If we do not address this issue, it will have direct impacts on the ability for families to access education due to lack of student housing.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Chairman, the third capital project was called the Kitikmeot Campus-Mine Training Facility in Cambridge Bay when we originally presented Nunavut Arctic College's capital plans to the standing committee on January 26, 2018. Since then we have amended the capital project and would like to elaborate on the amendments.

Mr. Chairman, the design phase of the Kitikmeot Campus-Mine Training Facility was originally approved in 2009-2010. That was done before the introduction of the capital planning process by Community and Government Services and since then this project has

been carried over several fiscal years.

Following the comments raised by the standing committee in January, I directed the staff at Nunavut Arctic College to review the initial submission to the Financial Management Board as well as the current status of mineral exploration and mining operations in the territory to ensure that this was still a prudent and evidence-based decision.

In those intervening years many things have changed. Increasingly efficient information technologies have made delivering a large number of modular programs possible. This means that Nunavummiut would be able to access career-oriented programming in regard to mining employment in their home communities close to mining operations rather than have to travel far away to another community for mine training. Of course some programs, such as heavy equipment operator apprenticeship, would still require a centralized location, but we are confident that with a modest expansion of the trade school in Rankin Inlet, we can accommodate those remaining needs.

There remains, however, the core need to consolidate and expand the Kitikmeot Campus. The Kitikmeot Campus facility development centre was never only about mine training but also was to address the substantial and existing needs of the college in the Kitikmeot region. Currently the college offers six programs scattered across four locations throughout Cambridge Bay. These buildings are insufficient to address even the current program offerings, much less the expansion in programs needed by Nunavut's labour market.

The re-scoping of this project means that fewer monies are required for the design phase of this project currently scheduled for the 2018-19 fiscal year. With the carryover funds of \$800,000 and the additional \$700,000 being requested, the college can issue a request for proposals of \$1.5 million for the design of the campus.

The Kitikmeot region has been promised a new campus since the 2009-2010 fiscal year; however, each year this project has been delayed. At this point the current infrastructure is hampering the college's ability to provide for the education needs of the region and territory. It's time to act now.

This project comes at a time of opportunity. With the Canadian High Arctic Research Station, commonly known as CHARS, soon coming online, there exists a multitude of opportunities for collaboration between the college, the Government of Nunavut, and the Government of Canada for new and exciting research. These research opportunities are key to the future development of Nunavut, to understand changes in our environment and, put simply on a larger scale, to answer questions for humanity. This project is an opportunity to ensure the Inuit worldview has a place on the global research stage.

What's going to happen if this project is delayed again? The board of governors, represented by all regions of Nunavut and the Nunavut Arctic College executive, will be meeting this spring to finalize a strategic plan and engage in evidence-based decision-making. Additionally, the Nunavut Arctic College executive is engaging in a five-

year academic plan to set the direction of the college. This plan would of course include mine training programs, but mine training programs in home communities rather than in centralized locations.

(interpretation) Mr. Chairman, finally, Nunavut Arctic College's annual budget for ongoing lifecycle will continue to be \$1 million in 2018-19. As the college continues to assess the state of its facilities and make the necessary ongoing lifecycle investments, the college will be better positioned to meet the Government of Nunavut's efforts for post-secondary programming across the territory.

With regard to small capital plans, the college has to address the need of providing access to technology, which includes videoconferencing, broadband, SMART Boards, and programming in order to allow use of the college's information technology infrastructure. Improved access to smart technology will facilitate learning opportunities for learners in Nunavut.

Mr. Chairman, this concludes my opening comments. I would be pleased to answer questions from members along with my officials. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Joanasi. Does the member of the regular caucus have opening comments? Mr. Main.

Mr. Main: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am pleased to provide opening comments on behalf of the Regular Members' Caucus as the Committee of the Whole begins consideration of the

proposed 2018-19 Capital Estimates for Nunavut Arctic College.

Mr. Chairman, Nunavut Arctic College's proposed capital budget for 2018-19 is \$8.9 million, which will be allocated to three specific projects, including two regional campuses and a student family residence. Funds will also go towards two minor capital projects for lifecycle repairs and improvements to current facilities as well as small equipment needs.

Mr. Chairman, members fully recognize and support the important role that Nunavut Arctic College plays in providing opportunities for Nunavummiut to achieve academic certification as well as skills and training. Both campus-based and community-based facilities are necessary to deliver many of the programs.

Members have expressed the need for a stronger focus on the status and condition of community learning centres in some communities. In some cases, programs cannot be delivered due to the lack of adequate or appropriate space. In other cases the ongoing conditions at community learning centres have raised concerns for the safety and comfort of staff and students.

Members appreciate that it is not always a simple task to identify future programming needs at the community level. The minister is encouraged to work with Nunavut Arctic College's board of management to develop a comprehensive long-term plan which addresses adult education needs in all of Nunavut's communities while taking into consideration the adequate space and facilities needed to deliver the

required programming.

Mr. Chairman, when the minister appeared before the Regular Members' Caucus in January, one of the projects included in the college's draft capital estimates for 2018-19 was for the construction of a mine training facility at the college's Kitikmeot Campus located in Cambridge Bay. Members expressed a number of concerns regarding the scope of that project and its lack of focus on any specific sector of the mining industry or what specific equipment requirements would be forthcoming.

In addition, it was noted that mining development has opened up considerably in all regions of Nunavut in recent years.

Members suggested further that a number of individual communities would also benefit from mine training infrastructure development and programming in order to provide greater opportunities for employment.

Members were therefore extremely pleased to note that the minister has taken their views into consideration and the college's 2018-19 capital estimates have been revised accordingly. The Kitikmeot Campus Facility Development Project will now focus on consolidating and expanding the current Cambridge Bay campus.

Members continue to stress the need for comprehensive program planning before committing to major multi-year construction projects.

While it is not yet clear what range of programming will be delivered at the newly constructed Kitikmeot Campus, members caution the minister to ensure

that any design work takes programming needs into consideration.

Mr. Chairman, the Iqaluit Community Learning Centre and Campus project is underway and the funding requested for 2018-19 is for the final component of the project.

Members recognize that this project could not have proceeded without significant and timely contribution from the federal government's Strategic Investment Fund for Post-Secondary Institutions.

Members would appreciate further updates on what kinds of programming and services will be offered at the new facility once it is complete.

Members recognize that capital dollars are in short supply and encourage the minister to invest in areas where benefits will be maximized and costs minimized.

Mr. Chairman, that concludes my opening comments on the proposed 2018-19 Capital Estimates of Nunavut Arctic College. I am confident that my colleagues will wish to offer further comments of their own. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main. Before we move into questions on the budget line items, I will ask if there are any general comments on the opening comments. Mr. Qirngnuq.

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Welcome, minister and your officials.

I have a question, the first one being the one you just read in your opening

comments. When the minister spoke about January with the request for funding last year, it was \$10 million; this is \$8.9 million. What is the reason why there is a decrease? Perhaps it's the fall programming. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Qirngnuq. We were more just looking for comments on the opening comment and not questions, but I'll allow this one if, Minister Joanasie, you want to answer the question, please.

Hon. David Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. For the Kitikmeot Campus, it was in the capital estimates last January. It was already in NAC's capital draft. It was over \$2 million for the Kitikmeot, but at this time we are requesting \$700,000. That's why there's a decrease in the figure. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Joanasie. Mr. Qirngnuq.

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I didn't quite understand. I'll go back to questioning at the appropriate time. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Qirngnuq. We are dealing with Nunavut Arctic College. Headquarters. Total Capital Expenditures. \$8,900,000. Ms. Towntongie, you had a question?

Ms. Towntongie: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It's with regard to general comments to the opening statement. Thank you.

I am really pleased. This is a good

success story and I would like to share it with the House and yourself. I'm really pleased to hear career-oriented programming in regard to mining employment in their home communities because I know of a person who took the cooking program in Rankin Inlet, unemployed young woman who is now employed in a mine. The first thing she told me was, "I have paid off my Visa. I'm making \$12,000 every two weeks."

Thank you, minister. I wanted to share that with the minister and it's very positive, she went from no income to paying off her Visa. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

>>Applause

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Towtongie. Mr. Main, you had opening comments to make. Go ahead.

Mr. Main: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If you will allow it, I'll just request a clarification here in the minister's opening comments on page 3 of 4 at the bottom of the page. It says, "What's going to happen if this project is delayed again?" It then mentions a meeting for a strategic plan and evidence-based decision making. I wonder if the minister could clarify this. I'm not sure if it's an error. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. David Joanasié: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for the question. That's just bringing to light of the fact that this project has been on the books for almost a decade now. We don't want to keep delaying it. We put the question

in there saying we should move on this project and bring it forth into fruition.

As for the college, we're early on in our term with new and top senior managers, they're really wanting to get the ball rolling on this five-year academic planning and also bringing the college's programs in line with our priorities., This is where that meeting is going to take place and having the board of governors involved in the direction that the college wants to take. We're trying to keep the board of governors and these two staff at the college. They have been hitting the ground running since they started in late January, but there has been a lot on the go.

This is something that we really want to focus on for the college into the long-term. That's what this is talking about, and also not just with academic planning. We wanted to look at the capital plans for the college in the long term too, looking at both sides. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Main: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll thank the minister for his response. The reason why I asked for a clarification on this is just the ways that it's phrased, it appears to be that the capital is going to precede the academic planning. I just had a misunderstanding there because, from my rudimentary understanding, you identify what your needs are and then you go to build the facility to support the needs. We can get into further details through our questions. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That's just a comment.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main. I will now move into questions on the budget. So far I have two names on the list, and please put your hand up if you want to be recognized. So far I have Mr. Hickes and Mr. Netser. Mr. Hickes, if you can proceed, please.

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just going to go to our regular caucus chair's comments on page 2 where he spoke to "Members continue to stress the need for comprehensive program planning before committing to major multi-year construction projects," which he was just alluding to a moment ago. I look in the minister's opening comments on page 3 of 4 in the same section that Mr. Main just alluded to, "Additionally, the NAC executive is engaged in a five-year academic plan to set the direction of the college," and then I'm looking at the community learning centre that's being built here in Iqaluit.

My question in this is if you're still looking at program availability and program development, how do we know that this facility has been built to what NAC needs? Is it going to meet the need or are we going to be looking three years down the line for an additional expansion? How can we be assured that the programs that are needed to be offered...? During oral questions today I alluded to another one that I think should be introduced fairly soon. How do we know that this facility is going to meet the needs for Iqaluit now and into the future? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. David Joanasié: I'm going to get Ms. Kolola to respond to this question.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Joanasié. Ms. Kolola.

Ms. Kolola (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If I understood the question correctly, I think we're talking about the new building that's coming up beside Arctic College. Yes, we are short on student accommodations after there was a fire at the old Ukiivik Residence. We started building another facility with the help of the federal government and it will be completed this fall. We looked at the size after the fire. Usually we like to produce a lot of school supplies and they will have to have some kind of space to store them, if I understood your question correctly. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Kolola. Mr. Hickes.

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate that. I do know that because of the urgency to utilize federal funding that was available, this project was rushed from a stand-alone CLC that was on the books starting about four or five years ago. Some planning dollars were being spent, and then the whole project shifted and morphed into a substantial expansion to the Iqaluit campus. As the speed of which this needed to progress was the program needs and educational delivery, not just for now but into the future, taken into consideration.

According to the minister's opening comments, they're still reviewing the academic plan. I'm just looking for some assurance that this facility is going to meet the needs for today and into the somewhat near future. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. David Joanasié: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is where we're trying to get the academic planning and this a territory-wide academic plan that would look at what's being delivered at the local level in all communities that would inform such things as the capital plan. Right now we want to get a good handle on that. I can't say on my end that I was part of that planning for this new CLC in Iqaluit, but it's with the intent that there was the most need here in Iqaluit for an expansion. With the untimely fire at the old res., there was a need for more space not just for administration but for programming. This is where we want to try to address as much as we can with what we have given our budgets. Thank you, Mr. Chairman

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

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate that and that's kind of exactly where I'm going, Minister Joanasié. This facility is going to be brand new and opened a year from now. What happens if, let's say for an example like the program that Ms. Towtongie mentioned, the camp cook program is determined to be of value to offer here? Are we going to have to renovate a brand new facility to put the equipment needed to offer that type of a program? I guess where I'm going at here is I'm looking for some comfort that this facility is suitable for today and into the future with the anticipated programs that are going to be needed to be offered out of there.

I will get into the old residency stuff in a minute, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. David Joanasié: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I want to assure the member, as best we can, we're trying to meet the needs of what our communities have asked. I think it just needs to be proven down the road. We will see how it plays out. I just want to re-emphasize that we agree with the programming and capital; they go hand in hand. That's where I think we want to continue to improve our service, whether it's in our programming or planning our big capital items such as this. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That's exactly the point that I was trying to get you to come out and say. We all realize that we're spending tens of millions of dollars in these facilities and we want to make sure that we're getting the facility we need at the end of the day.

I will touch on the old residence fire/water damage. It states in your business case for the CLC expansion here in Iqaluit on page 3 of 5 in the scope where it speaks to "Student residences will also need to be moved, likely done through lease agreements with the private sector, until new residences can be constructed in Iqaluit to accommodate the additional 90 beds that were located in the old res. prior to the fire."

I'm sure we're all very much aware when we look out the front door of this building and we see the old Hotel Arctic...I still call it the Nova. It has been leased to Arctic College for student residence and some program space. How many units are located in that infrastructure that is leased for residency? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. David Joanasia: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Through the old Hotel Arctic, the college offers 42 single learner accommodations. That is within that residence. Now it's a residence. It used to be a hotel. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If I use the numbers from the old res. to there, you're still looking for approximately 50 single student residences around the city of Iqaluit. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. David Joanasia: Hold on a second.

I would like to get Ms. Kolola to respond through you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Joanasia. Ms. Kolola.

Ms. Kolola (interpretation): Regarding your question on the old hotel, we currently have 42 rooms for single people and 14 family units. We're

currently leasing it and we're looking at Iqaluit and Rankin Inlet where we have to look for additional student residences. We're just leasing that building now, but we will look at the condition and see if we have to include it in the capital budget at a later date. We don't know how that will be dealt with, but we know that we have to look for student residences. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Kolola. Mr. Hickes.

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My memory, as I always say, is completely fallible as well, but if I recall correctly when the lease was signed or when it was informed to the House that the lease was signed with the contractor for the leased facility, it fell within the budget parameters for residential leases within Nunavut Arctic College.

I believe at that time, and please correct me if I'm wrong, Mr. Chairman, your memory might be better than mine, it wasn't going to impact any additional leases. If we're still looking for an additional three dozen spaces, what is your budget situation for residential accommodations? Are there still allowable funds to lease the additional residences that are needed? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. David Joanasia: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like Ms. Kolola to respond, please. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Ms. Kolola.

Ms. Kolola (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The money is sufficient right now for student residences. If there's a need for further monies and if we have to look for further student residences, we will make a request to the Legislative Assembly, but currently the funding is sufficient. Once we know exactly how many student residences are needed, we will come up with a request. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Kolola. Mr. Hickes.

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Ms. Kolola, for clarifying that. I would like to go on page 4 where it talks into use, to what extent is this existing asset being used efficiently. It states that the project includes a number of energy-efficient tools and equipment, including a heat waste system at its core that powers the building. I would like to first of all commend Nunavut Arctic College for utilizing alternative energy sources to offset some of its expenses.

I just have a question when it says that it includes a number of energy-efficient tools. In addition to the heat waste system, what other energy-efficient programs or tools or infrastructure is being utilized in the facility to help offset? I know the old campus had the solar panel out front that was operated, I think, beyond its life expectancy. That's been a success. I'm just curious to see what other methods have been put into place. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That's my last question.

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

Hon. David Joanasie: Thank you, Mr.

Chairman. Unfortunately we don't have that level of detail in front of us, but we can get back to Mr. Hickes and the committee at a later date. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Netser.

Mr. Netser (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Welcome, Mr. Minister and your officials.

In regard to the new building that's being put up near Arctic College here in Iqaluit, we're very pleased and we look forward to utilizing it. I'm sure that the graduating classes will move on to further their education in the new community learning centre. (interpretation ends) Mr. Chairman, (interpretation) what kinds of courses are going to be held in the new building? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Netser. Minister Joanasie.

Hon. David Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There will be four classrooms and there will be an administrative portion. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Netser.

Mr. Netser (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I don't think he understood my question. What programs will be held in the new centre? That was my question, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Netser. Minister Joanasie.

Hon. David Joanasie (interpretation): It will have the same programs as what's

available today. For example, the teacher education program, environmental technology, and other courses that were offered at the old Ukiivik Residence. The programs will be moved to the new facility. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Netser.

Mr. Netser (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also thank the minister for the response. That's good news. There were many courses that were held at the place that burnt down, and I'm happy to hear that those courses will continue to be offered.

I'll ask this question in English. (interpretation ends) Mr. Chairman, how many Nunavut communities have stand-alone community learning centres and how many community learning centres are located within other facilities, such as schools and hamlet buildings? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. David Joanasié (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for the question. All the communities have community learning centres. However, as for the second part of the question, I don't have that level of detail with me, but I can try to look into that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Netser (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Is Arctic College making any plans regarding the CLCs? It's obvious that the CLCs in other communities need to be renovated and

some are in schools. Are you planning any stand-alone facilities for CLCs? I hope you can understand me, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. David Joanasié (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for the question. For instance, the schools need work on an annual basis. That's the same situation with the community learning centres. Our officials are looking into which community learning centres need work more urgently or if there are broken windows and safety-related issues that need to be dealt with. They're being monitored right now. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Akoak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Welcome, minister and staff.

I just have three questions. The Kitikmeot Campus in Cambridge Bay currently offers a number of programs. Can you provide an update on what additional programming will be considered while designing the new campus facility development project? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. David Joanasié (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I can't say exactly what we can expect, whether we're trying to design new programs. Once the academic plan is finalized, we will have a better idea on what programs

can be delivered in the communities.

Right now there are six programs at the Kitikmeot Campus and I can say (interpretation ends) what's being offered. This includes: Adult Basic Education, Social Services Worker Program, Early Childhood Education, Environmental Technology, Getting Ready for Employment and Training, and the Culinary Arts and Camp Cook Program. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Akoak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The college's 2018-19 capital estimates include funding for infrastructure development in two regional centres. What consideration has been given to undertaking capital projects in other communities to support training opportunities in such areas as the mining industry? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. David Joanasié (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Thank you, Mr. Akoak, for the question. This is something we will be looking at how we can deliver mine training models or programs at the community level. Like I said, we're not taking a regional approach; we're looking at it as a territorial-wide approach. Hopefully we can get some mine training at the community level and I think that can build on that scale in the long run. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Akoak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Going back to my colleague's line of questioning on the stand-alone CLCs, are you planning to replace these really old stand-alone CLCs in the near future? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. David Joanasié (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Thank you, Mr. Akoak, for this question. That's one thing we will be looking at. Once some of these projects that are on our capital plan finish up, we're going to be looking at other areas where the most needs are.

I think MLA Akoak is asking for his CLC to be considered. I unfortunately was unable to travel to Gjoa Haven to see first-hand his community CLC, but President Ms. Kolola was happy to go on my behalf and she was able to see the operations first-hand. These are some of the things we will be considering and moving forward hopefully. Thank you for that question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. First of all, I apologize. I moved too far ahead when I asked a question to the minister and his staff. I have a question on his opening comments on page 2 of 4 and in particular the third paragraph, as it speaks to several initiatives such as mineral exploration and mining operations within Nunavut.

These programs are ongoing for many

years for mine training purposes. Perhaps many years down the road, employment opportunities in the mining sector will no longer be available. What happens in the case where mine lives are completed and the job opportunities dry up? Would we have to search for new sectors to provide training for our residents? If the minister is able to respond to that question, I would like to understand the future plans. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. David Joanasié (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also thank him for that question. With respect to mine training, the courses are primarily pre-employment courses as we don't have specific mining sector employment courses, although we do want to set up more courses that can be provided in our communities.

As an example, we already have regional centres, so we would want to offer them in outlying communities so that more training is available in the communities. This is being considered at this time related to mineral exploration or mining sector training courses. If a person wishes to work at a mine, we are searching for ways to provide more training locally.

We are trying to explore more ways and we are leaning towards offering them in the regions so that the courses aren't just available in the Kitikmeot regional centre. We are trying to move away from that approach. Hopefully my colleague can understand me. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In thinking of the history of Nunavut, I believe we could offer courses on our history and culture. I imagine it has been taken into consideration, obviously. This is more of a commentary here.

What I want to ask about relates to the petroleum resources within Nunavut. Although it seems a bit problematic to speak about oil development, our residents need choices in employment opportunities, which our government would provide. I wonder if this has been considered and I want to understand the position, hence my question on the matter. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Qirngnuq. I just want to remind the members that we are talking about capital estimates, not any other type like O&M. Minister Joanasié, if you're prepared to answer it. Thank you.

Hon. David Joanasié (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also thank him for the question. Any potential courses that a community wishes to work towards, irrespective of whether it relates to culture, environmental stewardship, mine training, or pre-employment training, our preference is that these courses can be offered in the communities to the best of our capacity.

We are working on developing a plan, such as (interpretation ends) academic planning, (interpretation) if I were to mention that. We believe we can massage the system to accommodate that by offering courses on different types of

training related to employment preparedness.

I would like to hear from the communities as to the types of programs or courses they wish to see offered or which courses they are requesting from Arctic College. Nonetheless, Nunavut Arctic College also requires enough staff like teachers to accommodate the courses requested so that communities can keep up with emerging sectors that can employ people. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also thank you for allowing my question to be responded to.

Moving to a different section, albeit on the same page within his opening comments on page 3 of 4, there are three different statements, specifically the third bullet states that “The Kitikmeot region has been promised a new campus since the 2009-2010 fiscal year; however, each year this project has been delayed.”

Can the minister indicate when this proposed new campus would become a priority and when it would be contemplated for construction? Hopefully I was understandable. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. David Joanasié (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. When the funding is approved through the

legislative process, we can commence the design phase, which is planned for fiscal year 2018-19. Upon completion of this phase, the next steps would be the construction phase of the campus based on the design drawings being completed. We would have to approve capital funding for the project by 2019-2020.

The projected initial costs would be \$8 million for commencing the first phase of construction, and funding would have to be approved for later years of the construction of the Kitikmeot Campus. However, the overall project costs are estimated to total about \$17 million to \$18 million for the completion of the project from start to completion. Hopefully you can understand me. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also thank the minister for his response. Let me move on to something else. On the last page, 4 of 4, the top paragraph states, “mine training programs in home communities rather than centralized locations.” If that is going to happen, then students can learn in the communities. Will you have enough space to accommodate all those students who will be taught in home communities? That’s my final question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. David Joanasié (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also thank him for the question. Now, the programming that we want to introduce in the communities is with mine training.

We have to make sure that we have all the resources available in the communities. The students will be from the communities and be taught in their communities. That's what we would like to see. I hope that was understandable. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Joanasié. Ms. Towtongie.

Ms. Towtongie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Thank you. First of all, I would like to say that the adult educator in Chesterfield Inlet is excellent and actually prepared his students for journeyman certificates and employment with the mines. However, they are lacking space. There's programming. It has come to the point where the income support office sends people to the adult education centre. That's a success story. I went through it to see if this is not O&M.

What I would like to know is: what step does the college take to ensure that communities have community learning centre space that is adequate for delivering the program and secondly, what process does the college follow to access or lease adequate space to deliver local community-based programming? We do lack space in Chesterfield Inlet. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Towtongie. Minister Joanasié.

Hon. David Joanasié: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Ms. Towtongie. College staff were working on creating a standard checklist that would allow us to see where all CLCs are at and if they're able to deliver what programs. Looking

at the space and the requirements needed, of course, yes, I think many might in a similar situation, but we're trying to assess the space requirements given the program needs and facility, the overall state of the building, if there are repairs that need to be done and that sort of thing.

Space is always another issue that limits us from wanting to deliver as much as we can. That's part of our consideration. If there is an area where a facility could expand on some fronts, we will look at that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Joanasié. Ms. Towtongie.

Ms. Towtongie: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, minister, for that response. In looking at the draft capital estimates for 2018-19, this includes \$250,000 for small capital projects. Just to give a very good success story, this young man from Chesterfield Inlet was hired by a mining company and he actually found a diamond. I would like to see what specific items will be purchased with this funding and for which communities or campus. I do know there is equipment and I don't know what the equipment is called, but it's for diamond drilling. I'm curious to know what that \$250,000 will be used for. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Towtongie. Minister Joanasié.

Hon. David Joanasié: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for the question. We're not buying diamonds with this money.

>> *Laughter*

We have already spent close to \$40,000 for a vehicle and this is for the Kivalliq, a Ford F-150, a Ford Expedition in the Kivalliq that's for \$53,000, and also for an \$11,000 skidoo at the Nunatta Campus. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Joanasié. Ms. Towtongie.

Ms. Towtongie: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you to the minister. If that's the case overall, speaking for my community of Chesterfield Inlet since one of the students found a diamond, how many vehicles does the college currently own and use? Is it in one of the smaller communities, in one of the isolated communities like Chesterfield Inlet, Whale Cove, Sanikiluaq, and your community? I'm curious in that regard and that's my final question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Towtongie. Minister Joanasié.

Hon. David Joanasié: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I understood the question. This small capital is normally for vehicle purchases. These ones that I outlined in the Kivalliq are for Rankin Inlet. Normally they are based on programs that are there. These are the expenditures for large campuses. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Welcome to the minister and the officials.

The first question that I have here is the 2018-19 capital plan includes a new

project to remediate the shifting of the pile support structure in one of the Q student housing units. What steps are being taken to ensure that similar problems will not affect the other Q-unit buildings? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. David Joanasié: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for his question. We just recently hired a capital planner that is taking into account all the college's assets and also, they will be looking at issues such as this with the Q-units. It's an area that we want to continue through preventative maintenance, if there's an inspection that needs to take place on the site, having that done and making sure it doesn't get to buildings toppling over. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Your capital estimates for 2018-19 include \$1 million for ongoing lifecycle repairs and maintenance. The supporting documentation does not list any projects which have been identified as a priority for the upcoming fiscal year. Do you have any specific projects in mind that will be funded under this budget item? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. David Joanasié: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We normally spend and we could probably spend more than enough of this budget given the needs across the territory. Some of the considerations that

we're thinking to spend on this ongoing lifecycle include the Kivalliq hall fire alarm system and that's an estimate of \$73,000; the Resolute Bay CLC repairs for \$60,000; the trades training centre and remediation of the arts and crafts building. Those are some of the things that we will spend this pot of this money on, but I could give you a full list if you so choose. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for the information. When you look at this ongoing lifecycle repair and repairs that have been identified by the minister, some of them are, in my opinion, touching up on standards of codes for infrastructure buildings. Do you anticipate additional ongoing lifecycle repairs in the next several years with other buildings to bring them up to code? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. David Joanasié: If I understand his question, we ask for this \$1 million every year and we're able to work with this for now. We can spend that money on a yearly basis. If there's a greater need and we need more funding, we could at some point come to the legislature and say we need \$2 million, but right now we're working good with the \$1 million ongoing lifecycle. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr.

Chairman. Staying on the 2018-19 capital estimates, it also includes \$250,000 for small capital projects. What specific items will be purchased with this funding and for which communities or campuses? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Mikkungwak. Ms. Towtongie posed this very question a few minutes ago and the minister did answer it. Minister Joanasié, if you want to answer it again. Thank you.

Hon. David Joanasié: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Hold on a second.

There are two vehicles and one skidoo that we're considering to use this money for, a Ford F-150 and also a Ford Expedition in the Kivalliq. This is for Rankin Inlet and the skidoo in the Nunatta Campus. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. You can rule me out of order if you feel, but I understand that the Piquusilirivvik is under Nunavut Arctic College also. When we look at Piquusilirivvik, I know it's a fairly new building in Clyde River. What I'm concerned about here is when you look at the two satellite communities, Igloolik and Baker Lake, and if we're going to enhance the satellite program, are there going to be any capital infrastructure taken into consideration in the future years to expand the Piquusilirivvik education? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. David Joanasié: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We haven't looked at that yet. We have been focusing on the Kitikmeot Campus, which is quite substantial. We haven't looked at that yet, but that doesn't mean it's off the table. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Piqqusilirivvik only applies to a couple of communities, but the school was designed for the usage of the all residents of the Nunavut territory as we need to retain our traditions and culture.

With that primary objective and the identified satellite communities offering programs within their communities, students arrive from outlying communities. With that being the case, has the department considered further future capital funding plans for these communities? This is more of a commentary and it isn't really a question. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Okay, we will take that as a comment. Moving on, Mr. Main.

Mr. Main: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the minister and his staff for taking the time to be here today.

I'll just go back to my question with regard to the minister's opening comments. When it comes to the Kitikmeot Campus project, what is the

answer to this question: what is going to happen if this project is delayed again?

Where I'm coming from is, as members here, we're trying to balance the needs of Nunavut. Yesterday we were talking about the need for public housing and people who are living in units that probably should be condemned, for example.

When we're talking about building a new facility in Cambridge Bay, what are the consequences if this project is delayed again? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. David Joanasié: It would delay this project again for another year and that would mean those programs that are currently being offered in Cambridge Bay would continue on in those four different locations, not centralized. I haven't gone to the facilities myself, but I think they're quite at that state where they need to be replaced. I can't speak for myself. That's to the extent I can respond. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Main: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That leads into my next question with regard to this Kitikmeot facility. I don't see in the substantiation sheets...I mean I see references to things like it's inconvenient that there are classrooms spread around the community. I don't see any reference to them being substandard or any issues with the classrooms themselves. I wonder if there is information, if the minister or staff

could share that regarding “Is this a need or is this a want?” That’s where I’m coming at from this bit. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. David Joanasié: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I stated how I haven’t gone to Cambridge Bay myself or seen the facilities, but Vice-president Mr. Karsten Henriksen has, so I’m going to have him take some comments through you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Henriksen, go ahead.

Mr. Henriksen: Mr. Chairman, as the minister noted, I have had the opportunity to visit the Cambridge Bay operations. The state of the facilities is very problematic from an instructional delivery perspective. We have, for example, in our Culinary Arts Program students engaged in learning on residential stoves in a makeshift kitchen. It has a direct impact on the safety of our learners and their learning environment.

As we look to the future in the region and across the territory, we’re presented with the unique opportunity at this moment with the introduction and the launch of the Canadian High Arctic Research Station. We are looking through our academic planning process at linkages to research in Nunavut and beyond. Having the facility addressed and having that planning stage undertaken at the same time that we’re developing our academic planning for the next five years is a very strategic thing to position the territory for the future.

I go back to the students and the environment that the students are currently exposed to wouldn’t meet, I would argue, national standards and they certainly wouldn’t meet particularly on the culinary arts side of our programming. They wouldn’t meet external validation from an apprenticeship perspective.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Henriksen. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That’s interesting. Thank you for the information. How many of the community learning centres meet national standards? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. David Joanasié: Thank you. Mr. Henriksen will respond to that question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Henriksen: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. At this moment there are no national standards for community learning centres. That being said, we are planning to visit each of our CLCs across the territory throughout this summer and review their current status as well as start developing an evidence-based case for a strategy forward for our CLCs. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It’s great to hear that the community learning centres will be getting some

attention and some evaluation because, speaking for my home community of Arviat, the community learning centre in Arviat is sadly inadequate. I don't have the words. When you look at the size of the community, it's a community of 3,000 people. Anyways it's not adequate for the needs.

For a long time we swallowed a pill, that is, the sad reality that we don't have unlimited public funds. Regional centres such as Cambridge Bay, Rankin Inlet, and Iqaluit see more capital dollars. I was encouraged to hear that the minister mentioned what sounded like a decentralized approach to training, specifically with mine training.

Getting back to the point on this Kitikmeot Campus, this year it's not very much money, but in the next two fiscal years it's projected \$16.5 million. Given that this academic planning process, the five-year plan, hasn't happened yet, if we approve this year's funding for the Kitikmeot Campus, is it the college's understanding that we are in effect approving the campus development as a whole? We're giving it our blessing and saying yes, \$16.5 million investment in Cambridge Bay while a zero dollar investment for Gjoa Haven is okay with us? I just want to clarify what the college's understanding will be if we give this the green light. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. David Joanasié: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We hear you loud and clear, Mr. Main. We don't want to overlook the communities outside of the regional centres. Committing to this project right

now means you're saying yes to the design phase of the facility. We would spend the \$1.5 million on that. Next year we would come and say we have the design and to start construction we need \$8 million. That's for next year. I would come in, if I'm still sitting here and if we're all still sitting here, and say, "Are we going to move forward?" That's where it would go next. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Main: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That's good to hear. I thank the minister. In terms of community learning centres, I don't just want to speak for Arviat; I want to speak for all the communities that are not regional centres across Nunavut. Do you have a utilization rate? The Minister of Education refers to utilization rates in terms of how many students are in each classroom and use it as a measure of which buildings are overcrowded and utilized properly. Are there any metrics that we can refer to? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. David Joanasié: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Main for his question. I talked about a checklist that we're trying to work on that looks at the standards on each community learning centre. This would be taken into consideration about how many students are using our facilities on an annual basis, that sort of thing and the utilization rate of our buildings at the college. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister

Joanasie. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Right now I'm assuming that there is no utilization rate; there are no metrics to refer to, for example, "This community learning centre is being used to the full capacity and this one is underutilized. In this one, we need capital dollars and this one we don't." Just a clarification, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Joanasia.

Hon. David Joanasia: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Those numbers are hard to track, but right now we're looking at software that would help us to be able to track that information more easily and accurately. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Joanasia. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Further on the community learning centres, is there a list of priority centres that need to be replaced in terms of the longer horizon? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Joanasia.

Hon. David Joanasia: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We have internally done a very preliminary assessment based on what we have. What I can say from what we gather is there are nine that are noted as being in poor condition, eight in good condition, five in excellent condition, and two are either in design or under construction. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister

Joanasie. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I wonder if the minister would be able to share that list with the members. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Joanasia.

Hon. David Joanasia: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I could do that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That's a great answer; I wish I could hear that answer all day long.

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Jumping back to the Kitikmeot Campus facility, I have friends in Cambridge Bay, but I also have friends in Gjoa Haven and Kugluktuk. It mentions here in your substantiation sheets that NAC is undertaking a broader regional review of labour market needs in order to maximize efficiency and quality of training opportunities. I wonder if this broader regional review will include a look at the needs of these communities outside of Cambridge Bay in terms of infrastructure. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Joanasia.

Hon. David Joanasia: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In a nutshell, yes, that's kind of where we're going, not looking at the region specific but the territory as a whole. I have friends in a lot of communities too, but I think we're under

the similar understanding. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Joanasia. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll take that opportunity to segue into the area of mine training. When you speak to mining companies or people who work for them, they're very excited, from my experience, about the communities where there's a large amount of labour. That would be communities such as Arviat, Gjoa Haven, and Igloolik where there are large amounts of people who are underemployed. I guess I would like to see that type of approach taken by the college in terms of let's look where the unemployed labour is and let's get the training to them to get them into jobs.

In terms of mine training, what type of relationship does the college have with mining companies with regard to the capital needs that come with mine training? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Joanasia.

Hon. David Joanasia: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like Mr. Henriksen to respond to this. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Henriksen.

Mr. Henriksen: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Nunavut Arctic College is currently working on the implementation of an institutional taxonomy. What that basically means is that we are looking at creating territory-wide standards for the delivery of our programs and there will

be a lot more of that information coming out in the near future. Part of that and why I'm bringing that up is because that taxonomy also would establish sector advisory councils for each of our program areas, including the mining sector.

We're working towards having a stronger relationship with the mining industry. In fact I will have the opportunity to be on one of the panels at the mining forum in April. From there, the college is working to establish a college foundation to work collaboratively with our industry to try to start moving away the college from being solely dependent on different levels of government for financial support and working more collaboratively with our industry partners through the foundation. We're working towards that into the next two fiscal years. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main: That's great to hear and I thank the minister's staff for the information. What I'm trying to get at when it comes to capital is you look at the success that they've had with the Meadowbank gold mine and the training that they have done on site, on the mining company's property. That, in my opinion, is some of the most effective way that we could deliver training.

When it comes to mine training, when it comes to the need for training related to CHARS in Cambridge Bay, for example, has the college considered offering training within the actual facility for CHARS? The High Arctic research station is a massive, beautiful building, over \$100 million to build it in

Cambridge Bay. Somehow I doubt that every square corner or little corner of that building is being used. Is there any room? Have there been discussions with that particular project in terms of offering training on site? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Joanasia.

Hon. David Joanasia: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Mr. Main, for this question. We're working on an MOU with CHARS and we will see if we can partner up on training opportunities on both fronts. We will see where that goes too. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Keeping it to capital, of course, because I play within the rules, has the college had any discussions with the Hamlet of Arviat recently? The Hamlet of Arviat has been a leader in terms of training residents? In terms of capital they have, for example, a working diamond drill solely for training. They have offered other things such as heavy equipment operator training successfully in the last year. Has the college had any discussions with the hamlet in terms of capital needs to satisfy the training requirement? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Joanasia.

Hon. David Joanasia: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If he's asking anytime in recent months, we haven't had anything from the college with anyone at the Hamlet of Arviat, but we're open to meeting with them and other

stakeholders that might see a potential, what we can offer and what's already being offered at the community level to enhance programs. We're always open to that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Joanasia. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the minister. I look forward to welcoming him to my home community in terms of furthering the needs of training here.

I'm going to go ahead to my last question here, Mr. Chairman. It's on the substantiation sheet for ongoing lifecycle. On page 2 it references that the college has \$136 million in buildings. Typically a 2 percent annual investment in maintenance is required to ensure the buildings reach a total lifecycle. Adam could maybe help me out with the math, but that equals something like \$6.5 million a year is needed in lifecycle if I'm correct.

I wonder if the minister could further elaborate on this because if my assumptions are correct, then basically the college's assets are falling into disrepair without enough funds being put towards ongoing lifecycle. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Joanasia.

Hon. David Joanasia: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for Mr. Main's question. I think I responded to Mr. Mikkungwak's question on ongoing lifecycle and I'll repeat it here. We're able to work with this number, with the million-dollar budget on this front, but I

think I had stated too in a different hat that I wear in Education that ongoing lifecycle for that department based on that need is well over \$100 million. That's just an estimate for Education.

I think yes, the college, there is a lot that we could do too, so I think maybe we will be looking at increasing our ongoing lifecycle if that's an area that we need to focus highly on in this legislature, in this term. If that is the route we want to take, we will make a decision on that moving forward. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Main: Thank you, Madam Chairman. I have no further questions and I look forward to supporting the college in terms of these lifecycle requirements. Obviously I think it's clear that I'm very supportive of investments in communities that I feel are neglected, i.e. the ones that are outside of regional centres.

I should add as a final comment that the community of Whale Cove is very pleased with their new community learning centre, and I thank the college for that large investment which will benefit the community. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. No further questions.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main. The next person on my list, Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm feeling a little bit under the weather, so I'm going to keep this to the bare minimum. To answer Mr. Main's question, if you require 2 percent on \$136 million, it would be \$2.6 million annually.

For my questions, the Iqaluit Community Learning Centre/Campus will be my first topic. My question would be: is the project currently on time and on budget? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. David Joanasié: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank him for his question. Yes and yes. Thank you.

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

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you for that quick response. Now, my next question, this Iqaluit community learning centre is going to be quite the facility and it's estimated to be completed in October of 2018. Is that correct?

Chairman: Thank you. I'll give Minister Joanasié an opportunity to answer that question. Minister Joanasié.

Hon. David Joanasié: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think he stated October 2018. That's the timeline we have. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Considering it's going to be completed after the start of the semester, when would it be put into operation? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. David Joanasié: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That's a good question. The aim is we would have programs and the offices occupied in the new year, January 2019. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for that response. I have further questions regarding the community learning centre. I would like to go back to Mr. Hickes' questioning about what's going to happen with the hotel across the street. Is the current programming being held in the leased hotel going to be transferred over to the new community learning centre or does the college plan on continuing to keep leasing that entire building? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. David Joanasié (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to refer that question to Ms. Kolola. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Ms. Kolola.

Ms. Kolola (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In regard to your question, it is student residence and offices. Once the CLC/campus is completed, the administrative portion will be moved there but to the older building. We will keep it as a student residence for the rooms' portion, but we will see where else we can move once the lease is up. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Kolola. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The reason I'm asking about the leasing of the Hotel Arctic building is that I was quite shocked that it hadn't triggered a capital lease. How long does the college plan on continuing the lease of the residential portion? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. David Joanasié (interpretation): Thank you. I'll refer this to Mr. Henriksen. He can elaborate on that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Henriksen.

Mr. Henriksen: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The current building is leased on two separate leases. I call the first lease as the first floor, which is a two-year lease and we're just under a year into that. The residence or what would be called the old hotel rooms are on a five-year lease. We are looking to transition and leverage to maximize the resources that we have in the new building. We will be looking at a comprehensive review of our residence situation in Iqaluit and putting together and presenting a facts-based business case for residences moving forward. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Henriksen. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Continuing on the topic of the residential units, of course we all know the loss of the old res. had severely

impacted the students as well as members of the community. When does Arctic College plan on constructing a new residence to replace the loss of the old res.? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. David Joanasié: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is something that we're going to start focusing on after the Kitikmeot Campus; we're trying to move on that front. That's one of the big capital items for the college at the moment. We still have the Iqaluit residence on our radar. We haven't decided yet on what we're going to do, but it's still under consideration. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The community learning centre is quite a large construction being 3,000 square metres. The scope doesn't really provide too much detail about what will be in the building, number of classrooms, number of offices, program space, shared space, and most specifically if the new facility will have a cafeteria or not. Would the minister be able to provide us with a little bit information on that? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. David Joanasié: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I said that there are going to be four classroom spaces in the new facility, but it also includes Iqaluit's learning centre and the Language and

Culture Division. Keeping in mind future programs that might want to be developed, we're always open to that. Also, yes, there is food service that will be available from the new facility. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. He mentioned that there will be some food services. I'm assuming that's going to be up and running this coming October. What will happen to the current cafeteria that's across the street from the leg.? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. David Joanasié: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The idea is we will be moving that service up to the new facility. We have a transition plan from when we're putting that new facility online. That's part of that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for that answer. Last question on the topic is food programming is an issue that there are many families and households that are food insecure. I have mentioned this before, the fact that the Inuksuk High School has a very great food program that's up and running now where they are actually using hydroponic grow towers to produce their own food that they then use to feed the students in the cafeteria.

Does Arctic College plan on purchasing any similar growing mediums, such as hydroponic towers, or grow walls to supplement the food programs in the cafeteria? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. David Joanasié: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Mr. Lightstone. It's not a part of our capital plans at the moment. Not at this time, but we can look at it down the road. Maybe it's something we might want to consider, so it's not off the table. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Moving on to my next line of questioning, with the ongoing lifecycle, \$1 million a year is a significant amount that may or may not be adequate. That's yet to be explained there. I was wondering if the minister would be able to provide us with a listing of the expenses on the ongoing lifecycle for each of the last three fiscal years. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Lightstone. That is a very detailed question. I don't think you're going to get that information here today. Mr. Joanasié, if you want to try to answer, please.

Hon. David Joanasié: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Earlier I gave some examples of what we're planning to spend this money on. I can say that we're estimating we could spend \$1.2 million on ongoing lifecycle, so it would eat up this budget and beyond. Thank you, Mr.

Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Joanasié. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll simplify that question a little bit. Would the minister be able to tell us how much has been spent on ongoing lifecycle in this current fiscal year? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. David Joanasié: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. So far we have spent right about half, \$505,000. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for that information. Now, we're approaching the end of the fiscal year and you spent half a million dollars. Would the minister say that's about average, a bit more than average, or a bit less than average? If the minister would be able to specify that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. David Joanasié: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just to note, the college's fiscal year is a little separate from the GN and everyone else's; it falls into June. That's probably kind of why it is, but we're still waiting on invoices on work that we're doing through this. I think it's going to continue on into June. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to apologize. You're completely correct. I forgot about the June year-end.

I don't think I have any other further questions written down. I just wanted to thank the minister for these well-written substantiation sheets. Thank you for all your hard work for the minister and his staff as well. That's it. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Lightstone. We are on Nunavut Arctic College. Mr. Hickes.

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just have two quick questions. When we're talking about the old res., is it still under NAC's books or has that been surplused to the GN through CGS? Thank you.

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

Hon. David Joanasié: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. From what I understand, it's at the hands of CG&S. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Hickes: Thank you. I would just like to go back to the \$250,000 in the small capital. The minister had mentioned earlier that they're looking at purchasing a couple of trucks and a snowmobile with that. When I look at the scope, it says that the small capital budget last year went to two vehicles, a

tent, a skidoo, and two outboard motors. The intent of the next fiscal year is to focus on SMART Boards and other infrastructure that is technological in nature. To me that contradicts what the minister said. I was just looking for clarification. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. David Joanasié: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Sorry. Can he clarify what I said? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Earlier in response to a couple of questions that were related to the small capital, the minister stated that they're buying a couple of trucks and a snowmobile, specifically a Ford F-150, I believe, was one of the vehicles mentioned, yet in the substantiation sheet it says that the intent of the SMART Boards and other infrastructure that is technological in nature, and it spoke to last year's small capital, went to two vehicles, a tent, a skidoo, and two outboard motors. I would just like some clarification on what the intent is they're looking at spending the small capital on this upcoming fiscal year if it's approved. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. David Joanasié: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for the clarification. The substantiation sheet, in the summary it does state that we do use this fund for vehicles or IT. On page 1 of 4 it says that we needed to replace minor

capital, including vehicles and information technology infrastructure, so we did on both, if that clarifies the question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I won't get into all the detail of what type of IT infrastructure, the vehicles, and the snowmobile; it would eat up almost half of what's there anyway. I'll leave it at that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Hickes. Again, we're on Nunavut Arctic College. Headquarters. Total Capital Expenditures. \$8,900,000. Does the committee agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Thank you. Sorry, Ms. Towtongie, did you have your hand up? No? Okay. Go to page M-2. Nunavut Arctic College. Total Capital Expenditures. \$8,900,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Thank you. Do members agree that we have concluded Nunavut Arctic College?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Joanasié, an opportunity to any closing comments.

Hon. David Joanasié (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate the questions asked by my colleagues, who ask questions in order to

comprehend the issues. Yes, that is how we process these requests.

I wish to extend my thanks to the president and vice-president for making themselves available to appear before the committee.

(interpretation ends) Also, a shout-out to the Kitikmeot Campus if they're still listening or watching, (interpretation) including all residents throughout Nunavut who may be listening in.

I also wish to acknowledge these following people: Jesse Jacobs and Marcello Parungau, as they are present in the background. I extend my gratitude to them for their continuing support to date on these issues. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Joanasié. On behalf of the committee, I would like to thank you and your officials for being here today and answering the questions as best you could.

With that, Sergeant-at-Arms, if you could escort that witnesses out, please.

Before we move on to the next department, we will take a ten-minute break. Thank you.

>>Committee recessed at 18:12 and resumed at 18:23

**Bill 01 – Appropriation (Capital) Act,
No. 2, 2018-2019 – Economic
Development and Transportation
– Consideration in Committee**

Chairman: Good evening. I would like to call the meeting back to order. We

just finished up with Arctic College and we will now be moving on to the Department of Economic Development and Transportation. I would like first to ask the minister if she has any witnesses that she would like to bring to the table. Ms. Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik

(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Yes, please, Udloriak Hanson, my Deputy Minister, and John Hawkins, Assistant Deputy Minister. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Does the committee agree to allow the witnesses to enter the table?

Some Members: Agreed.

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

For the record, Ms. Sheutiapik, if you could please introduce your witnesses. Ms. Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik

(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) To my right, Udloriak Hanson, Deputy Minister, and to my left, John Hawkins, Assistant Deputy Minister. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Sheutiapik. Welcome, Mr. Hawkins and Ms. Hanson. If you could continue with your opening comments, please, Ms. Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik

(interpretation): Thank you, Mr.

Chairman. I am very pleased to be here as the Minister of Economic Development to present the capital estimates for 2018-19 with the Committee of the Whole and to answer any questions the members may have. To help with those answers, I have brought key members of the department's senior management team with me.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Chairman, the department is proposing \$6,718,000 in spending in our capital estimates for the 2018-19 fiscal year. Most of these capital expenditures are for our airports, which are critical in providing safe and efficient connections between our communities and to the rest of the world.

This budget includes \$1,118,000 in funding for the Iqaluit International Airport Improvement Project. I am pleased to report that the project was completed on time and on budget with the new terminal building opening on August 9 of 2017.

Now that the construction work is complete, the operations phase of the project is underway. The government has continuing obligations throughout this 30-year term, and the capital expenditures detailed in this year's plan will be used to replace mobile equipment needed to maintain airport operations, including two runway sweepers.

In Sanikiluaq we have allocated \$850,000 to decommission the old airport terminal building. An environmental assessment of this building identified hazardous materials that will have to be disposed of in a lawful manner. The project includes demolition of the building once all these

materials have been removed.

Following inspections last summer, Transport Canada identified deficiencies at ten of our airports that require [rectification]. The capital plan includes \$1 million to eliminate these deficiencies and ensure that these airports are brought into full compliance with Transport Canada standards.

Mr. Chairman, maintaining our airports also requires that we have a reliable mobile equipment fleet. We do this through two projects.

The first, the Transportation Equipment and Facilities project, is for heavy equipment, where each piece costs more than \$250,000. Under this heading we have allocated \$2.0 million to purchase four graders and one front-end loader. The graders will be delivered to Coral Harbour, Pond Inlet, Resolute Bay, and Whale Cove and the loader to Qikiqtarjuaq.

In small capital, which is for expenditures less than \$250,000, we have allocated \$700,000 to purchase 13 pieces of equipment. This will include five runway inspection vehicles going to Hall Beach, Kimmirut, Grise Fiord, Pangnirtung, and Qikiqtarjuaq. Small capital also includes three plow attachments, which will be going to Arviat, Pangnirtung, (interpretation) and Sanikiluaq. (interpretation ends) This project also includes a loader mount snow blower for Naujaat, a skid steer for Cambridge Bay, a wobbly wheel packer for Pangnirtung, an icebreaker attachment for Rankin Inlet, and a ramp hog for Cape Dorset.

I have to be honest; I had to ask what

some of this equipment was.

>> *Laughter*

The small capital project also includes \$210,000 for lifecycle renovations of our facilities and sets aside \$100,000 for studies to initiate and develop capital projects.

Mr. Chairman, my department is also responsible for marine infrastructure in our communities. We have included \$500,000 in this capital plan to make minor improvements and lifecycle repairs to docks, boat launches, and breakwaters across Nunavut under the small craft harbours budget. This funding will be made available to communities under contribution agreements so that they can undertake work on the priority projects they have identified. While modest, this investment demonstrates our commitment to the development of marine infrastructure and is essential to our continued efforts to encourage the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to invest in small craft harbours in Nunavut.

In addition to the transportation projects I have detailed, my department is pleased to be in the process of completing the Kivalliq Regional Visitor Centre in Rankin Inlet. This facility, which is located in the Williamson Lake area, will be opened to the public by the spring of 2018. In this year's capital budget, \$250,000 has been allocated to cover the warranty portion of this project.

Mr. Chairman, I believe that this plan is in line with the department's mandate as we continue to strengthen partnerships with the federal government, industry,

and our communities to ensure that the investments we have in Nunavut have a lasting impact on safety and on the economic and social future of our territory.

I will be glad to answer any questions from my fellow members.
(interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Sheutiapik. Does the member of the regular caucus have opening comments? Mr. Hickes.

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am pleased to provide opening comments on behalf of the Regular Members' Caucus concerning its review of part 2 of the 2018-19 Capital Estimates of the Department of Economic Development and Transportation.

Mr. Chairman, as the House is aware, the first part of the Government of Nunavut's 2018-19 capital estimates were approved by the Legislative Assembly in June of 2017 through the passage of *Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 1, 2018-2019*. At that time \$15.0 million in funding was provided to the Department of Economic Development and Transportation for marine infrastructure projects in Iqaluit and Pond Inlet. Members note that the government's request for tenders for the construction of these two major projects was issued on February 23, 2018. The tender closes on March 28, 2018.

The remainder of the department's proposed capital budget for 2018-19 is \$6,718,000. The department's total capital estimates for the 2018-19 fiscal year are \$21,718,000. The department's

capital budget was \$61,332,000 for the 2017-18 fiscal year and \$68,325,000 for the 2016-17 fiscal year. The decrease in the budget is primarily a consequence of the completion of the new Iqaluit International Airport.

Mr. Chairman, some of the objectives of the *Nunavut Transportation Strategy*, which was tabled in the Legislative Assembly on June 5, 2009, are to "Assure the integrity of the Nunavut transportation system by ensuring every community has infrastructure adequate for its needs within that system" and to "Enhance the current airport system."

On February 25, 2016 the federal Minister of Transport tabled the final report of the *Canada Transportation Act Review Panel*. The report recommended that the federal government provide "targeted financial support for runway extensions and surfacing, as well as for 24-hour automated weather systems and modern landing and approach systems in applicable communities in the territories. To facilitate these improvements, an investment of \$50 million per year over ten years is recommended to address the most significant infrastructure gaps, either by augmenting the Airports Capital Assistance Program, or by creating a new 'Northern Airports Capital Assistance Program.'"

Members encourage the Minister of Economic Development and Transportation to provide regular updates to the Legislative Assembly concerning the status of the federal government's implementation of these recommendations. Members also encourage the minister to provide regular updates to the Legislative Assembly concerning her department's

work with NAV CANADA and the Northern Air Transport Association concerning such matters as navigational aids and airport infrastructure.

Mr. Chairman, on March 11, 2016 the *Nunavut Airports 20-Year Infrastructure Needs Assessment, 2014-2034* was tabled in the Legislative Assembly. Members encourage the minister to periodically update this important document.

The spring 2017 report of the Auditor General of Canada to Parliament included a chapter titled “Civil Aviation Infrastructure in the North.” One of the Auditor General’s recommendations was that the federal Department of Transport “...should lead the development of a long-term strategy for northern airport infrastructure. The strategy should clearly outline the role that Transport Canada will play in addressing the infrastructure needs of remote northern airports.” Mr. Chairman, the federal government’s response to this recommendation was that Transport Canada “...will work with territorial governments and other federal government departments and stakeholders to identify shared priorities for northern transportation infrastructure, including, but not limited to, northern airports.”

Mr. Chairman, in 2016 the Government of Canada announced a new trade and transportation corridors initiative. On September 14, 2017 the Legislative Assembly was informed that the Government of Nunavut had submitted seven expressions of interest to the federal government for funding under this initiative. Mr. Chairman, these expressions of interest concerned the

Grays Bay Road and Port Project; the Nunavut-Manitoba Winter Road Project; air terminal building replacements in Chesterfield Inlet, Kimmirut, Kugluktuk, Naujaat, and Whale Cove; marine development projects for Qikiqtarjuaq and Rankin Inlet; and airport relocations in Kimmirut and Pangnirtung. Members urge the minister to provide regular updates to the Legislative Assembly on the status of these applications.

The department’s proposed 2018-19 capital estimates include \$3.0 million in funding for small capital projects and transportation equipment. The majority of this funding is for the acquisition of mobile equipment for Nunavut airports, such as graders, runway inspection vehicles, and compactors. Members note that the government has issued a number of requests for proposals and requests for tenders in recent weeks for various pieces of mobile equipment that are being funded through part 2 of the Department of Economic Development and Transportation’s 2018-19 capital estimates, which have not yet been approved by the Legislative Assembly.

Members recognize that these capital estimates are being considered during the winter sitting immediately preceding the start of the new fiscal year rather than during the fall sitting of the preceding calendar year. This is a consequence of our territory’s four-year electoral cycle. However, members emphasize the importance of ensuring that the information which the government publishes as part of its procurement activities clearly and explicitly recognizes that such expenditures are ultimately contingent on receiving formal Legislative Assembly approval.

The department's proposed 2018-19 capital estimates include \$1 million in funding for "Transport Canada Remediations." Information provided by the department indicates that this funding is to address deficiencies that have been identified by Transport Canada at a number of airports in the territory during the course of the federal entity's inspection activities. Members urge the minister to report back to the Legislative Assembly at the completion of this work with a detailed description of what specific deficiencies were addressed.

Mr. Chairman, the Department of Economic Development and Transportation's proposed 2018-19 capital estimates include \$500,000 in funding for small craft harbour capital contributions. This amount has been included in the department's annual capital estimates since the 2009-2010 fiscal year. In August of 2015 the department's *Community Transportation Initiatives Program Policy* was revised. Schedule A of the policy concerns departmental support for "Access Roads and Community Marine Infrastructure." Schedule B details departmental support for "Small Craft Harbour Capital Contributions." The policy requires the Minister of Economic Development and Transportation to "table annually in the Legislative Assembly a summary of contributions detailing the amount of each contribution, the type of initiative being supported, and community." Members look forward to the timely tabling of departmental annual reports on contributions made under both Schedule A and Schedule B of the policy.

Mr. Chairman, the current 2017-2020

business plan of the Department of ED&T indicates that one of its ongoing priorities has been to "Complete planning work for remediation and removal of decommissioned airport buildings in Qikiqtarjuaq, Coral Harbour, Nanisivik, Sanikiluaq and Resolute Bay." The department's proposed 2018-19 capital estimates include \$850,000 in funding for the decommissioning of the old airport terminal building in Sanikiluaq. Members encourage the minister to clarify the department's schedule for the decommissioning of the remaining ATBs.

Mr. Chairman, the department's proposed 2018-19 budget for small capital projects also includes \$100,000 for capital planning studies and \$210,000 for lifecycle renovations. Members encourage the minister to report annually to the Legislative Assembly on the results of these studies and renovations.

The department's 2014-15 capital estimates included \$2.8 million in funding for the replacement of the government's Motor Vehicle Information System. Its 2015-16 capital estimates included \$1.2 million in funding for the project. Its 2016-17 capital estimates included \$500,000 in funding for the project.

During June of 2015 the Legislative Assembly approved a \$2.8 million capital carryover for this project. During the winter 2016 sitting of the Legislative Assembly, \$3,079,000 in supplementary funding was approved for the project. During June of 2016 the Legislative Assembly approved a \$4.0 million capital carryover for this project. Mr.

Chairman, during June of 2017 the Legislative Assembly approved a \$4.84 million capital carryover for this project.

Mr. Chairman, the importance of ensuring that such documents as driver's licences and general identification cards are issued in a timely manner to Nunavut residents has been raised in the Legislative Assembly on numerous occasions in recent years. Members are hopeful that the department's new Motor Vehicle Information System will contribute to the resolution of these problems, and urge the minister to provide regular updates to the Legislative Assembly on the status of the implementation of the new system.

Mr. Chairman, I'm sure everyone is happy that that concludes my opening comments on the proposed 2018-19 Capital Estimates of the Department of Economic Development and Transportation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you very much, Mr. Hickes. Before we move on, I want to remind members that we are dealing with capital estimates today, not O&M. If you have O&M questions, save them for another time; you will have other opportunities to ask such questions.

According to Rule 77(1), you will have 10 minutes to speak, and according to Rule 77(2), subject to the discretion of the Chair, a member may speak more than once to a matter under discussion but not until every member wishing to speak has spoken.

Do members have any general comments? There being none, we will go to K-3. Economic Development and

Transportation. Transportation. Total Capital Expenditures. \$6,468,000. Mr. Arreak or, sorry, Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Either will do.

I have a few questions that I would like to start with. The first was sort of touched upon during the opening comments and that is the decommissioning of old air terminal buildings.

Now, in the substantiation sheet you have identified that you're going to include the demolition of old terminal buildings with plans of construction of new terminal buildings. I was wondering: with the remaining four communities that still abandoned and contaminated air terminal buildings, when do you plan on taking care of those? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Lightstone. Ms. Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The four ATBs in Sanikiluaq, Qikiqtarjuaq, Coral Harbour, and Resolute Bay are on the list. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Sheutiapik. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In this current five-year capital plan, you have identified that you're going to decommission Sanikiluaq's abandoned air terminal building, but when do you plan on decommissioning the other four communities' air terminal buildings?

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Lightstone. Minister Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik

(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) We're going to complete a study to ensure or to help us prioritize the remaining three. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Sheutiapik. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll move on to the next project, the Transport Canada remediation. You have identified the need of \$1 million to deal with the short-term immediate fixes, but you have also identified in the substantiation sheet a need for long-term corrective action plans. Does the minister know when those long-term plans would have to be put together and how much the long-term remediation costs would be? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Lightstone. Minister Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik

(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) We have identified several deficiencies and there is a priority listing of the following:

- Gjoa Haven is a mandatory instruction sign and runway exit sign replacement of \$50,000;
- Taloyoak is a mandatory instruction sign, location sign, runway exit sign replacements, airport beacon

replacements for \$100,000;

- Kugaaruk, a mandatory instruction sign, location signs, runway exit signs of \$100,000;
- Coral Harbour, a mandatory instruction sign, location signs, runways exit signs, airport beacon replacement for \$100,000;
- Rankin Inlet is for replacement of approach lighting towers, which is \$100,000;
- Whale Cove, a mandatory instruction sign, location signs, runway exit signs, and replacement of PAPI of \$100,000;
- Arviat is a mandatory instruction sign, location signs, runway exit signs, ODALs, which is omnidirectional approach light system repair and replacement for \$125,000;
- Baker Lake, mandatory instruction sign, location signs, runway exit signs, and realign drainage ditch for \$100,000;
- Naujaat is for a mandatory instruction sign, location signs, runway exit sign, airport beacon, and a deviated position approach path indicator for \$125,000.
- The final community for this year is Chesterfield Inlet for a mandatory instruction sign, location signs, and runway location lights for \$100,000.

(interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Sheutiapik. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for that very detailed response.

I would like to move on to the next project, the Iqaluit International Airport improvements. It has been an issue that has been brought up around the community quite often. It's the fact there seems to be a safety issue with the compact size of our parking lot. It's a major concern to me because I have almost seen someone actually get run over when someone was trying to back out of their parking spot.

I think that the department really needs to consider expanding that parking lot at least a few metres or so, especially considering the amount of large trucks that people operate here in town. Would the minister be able to look into that? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Lightstone. Minister Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Yes, we have heard those concerns. The department is right now looking at modifying that parking lot for next year. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Sheutiapik. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm glad that it's going to be dealt with next year. Hopefully in the meantime no one will be seriously

injured.

Moving on to the next, small capital, it's very obvious that all the airports require a significant amount of large mobile equipment and you have identified quite a few of those items specifically as well. I was wondering, once again, if ED&T will be able to provide how much the department has spent in the last three fiscal years on small capital. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Lightstone. You're bringing up prior years' capital estimates and we're trying to deal with this year's capital estimates, if you could try to keep it to that, please. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, you are right. I am bringing up prior capital. I just want to ensure that this \$1 million request is accurate and sufficient, which was why I was asking what prior year actuals were like. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Lightstone. Minister Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) \$800,000 each year for three years is the prior budget. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Sheutiapik. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would just like to make sure I had that correctly. The department has spent \$300,000 a year on small capital...sorry. \$800,000? Okay. Thank

you very much. Now, that would be all my questions. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, minister.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Lightstone. Next on my list, Mr. Netser.

Mr. Netser (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Welcome, minister and your officials. John Hawkins, you're a familiar face, and (interpretation ends) the new DM, (interpretation) welcome.

(interpretation ends) For the record, Coral Harbour does not have an old ATB. It's for the record. It's an old garage. If you could get your substantiation sheets corrected, minister, I would sure appreciate it.

I note that Coral Harbour will be getting a grader this summer. Thank you. Currently they share the hamlet's grader between the airport and the town. As not many of you know, Coral Harbour's airport is about 13 miles away. The new grader that we have currently for the hamlet is really utilized 150 percent. (interpretation) I'm pleased with that.

(interpretation ends) Just during Christmastime, (interpretation) when the days are short, the airport lights were flickering on and off and I'm sure that it disrupted the scheduled flights. The Department of Transportation had used flare pods, I think, three times during that period. We went to the airport prior to the plane coming in. Within 15 minutes they had to put on the lights before the flight came in, but we couldn't put the lights on. I had told the Department of Transportation. I would like an update on what's happening with the airport lights in Coral Harbour, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Netser. Minister Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik

(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Before I respond, I would also like to say that whatever questions you had are in the planning stages and we have made plans on the questions that were asked in standing committee.

(interpretation ends) For Patterk Netser's immediate question, on December 15 the airport maintainer was in the process of grading the runway surface, at which time he had clipped a pulpit containing electric components and wiring, causing runway lights to be unusable.

At this time Calm Air ATR was inbound, reporting 50 miles out. The airport maintainer advised SAR and began to fix the break in the wiring. SAR advised the inbound aircraft of the situation through a voice advisory.

During this time Calm Air decided to divert back to YRT, Rankin Inlet, not knowing how long the problem would take to fix. It took the airport maintainer approximately 15 to 20 minutes to fix the problem and to have the runway lights up and running. No flare pods were set as the airport maintainer made a decision to spend that time fixing the wire.

An event report was not completed right after the incident, but one was submitted since the incident. Due to the lack of submitting in a timely manner, the airport maintainer was reminded of the importance of reporting events. An event report on top of that was made with a corrective action to provide refresher training for the airport maintainers on

the safety management system reporting process, taking a challenging, not so positive incident and the positive is it has reminded us to use it as a refresher. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Sheutiapik. Mr. Netser.

Mr. Netser: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The airport maintainer became an electrician, which is not his trade. Is that what I'm hearing? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Netser. Minister Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank you for that question. At times the (interpretation ends) maintenance crew (interpretation) have to react to a situation, and he was able to fix the problem (interpretation ends) because it was a temporary fix. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Sheutiapik. Mr. Netser.

Mr. Netser: Thank you, *Iksivautaaq*. I heard it's a temporary fix. Has that been fixed permanently? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Netser. Minister Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Lights would be assessed to find out what was wrong with it in the first place. This

comes out of small capital projects once the temporary fix was done. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. If you could confirm; I wasn't quite clear on your answer. Mr. Netser's question was: was it permanently fixed? If you can answer that directly, please, Ms. Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik: *Itsivautaaq*, (interpretation ends) unfortunately some of these things are seasonal and the location of it. It's working; it's functioning. To truly assess it, it will have to be done in the summer and that will come out of the small capital projects, but it is operating. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you for that clarification. Mr. Netser.

Mr. Netser (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Thank you, minister, for clarifying that. I'm going up to my other community, which is Naujaat. We have been asking for an extension on their runway and the replacement of the old ATB, which is just about as old as anyone in Nunavut these days. I know the department is asking for funding from the federal government in extending the current runway. Could you give me the status on that? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Netser. Minister Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) The airport terminal building replacement,

this project is in the preplanning stage at CGS and will be submitted for GN funding in fiscal year 2019-2020. A request for funding under the National Trade Corridors Fund was also submitted. (interpretation) Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Sheutiapik. Mr. Netser.

Mr. Netser (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) That's good to know. My last question is with regard to the Small Craft Harbours Program. (interpretation) In Naujaat they have no marine facility and a rough shoreline. Have you considered building a decent marine facility or even a floating dock in Naujaat? Does your department have any plans to build a marine facility, floating dock, breakwater, or anything? It would be a tremendous benefit to boat owners. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Netser. Minister Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Our small craft harbour funding, which is a budget of \$500,000 annually, to date is proposal-based. If you work with your riding, the community to submit, we would certainly look at it. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Sheutiapik. Mr. Netser.

Mr. Netser: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This \$500,000 doesn't sound like a lot. It's just for planning. Is that what I'm hearing, Mr. Chairman? Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Netser. Minister Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) It's for basic infrastructure, such as dock upgrades, sealift area upgrades and cleanup. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Sheutiapik. Mr. Netser.

Mr. Netser: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Sorry, my community is one of the floating docks installed... How would they go about acquiring funds to purchase...? I think a floating dock is well worth more than \$500,000. How does one community go about applying for and securing a floating dock for their community? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Netser. Minister Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. At this time we don't have funds that go over \$500,000. This \$500,000 is for communities making requests of that amount and under. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Sheutiapik. Mr. Qirngnuq.

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Welcome, minister and your officials.

I want to ask about this matter within your opening comments. In your report you mentioned communities that would

receive equipment which is written down, and I didn't hear any mention of Kugaaruk or Taloyoak. I believe lack of funding was the reason. I would like to know about this, which is why I am asking about it. Taloyoak is generally listed as an alternate destination in cases of emergency or failure to land at their destination in Kugaaruk. In English, it is the "alternate" destination. In order to have a safe airstrip, the requirement is that we need a (interpretation ends) snow blower (interpretation) to keep the snow off the runway. I would like to ask when this equipment would become available to the community. I hope I was understandable, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Qirngnuq. Minister Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik

(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I can say right now for Taloyoak's (interpretation ends) air terminal building carryover project, this project was completed and ready for occupation in September 2016, substantially complete in November 2017. (interpretation) It was recently completed.

(interpretation ends) Small capital 2017-18, one runway inspection vehicle for \$42,000; small craft harbours 2017-18 has not been delegated, but the sealift access area, \$50,000, has been delegated; Transport Canada remediation work 2018-19, (interpretation) what is written is \$100,000. (interpretation ends) Mandatory instruction signs, location signs, runway exit sign replacements (interpretation) are for (interpretation ends) next year. (interpretation) Thank

you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Sheutiapik. Mr. Qirngnuq.

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I didn't ask about what the minister referenced. What I was trying to enquire about was (interpretation ends) a snow blower (interpretation) attachment that breaks up snow and blows it away, and generally it is a wheeled heavy piece of equipment used at our airports.

I wanted to know when a snow blower machine would be contemplated for our community. I would like know what plans the minister's department has in this regard. That was my question, which hopefully is comprehensible, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Qirngnuq. Minister Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik

(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I see two items listed, which I unfortunately forgot to read or speak to. This is under (interpretation ends) small capital (interpretation) listed for 2017-18, which isn't (interpretation ends) delegated, one loader, a mounted snow blower, small craft harbours for 2017-18, not delegated for a new barge landing and Transport Canada remediation work for 2018-19, \$100,000.

Mandatory instructions sign and runway exit sign replacements (interpretation) are the items that have been requested by the smaller communities that are written within the capital plan estimates. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Sheutiapik. Mr. Qirngnuq.

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My next question relates to the heavy equipment used to service the airports, specifically bigger pieces of equipment used to clear snow from the runways. Currently no local storage or garage spaces exist to house the equipment in either Kugaaruk or Taloyoak. When would the garage to house the equipment, perhaps to say it in English, (interpretation ends) parking space (interpretation) for the heavy equipment be taken into consideration under the capital plans for both of my constituency communities of Taloyoak and Kugaaruk? I hope I was understandable, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Qirngnuq. Minister Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Unfortunately when it comes to garages for airports in our territory, we have been submitting, but we have not been successful through the capital planning. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Sheutiapik. Mr. Qirngnuq.

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for the clarification. We will probably see it sometime in the future.

To move to a different item, currently the community of Taloyoak has a brand new terminal building which was just

opened up this fall, so firstly I thank the minister and her department for that building.

What I was to ask about relates to the old terminal building, which is quite antiquated and no longer in use. When would this building be moved or demolished? I would like to understand what the plans are, hence my question on this matter. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Qirngnuq. Minister Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The old terminal building will be decommissioned this year. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Sheutiapik. Next on my list, Ms. Towtongie.

Ms. Towtongie: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My question, looking at the history of the *Nunavut Small Craft Harbours Report* since 2005, Chesterfield Inlet has been mentioned along with Repulse Bay and Kugaaruk and a number of other communities. Again in 2008, small craft harbours, \$1 million was appropriated for that fiscal year for the same communities and other communities, and that's Chesterfield Inlet, Repulse Bay, and Kugaaruk and \$1 million was appropriated.

My question is, the Government of Canada Department of Fisheries and Oceans operates and maintains over 1,000 fishing and recreational harbours across Canada. The total value of these harbours is more than \$3 billion. Despite the fact that the Nunavut coastline makes

up over 40 percent of Canada's coastline, none of these communities have been built to date. With small craft harbours, I'm glad they mentioned Chesterfield Inlet once, but when they do studies...

I wrote it here. Bear with me. \$100,000 was approved for studies in your department's 2017-18 capital estimates. What specific studies have been undertaken to date during the current 2017-18 fiscal year? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Towtongie. Minister Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As I stated before on small craft harbours, we would have to keep lobbying the (interpretation ends) Department of Fisheries and Oceans. (interpretation) Ever since the small craft harbour in Pangnirtung was constructed, they haven't provided any more funding. On the second part of your question, I don't have a list of which studies were conducted. I will look into that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Sheutiapik. Ms. Towtongie.

Ms. Towtongie: Well, actually the department's community transportation initiative was revised in August of 2015 and expires on March 31, 2020, which is two years away. I think the department should proceed for community marine infrastructure as quickly as possible and table it to the Legislative Assembly.

In saying that, in regard to Chesterfield Inlet and Repulse Bay, right in their back

yard is the national park, Wager Bay, so there's a lot of potential. According to the report I'm reading, if there's potential for economic uses, marine infrastructure ports will be priority.

In looking at the department's proposed 2018-19 small capital budget, \$100,000 was set aside or allocated. I'm wondering: what specific studies is the department planning to take in the upcoming 2018-19 fiscal year? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Towtongie. Minister Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I cannot say which application it is because the smaller communities have to put in proposals annually. (interpretation ends) I can't predict which community is going to submit because this pot of money that we're talking about is proposal-based. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Sheutiapik. Ms. Towtongie.

Ms. Towtongie: According to the New Building Canada Fund's provincial and territorial infrastructure component, national and regional projects, one of them is marine infrastructure. This is conditional on the project meeting applicable federal eligibility criteria with respect to the New Building Canada Fund. I applaud the minister for her answers, but if Nunavut is going to be part of the process for this Building Canada Fund, then we have to act right away because the cost of getting into that fund is \$40 million. Thank you, Mr.

Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Towtongie. Minister Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik

(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) The department undertakes planning and studies with small capital funds to determine its internal priorities from among all of the programs and infrastructure that the department is responsible for. It may be used, for example, to assist two or three runways at similar age to determine which one should be advanced into design.

Community and Government Services does the preplanning funding for projects which have been identified as departmental priorities and which are advanced into procurement and construction. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Sheutiapik. Ms. Towtongie.

Ms. Towtongie: She mentioned runways; I am talking about small craft harbours that are critical to the Nunavut coastline. If Nunavut is going to get some of those dollars cost, we have to start lobbying, like she said.

In saying that, \$210,000 has been allocated for lifecycle renovations. The marine port right now in Chesterfield Inlet; I thought it was one child that went into the ocean. I contacted the SAO and he kind of said, "I can't even recall because it has been a number of people, not one, who have been into the ocean." One of the bases for the marine cycle project is safety and life security. I

believe that should be a priority. I would ask the minister if the safety-related marine infrastructure standards are being followed.

I'm not talking about the runway; I'm talking about marine small craft harbours. I do understand they're not intended to become GN assets, but if the Government of Canada is going to work on it, then we have to start pushing for some of those dollars for building infrastructure. That's my final comment, Mr. Chairman. Thank you so much.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Towtongie. Before we go on, I would like to remind you that we don't refer to fellow members as she or he. Please use their proper names when addressing the Assembly. Thank you. Ms. Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik

(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I understand your words very clearly. You also mentioned it yesterday or the day before and I already directed that the mayors of the two communities will be receiving correspondence on what's available. If we don't have sufficient money for their request, then we can collaborate with them and help them to apply for federal funding. That's my response to you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Sheutiapik. Mr. Hickes.

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just have a few questions. Maybe I'll start off with a fairly easy one. With the airport terminal here in Iqaluit or the airport itself, the Winnipeg Airports Authority has the operational contract. Is that all-encompassing; the terminal, the

apron, and runway? What I'm getting at here is: who is now responsible for purchasing equipment for the Iqaluit airport? Thank you.

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

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik
(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) They purchase it, but we allow for the purchases over the life of the agreement, which I believe is 30 years. (interpretation ends) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. What type of oversight does the Department of ED&T provide Iqalumiut on the use of the equipment or the operational status of the equipment? The reason I'm asking is let's say a piece of equipment was broken and it would be more cost-effective for the Winnipeg Airports Authority to wait a period of time before they fixed it and that potentially infringed upon airport closures because that equipment is not available, what type of oversight would the government have available to them? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik
(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Through you, if I could have the assistant deputy minister answer that one. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Sheutiapik. Mr. Hawkins.

Mr. Hawkins: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There is a schedule of capital purchases throughout the 30-year term, so they are predetermined. The company has an ability to make changes to them with our approval, but the amount doesn't change. They can move a piece of equipment or purchase from one year to another. The amount doesn't change, so there really is no advantage to them. If they break a piece of equipment, they have to replace it. The money comes in at the same pace that it was going to come through pre-scheduled. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Hawkins. Mr. Hickes.

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll leave that one alone.

In my opening comments, I spoke to the fact that there were RFTs put out with direct spending on this proposed budget. In fact, if the procurement website is correct, three of those RFTs have been awarded. When I look through the requests for tenders, I just pulled one of them out instead of going through all three of them; I couldn't find any reference to this tender being conditional upon the approval of what is an unfunded budget at this point.

In fact, if I look into the purchase order in the general parameters in No. 2, it says the condition of this contract that payment hereunder is subject to section 46 of the *Financial Administration Act*, as amended, which provides as follows is a condition of every contract made by or on behalf of the government requiring

an expenditure, that “an expenditure pursuant to the contract will be incurred only if there is a sufficient uncommitted balance in the appropriated item for the fiscal year in which the expenditure is required under the contract.”

I understand errors can be made, but this is spending money that they don't even have yet. If we were to deny this budget for some reason, there are severe implications. To me, the *Financial Administration Act* and the *Financial Administration Manual* are the bibles for financial expenditures that this government needs to operate under. I would like some assurance that this will not happen again. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Hickes. I, too, follow the contract procurement online and I have made the same observations. Minister Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) I'm of the understanding that there's a process. Boy is there a process in the government, I'm learning, and it's no different for procurement. We were of the understanding that these purchases were through the proper process and, if it wasn't, we have to ensure as a department that processes are followed because there is a procurement process. We don't actually do all the purchasing as a department. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Sheutiapik. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Given the time, I'll try to keep my

questions short.

First of all, with regard to preplanning for a new air terminal building in Whale Cove, it's under CGS for this year's budget, but it's also my understanding that there's a trade corridors fund application of which Whale Cove air terminal building is a part. I wonder if the minister could explain just what the plan is in terms of making sure that that terminal gets done as soon as possible or gets built. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) My understanding is yes, it is part of the National Trade Corridors Fund, but the department has planned that if it did not get approved through this, we would be funding it through our own department. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Sheutiapik. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I wonder if the minister could explain what that looks like in terms of the anticipated timeline. In terms of the trade corridor applications, I understand there have been some shifting timelines there. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) I do believe I did say that the review of the

northern portion of the corridor fund would be reviewed in the fall.
(interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Sheutiapik. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and the minister. The federal government will review those applications in the fall and provide an answer in the fall of 2018. Is that the anticipation? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik
(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) This is all we know. This is the federal government's purview. They told us the fall, but that could change. All we know is we were told it's the fall.
(interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Sheutiapik. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll just reiterate what I have said before that the air terminal building project for Whale Cove is important and I would like to see it proceed as quickly as possible. To be frank, I don't care who pays for it; I just care that it's built. Maybe as a group, we could agree that it's great when the federal government pays for things because it frees up money for other things.

In terms of the trade corridors fund, my current understanding is that there are six applications into the trade corridors

fund. As of last November, four applications were submitted for six projects. I wonder if the minister would commit to tabling copies of the applications or the expressions of interest in the House. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik: Yes, if I remember correctly, this was one of the questions of the standing committee and I stated earlier that we're in the process of finalizing the answers to those questions from the standing committee. Yes, it will be provided. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Sheutiapik. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would just like to make sure that that response is going to include the total commitment that would be required from the Nunavut government in terms of our portion of those applications. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik
(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) For your benefit, there are four headings under the sheet that you will be getting, which are initial request, GN share, final cost, and GN share. It is detailed. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Sheutiapik. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. With regard to that fund, my understanding is that the GN has an application in there for a winter road project in the Kivalliq to link us with Manitoba, but it's also my understanding that the regional Inuit association also has an application into that same fund. Can the minister indicate if there has been any communication with the Kivalliq Inuit Association to try to coordinate those applications in terms of working together? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Unfortunately I have to say that we have not seen their application. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Sheutiapik. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That's unfortunate because when it's a project as big as building a road, ideally you want everyone to come to the table. I wonder if the minister would be able to commit to trying to establish a dialogue with the regional Inuit associations on infrastructure such as this. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) I have certainly had many icebreakers over the

last little bit with different groups on potential projects. I certainly will be open to having one with this group as well. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Sheutiapik. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm going to shift gears here and going back to Whale Cove and Chesterfield Inlet. It's my understanding, and my understanding could be flawed, that there's some work which will hopefully be done in this calendar year with regard to instrumentation by NAV CANADA that would allow the ceilings to be lowered in Whale Cove and Chesterfield Inlet and hopefully increase the amount of planes that can land that reduce the amount of missed flights. Is the minister aware of this project and is ED&T a part of that project? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) There has been some discussion in April, but we're not at this point sure where that is at as of today. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Sheutiapik. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main: Just as a follow-up, will the minister look into this in order to help make sure that this work happens? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main.

Minister Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik

(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) I should have said it's an annual meeting. Actually the annual meeting is just around the corner and yes, it will be brought up. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Also on the air travel issue, I don't want to speak for the company. My understanding is there is an airline in the Kivalliq, and you can guess which one, that is working on, I'll call it, a waiting lounge or they're planning for a facility that would be located in close proximity to the Rankin Inlet Airport in that it is a hub and that passengers that pass through there, particularly medical travelers, are sometimes waiting for many hours. Is the department aware of this project and are they helping out or planning to help out on that project in any way? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik

(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) My understanding is that there would be land made available for lease if they want to build on the land. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Sheutiapik. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I wonder if the minister could provide or

commit to providing further information on this project. It could be one that could be very valuable to my constituents. I would be very interested to learn more about it from the government's perspective. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik

(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) This is so early in the stage right now that it is hard to commit to something when it's just the initial stage. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Sheutiapik. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main: Mr. Chairman, my understanding is that the company is looking at shipping up materials to build the facility or to place the facility on site this summer. I would encourage the minister to look into it and hopefully there would be some room there to collaborate with the company. I'll just leave that as a comment.

I'm going to touch on this regional visitor centre in Rankin Inlet. I'm going to refer to the substantiation sheet here that indicates that it ended up costing less than it was initially anticipated. There was an amount that was transferred out of that project and it was transferred into the Grays Bay port and road project.

I wonder if the minister could explain. Just because I'm a new MLA here, I don't quite understand how this stuff works. What mechanism allows the department to transfer funding from a

tourism centre in the Kivalliq to the Grays Bay port and road project in another region altogether? I'm just wanted to understand the mechanism here, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik

(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Welcome to my club. I'm new too, so I'm forever asking, but my understanding is that it is allowed. These kinds of realignment or transfers are allowed under the capital process FAM. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Sheutiapik. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main: I'll use it as a follow-up. I'm just trying to clarify here. \$175,000 was transferred to the Grays Bay project. Is that in addition... ? I guess I'll just get to the point. What was the total amount that the government has put into the Grays Bay project so far in terms of the capital, design, environmental engineering? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik

(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Unfortunately I have to say that I don't know that either because that's past; this is before my time. I have not spent our department that I know of on this project. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Sheutiapik. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main: Mr. Chairman, if you will allow it, then I'll request that the minister provide us with that information when she can in terms of how much money has been spent to date from all sources on the Grays Bay project. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik

(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Sure we will. We will tally it. We will find out what that is and forward it through the Chair. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Sheutiapik. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll just add and make sure I'm being precise here, the amount committed would also be valuable information if there's a difference there between spent and committed. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik

(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) My understanding was of both, anything in relation to Grays Bay. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Sheutiapik. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I won't ask any more questions about Grays Bay. I'll just add as a comment that I do support the project in principle just as I support mineral development across Nunavut done in balance.

With regard to the Iqaluit International Airport Improvement Project, your department's substantiation sheet indicates that prior to the commencement of procurement, a project team sought and received cabinet approval regarding the proposed strategy for compliance with Article 24 of the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement*. The approach taken focused on guaranteed minimum levels of Inuit labour during construction and operations, with incentives for increasing levels of Inuit labour.

Approximately how many Inuit were employed during the construction of the new airport? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Under the terms of the project agreement, IALP must be met the following mandatory requirements, which were at least 15 percent of the value of labour in Nunavut must be done by Inuit employees; at least \$16 million worth of contracts and subcontracts to contract the project must be undertaken by Inuit firms. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Sheutiapik. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Can the minister indicate whether those targets were met and what the actual results were? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I can say now that, as I stated earlier, it was supposed to be 15 percent, but they actually got 17 percent, which (interpretation ends) exceeded it a little bit. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Sheutiapik. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): I thank the minister. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will have more questions about the Iqaluit International Airport in the coming months because we have to talk about it. I don't have any more questions, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main. Mr. Keyootak.

Mr. Keyootak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just have a short question. I believe this was responded to already, but I didn't understand the response about the old airport terminal buildings that are still in the communities for many years, including the ATB in Qikiqtarjuaq. They were supposed to have been decommissioned a long time ago. Are they planning to decommission them in 2018-19? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Keyootak. Minister Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik

(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As I stated, communities that's recognized is Sanikiluaq if the funding is approved for this year and we're still not quite sure about the three other communities. We have to do a study to see which will be the priority. That's what I said earlier. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Sheutiapik. Mr. Keyootak.

Mr. Keyootak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. For the four other communities' ATBs that need to be decommissioned, will they be done one year at a time? Will all the buildings be decommissioned in one year or will one ATB be decommissioned per year? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Keyootak. Minister Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik

(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Right now we are planning to decommission one every year for a total of five ATBs, including one this year. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Sheutiapik. Mr. Keyootak.

Mr. Keyootak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also thank her for the response. We will be expecting that. I'll move on to something else. In the other community I represent, Clyde River, I met with groups like the hamlet and others. They asked me to bring this up and they wanted to get information about the Clyde River Airport. They wanted to know if the airstrip can be

lengthened and they wanted to ask if there are any plans to lengthen it. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Keyootak. Minister Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik

(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It has been looked at, but they need to do a feasibility study to see if it can be lengthened. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Sheutiapik. Mr. Keyootak.

Mr. Keyootak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We will also expect when the airstrip can be lengthened. Travel in the Baffin has been very inconvenient. The new aircraft that are being utilized now cannot land in Clyde River because the airstrip is apparently too short. The people in Clyde River really expect to have their airstrip lengthened so that the aircraft that are utilized these days can land there. Once it has been planned, will you be able to give the information to us and tell us when work can actually begin? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Keyootak. Minister Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I stated that we would be doing a study. The study will determine if the runway can be extended or not. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Sheutiapik. Mr. Keyootak.

Mr. Keyootak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also thank her for the response. We know there is a lot of room to extend the runway. You can lengthen it as long as you want. There is no shortage of space. It's like it was built purposely short. There is so much room. They have a real flat area near the airport that they can lengthen it as much as they want. I'm giving the heads up to the planners so they know about this right away. It's not really a question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Keyootak. Was that a question or just a comment? It was a comment? We will leave it at that. We will go on the next name on the list. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation) When they're talking about airport terminal buildings, the one in Baker Lake has been renovated. The first question I have is on the airside. Can they build a ramp for people who just had surgery or elders who are on wheelchairs? That's my first question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We have already requested that this be built within the same contract. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Is the minister indicating that the contractor will have the final say in constructing a wheelchair access ramp

on the airside? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) No, what I'm saying is because we have contractors, we're hoping that since they're there, they incorporate it into the work they're doing. If it's a no, then obviously we would have to go through the process of a request for proposals, the whole process of that kind of a building. It might be small, but still we would have to then go through a process if our current contractor does not accept to do it within this project now. We would have to tender out that if the contractor said no. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think, in today's standards and society, what should be a very high standard anywhere in Canada or in Nunavut is a wheelchair access ramp on both sides of an ATB. It's just a comment. I would like to see that wheelchair access ramp on the airside in Baker Lake, definitely.

Moving on, one of my colleagues did ask about Transport Canada remediation, but I'm going to follow up to that. There was a 209-page document report that was compiled with all kinds of findings. This report is protected and not included but identifies multiple safety-related violations of airport standards and regulations which Transport Canada has

identified as being of high concern. Why is this report referred to as being protected? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) My understanding why this document is classified as Protected A is meaning the unauthorized disclosure could reasonably be expected to cause injury to an individual, organization, or government. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the minister for that response. We're sort of blindsided on this particular document.

When they look at rectifying all of these deficiencies, is there a timeline and money set aside under the National Trade Corridors Fund to remediate all of these deficiencies and a timeline? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) That \$1 million I talked about earlier is to get all the work done in 2018-19. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you. I'll move on here. Your department's June 23, 2015 presentation to the *Canada Transportation Act* Review Panel recommended paved runway and apron surfaces at all major hub/regional centre airports. What has been the federal response to this recommendation on the part of Transport Canada and NAV CANADA? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) You might have heard that statement from somewhere, but it didn't come from this department. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you. That is interesting to note. The presentation that was made to the *Canada Transportation Act* Review Panel recommended that "all Nunavut airports be upgraded to the GPS Instrument Approach...that is appropriate for each individual airport." What has been the federal response to this recommendation on the part of Transport Canada and NAV CANADA? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Through you, I do believe I'll have the assistant deputy minister answer that question. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr.

Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Hawkins.

Mr. Hawkins: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There have been some changes obviously through the years or following those recommendations. NAV CANADA doesn't respond to us; they would respond to Transport Canada in that regard.

Transport Canada or the federal government has not made a program available as we have discussed with them over many years specifically for northern airports. They have other programs that the eligibility has been spread out to airports, but they do not have a specific program as we have requested many times. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Hopkins. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I guess I'll move on here. When we look the Motor Vehicles Information System, each and every year there have been capital carryovers and supplementary appropriations. When we look at the Motor Vehicles Information System, it is vital to people who rarely travel out of the territory and get stranded because they have only one ID. Are there any plans to stop with all the supplementary appropriations and actually start purchasing equipment so that photo IDs could start taking place and getting constructed for the benefit of Nunavut people? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik

(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) As you know, there have been several questions on this and to ensure that it's clear, I'm going to have my deputy minister answer that one. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Sheutiapik. Ms. Hanson.

Ms. Hanson (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The MVIS, or Motor Vehicles Information System, is to be completed and installed completely across Nunavut by the end of this calendar year, 2018. What you're referring to in terms of general identification is definitely an issue with the department providing that effective and efficient service to all Nunavummiut.

The added, I guess, supplies to the department about the RCMP not doing the motor vehicles licences has prompted the department to look at how it is we can take advantage of this challenge as an opportunity. How can we provide that service in a community instead in an effective manner? That look that we're taking in each community also applies to general identification. We have a pilot project actually taking place in Arviat right now to look at how we can do it using resources in each community because it will take very specific resources in each community. It's not going to be the same solution in each community.

The Motor Vehicles Information System allows for us to be able to provide this service, just not specifically in each community. It will have to be just like

the way the driver's licences are issued, in the same manner. (interpretation)
Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Hanson.
Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the official for the response. Being an MLA from a forced growth community and robust community, I guess I could say that because of the operating gold mine, which has positive impacts to the people. When you look at this MVIS system and in Baker Lake we have the old system still, what I'm asking here now is: can you replace the equipment with new equipment so that more people could benefit from the community of Baker Lake and people who are going into Baker Lake to work for the gold mine with the general ID and motor vehicles? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Mikkungwak. This program is equally important to every community, not just Baker Lake. Ms. Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) The system is Nunavut-wide and obviously Baker Lake will be getting the installation as well. I just don't have the schedule as to when each community will have the system. (interpretation)
Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Sheutiapik.
Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the minister for her response. I guess I'll rephrase my

comment and question here. I take note of the Chairman's comment, but at the same time I take note of the minister's response, as they're doing a pilot project in Arviat.

When you look at Baker Lake and Rankin Inlet operating gold mines and Pond Inlet, the Motor Vehicles Information System ID and general ID really assist people who are possible candidates in working at industry. We need to really speed up on that. Within the next six months I would like to see new equipment within the community of Baker Lake and the other communities that I have identified with industry so that more Nunavummiut can benefit for career opportunities. Is that a possibility? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Mikkungwak. Ms. Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Our department has been trying to deal with backlogs, having people going into the community to do the testing. We're also initiating partnerships with the mining company. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Sheutiapik.
Mr. Mikkungwak.

Sorry, Mr. Mikkungwak. Ms. Sheutiapik wanted to add to her comments. Ms. Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) If Baker Lake wants to be part of the pilot project, we would be more than happy to

do it in Baker Lake as well.
(interpretation) Thank you, Mr.
Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Sheutiapik.
I want to be part of that project too.

>> *Laughter*

Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr.
Chairman. That's music to my ears.

>> *Laughter*

I finally get something from ED&T. The reason I also state that is I did use industry as part of a leverage, but in reality I've had people on medical travel being stranded in Winnipeg or some that have gone to Ottawa and they ended up being stranded because they have only one ID. The fact of the matter is that my office was contacted. We had to try to draft up letters and at the same time contact the Member of Parliament's office so that they could get a document to substantiate their travel. That is one of the other critical factors that I have indicated.

My last question here is: when you look at the millions of dollars that are identified for the Motor Vehicles Information System, do you anticipate that a bulk of that money will be spent this fiscal year or the new fiscal year? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik
(interpretation): Thank you, Mr.
Chairman. (interpretation ends) It's for

this fiscal year. (interpretation) Thank
you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Sheutiapik.
Mr. Akoak.

Mr. Akoak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
I would like to report progress. Thank
you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Akoak. We
have a motion on the floor to report
progress. The motion is non-debatable.
All those in favour of the motion. Thank
you. Opposed. The motion is carried. I
will now rise to report progress.

Sergeant-at-Arms, please escort the
witnesses out of the Chambers.

Speaker (interpretation): Proceeding
with the orders of the day. Item 20.
Report of the Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Rumbolt.

Item 20: Report of the Committee of the Whole

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
Your committee has been considering
Bill 1, 2018-19 capital estimates, and
would like to report progress. And, Mr.
Speaker, I move that the Report of the
Committee of the Whole be agreed to.
Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you.
There is a motion on the floor. Is there a
seconder? Mr. Qirngnuq. The motion is
in order. All those in favour of the
motion, please raise your hand. All those
opposed. The motion is carried.

Item 21. Third Reading of Bills. Item 22.
Orders of the Day. (interpretation ends)
Mr. Clerk.

Item 22: Orders of the Day

Clerk (Mr. Quirke): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just a reminder that tomorrow the Management and Services Board meets at ten o'clock in the Tuktu Room, and at eleven o'clock all members should assemble in the Chambers for the group photo.

Orders of the Day for March 14:

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

- Bill 1
- Bill 2
- Bill 3
- Bill 4

20. Report of the Committee of the Whole

21. Third Reading of Bills

22. Orders of the Day

Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. This House stands adjourned until Wednesday, March 14, at 1:30 p.m.

Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>*House adjourned at 20:12*

