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Iqaluit, Nunavut**Wednesday, March 14, 2018****Members Present:**

Hon. David Akeeagok, Mr. Tony Akoak, Hon. Pat Angnakak, Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak, Hon. Joe Enook, Mr. George Hickes, Hon. David Joanasie, Mr. Joeline Kaernerker, 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): Mr. Netser, can you say the opening prayer, please.

>>*Prayer*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Netser. Premier and members, good afternoon. Nunavummiut who are watching the televised proceedings and listening to the radio broadcast, welcome to your Legislative Assembly.

We will now proceed with the orders of the day. Item 2. Ministers' Statements. Minister of Culture and Heritage, Minister Joanasie.

Item 2: Ministers' Statements**Minister's Statement 029 – 5(1): Grant Program and Promotion of Inuktitut**

Hon. David Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon, my colleagues, people of Kimmirut, Cape Dorset, and Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, as an Inuk from Nunavut, I am proud to know that we have one of the most progressive legislations that promote and protect Inuktitut as an official language, on equal footing with English and French within our territory. This level of statutory protection for an indigenous language has no precedent anywhere else in Canada.

Mr. Speaker, on July 9, 2017 the last government brought into force the language service provisions of the *Inuit Language Protection Act*. Nunavummiut can now expect more services in Inuktitut from various organizations operating in our territory, both from the government and private sector bodies.

Mr. Speaker, the Department of Culture and Heritage has established the Namminiqaqtunut Inuktuuriaqarniq Grant Program to assist private sector organizations to include Inuktitut on signs, advertising, reception and customer services. While intake has been slow, a total of six grants have been allocated so far, for a total of \$29,790.75. We are hopeful that more organizations will take advantage of this financial assistance as we conduct an outreach campaign in the next few weeks and months.

Mr. Speaker, the Department of Culture and Heritage will also be collaborating with our partners, which will include the Office of the Languages Commissioner, Inuit Uqausinginnik Taiguusiliuqtiit, and Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated to develop a communication strategy. We

will be coordinating our respective efforts over the next few years to promote the use of Inuktitut among private sector organizations and among members of the public using their services.

Mr. Speaker, the cornerstone of the strategy will be Inuktuuqta: Let's Speak Inuktitut! As we progress in developing and implementing this strategy, I will update my colleagues regularly on this initiative. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements. Minister of Family Services, Minister Savikataaq.

**Minister's Statement 030 – 5(1):
Breakfast Programs for Adult
Learners**

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to announce that my department is supporting breakfast programming for adult learners across the territory as part of a pilot project to address food insecurity.

My department has partnered with Nunavut Arctic College and the Nunavut Fisheries and Marine Training Consortium to make this possible. We are happy to have funding support from the Department of Health to [pursue] this initiative through the Nunavut Wellness Agreement.

Since January 2018 approximately 127 students enrolled in programs with Nunavut Arctic College at 20 different community learning centres across Nunavut have had access to breakfast through this pilot project. In addition to

this, over 20 students at the Nunavut Fisheries and Marine Training Consortium have had access to breakfast through this initiative.

Mr. Speaker, we know that families in Nunavut experience food insecurity. By making breakfast available to adult learners in these programs, we are supporting them in their pursuit of training and self-sufficiency. We are also alleviating some of the pressures they may experience on a daily basis while they ensure their families are fed, often at the expense of their own hunger.

Mr. Speaker, increased food security is an outcome identified in *Makimaniq Plan 2: A Shared Approach to Poverty Reduction*. The outcome recognizes initiatives such as breakfast programs as critical in supporting food security in communities.

Mr. Speaker, my department remains committed to strengthening partnerships across government departments and community organizations to improve Nunavummiut's access to food. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

**Minister's Statement 031 – 5(1):
Motor Vehicle Services and
Examination**

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I am pleased to announce the Department of

Economic Development and Transportation has been actively working on a revised process for the delivery of motor vehicle licensing and examinations. (interpretation) I know that this has been the subject of questions and I will be proving some responses to those questions later this evening.

(interpretation ends) As the members are aware, the RCMP will stop providing motor vehicle examination services on July 1, 2018. Our department commends the RCMP's dedication and long-term commitment to providing the services alongside their other duties in the communities, but we recognize that there are other priorities that the RCMP needs to address too.

In light of this decision, I am committed to not only replacing the service provided by the RCMP, but to use this opportunity to build an improved model of service [delivery] for Nunavummiut.

In short, we will have driver examiners visit every community in Nunavut before September to address the backlog of driver examinations. A schedule of these visits will be finalized in the coming weeks and to be shared with all MLAs and municipalities.

Our department is fully committed to ensuring Nunavummiut have access to driver's licences and providing local service delivery where possible. We are examining how services can be best delivered on a community-by-community basis and focusing on the strength of each community.

With this in mind, I'm happy to announce an agreement between the

department and the Hamlet of Arviat on a pilot project. A representative from the department will travel to Arviat on April 2, 2018 to train municipal staff to become examiners. We are committed to working with other municipalities on a similar program if they so desire.

Uqaqtitsijii, the department is committed to not only replacing the services provided by the RCMP, but to making targeted improvements to ensure all Nunavummiut are able to receive their driver's licence. We understand the importance of having these changes in place before introducing a graduated driver's [licence] system.

Improving the driver's licence system is a high priority of mine and I look forward to keeping my colleagues up to date on this important initiative.

(interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

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

Minister's Statement 032 – 5(1): National Nutrition North Month

Hon. Pat Angnakak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and good afternoon.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, every year Canadians across the country celebrate National Nutrition Month in March. For 2018 the theme is "Unlocking the Potential of Food."

Nunavut is an active participant as we continue to promote a diet of country food and healthy, store-bought foods.

National Nutrition Month reminds us of the importance of healthy eating and the positive impact good nutrition has on our health and well-being. Whether we are eating country foods or store-bought foods, it is important that we have lots of variety to get the nutrients we need for good health.

Mr. Speaker, this National Nutrition Month, Nunavummiut are encouraged to discover the power of food. Food fuels our bodies, prevents illness, connects us to our land and culture, and brings us together. Activities are planned throughout the territory by community health representatives, the Department of Health's dietitians, and others to help Nunavummiut unlock the power of food by having country foods, supporting healthy store-bought food choices, and by bringing people together. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

**Minister's Statement 033 – 5(1):
Community Energy Planning
Engagement**

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik
(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I again stand today to announce that my department will be hosting energy planning engagement sessions to support communities in finding ways to reduce their reliance on diesel and transition to a more self-reliant energy system.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, in the coming weeks my department will host

senior administrative officers from Nunavut's communities as well as representatives from the Qulliq Energy Corporation, Nunavut Housing Corporation, Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated, and the Government of Nunavut.

These community energy engagement sessions will explore ways to improve energy efficiency and reduce electricity consumption at the community level. In addition, we hope it will promote a greater interest, awareness, and understanding of long-term energy plans to mitigate Nunavut's greenhouse gas emissions and to take action on climate change.

Uqaqtitsijii, my department is committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions across the territory and supporting action that build a more sustainable, affordable, and self-reliant Nunavut. I encourage my fellow members to share this information with your communities. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements. Before we proceed with the orders of the day, I would like to recognize our former long-serving Sergeant-at-Arms. I would like to warmly welcome Simanek Kilabuk. Welcome.

>>Applause

Moving on. Members' Statements. Member for Quttiktuq, Mr. Akeegok.

Item 3: Members' Statements

**Member's Statement 069 – 5(1):
Quttiktuq Participants at the 2018
Arctic Winter Games**

Hon. David Akeeagok: *Mahsi cho*, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation) I am completely delighted to announce that the 2018 Arctic Winter Games will include an Arctic Bay contingent participating in a variety of Dene games. They have become quite adept at these Dene games and are ecstatic and proud to take part.

I want to acknowledge the following junior women athletes: Teena Kalluk, Cheryl Tilley, Hilary Kines, and Horizon Willie. For the juvenile women athletes: Elvina Natanine, Crystal Enoogoo, Kristine Oyukuluk, and Ragilie Attagutsiak. For the junior men athletes: Owen and Rex Willie, Edmond Willie, Logan Willie, and R.J. Oyukuluk. For the open men's athletes: Noah Qaunaq, Rex Willie, Lionel Willie, and Matthew Akikulu. Their coach is Thomas Levi and the chaperone for the juvenile women athletes will be Lena Kalluk.

I also wish to acknowledge someone who travelled from the Yukon to Arctic Bay, Doronn Fox, to assist the athletes. They applied for suicide prevention funding to enable them to build a Dene drum. They were taught how to construct a Dene drum, which they completed recently. They will be doing a show tonight and it will be an interesting show to watch, so I encourage members to attend.

I would also like to recognize Andrew Jr. Reid, who won't be participating, but he has been very active in this area, along with Darlene Willie. All of her children as well as her husband are

participating in the Games. They will be representing Arctic Bay and Nunavummiut. We wish them the best of luck in the Games. (interpretation ends) *Mahsi cho, Uqaqtittijii.*

An Hon. Member: Go Team Nunavut!

>> *Applause*

Speaker: *Mahsi cho*. (interpretation) Thank you. (interpretation ends) Go Team Nunavut! *Hilii?*

>> *Applause*

(interpretation) Members' Statements. Member for Iqaluit-Manirajak, Mr. Lightstone.

**Member's Statement 070 – 5(1):
Alianait Arts Festival Aeroplan
Drive**

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today I stand to recognize one of our very important organizations to our community and that's the Alianait Entertainment Group, which is a registered charitable organization and is most well-known for the Alianait Arts Festival that's held here in town.

Now, Alianait's mission is to "...build a healthier Nunavut through the arts." The organization works to strengthen Nunavut's cultural community through performances, workshops, and training "while building strong, effective relationships in the music, cultural and community development sectors."

As I mentioned, Alianait is most well-known for the Alianait Arts Festival, which "...sets the spotlight on Inuit and other circumpolar artists while bringing

together exciting world-class musicians, circus acrobats, dancers, storytellers, actors, filmmakers and visual artists from across the globe.”

Now, Alianait started as an annual festival, but “Since 2010, Alianait has also been...” expanding and “...presenting a series of concerts throughout the year...” not just in Iqaluit but also many other of our communities.

Today I stand to mention that Alianait needs all the support they can get and I have recently launched an Aeroplan charitable pooling campaign where members of the community can donate Aeroplan points as opposed to making financial contributions. Today I will be making an Aeroplan contribution to the organization and I definitely encourage the other Members of the Assembly as well as members of the community to do the same and help this organization to help us.

Now I would also like to take a moment to mention that Alianait is actually having a festival at the Inuksuk High School this weekend. The concert is titled as “Ice Music” and is an evening of magical sounds played on instruments carved from natural ice and played by a world-renowned percussion artist, Terje Isungset. Sorry I can’t pronounce his name correctly.

At the appropriate time I would like to table a document with regard to Alianait. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members’ Statements. Member for Amittuq, Mr. Kaernerck.

Member’s Statement 071 – 5(1): Hall Beach Search and Rescue

Mr. Kaernerck (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would prefer closed eyes here. Just kidding.

Good afternoon to my colleagues as well as the residents of Amittuq. Firstly I want to apologize to my constituents for not being present over the last two days due to illness.

I rise today to announce that members of the Hall Beach search and rescue were successful in finding a person whose snowmobile had broken down. I wanted to voice my pleasure in their abilities, which is why I am making this statement.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to provide some advice to Nunavummiut. It is flu season and people are getting quite sick. My spouse’s friend was recently medevaced to Iqaluit where she spent the entire time in the hospital, and I was just informed she will be medevaced to Ottawa today.

I want to advise the younger people listening to please take care of their elders during this flu season, and that only through working together can we overcome this seasonal sickness. Only with assistance from others am I able to be here to make my statement today.

Mr. Speaker, I am also thankful that arrangements were made to bring my spouse to Iqaluit to provide assistance. I will end my statement here, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

>>Applause

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

**Member's Statement 072 – 5(1):
College Foundation Program**

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to start off with quoting the Nunavut Arctic College's website speaking of the College Foundation Program. "College Foundation is designed for" students "who meet the basic requirements for post-secondary programs but lack the specific, additional skills required for admission to professional degree and diploma programs..."

Mr. Speaker, "The program provides an introduction to a variety of College programs, but primarily focuses on development of strong foundational skills... Upon successful completion, graduates will have improved their knowledge and usage of English and Inuktitut as well as scientific principles and concepts. They will also have developed an understanding and appreciation of what it takes to be successful in a university level program."

Mr. Speaker, a couple of weeks ago I had the distinct privilege and honour to host the political studies group at Nunavut Arctic College on a personal tour of the legislature and answer any questions that they have. Mr. Speaker, I can attest that I almost felt like I was back on cabinet with the complexity of some of the questions that were posed to me and the real interest and desire to not only learn about our existing structure but to be a part of it.

I just wanted to commend the entire class for their interest in what we do here today. They're sitting here behind me and at the appropriate time I would like to personally recognize and welcome them to this very hallowed Chamber. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Uqummiut, Mr. Keyootak.

**Member's Statement 073– 5(1): Lack
of Rehabilitation Services for
Nunavummiut**

Mr. Keyootak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good day to the people of Clyde River and Qikiqtarjuaq, the people who are listening to and watching the proceedings, as well as to my colleagues.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to voice an ongoing concern held by my constituents and some of our fellow Inuit in part. Mr. Speaker, we are all aware that the Iqaluit Beer and Wine Store was opened to Iqalumiut, and actually all Nunavut residents with identification can purchase beer and wine. Mr. Speaker, not all affected Inuit were able to vote in the plebiscite to voice their opinions for opening this store. Many Inuit could not vote in this process or, if they did, the majority of Inuit voted not to open the store, particularly the elders.

Mr. Speaker, we have heard that the store's actual total revenues can't be provided without financial reports being completed. Nonetheless, some members have been informed that just in the months of opening the beer and wine

store, they have accumulated large sums of revenues from sales. Mr. Speaker, this was a point of real concern to many Inuit, especially to my constituents. These types of institutions will flourish from the money out of people's pockets.

Today we are all aware that in Nunavut there are no addictions treatment centres nor are there addictions counselling facilities for our residents who are suffering from various addictions, either alcohol or illegal drugs. Mr. Speaker, residents would like the government to place more emphasis on resolving these issues, particularly with the opening of the beer and wine store, to allocate any profit from the store towards facilities that provide assistance to Inuit or towards activities everyone can enjoy. As an example, we have no treatment centres, no healing centres, nor any counselling facilities for people suffering from addictions.

Mr. Speaker, we also know that when it comes to various social issues in Nunavut, Inuit tend to have the highest statistics, whether it be suicides or issues in other areas. Part of the problem is the fact that there are no places to receive treatment or assistance. For those reasons, Inuit would prefer that those who are responsible for generating revenues from people's pockets direct profits toward facilities that provide assistance and to have plans in place to that effect. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Member's Statement 074 – 5(1):
Encouraging the Use of Inuktitut**

Hon. Paul Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Perhaps I'll start off with saying "good day" to my fellow residents of Igloolik and Nunavummiut, as well as those who are here in the House.

It is clear I tend to speak about our language regularly. Our language is a personal matter to me and I tend to advocate for retention of the language. On a personal note, I almost lost my language when I spent time in the south or when I was sent to residential school. I almost lost my Inuktitut language. However, I was able to regain it in that anything can be brought back by being dedicated and committed.

Further, we created Nunavut as a means of protecting and preserving the Inuktitut language and culture. This has to be our foundation as a territory. With that being the underlying reason, as Inuit, we must use our language. Let us use it every day and, if need be, take Inuktitut classes to relearn it.

Many of our constituents watch the proceedings and observe members speaking in Inuktitut using their various dialects, and many prefer to listen to Inuktitut when watching members in the public. Many people say we should speak Inuktitut whenever we can, if we are Inuit and capable of speaking the language.

Today we have interpreters and translators available to communicate with non-Inuit, and most of the interpreters are quite accomplished, enabling the various language speakers to understand one another. This is the reason why interpreters and translators are available in the legislature.

Whenever we can speak in Inuktitut, we ought to do so because of their skills.

For the foreseeable future, Inuktitut has to be a source of cultural pride and identity. I wanted to reiterate that statement. Further, I appreciate that those members capable of speaking our language should speak with a sense of cultural pride and not to disparage their language capacity. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Let's proceed with the orders of the day. Returns to Oral Questions. Minister of Economic Development and Transportation, Minister Sheutiapik.

Item 4: Returns to Oral Questions

Return to Oral Question 018 – 5(1): Marine Infrastructure

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik

(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In being so new to this process I was not able to respond properly, so I will be providing a return to an oral question.

I will start first with the Member for Pangnirtung, Margaret Nakashuk, regarding the airport...I apologize. There are two oral questions I wish to provide a return to. For (interpretation ends) marine infrastructure, (interpretation) I am sorry, but Member Cathy Towtongie asked a question about this matter.

Mr. Speaker, on March [7], the member for Rankin Inlet North asked about

funding available for marine infrastructure.

(interpretation ends) The answer to the [member's] question is yes, the funding from the program is available for studies and my department will be pleased to work with communities to assess their needs and identify their priorities.

The funding available from the Community Transportation Initiatives Program is limited, Mr. Speaker. However, the department may also be able to help the community identify other opportunities for funding once the feasibility studies are complete.

(interpretation) I partially responded to it yesterday, but I went ahead with this return to an oral question. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Return to Oral Question 014 – 5(1): Pangnirtung Airport

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik

(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This time I will get it right. I would now like to respond to the question raised by the Member for Pangnirtung regarding the funding for the 2017 carryover of \$529,000, which are called (interpretation ends) carryovers, (interpretation) as she was asking about this on March [7].

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to return to that question and provide the answer to the member's question. The

member asked how carryover funds in the amount of \$529,000 to relocate the Pangnirtung Airport had been spent.

Mr. Speaker, work to conduct a meteorological study at the proposed location for the Pangnirtung Airport was tendered last year with those funds. When all of the bids came in higher than the budget available for the project, the procurement process had to be deferred.

I would like the member from Pangnirtung to know that the meteorological study is still needed for the design of the Pangnirtung Airport, and the scope has been included in the submission made to the national corridor fund for that project. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Returns to Oral Questions. Minister of Community and Government Services, Minister Kusugak.

**Return to Oral Question 021 – 5(1):
Possible Amendment to the
Western Canada Lottery Act**

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good day to the people of Rankin Inlet.

I was asked a question by Mr. Akoak about the lottery commission. He asked after his preamble, (interpretation ends) “Can the minister clarify if the Government of Nunavut is planning to establish its own lottery commission and, if not, why not?”

I’ll answer both questions. The response is:

The Government of Nunavut has a long-

standing agreement with the Northwest Territories related to the marketing and sales of Western Canada Lottery products in Nunavut. This agreement is a very cost-effective means of managing Nunavut’s three online lottery terminals, and we have no immediate plans to establish a Nunavut Lottery Commission or amend the agreement before it expires in 2020.

Earlier this year the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) announced plans to form the Northwest Territories Lottery Commission (NWTLC). The commission replaces the NWT’s previous lottery mechanism wherein revenues from the sale of Western Canada Lottery products in the NWT were payable to a non-profit agency referred to as the NWT Sport and Recreation Council (SRC). The NWT’s decision to form the NWTLC was prompted by a 2014 interpretation from the Canada Revenue Agency that indicated NWT lottery proceeds could be subject to taxation.

The CRA interpretation and subsequent formation of the NWTLC has had no direct impact on the Government of Nunavut or its revenues from the sale of Western Canada Lottery products in Nunavut. The formation of the NWTLC and dissolution of the SRC did require an amendment to the existing agreement between the NWT-SRC and the GNWT wherein the SRC was replaced by the new NWTLC.

I will be quizzing you on this at the end of all this.

The existing agreement with the GNWT is a practical means of operating Nunavut’s lotteries and generating

revenue toward sport and recreation programs and services in Nunavut. In order to be a viable option, the operational costs of a Nunavut commission would need to be offset by proceeds of lottery sales in Nunavut.

In addition to basic administration costs for office space, the operation of a lottery commission in Nunavut would require dedicated staff to manage accounts, marketing, training, and distribution of Western Canada Lottery products within the territory. Given the GN's current lottery revenues, it is unlikely that a Nunavut commission could operate on a cost recovery basis without compromising the GN's existing lottery revenue stream. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Returns to Oral Questions. Minister of Justice, Minister Ehaloak.

**Return to Oral Question 032 – 5(1):
Justice of the Peace Appointments
and Remuneration Committee**

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On Thursday, March 8, Simeon Mikkungwak asked me how many meetings have been held by the (interpretation ends) Justice of the Peace Appointment and Remuneration Committee.

(interpretation) Mr. Speaker, the Justice of the Peace Appointment and Remuneration Committee held their first meeting on June [13], 2017. They have since met on September 21, 2017; February 3, 2018; March 3, 2018; and March 10, 2018. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): I'm sorry. I skipped an item in our orders of the day. I'm sorry. We had Returns to Oral Questions and that's why I went right into Oral Questions.

Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery.
Member for Iqaluit-Tasiluk, Mr. Hickes.

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

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I know I'm excited as you are to get to the oral question part of our agenda.

>> *Laughter*

Mr. Speaker, as I mentioned earlier, I had the distinct pleasure of participating in the Nunavut Political Studies part of the College Foundation Program. I would like to draw attention to the students of that program that are here in attendance today and I would like them to stand when I say their name. I'm sure many of us will see them in different endeavours in the future in the employment and maybe even here in this House someday, Mr. Speaker.

First of all I would like to recognize Katelyn Siusangnark from Resolute Bay.

>> *Applause*

Sheena Muckpa from Arctic Bay.

>>Applause

River Autut, currently from Iqaluit, but I know your family is from Chesterfield Inlet.

>>Applause

Rosemary Kanayuk from Pangnirtung.

>>Applause

Naiomi Eegeesiak from here in Iqaluit.

>>Applause

>>Laughter

She's being shy.

Matthew Dykstra from here in Iqaluit.

>>Applause

And Laura Bourassa from Pangnirtung.

>>Applause

Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay special tribute to the instructor, Nicole Journal. She wrote me a note and I hope she doesn't mind me sharing it with everyone today. In it she wrote, "I love teaching Nunavut Political Studies because it introduces students to the workings of federal and territorial government in Canada and encourages them to become informed and engaged citizens. It also introduces students to the social and historical context of the Nunavut Agreement and encourages them to explore how the Nunavut Agreement impacts their lives and how they may be able to impact the future of Nunavut."

I would like to formally recognize all of these students and their instructor, Nicole Journal. Welcome to the Chamber.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Welcome to the gallery. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Iqaluit-Sinaa, Ms. Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik

(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Although this individual was recognized, I would like to recognize Simanek Kilabuk. He was a council member when I was mayor.

>>Applause

Also, Naiomi Eegeesiak, I have spoken to her. They're both from my riding. Welcome. Thank you.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Welcome to the gallery. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Pangnirtung, Ms. Nakashuk.

Ms. Nakashuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would also like to recognize individuals who have already been recognized. They are my constituents from Pangnirtung and are here to attend college at the Nunatta Campus. Rosemary Kanayuk and Laura Bourassa from Pangnirtung, welcome. Thank you.

>>Applause

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

Visitors in the Gallery. I have no more names on my list. I'll see if I'm correct. Oral Questions. Member for Baker Lake, Mr. Mikkungwak.

Item 6: Oral Questions

Question 081 – 5(1): Cannabis Taxation and Regulation

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

On December 11, 2017 Canada's federal, provincial and territorial ministers of finance announced that they had reached an agreement concerning the taxation of cannabis, which is likely to soon be legalized across the country.

The announcement indicated that "Ministers agree to ensure, for two years, that the combined rate of all federal, provincial and territorial cannabis-specific taxes will not exceed the higher of \$1 per gram, or 10 per cent of a producer's selling price. This tax room will be shared on the following basis: 75 per cent to provincial and territorial governments; 25 per cent to the federal government. Provinces and territories will work with municipalities according to shared responsibilities towards legalization."

Can the minister indicate today how much tax revenue the GN is projecting it will receive during the first year after the legalization of cannabis? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. David Akeegok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At this time we don't have plans on when we will receive tax revenues, so I can't say how much that revenue will be. However, we have started planning on how we are going to collect that tax revenue Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I noted in the preamble to my initial question, the recent announcement by Canada's finance ministers indicated that "Provinces and territories will work with municipalities according to shared responsibilities towards legalization."

As the minister is well aware, municipalities across Nunavut, including Baker Lake, will face challenges of their own when it comes to legal cannabis. Can the minister indicate what percentage of cannabis tax revenue will be shared with municipalities? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The bill has not been introduced in the House yet. The Members of the Legislative Assembly will consider the bill. We have visited and consulted with 10 communities to prepare for the taxation of cannabis. At this time only the Nunavut government will be able to tax cannabis. Only when the legislation is reintroduced before the House of Commons will the details finally be clear on how things will be.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Government of Nunavut's official proposal for the regulation of cannabis in the territory indicates that "The GN proposes that Nunavummiut 19 and older will be able to purchase cannabis products from the Nunavut Liquor Commission, which will oversee the territory's cannabis system."

Mr. Speaker, earlier this week it was reported that the Yukon government will spend around \$2.7 million to purchase an inventory of cannabis for sale to residents. Can the minister indicate if our government is looking at doing the same thing here in Nunavut? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At this time we are beginning the preparations on this. In Canada there are approximately four distributors. We will go through an RFP for the distribution of cannabis. At this time the Government of Nunavut has not purchased nor is it planning to purchase cannabis. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 082 – 5(1): European Ban on the Sale of Seal Products

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr.

Speaker. My questions are for the Minister responsible for the Nunavut Liquor Commission as well.

Yesterday my question was referring to the moratorium on the purchase of European alcohol products. Now, the European sealskin ban is still a major problem here in Nunavut, but I would like to mention that the EU alcohol products ban has proven to be an ineffective response to the EU's ban on Nunavut sealskin products.

I believe a more powerful message to send to the EU would be to ban future European Union mining companies from exploring or potentially extracting Nunavut resources. I was wondering: what would be the minister's position on the issue? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister responsible for the Liquor Commission, Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the Minister responsible for the Liquor Commission, it is still our stance that the EU ban is still in effect. Therefore, as the minister, I have given direction that EU products do not land in our liquor store and I still stand on that. If the House wants to make any changes towards this ban and if this House wants to make any other trade-related bans to the EU, it is up to this House. At this point we are honouring what was a House motion that was supported unanimously by all members. Unless that has changed, that's the only position that I'll have right now. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for his response. Now, in the Nunavut Liquor Commission's annual reports, it's shown that the import permit fees are continually on the rise.

Would the minister inform the House how much of the \$700,000 import fee permit revenues are related to the local establishments ordering products from other jurisdictions that are not currently available for purchase from the liquor commission?

Once again, how much of that \$700,000 revenue from permits is from local establishments ordering outside of the jurisdiction? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't have a detailed breakdown in front of me right now. We get annual reports about these things. Maybe I can table one of the reports here. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister once again for his response and I do look forward to finding out that information.

My last question is regarding bottle deposits. Now, we all know that bottle deposits are intended to encourage recycling. It has come to my attention that all the Iqaluit beer and wine bottles

that are being returned have eventually ended up in the dump and have not been actually recycled.

What action has the minister taken or will take to ensure that these products are not ending up in our dump? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Mr. Lightstone, I have to remind you again (interpretation) that we have to ask questions on the same topic, so let's be aware of that. Even though that's the case, Minister Akeegok, I give you the opportunity to respond.

Hon. David Akeegok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) If something like that is happening, and I encourage each of my colleagues, please come and see me. Recycling is not in our liquor commission, but we have a contract arrangement with a local contractor to accept those recyclables for alcohol. If there are any infractions or indications that aren't being recycled, I would really like to hear from our members and from the public if this is happening so I can make appropriate actions. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Pangnirtung, Ms. Nakashuk.

Question 083 – 5(1): Pangnirtung's Solid Waste Site

Ms. Nakashuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon, colleagues and fellow residents of my community who are watching and listening to the proceedings.

My questions are for the Minister of Community and Government Services.

Pangnirtung has identified for a number of years the need to reduce the amount of waste that piles up at the community dump. When too much waste has piled up, a lot of debris tends to be blown out and into the adjacent fiord. Waste and debris in this fiord affects the environment and the animals that graze in the area, especially in the spring and summer when the excess waste is burned. The smoke that is produced causes health issues, especially to people who have respiratory problems.

My question for the minister is: can he indicate what his department is doing to help Pangnirtung reduce the amount of solid waste that is piling up in the community dump? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank you for that question. Within Nunavut, if our dumps are not full, they are in the process of getting filled.

We're working with the federal government to get funding to work on the dumps. In the past we could just build a fence around them, but we can't just do that anymore. Today we have to plan for dumps and we have to follow all the environmental regulations, such as if there is a river or stream around it. We have to look at all those things now.

There are three communities that require planning for their dumps, but for

Pangnirtung I know this year it is being looked at in terms of what their dump needs are as well as where the dump would be located. This work is now in progress.

While we're in this situation, we can see that the design will be done next year and then the construction would begin the following year, I believe, in 2020. They would have to look at what would be permitted to be discarded at the dump and how it will be managed in Pangnirtung. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Nakashuk (interpretation): Thank you to the minister for explaining that clearly. Another part of my question is that the garbage just gets blown away by the wind because the fence around the dump is in a poor state of repair. It's been like that for a very long time and it looks like it needs to be repaired.

As you have indicated, it is being reviewed and that you're considering options for this year or the following year. I will appreciate receiving updates as you decide what action is needed. I wish to ask the minister about his department's plans for the dump fence today. Would the department be able to provide funding to repair the fence if no decision is made to move the dump? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The question of whether a new dump will be made or

the present dump will be repaired is being reviewed right now. With regard to whether the fencing around the dump should be repaired or replaced with a higher fence, our department will meet with the hamlet to determine the best solution that will solve the problem of garbage blowing out of the dump in Pangnirtung. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Question 084 – 5(1): Southampton
Caribou Management**

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

This past fall we had a very bad rainstorm in Coral Harbour. Ice then formed all over the land and a lot of caribou were dying because of the extreme cold.

Does the Department of Environment have any information on the Southampton caribou herd? That's my first question, (interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker. (interpretation) Thank you.

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

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wasn't informed about that and I apologize, but I will look into it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Netser (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Coral Harbour is situated on an island and obviously our caribou herd has no other areas to migrate to. This past winter and several winters before that, quite a number of caribou died off, some we suspect due to illness or disease as many animals died.

This winter I recently went to get my summer harvested caribou cache. On the way to my cache, I passed by about four dead caribou. Our hunters are very concerned about the herd. I know that the Department of Environment does caribou population surveys on Southampton Island. When will the next caribou population survey be conducted? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I can say right now that caribou are certainly very important. As the Department of Environment, we have a (interpretation ends) co-management (interpretation) system with the federal government, hunters and trappers organizations in the communities, the (interpretation ends) wildlife management board, (interpretation) and especially the hunters because they're the ones who know the area. They usually meet and plan how the surveys will be done. Right now I can't say whether there will be another survey done in Coral Harbour, but I can check into that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Netser (interpretation): Thank you,

Mr. Speaker. As I stated earlier, the Southampton caribou were surveyed every two years in the past. Right now it has become very obvious that our caribou have diminished in numbers and we are very concerned about them as hunters. I strongly urge the minister to be concerned about our caribou herd. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. I didn't hear an actual question in that comment, but if the minister would like to respond to that, it's up to her. Minister Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik

(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The department talks about caribou almost on a daily basis, but I can't tell you when the study is going to be done. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 085 – 5(1): Grants and Contributions Spending

Mr. Main (interpretation): Good day, Mr. Speaker. Thank you. I rise today to direct my question to the Minister of Economic Development.

The government just recently issued a release outlining the various grants and contributions amounts. This paper that was released was previously tabled in this House last fall. Within the context of this document, it states that the Department of Economic Development spent \$23.6 million under this line item for fiscal year 2016-17.

It just speaks to grants and contributions,

so I would like further details or a breakdown on the total funds spent, and whether the \$23.6 million is legitimately used for viable projects and whether these funds provided tangible benefits to Nunavummiut. How much benefit is this providing to residents? That is the reason why I would like a further breakdown of these funds. I am asking about these funds to get a better understanding and it would also help my colleagues to get a better grasp of the benefits from this funding.

I'll ask my question in English.

(interpretation ends) My first question is pretty basic, Mr. Speaker. I'm not looking for an exact number here. In 2016-17 the department spent over \$3 million under its Strategic Investments Program. Can the minister tell us roughly how many jobs for Nunavummiut were created or sustained by that funding? I'll just clarify, Mr. Speaker. I'll reiterate that I'm not looking for an exact number; roughly how many jobs with regard to that program. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik

(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I can't provide a number, but they're being prepared. Usually annual reports are tabled and this past week there were a number of annual reports that were tabled in the House. The report is new, so I can't tell you exactly what is being prepared, but we're putting the report together. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you.

Your first supplementary, Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) My next question would be: how do the minister and her department evaluate the actual results of these grants and contributions? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik: That's a very good question. As the Minister of Economic Development, there are many arms. As an example, it's not just that one program. I deal with the Nunavut Broadband Development Corporation, the Nunavut Credit Corporation. They all have different programs. To stand here and answer one specific is very hard for me as a minister because there are many arms. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank the minister. (interpretation ends) I appreciate that there are a lot of programs and a lot of different arms under this department alone.

The point I'm trying to get across is that we need to be looking at the results for this program. In a few weeks' time under the 2018-19 O&M budget, we will be considering whether to approve or not to approve the department's budget. Without understanding the results, it's difficult to understand whether these grants and contributions represent a sound investment of government funds.

I should mention that I am someone who has applied for and received grants myself and I know that individuals who receive grants and contributions have to report on how they actually spent the money they received. With a focus on the results, will the minister commit to providing us with a summary report of what the recipients of her department's grants and contributions spending in the 2016-17 fiscal year actual did with the public money that they received, yes or no? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) For sure there are in the reports that are provided, for example, the Community Transportation Initiatives Program, it details each community, what project was done for each community. Those details are available, like I said. Unfortunately at this moment for this year, this ends in 2017. I don't want to be providing you information from last year. The end of March is coming shortly. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Kugluktuk, Ms. Kamingoak.

Question 086 – 5(1): Preplanning Study for Kugluktuk High School

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the minister for providing information yesterday on the utilization rates for Nunavut's schools.

I understand that the department uses the benchmark of an 85 percent utilization rate to determine when to proceed with planning for capital projects. The information provided by the minister clearly shows that the Kugluktuk High School has consistently had well over the required 85 percent utilization rate for the past four years, in fact reaching the highest utilization rate across Nunavut of 102 percent this school year.

Can the minister tell this House whether preplanning for a new high school for Kugluktuk has begun? If not, why not? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. David Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Ms. Kamingoak, for the question. Yes, the utilization factor of a school's usage is a big factor that we look at in our capital planning process. There are a number of schools that are reaching beyond and she stated that Kugluktuk is one of them. In terms of where a new school for Kugluktuk is at in the preplanning stage, I cannot say for certain where it's at, but I can provide an update at a later date. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Kamingoak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As well as being overcrowded,

there was a significant issue with mould infestation in the home economics room of the Kugluktuk High School. As you can imagine, every bit of space at the high school is needed for program delivery and student education. Can the minister provide an update on what steps have been taken to address the mould issue and ensure that this space is available for use? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Joanasie.

Hon. David Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Ms. Kamingoak, for that question. Mould and other issues in schools is a serious incident that we try to look at and try to address as immediately as we can. The safety of our students and staff is one of the top priorities. In order for our students and staff to work in a healthy environment, we try to address those ongoing lifecycle issues. In terms of if that has been addressed for Kugluktuk, I'll have to look into that in greater detail and again get back to her. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Kamingoak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for that answer. Mr. Speaker, it is clear that the community of Kugluktuk needs a new high school. The utilization rate has been consistently over 85 percent for several years and student enrolment continues to grow.

Will the minister commit to directing his officials to begin preplanning for a new high school in Kugluktuk at the earliest

opportunity? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Joanasie.

Hon. David Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Ms. Kamingoak, for that question. We are looking at different schools for preplanning, whether there are expansions, replacements, or renovations that need to take place. My department has submitted a preplanning envelope for 2018-19, so Kugluktuk is a part of that. We will see where to move forward after that preplanning stage. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 087 – 5(1): Housing

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I say “good day” to my fellow members, Premier, and the people of Kugaaruk and Netsilik. Let’s have a good day.

(interpretation ends) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions today are for the Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation.

As the minister will recall, I wrote a letter to him in January of this year concerning the issue of the NHC methodology for determining the community allocations of new public housing units. Yesterday the minister himself made a statement in the Legislative Assembly on this issue.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that it is important for residents and LHOs in all

25 of our communities to know where they stand on the NHC’s current ranking list. When will the minister table this information in the Legislative Assembly? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The housing allocation criteria are provided to all the housing associations in every community in Nunavut. I believe they all have copies of it, Mr. Speaker. Thank you very much.

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

Mr. Qirngnuq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yesterday the minister described the housing shortage in Nunavut as a crisis. Can he confirm when he will next be meeting with his federal counterparts to discuss housing issues? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank my colleague for the question. (interpretation) Mr. Speaker, the housing shortage in Nunavut is one of the more critical issues. If we didn’t have a housing shortage, many of our problems would go away and we would have a healthier lifestyle because a shortage in housing is a major cause of many problems. My federal counterpart and I cannot solve the housing crisis just like that. At the end of this month and the beginning of the next after three weeks, we will be meeting to discuss

housing issues. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) Yesterday the minister stated that he will update the Legislative Assembly about funding under the new *National Housing Strategy* when “more details are available.” Can the minister clarify what details remain unclear at this time? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When the federal government announces funding for our government, they rarely specify what or where to spend the money on, whether it's for renovations, new construction, or building foundations. Few details are provided on what would be in the funded projects. Sometimes we just find out at the last minute that they're giving us this amount of money, including when we would receive the funds and for what purposes. Once they give us the details, we will inform you. That is a great question, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

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

Question 088 – 5(1): Spending Without Legislative Approval of GN Budget

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

of Finance.

Mr. Speaker, as the minister understands very well, the basic principle of parliamentary democracy in our country is that the government is not allowed to spend money until the elected members of the legislature approve the proposed spending.

>> *Applause*

Mr. Speaker, yesterday, concerns were raised about the proposed capital budget of the Department of ED&T. Although the department's proposed capital budget for the upcoming 2018-19 fiscal year has not yet been approved by the Legislative Assembly, it appears that the department has gone ahead and awarded tenders for the purchase of various pieces of equipment for over one-third of their small capital projects and four of five transportation equipment purchases proposed in the 2018-19 not yet approved budget. I want to make it perfectly clear that I do not oppose any of the specific purchases. However, there is an important principle at stake here.

Mr. Speaker, can the minister confirm that the government has made it perfectly clear to the companies involved that the tenders are not going to be considered final until such time as the actual budget for the department has been approved by the Legislative Assembly? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I thank the member for raising that

last night in the Committee of the Whole. I am currently looking into those very specific ones that were being mentioned in terms of the tender. I do agree that we, as a government, cannot break our own *Financial Administration Act* and, if it is, then we will look into it. You are correct that no expenditure can be done unless this House has authorized it. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for that commitment. In it he stated that they were going to look at the specific items that were brought forward yesterday. Can I also get a further commitment from the minister that he will do a review of all purchasing to make sure that no other uncommitted dollars have been spent to date? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) Yes, you have my commitment. For capital planning, we're very late in reviewing our capital plans and every election it becomes a unique situation, especially for our tendering and our calendar year. There have to be unique situations, so each one I am committed to making sure that we are following our processes. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I

understand as well as anybody the challenges of putting forward budget proposals in an election year given the timing with our sealift and our resupply schedules. I know for O&M, we do an interim appropriation to make sure that government departments can move forward with any plans and programs that they have allocated focused to Nunavummiut.

In this review I think it would also be worth considering the schedule of budget processes during election years if this is such an important issue where we can look at different alternatives if necessary. It's kind of just coming to me as I'm talking that we know when you're looking at purchasing, there's a commitment for transportation equipment of over \$1.6 million out of a \$2 million budget that has basically been spent already that we haven't approved.

There needs to be a real focus on the timing of these purchases and I appreciate the member's commitment to go forward in that regard, but I would also like the minister's opinion on how the current budget process timing is working for the Government of Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) The current budget process that we are in right now, we're right in the middle of our capital budgets. A little later on, through this bill, I have asked for an interim appropriation for our operations and maintenance to ensure that we follow the House rules and our legislation.

There are different processes in terms of trying to ensure that if there are going to be time limits and time factors as a result of these tenders or much-needed projects to go through, there are different processes that we follow and approvals through our Financial Management Board and present to this House. There are different avenues for ways of approving this.

I would like to applaud the Fourth Assembly for putting a capital appropriation for a number of projects that they deemed that needed to get the timing. I think it's good progression as a government that we would look at these and start learning from our mistakes and moving forward and to ensure that this House is the House that approves our appropriations as we are elected to do. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 089 – 5(1): Government Liaison Officers

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

Mr. Speaker, my questions are for the Minister of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, whose department is responsible for the government liaison officers in our communities.

Mr. Speaker, as of today, how many communities do not have a government liaison officer in place? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, Minister Quassa.

Hon. Paul Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank my colleague for that question. To date there are 24 communities with GLOs, even though there are 25 communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There have been a number of questions and concerns about the issue of driver's licences and driver's testing in our smaller communities. GLOs have played an administrative role in the driver's licence process.

Earlier today the Minister of Economic Development and Transportation indicated that the government will "...build an improved model of service delivery for Nunavummiut." From the perspective of the minister and his department, can he clarify whether or not GLOs will play a role in this "new model of service delivery"? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Quassa.

Hon. Paul Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank the member for asking about that again. I'll say it in English. (interpretation ends) The Government Liaison Officer Program is mandated to deliver government programs at the community level. Certainly the... (interpretation) I can't speak English properly anymore.

>>Laughter

(interpretation ends) The delivery of programs could include such things as issuance of driver's licences or general identification cards. That is the role of the government liaison officers. At this time they're not going to be out there doing the testing and so forth, but they can actually deliver the driver's licence through that office. (interpretation) I hope that's clear. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Can the minister clarify what additional new responsibilities, if any, will be placed on the GLOs in the coming year? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Quassa.

Hon. Paul Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Currently to date I haven't identified any additional responsibilities. As everyone is well aware, we are a new government and have just started conducting reviews of these issues. It seems obvious that we will be able to provide a clear statement in the future, but we still haven't gone into that level of detail regarding new duties the positions may acquire. At this time we don't have the information the member is seeking. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 090 – 5(1): Sports Funding from Lottery Revenue

Mr. Akoak: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon, Nunavummiut and Uqsuqtuurmiut.

If you will allow me, Mr. Speaker, I would like to finish off my questioning and ask my second and final supplementary question from seven days ago. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Laughter

This is going to the Minister of Community and Government Services, and I will quote from his return to oral question, second-last paragraph on the second page. "The existing agreement with the GNWT is a practical means of operating Nunavut's lotteries and generating revenue towards sport and recreation programs and services in Nunavut. In order to be a viable option, the operational costs of a Nunavut commission would need to be offset by proceeds of lottery sales in Nunavut."

Mr. Speaker, we always want the best for our athletes in Nunavut where they play sports; basketball, hockey, volleyball, and other sports. My question to the minister is: what proceeds of the lottery sales in Nunavut go towards those sports? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. All the proceeds of the lottery revenue are geared towards sports in Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Akoak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Can he tell us how much in an amount figure, or not the exact amount, but would he tell us how much is spent towards sports geared towards to our young people of Nunavut? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) In terms of the lottery revenues down to the penny, \$626,328 was our revenue for 2016-17 through the lottery terminals that are provided in Nunavut, and that was used towards the sports. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Amittuq, Mr. Kaerner.

Question 091 – 5(1): Addressing Mould Infestation

Mr. Kaerner (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister responsible for the Housing Corporation.

I asked this question on March 6 regarding units that are infested with mould and what is being done to remediate mould in units. I would also like to state again that in my constituency of Igloolik there is a family of 13 living in one unit. They believe that they're getting sick from the mould in the unit.

I would like to ask the minister: does the

housing corporation do health inspections in units or do you work with the Department of Health to investigate mould? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister responsible for the Housing Corporation, Minister Quassa. Oh, Kusugak. I'm sorry.

>> *Laughter*

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): You're not wrong because you said Quassa Kusugak.

>> *Laughter*

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My name is Quassa. Our officials at the housing corporation collaborate with other departments. Officials were identified to study the mould issue and what contributes to the spread of the mould within our public units. It includes a remediation plan to clean up the mould infestation and how it would be properly removed. We have a company contracted to deal with the mould issue, and we really do need to remove all mould from public units promptly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Kaerner (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In regard to the previous years, I would like to ask the minister: how many units have been vacated due to mould infestation, Mr. Speaker? Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't have the information as to how many units have been vacated because of mould infestation, Mr. Speaker. However, I know that they have been condemning units for various reasons. I don't know how many units have been vacated or condemned due to mould, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

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

Mr. Kaernek (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In my constituency community of Igloolik there's a grave concern in regard to mould infestation. There is a family of 13 living in one unit and some of the family members have been sent out by medevac because of their illness. I am very concerned about it.

Does the housing corporation have a policy that deals with remediation or is there funding available for LHOs to remediate the mould? Also, is there a report or was there an investigation or inspection of the mould in these units? The mould is not good for your health. I urge the minister to deal with this issue and perhaps move the family to an empty unit that has no mould. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I hope I was understandable.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank my colleague for asking ten questions at once. I'll try to respond to them all.

>> *Laughter*

Mr. Speaker, the LHO staff in the communities are now being trained on how to remediate mould. There are different strains of mould. Some of them are more dangerous and hazardous than others. I know that this is a very serious matter. If the family sees mould in their unit, maybe they can clean it up, as the mould doesn't spread overnight. If possible, if you see mould and you can clean it up, please clean it up.

Housing staff in the communities have been trained to remediate mould in units. These are issues that we have to deal with. Each local housing organization is working hard to deal with this issue and I know that local housing organizations' staff have not stopped working. If tenants of the housing corporation find mould, please report it to the maintenance people of LHOs.

We are in support of the family to clean up mould and if they don't know how to clean up the mould, the local housing organization staff know how to clean it up. Please approach them. I know that people can check the Internet to see how to clean up the mould. We have to work together with the local housing organizations and the tenants to move forward, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members, please note that the time for question period has expired. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Motion 013 – 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 Iqaluit-

Tasiluk, that question period be extended. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. The motion is in order and the motion is not debatable. All those in favour of the motion, please raise your hand. Opposed. Abstained. The motion is carried. Question period will now be extended for an additional 30 minutes.

Oral Questions. Member for Iqaluit-Manirajak, Mr. Lightstone.

Question 092 – 5(1): Chartered Professional Accountants Act

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions are again for the Minister of Finance, but I promise I will stay on one topic. Mr. Speaker, my questions today are about accountants and I promise you and my colleagues that the issue is not as dull as you might think.

Mr. Speaker, a bill was introduced yesterday in the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories to regulate the profession of accounting in both the NWT and Nunavut. The NWT minister announced that a parallel statute will be introduced in our legislature.

Can the minister confirm when he will be introducing our version of the proposed legislation? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, we're in the preparation stages and I expect that

we will be tabling the bill during this coming spring session. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The proposed legislation contains many provisions that impact Nunavut. I anticipate that my colleagues on the standing committee reviewing the proposed legislation will need to consult with our NWT counterparts as the two bills move forward. Can the minister confirm what discussions he has had with his NWT counterpart concerning this legislation? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Northwest Territories and Nunavut will have the same bill and parallel statutes. We have been dealing with this for quite some time. The NWT and Nunavut governments have agreed to have parallel statutes and they will be introduced in the House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for that response. Can the minister clarify the extent to which members of the accounting profession in Nunavut have been consulted in the development of this bill? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There is an accountants' society in the Northwest Territories and in Nunavut. They drafted the legislation and we have been working with this body very closely. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 093 – 5(1): Energy Strategy

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Office of the Auditor General's report on *Climate Change in Nunavut* was tabled yesterday.

Although I do realize my question that was taken as notice from the Minister of Energy last week is due tomorrow, I'm going to start advancing my line of questioning on that today. I'll start over from where I was last week to the Minister of Energy.

As anyone who has worked with me for any length of time can attest, one of my great passions is energy that is both clean and green.

The Government of Nunavut's energy strategy, *Ikummatiit*, was released back in 2007, over a decade ago. Although many of the goals that are envisioned in the document, such as moving forward towards greater use of hydroelectricity, wind power, and solar power, remain valid today, the strategy itself needs to be updated to take into account developments over the past decade.

Can the minister tell us today what direction she has given to her officials regarding the importance of updating our government's energy strategy? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for the question. Planning is very important to me and though nothing has really gone forward, planning is good. I met with the people who started this. We're planning this. (interpretation ends) One of my strengths is planning, strategic planning, short, medium and long term.

Although this strategy was created in 2007, there were not really plans on how to implement. Those are lessons learned. I had a really great meeting with the auditor on the report. Obviously we're going to be revisiting what the strategy was as a priority and ensure that there are timelines and which departments are going to be responsible. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm sure anyone who has worked with me knows that I'm also a great fan of action plans to go with strategies.

Mr. Speaker, it's no secret that if we're ever going to achieve real progress in the area of hydroelectric power development, we're going to need real investments from our federal partners.

Two weeks ago the federal budget was

released. Can the minister tell us if the Government of Nunavut is satisfied with the amounts contained in this year's federal budget in respect to funding green energy initiatives that are intended to reduce the reliance of northern communities on fossil fuels? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik

(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I can say this: great question and a statement I made when I was meeting with the auditor. In our area we have the first impact easily, but we're the ones that emit the least. Unfortunately because of the cost of infrastructure, my statement was this: "The lack of not acting is going to cost more." When we talk about infrastructure, if we don't properly plan, the impact of it is it's going to cost us more. Those are the conversations I had with the auditor. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I take it from that that the government is not satisfied with federal investments in northern infrastructure for energy efficiency.

Mr. Speaker, the new federal Canada Infrastructure Bank is a Crown corporation which is in the process of becoming operational. Information published by the institution indicates that it is "...a new tool that provincial, territorial, municipal and Indigenous government partners can use to access

innovative financing for revenue-generating infrastructure projects." That's a bit of a mouthful, Mr. Speaker.

I think that a new hydro project to supply green electricity to paying customers would certainly qualify as a revenue-generating infrastructure project. Can the Minister of Energy indicate how she is working with our Minister of Finance, who is responsible for the government's *Public-Private Partnership Policy*, to look at ways of accessing these resources? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik

(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) As a new minister, I have been having dialogue with all ministers. I'm new and there are some returning, but some are new also. We certainly have conversations when it comes to financing. It's not just federal government; there are foundations out there that I think we can even look to tap into. My thought is to think outside the box when it comes to potential for Nunavut. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 094 – 5(1): Justice of the Peace Appointments

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions are to the Minister of Justice after the return to the question.

The remuneration committee had five meetings. With that, can the minister explain how the appointment and remuneration committee determines the communities in which it will begin recruiting Justices of the Peace? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Minister of Justice, Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When we have vacant positions on this committee, a call for two members of the community, a call for applications or names are submitted to my department and as Minister of Justice, with the recommendation and approval from cabinet, we appoint these committee members. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was asking in reference to Justices of the Peace.

As the minister is aware, Baker Lake has not had a Justice of the Peace for a number of years. Can the minister tell us if the appointment and remuneration committee plans to recruit Justices of the Peace in Baker Lake in the near future and, if not, will she commit to obtaining this information? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm sorry I didn't understand your first question. Yes, I can commit to

that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for the commitment. How soon will the commitment take into place, as there are individuals that are interested in becoming Justices of the Peace in Baker Lake? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I can't give you a definite time, but I will have my department work on that. As we speak, they are listening. I will come up and give you some information as to when that can be done. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Kugluktuk, Ms. Kamingoak.

Question 095 – 5(1): Ensuring Safe and Adequate Foster Care

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

Mr. Speaker, I was interested to hear the minister's responses to my colleague's questions about foster care last Friday on March 9, 2018, especially when he indicated that his department simply followed common sense when placing children in foster homes. He stated, and I quote from the unedited *Hansard*, "The bottom line is that you would make sure that the household is

healthy...physically, and financially and that it will be a good place for the child to stay for a period of time.”

Mr. Speaker, in my community, social workers have insisted that foster homes take in yet another foster child, even though the foster parent tried to explain that they did not have enough room for any more foster children.

Can the minister clearly explain how his department ensures that common sense is followed, as well as the appropriate protocols when the social workers are placing children in foster homes? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My comments were common sense comments because I didn't have all of the particulars on how to become a foster parent. If anyone wants to become a foster parent, we're always in need of more foster parents. If anyone out there in Nunavut wants to help needy children or children who are vulnerable, please go see the social worker and they can start the process for a family to become foster parents.

I'll just go through here exactly the process on someone who may want to become a foster parent. Individuals interested in applying to become a foster parent are asked to complete a foster parent application and submit this to a community social worker for further review. Once the social worker gets the application, within three business days the community social worker will conduct the departmental record check

and identify any concerns with the director of children and family services in the applicant's ability to provide adequate care. Within that adequate care, overcrowding could be an issue.

Upon approval of the foster parent application, the community social worker will request the following documents from the prospective foster parents within five business days: a signed oath of confidentiality, a criminal record check, a vulnerable sector check for all members of the household of that are over 18 years of age, medical examination forms completed by an appropriate health care practitioner for the primary and, where applicable, secondary giver, and they must also provide three references.

The fact that if the house is overcrowded, then that would be a judgment call on the community social worker and the foster parents and the availability of other foster parents. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Kamingoak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for that answer. Mr. Speaker, the minister stated that the goal is to drop the number of children that are apprehended and taken into foster care, but he also admitted that in some circumstances there is just no way around it.

Can the minister clarify what steps should be taken when there is no choice but to apprehend a child at the same time there is not enough foster parents in the same community to take in another

foster child? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In the unfortunate instances where a child has to be apprehended for the child's protection, then there is a series of options that would be available. The first would be to place the child in immediate family foster care, the second would be in the extended family, and the third would be within the community. If none of those options are available, then it would be a foster parent in another community. We should be able to accommodate that there, but in some instances if there are special needs or health conditions involved, then we may have to send the child out of the territory.

Each case is very unique and it's a case-by-case basis. I can't give a generic answer saying, "If this child is taken from this family, this will happen." Each case is so unique that we can't do that. I can tell you the process, if everything is... "Normal" is not quite the word or the proper word, but that's the word I'll use. If everything is normal, not the fact that apprehending a child is a normal process, but if everything is simplified, the child would stay in the community. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Kamingoak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for that answer. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate that the Department of Family Services wants to work with families and parents

so that apprehending children is no longer necessary. This is a wonderful goal. However, we must accept the fact that situations will occur where, for the safety of the children, they are apprehended. Sending those children out of the community should be a last resort. However, foster homes are overburdened and foster parents have their hands full.

Will the minister commit to considering the establishment of a group foster home in each region of Nunavut so that children in care do not have to leave the territory just to be safe? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was at a two-day conference in January, an emergency conference in Ottawa, and it was about indigenous children being in foster care and group homes. The whole theme of the message was there are too many indigenous kids who are being apprehended and put in foster care or group homes.

Our first priority is to keep them with their family and work with the family, but like the member said, sometimes we don't have a choice. I can't commit to building a group home in every region. We can look at it. In some instances it might be better, but it depends on the child. We have issues where there may be behavioural problems or health problems for that child. Even if there was a group home within the region, they still may have to go south.

Just to clear up misinformation here, we have children who are down south for

out-of-territorial care, but not all of them are because there is no foster care. Some are to do with because they have either behavioural or health issues that cannot be met within Nunavut. A child might be born with a birth defect. The health service is covered by Health, but they may have to be placed in a family down south that can care for them, like someone who is knowledgeable in medical stuff that can treat the kids at home.

Not all kids out of territory down south are because they have been apprehended and there was an unsafe situation in the house. Sometimes it's because we cannot meet their medical or mental needs within Nunavut. I have heard from standing committee too that group homes are an option and it will be looked at. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 096 – 5(1): Mine Training

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister responsible for Arctic College.

Mr. Speaker, just near Rankin Inlet there is a big project that is going on and will benefit the people of Nunavut. In English it's called (interpretation ends) the Meliadine gold project (interpretation) and in Inuktitut it's called *Tahirjuup ujaraqtariarvinga*, if I pronounced it correctly.

Agnico-Eagle Mines owns the operation. The company has stated that the construction is going quite smoothly and

is within budget. They have also stated that they constructed an access road to the site that is 3.7 kilometres long. They constructed the road to enable the work to prepare the underground phase of the proposed mine.

The mining company likes to refer to Q3, Q1, or quarterly periods. Anyway, they are stating that the Meliadine mine will be opened by the fall of 2019, with a stated goal of hiring 50 percent Inuit to make up their workforce. They have said that is their objective to have 50 percent Inuit hires following their agreement with the Kivalliq Inuit Association. This is an admirable goal and one cannot help but to support that goal.

I would like to ask the minister what the government is doing regarding the Meliadine River mine project. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister responsible for Nunavut Arctic College, Minister Joanasie.

Hon. David Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Mr. Main, for your question. Arctic College dealt with their capital projects. Keeping in mind that there is going to be a site or a mine, we try to plan to make sure that we're filling the jobs that are being created in Nunavut and to have opportunities for training on the job. We would like to work with the mine as they're going to be operating in Nunavut. It's possible that they might create training opportunities or we can provide training at Nunavut Arctic College.

If I say it in English, (interpretation ends) we don't want to be duplicating

our services in that sense for training, specifically for mine training. We want to complement each other and enhance where we can build our partnership. That's where the college is directing. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Main: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for his response. I am excited by this opportunity as a resident of the Kivalliq because those jobs will help people to purchase their own homes, those jobs will help people to lift themselves out of poverty and to feed their kids, Mr. Speaker. I am very excited about this. At the same time I'm concerned that yet again, in the Kivalliq, we are going to miss the boat when it comes to training and getting our residents ready for this opportunity.

The fall of 2019 is the anticipated operation date. Can the minister please explain how the college is planning to ramp up the training opportunities in this time period in order to make sure that we can maximize the amount of Inuit and Nunavummiut who are getting employed with this project? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Joanasie.

Hon. David Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank you for your supplementary question. (interpretation ends) The college and Agnico-Eagle, there is an MOU in place specifically on mine training, but the college, territory-wide, we are looking at a modularized approach in terms of having training available. Like we said,

we want to have it at the community level as much as we can. Some of the examples that I can say in terms of modular type training that we want to provide is stuff like confined space training, worksite safety, driver training, airbrakes, land reclamation, and superintendent, site boss and supervisor training. Those are just some of the things that we're looking at.

I also want to state too that we are in discussions with the industry, like when we were before the committee the other day. We are striking up industry advisory councils, which include industry partners, and looking at ways in how to best serve Nunavummiut to benefit from these large mineral extraction operations. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Main: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister. I appreciate that the college is going to be setting up sector councils, but I think we all know that we are good at moving at the speed of government. The thing with the mining industry, based on my own personal experience in working with them, is that they move very fast and the challenge is trying to keep up and take advantage of the opportunity before it passes you by.

With that in mind, I have a specific question and suggestion. Will the minister commit to sitting down with the company, Agnico Eagle Mines, along with the Kivalliq Inuit Association and the other government departments, perhaps Economic Development and Transportation, at the upcoming Nunavut Mining Symposium to

specifically discuss the game plan for, say, the next two years with regard to this project? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Joanase.

Hon. David Joanase: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank Mr. Main for his question. I'm still developing my schedule over the upcoming few months. I believe that the mining symposium is in April, and I think the vice-president of the college will definitely be there if I cannot participate. I can't commit right now, but if I can, I'll try my best. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members, please note that the time for question period has expired and it definitely cannot be extended today. Let's proceed with 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. Minister responsible for the Status of Women, Minister Ehaloak.

Item 13: Tabling of Documents

Tabled Document 020 – 5(1): FPT Meeting of the Ministers Responsible for the Status of Women

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: *Koana*, Mr. Speaker. As Minister responsible for the Status of Women, today I am tabling the *35th Annual Federal-Provincial-Territorial Meeting of the Ministers Responsible for the Status of Women*,

which was held in Toronto, Ontario from November 8 to 10, 2017. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Tabling of Documents. Member for Amittuq, Mr. Kaernerck.

Tabled Document 021 – 5(1): Correspondence to North Arrow Minerals Regarding Mel Diamond Project

Mr. Kaernerck (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table a copy of my recent letter to the president of North Arrow Minerals. My letter concerns the proposed Mel Diamond Project, which is located near my home community of Hall Beach. I look forward to tabling the president of North Arrow Mineral's reply to my letter once I have received it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Tabling of Documents. Member for Iqaluit-Manirajak, Mr. Lightstone.

Tabled Document 022 – 5(1): Alianait Launches Aeroplan Charitable Pooling Campaign

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today I would like to table the media release made by Alianait regarding the launch of their Aeroplan charitable pooling campaign. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Tabling of Documents. I have no more names on my list. Moving on. 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 now take a 20-minute break.

Sergeant-at-Arms.

>> *House recessed at 15:51 and Committee resumed at 16:15*

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

Chairman (Mr. Rumbolt): Welcome back, members. 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 continue with the review of the capital appropriation for the Department of Economic Development and Transportation, followed by the departments of Health, Family Services, and Environment. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main. Is the committee in agreement that we first start with the Department of Economic

Development and Transportation? Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Bill 01 – Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 2, 2018-2019 – Economic Development and Transportation – Consideration in Committee

Chairman: Thank you. Ms. Sheutiapik, do you have any witnesses that you would like to bring into the Chambers?

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik: Yes, please, Mr. Chairman, my Deputy Minister Udloriak Hanson and Assistant Deputy Minister John Hawkins. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Sheutiapik. Sergeant-at-Arms, could you please escort the witnesses in. Sorry. Do members agree that it's okay to bring the witnesses to the table?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Minister Sheutiapik, for the record, if you could introduce your witnesses, please.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. To my right is Deputy Minister Udloriak Hanson and to my left is Assistant Deputy Minister John Hawkins. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Sheutiapik. Welcome, Ms. Hanson. Welcome, Mr. Hawkins.

Today we're going to start off with questions from Ms. Nakashuk, if you are prepared to start, please.

Ms. Nakashuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Welcome to the minister and your officials.

I wanted to ask these questions and maybe I'll start with (interpretation ends) the capital budget. The Department of Economic Development and Transportation's proposed 2018-19 capital estimates include funding for the acquisition of three new pieces of equipment for the Pangnirtung Airport: a runway inspection vehicle, a plow attachment, and a new wobbly wheel compactor.

Can the minister or her officials clarify how the department determined what types of equipment is needed to be acquired for the airport? Not that I'm complaining.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Nakashuk. Minister Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Each year a call letter is sent to Nunavut Airports requesting a list of the most urgent capital requirements for each region. The director of Nunavut Airports reviews those requests and prioritizes them and sends them to headquarters for review. The criteria used for prioritization includes the impact that the project will have on safety, the age and useful life of assets being replaced, and the current conditions of the asset being replaced.

The 20-year capital needs assessment contains information on the condition and useful life of current capital assets. This document provides useful information that is used to assist in

prioritizing capital projects. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Sheutiapik. Ms. Nakashuk.

Ms. Nakashuk (interpretation): Thank you. Thank you for the response to my question. I had asked (interpretation ends) regarding the \$528,000 capital carryover. (interpretation) Your response was for a study. It seems that the study hasn't started. When would the study be started? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Nakashuk. Minister Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik: Through you, Mr. Chairman, the assistant deputy minister is going to answer that question.

Chairman: Thank you, minister. Mr. Hawkins.

Mr. Hawkins: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If I understood the question correctly, it was in regard to the equipment ordering for this year. Is that correct?

Chairman: Ms. Nakashuk, if you can clarify your question, please.

Ms. Nakashuk: Sometime last week I had asked the minister in terms of the \$528,000 capital carryover that was approved by the Legislative Assembly back in 2017. That was to be for the Pangnirtung Airport Relocation Project. The minister had provided an answer today in terms of stating that the meteorological study is still needed for the design of the Pangnirtung Airport. I'm just asking when that study is to be

done for Pangnirtung. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Nakashuk. Mr. Hawkins.

Mr. Hawkins: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thanks for the clarification. That money is now in carryover. In order to access it, we would have to carry over it once more. We will be requesting that carryover and, if we're successful, we would implement that study this year. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Hawkins. Ms. Nakashuk.

Ms. Nakashuk (interpretation): Thank you. It has become clearer and we will try to keep updated on it.

I am going on to another subject. (interpretation ends) The capital budget (interpretation) identified by the Department of Economic Development and Transportation for the 2018-19 capital estimates includes \$100,000 in funding for (interpretation ends) capital planning studies.

(interpretation) Can the minister or her officials indicate what specific studies the department plans to undertake during the 2018-19 fiscal year? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Nakashuk. Minister Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If the funding is approved, they haven't been prioritized yet. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, minister. Ms.

Nakashuk.

Ms. Nakashuk (interpretation): Thank you. The (interpretation ends) capital budget (interpretation) for 2018-19 has also not yet been approved, but it includes the \$210,000 for (interpretation ends) lifecycle renovations.

(interpretation) Does the minister know if the Angmarlik Visitor Centre in Pangnirtung...? Although it is not extremely old, it is also not new anymore. Is it scheduled for lifecycle renovations or repairs? Can it be considered for lifecycle renovations? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Nakashuk. Minister Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, I can say (interpretation ends) expenditures include interior/exterior infrastructure and systems improvements which will extend the useful life of these assets. Examples include furnaces, painting, flooring, replacement of doors and windows. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Sheutiapik. Ms. Nakashuk.

Ms. Nakashuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I don't have any more questions. I just wanted to thank you and your officials.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Nakashuk. We are on Economic Development and Transportation. Transportation. K-3. Total Capital Expenditures. \$6,468,000. Mr. Qirngnuq.

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yesterday the other community I represent was the focus of my line of questions related to the air terminal building. It has been over two years since the airstrip was resurfaced by heavy equipment and they were stored outside in the winter due to the lack of garage space. I have also spoken about this garage space shortage previously and they were trying to restart the equipment to remove the snow from the airstrip, especially since it is an alternate landing destination.

I wish to query the minister about garages to house the airstrip maintenance vehicles currently used by the airstrip maintenance staff. Regarding heavy equipment garage spaces, I would like to ask if a potential requisition has been scheduled in the future capital estimates. This is the reason for my question, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I can say that right now it's unfortunately not a priority. There are other issues that we feel are a greater priority and that garage is currently not a priority. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, the minister's response is clear. I know the airport's lack of a garage is not going to be considered for this year according to her response. When will it be considered? That is my question if you can

understand me, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

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

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) We try to include garages in our priorities every year and we will try again next year. I think I stated that yesterday as well. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, minister. Mr. Qirngnuq.

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I want to move on to a different subject related to the summer sealift season. I want to ask about this issue. In Kugaaruk multi-year ice tends to drift into Pelly Bay during the scheduled summer sealift. Albeit it doesn't occur every summer, but there are times when the mouth of Pelly Bay is inundated with ice as it melts more slowly than seasonal ice, sometimes causing issues with the sealift offloading barges.

The hamlet feels that a better option would be a wharf or port for the ships to offload supplies and that a less expensive design would suffice. They wish to set out a plan outlining the number of years before this facility would be built. What is the department's position on the viability of a port? I would like to understand this issue, thereby my question to the minister. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik

(interpretation): If I understood you correctly, it's about when the annual sealift arrives. If that's the question, we will review it. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, I understand. Thank you, Madam Minister. I would like to get clarification. When will you be able to review the question of when we can get that facility? Will it be in the near future or next year? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik

(interpretation): I can tell you that we have many requests throughout the year and there is a committee that reviews the budget preparation. I can say that (interpretation ends) each year my understanding is that sometimes our department submits 25 capital projects and we only get 3 approved. Sometimes we recognize the needs in the communities, but at the end of the day it is vetted through committees. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Sheutiapik. Mr. Qirngnuq, you're done? Okay. Thank you. Moving on, Ms. Towtongie.

Ms. Towtongie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to ask the minister this question. I have read the *Nunavut Airports 20-Year Infrastructure*

Needs Assessment, 2014-2034. These communities will be receiving new air terminal buildings: Whale Cove, Chesterfield Inlet, Naujaat, and Taloyoak. The one in Kimmirut is an ATCO trailer. My question is for the Chesterfield Inlet ATB. Where are you at now on this? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik

(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I can respond by saying that (interpretation ends) preplanning is being carried out right now by Community and Government Services. The required document should be available out to prepare a submission for the GN capital plan as we speak. A submission for funding has been made to the national corridor funding as well when we talk about the six submissions. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Ms. Towtongie: Forgive me, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation) The new ATBs that are going to be built for Whale Cove, Chesterfield Inlet, and Naujaat will be using the same design as Taloyoak's air terminal building. When can the residents of Chesterfield Inlet expect to get an ATB? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik

(interpretation): Thank you, Mr.

Chairman. (interpretation ends) Through you, the assistant deputy minister is going to answer that question.

Chairman: Thank you, minister. Mr. Hawkins.

Mr. Hawkins: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We will go into preplanning with CGS. They will kind of plot out where it goes and any modifications that have to be made to the design. The design would follow the year after that and then normally, based on all approvals, the construction could start the following year, so it would be 2020. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Hawkins. Ms. Towtongie.

Ms. Towtongie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also thank you for your response. With regard to the Rankin Inlet terminal building, it is already bursting at the seams due to the lack of capacity because of the additional flights to the nearby mine, as well as the mine operating outside of Baker Lake. All those flights land at the airport. Sometimes there are as many as 15 planes on a daily basis that use the airport, as well as the many (interpretation ends) helicopters (interpretation) that land there.

The question I want to ask relates directly to Rankin Inlet. In looking at the document, I wonder if a study can be started for (interpretation ends) upgrades. (interpretation) I don't know the Inuktitut equivalent for that word. When would the Rankin Inlet ATB be enlarged and updated, or has this even been taken into consideration? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It is an obvious challenge that has been acknowledged and the Transportation Division recognizes the lack of capacity. However, it would require a study to review the needs and the Rankin Inlet Airport is a priority. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Ms. Towtongie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If that is indeed the case, the community of Rankin Inlet is growing at a considerable rate and I would not want a study commenced in the wintertime. Nonetheless, we urgently need to upgrade it. With it being 2018 and the project having already undergone deferrals, I wonder when or which year the Rankin Inlet ATB would be upgraded to accommodate the growth in the air traffic and numbers of flights. When can we expect the ATB to be upgraded? Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That was my final question.

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

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) I'll pass it through you to John, please.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Hawkins.

Mr. Hawkins: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We do realize that Rankin Inlet is now our most crowded airport terminal building and we do want to take

that on, but we have to sort of scope that out first. That is something we're going to undertake this year, the beginnings of that, and then once we have done the first scoping of that, we would submit it to CGS for preplanning. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Hawkins. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll get right to the question here. Which specific Nunavut airports did Transport Canada identify safety-related violations? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) I read it off yesterday. I talked about Arviat mandatory instruction signs, location signs, runways... . Instead of naming off all the deficiencies, maybe I'll just name the communities: Arviat, Baker Lake, Chesterfield Inlet, Coral Harbour, Gjoa Haven, Kugaaruk, Naujaat, Rankin Inlet, Taloyoak, and Whale Cove. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Sheutiapik. I just want to remind members that this is our second day on this department and a lot of questions were asked yesterday, so be careful on asking questions that were already asked. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for the reminder.

When we look at these safety-related violations, the proposed department's \$1 million, will that be sufficient to tackle the safety-related violations so that we can get all up to standard as airlines are the only means of transportation to our communities? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Mr. Hawkins is going to answer that through you. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Hawkins.

Mr. Hawkins: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We believe that the \$1 million is enough to cover the items in the list. We will be doing a prioritization of them to sort of triage them. If there are some that we can't complete, we will have to go back to Transport and explain to them when we will get them done. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Hawkins. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I guess this depends on the answer that I get. The *Canada Transportation Act* Review Panel, it's all in reference to a GPS approach, as I have always asked. Is there a GPS priority approach ranking from Transport Canada and/or NAV CANADA? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik

(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) It's NAV CANADA. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. How many communities have been identified and how many communities are in the priority ranking, if that is obtained? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik

(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will read the list he's asking about; there are many: (interpretation ends) Arctic Bay, Arviat, Baker Lake, Cambridge Bay, Cape Dorset, Clyde River, Coral Harbour, Gjoa Haven, Hall Beach, Kimmirut, Kugaaruk, Kugluktuk, Naujaat, Pangnirtung, Pond Inlet, Qikiqtarjuaq, Rankin Inlet, Sanikiluaq, and Taloyoak.

Through the Chair, my assistant deputy minister will follow up, please.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Hawkins.

Mr. Hawkins: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. All of the airports that were listed have some sort of approach, but some of them have not been GPS approached yet or do not have GPS approaches designed for them yet. Coral Harbour does not and Naujaat does not at this time. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Hawkins.

Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. When you look at Baker Lake's airport, there is a VOR which is, I believe, Transport Canada or NAV CANADA's material and it sits on a hill. When you're taking off, it's a bit of an edge there to the hill for the aircraft, but not really. It's like an obstacle.

I guess my question here is: if Baker Lake is also listed for GPS approach, is that VOR, NAV CANADA or Transport Canada building, an obstacle or not? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik

(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Through you, Mr. Hawkins is going to answer that. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Hawkins.

Mr. Hawkins: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That VOR would not be an obstacle. The hill that it's on is an obstacle. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Hawkins. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you. Can the community of Baker Lake blast a fraction of that hill and not affect the VOR? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Mikkungwak, your questions are kind of getting out of line compared to the budget and what we're trying to deal with here today. I'll allow

the question. Ms. Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik

(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Through you, I'll have Mr. Hawkins answer that. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Hawkins.

Mr. Hawkins: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think the answer is I don't think they can blast the hill without knocking the VOR out of calibration, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Hawkins. Moving on, Mr. Main.

Mr. Main: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have two questions. The first one is with regard to the Manitoba-Nunavut road proposal; if the minister could just share her latest information from the Manitoba government with regard to this project. I'm just interested if the government is supportive or if they're aware of the proposal that's in to the federal government for this. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik

(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I responded to this yesterday. We haven't heard from or the Manitoba government at all. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have another question then. Can the

minister elaborate on that? I would imagine that if we're trying to link to another jurisdiction by road, there would be some sort of relationship in place or some sort of discussion ongoing with regard to this project. Can the minister please explain that a bit? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik

(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Mr. Hawkins is going to answer that one. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Through you.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Hawkins.

Mr. Hawkins: That is correct. It would be necessary for Manitoba to be a participant in a road that would lead into their territory. It wouldn't make much sense to make a road strictly to the territorial border. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll go back to my first question, which was: is the Manitoba government supportive of this project? Are they aware? Are there ongoing discussions with regard to it? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik

(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) As a

minister who attended my first federal-territorial ministers' meeting, I had not heard anything. In talking with my colleague here, there hasn't been a lot of discussion with the Manitoba government on this, like reaching out. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, minister. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the minister. I find it a bit concerning considering that I would assume that their support would be valuable. Can the minister tell us if the Manitoba government has signed on to the trades corridor application at all? Was there a letter of support, anything in that regard, or was it the Nunavut government in it on its own? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) I'm going to pass this on through you to Mr. Hawkins just because I was not aware of how all these projects were... They were submitted before I became minister, so I'll have him answer through you. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, minister. Mr. Hawkins.

Mr. Hawkins: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. When we submitted the proposal for the Manitoba-Nunavut road, we did put in that our engagement in it would be conditional on Manitoba's

engagement as well. We had reached out to their officials by telephone and they had indicated that they were not going to be having a corresponding submission for that program, but they were looking at options to reach northern Manitoba or to sort of rebuild the connection to northern Manitoba. At this time I'm not aware what the status of their thoughts are on that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Main: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It's very interesting and I look forward to having further discussions.

My last question is regarding the facility that an airline in the Kivalliq is looking at building at the Rankin Inlet Airport. This basically would be a waiting lounge type facility financed by a private company. Yesterday the minister indicated that land would be made available for lease. I wonder if the minister would be able to take that a step further and perhaps look into supporting this facility in terms of maybe making the land available free of charge or use other means available. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) My understanding as a department is the rates for leasing on our property are very low. They're not like market rental *per se*. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Sheutiapik.

I have one more name on my list and after he is done, I will move on. I think we have covered this fairly well here today. Mr. Keyootak.

Mr. Keyootak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think I just have one question.

Mr. Chairman, I have introduced a number of requests from Qikiqtarjuaq for a port. I introduced that to the House here after the people of Qikiqtarjuaq made their own design. When the Premier and the ministers were in Qikiqtarjuaq, they met with the hamlet council to discuss this proposal. Can the minister explain to us where the request from Qikiqtarjuaq for the marine port is at today? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Keyootak. Minister Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This project is also listed (interpretation ends) under the submission for the national corridor fund. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Sheutiapik. Mr. Keyootak.

Mr. Keyootak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Can the minister indicate when the people of Qikiqtarjuaq will be given an update about what's happening with this proposal? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I stated yesterday that we have requested these projects, but we won't hear back until the fall. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Moving on, we are on K-3. Economic Development and Transportation. Transportation. Total Capital Expenditures. \$6,468,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Thank you. Moving to K-5. Economic Development and Transportation. Economic Development. Total Capital Expenditures. \$250,000. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just have one question here under Economic Development. I know we're rich in minerals and whatnot, but for the benefit of the people who do wildlife hunting, the community of Baker Lake has been looking at constructing a meat plant, not overly large but something small to start. Has the department ever received any economic development proposals in constructing or creating a meat plant within Baker Lake? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. No, we haven't received any proposals. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Again, we are on Economic Development and

Transportation. Economic Development. Total Capital Expenditures. \$250,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Thank you. Go to page K-2. Economic Development and Transportation. Total Capital Expenditures. \$6,718,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Thank you. Do members agree that we have concluded the Department of Economic Development and Transportation?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Sheutiapik, do you have any closing comments?

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for all the questions that you have been asking yesterday and today. I can say that I will work hard to address your important questions. At any time please give me a call or write to me because sometimes during meetings, we're not so close. I'm open anytime at all. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Sheutiapik. On behalf of the committee, I thank you and your department for being here today to answer our questions.

At that, Sergeant-at-Arms, can you please escort the witnesses out of the Chambers.

At this point we're going to move on to

the Department of Health and we will begin with Minister Angnakak presenting her opening comments.

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

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman and members. I am pleased to have this opportunity to present the second part of the 2018-19 Capital Estimates for the Department of Health.

The department is committed to providing facilities that are safe, efficient, welcoming, and environmentally friendly for clients and staff across the territory. As a result, the focus of the department's capital plan is on projects which will replace or renovate our aging health care facilities.

The department celebrated the completion and opening of the new Arctic Bay Community Health Centre in September of 2017. The community health centres in Sanikiluaq, Cape Dorset, Qikiqtarjuaq, and Baker Lake are next on the list for replacement.

For fiscal year 2018-19, Health is requesting an additional \$6.5 million for three capital items. I am pleased to provide an overview of each:

1. The department is requesting \$1.5 million to commence the detailed design phase for the Cape Dorset Community Health Centre. Planning for the project has been completed, the design package will be out for tender soon, and the design phase is scheduled to begin in May of 2018.

This project capitalizes on design best practices learned from the four most recent community health centre replacement projects. The detailed design for the Cape Dorset facility will be completed and the construction tender package issued by March of 2019.

The department anticipates requesting a further \$18.35 million in 2019-2020 and \$12.8 million in 2020-21 for the first and second phases of construction. An additional \$250,000 will be required in 2021-22 to conclude construction and cover the warranty period for the new building. The Cape Dorset Community Health Centre is expected to be open and serving clients in the fall of 2021.

2. The department is requesting funding of \$1.5 million for small capital procurements. The annual small capital allocation is for the purchase and replacement of medical equipment, vehicles, and furniture.
3. Finally, the department is requesting \$3.5 million for ongoing lifecycle and maintenance of Health's fixed assets. In response to the increasing maintenance needs of departmental facilities, the department has requested an increase of \$1.5 million in ongoing lifecycle and maintenance allocations over prior years.

This annual allocation is dedicated to minor renovations, repairs, modifications, and upgrades of facilities territory-wide and is essential to ensure effective lifecycle management of Health's assets. We have also set aside some contingency

funding for emergency repairs during the winter months.

As promised during the standing committee review of these capital estimates, preliminary listings of the department's proposed ongoing lifecycle projects and anticipated small capital requirements for 2018-19 have been provided to the Chair of the Regular Members' Caucus.

As my colleagues are aware, in June of 2017 the Legislative Assembly approved the first part of the 2018-19 capital estimates. This included \$15 million for the Sanikiluaq Community Health Centre replacement project, and I'm pleased to provide an update on that project.

As my colleagues know, the \$15 million approved for Sanikiluaq last June will allow us to bring this project into the construction phase. The construction tender package was issued in February and closes in April. The first phase of construction will begin this summer.

The department plans to request an estimated \$12.3 million in fiscal year 2019-2020 for the second phase of construction and a further \$250,000 in 2020-21 to complete construction and for coverage for the warranty period. The Sanikiluaq Community Health Centre is expected to open its doors by September of 2020.

In closing, this proposed capital plan is focused on ensuring that clinical facilities and the essential services they provide are available to Nunavummiut across the territory. Our approach is all about meeting the needs of our communities by replacing aging health

centres and facilities and through ongoing building maintenance and lifecycle management.

I thank you for your attention as we review these important projects, and I welcome questions and comments from members. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Angnakak. Does a member of the regular caucus have opening comments? Mr. Netser.

Mr. Netser (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Welcome, minister.

Mr. Chairman, I am pleased to provide opening comments on behalf of the Regular Members' Caucus as the Committee of the Whole begins its consideration of the proposed 2018-19 Capital Estimates of the Department of Health.

While the department's currently proposed capital budget for 2018-19 is \$6.5 million for three projects, it must also be noted that the Fourth Assembly previously approved \$15 million as part of the Department of Health's 2018-19 capital budget for another fourth project.

Mr. Chairman, the standing committee recognizes that replacing and updating community health centres across Nunavut is a long-term goal. Part 1 of the 2018-19 capital estimates, which was approved in June of 2017, included funding for the first year of construction of a replacement health [centre] in Sanikiluaq. The currently proposed capital estimates include funding for the design phase of a replacement health [centre] in the community of Cape Dorset. During the minister's appearance

to discuss her draft capital estimates, members were given to understand that future health centre replacement projects are in various stages of planning or preplanning, and members look forward to a detailed update on the status and proposed timelines for these future projects as we proceed.

Mr. Chairman, members recognize that including such features as staff housing within newly constructed health centre facilities is often not economically feasible. However, members encourage the minister to work with her officials and counterparts in the Department of Community and Government Services to ensure that new staff accommodation needs are addressed when considering all new health facilities and that any such accommodation be formally designated for the use of health staff.

Concerns have also been raised with respect to the lack of morgue facilities in many communities and, if such features are not to be included in future health centre projects, members urge the minister to work with her staff and colleagues to give further consideration to ensuring that adequate morgue facilities are established in all Nunavut communities.

Members have raised a number of concerns with respect to the condition of aging health facilities and health equipment in some communities. Members urge the minister to work closely with her counterpart in the Department of Community and Government Services to improve upon situations which have been identified and to undertake the necessary assessments to ensure that safety, comfort and cleanliness issues are

addressed before they become problematic.

Mr. Chairman, members were disappointed to note that the 2019-2023 five-year capital plan does not include any future projects to address Nunavut's pressing needs in the areas of mental health, addictions treatment, boarding homes, or elder care. While members recognize that initiatives are underway to open additional long-term care beds in some communities, the committee encourages the minister to work with her staff to explore additional options in this area, including partnerships with other entities to provide more long-term care for our elders within Nunavut. While members recognize that many services in the areas of mental health, addiction, and boarding care receive additional support through federal program funds, the minister is strongly encouraged to intensify her efforts to increase and improve access to such services within the territory.

Mr. Chairman, the Department of Health's proposed capital estimates include two blocks of funding for minor capital and small capital projects.

In addition to the department's current fleet of over 80 vehicles across the territory, the department's small capital budget may include the purchase of new vehicles. Members continue to have questions regarding policies and protocols governing the use of departmental vehicles for patient transportation and what types of situations are considered "medical emergencies" during which clients may be transported.

Mr. Chairman, the Department of

Health's proposed capital budget includes a block of funding for ongoing lifecycle projects in its 2018-19 capital estimates. Members would appreciate receiving details on what projects will proceed under this line item once priorities have been finalized.

Mr. Chairman, members fully support initiatives for purchasing specialized diagnostic equipment so that medical clients are not required to travel far away from home, often to other jurisdictions, in order to receive medical services. It has been noted that the use of the telehealth technology for service delivery across Nunavut has been a long-standing option for health care. Members would appreciate an overview of how the telehealth system has been used since its installation.

Mr. Chairman, that concludes my opening comments on the proposed 2018-19 Capital Estimates of the Department of Health. I am confident that individual members will have comments and questions; I have no doubt as well, as we proceed, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation) Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Netser. Ms. Angnakak, do you have any witnesses that you would like to appear before the committee? Minister Angnakak.

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Does the committee agree to let the witnesses enter the Chamber?

Some Members: Agreed.

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

Ms. Angnakak, for the record, if you could please introduce your witnesses.
Ms. Angnakak.

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to introduce my deputy minister to my right, Colleen Stockley, and also on my left is our capital planner, Floreen Demavivas. I hope I have pronounced that correctly. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Angnakak. Welcome to your staff.

Before we proceed, I would like to remind members that 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 has a chance to speak.

At this time I will only ask for general comments. Are there any general comments toward the Department of Health? Ms. Towtongie.

Ms. Towtongie: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to make general comments. When the hon. minister first appeared in front of the standing committee, we have a crisis happening in Rankin Inlet and that's the issue of elders being moved to Ottawa. One of them most recently was my aunt, Annie Tatty, quite well known. She is a matriarch in that community.

Right away I questioned her about a pre-study, pre-design phase for long-term elders' care. And I quote, this is what

she said, "I'm sure each of us, MLAs, and the ministers are concerned about elders being taken out of Nunavut and that in Pond Inlet we will come up with an idea of what to do with the elders."

Mr. Chairman, the issue of elders care in Rankin Inlet and across Nunavut is about access; access to family, access to the environment, language, and they're being placed in what would be a foreign country for them.

All throughout the capital items that I have read, that I have gone through, I haven't seen any pre-study or design phase for long-term care for our elders. With the deep machinery of government, all of these planned stages, I'm even tempted not to vote for the capital items for health. That's how important it is to our community.

We badly need elder care across Nunavut. We cannot continue to send them to Ottawa. I believe that with saying that, I'm encouraging the minister to at least come up with a strategy to see how we can handle elders within our homes. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation) That's it.

Chairman: Thank you. Any more general comments? Mr. Quassa, do you have general comments?

Hon. Paul Quassa: Mr. Chairman, I just want to say it's kind of point of order because I believe we're talking about a very different area than what is being talked about by our colleague, MLA Ms. Cathy Towtongie. We're not talking about new budgets now. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Quassa. I do

not believe it is a point of order because we were just doing general comments. Under that they can pretty well talk about what they want to talk about. She was talking about capital issues for the future and we will leave it at that.

We will now move on to... . We're on the Department of Health under Directorate. Total Capital Expenditures. \$6,500,000. Mr. Mikkungwak.

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

My first question here would be: how many other communities have been identified as requiring replacement or renovated health centres in the near future and, if so, which communities? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the member for his question. We have three. Excuse me. We have four. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Angnakak. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Is Baker Lake on the radar for those three communities, as identified? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, Baker Lake is on the radar, but we didn't get preplanning approved for this year. We're going to

be asking for that for next year, but it's on our radar, it's on the list. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the minister for the response. The preplanning will commence as of next year, the new fiscal year or the end of this fiscal year. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It was part of the ask that we had for this year, but it wasn't approved. We're going to ask again next year for next year so that we can get into the preplanning, so they could start looking at what's needed for the health care in Baker Lake. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the minister for the response. I look forward to that preplanning information in the near future.

Moving along, this has been an ongoing issue in the Kivalliq, the regional health facilities. Rankin Inlet has a regional health centre, but my question here is: are there any plans being considered to provide additional services at regional health centres in the near future and, if so, what are they? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr.

Mikkungwak. Mr. Mikkungwak, that's more of an operational type of question. If you want to rephrase your question and try to get it into capital, please do so. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll rephrase my question. Considering that Rankin Inlet has a regional health centre and when we look at capital infrastructure in the near future, are there any plans of constructing a regional boarding home so that Kivalliq patients do not end up waiting at the airport terminal on hard, metal seats? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There are actually two things that we have planned. We did ask for the Rankin Inlet Kivalliq Health Centre extension, but that was not approved. We're going to ask again just like the Baker Lake Health Centre replacement. We're going to ask again next year.

I actually have some good news and I was going to wait until tomorrow to do a minister's statement, but I feel with the question, we have an announcement to make that we have approval from the indigenous services minister to go to an RFP for a boarding home in the Kivalliq.

>> *Applause*

That's going to go forward. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr.

Chairman. I thank the minister for that response. When we look at that, what size? I'll use the example here, Tammaativvik. I have gone to visit it. It houses so many people. What size of infrastructure are we looking at? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Obviously we don't really have all of those details yet. We need to do some consultation and we also need to look at what services we're going to be able to provide if we had the boarding home there. There is a lot of information that we still need to find out before we can come up with that kind of a decision of what size we're looking at. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Moving on, I guess I see this as small capital or like a small capital purchase. As we all know, in our local community health centres they have health centre vehicles. How many of these community health centre vehicles are currently used to provide patient transportation? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Zero. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, minister. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Maybe you can rule me out of order if you feel, but a follow-up to this question is: why are we purchasing health centre vehicles when there are no patient transports or is it because of insurance or what is the reasoning? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just one minute.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There are a number of reasons why they need vehicles. One of them is for emergencies. For example, if you have somebody in the health care centre that needs to go on a medevac plane, they will take them there. It will be used for that.

There are other instances too like when you have to go from the health centre, let's say you need equipment for home care or those kinds of services, you need a vehicle to take you here and there. There's also, for example, everybody knows about the TB that we have in Nunavut. A lot of times our nurses are going to homes to deliver medication and to go see their patients and so we also have vehicles for that.

The vehicles are not used to transport patients from their homes to the health care centre or the health care centre to the plane if they are going on medical travel. They are not used for that. That's not the use for them. It's other uses. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for the answer. I guess this will be my last question. I'm not sure if it's deemed small capital, but you rarely see it in the majority of Nunavut communities, stretcher service or a stretcher with wheels and whatnot. Would that be considered small capital and, if so, are there considerations? For example, in Baker Lake we have the Martha Talirug Centre right across the health centre. At one point I was helping carry an elder on a stretcher, but it had no wheels, so we had to run across. I think that is a very essential small capital purchase item for health centres in communities. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I remember you telling me that story. When it comes to a private facility like that, the contractor that was running your elders centre should have really taken that into consideration themselves. With health care centres, if a nurse thinks that that's what they need, then they would inform the regional director of that region, and then it can be put forward onto the list. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. First I just want to thank Colleen Stockley for once again appearing before the Assembly. Floreen Demavivas, I believe it's your first time. Yes. Welcome to the Assembly.

Before I begin my questions, I want to make a comment. When I'm reading the

substantiation sheets, it's very clear that there are some departments that do put effort in and provide the detail that's required. Health is definitely one of them, so thank you very much for that.

My first question is about the Cape Dorset Health Centre. On page 3, under the environmental impact, I just want to commend the department for including the "Possible use of an exterior solar wall panel system, which could be integrated in order to reduce the cost of heating and ventilation of the facility." I'm glad to see the department is actually including the possibility of solar in their designs.

My first question is: has the department looked into the costs associated with purchasing and installing the solar panels on the facility? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the member for that question. Since this is still in the design phase, it's something that we want to ask for, but we don't know how much it's going to cost. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, minister. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for that response. I'll move on to the next project, the ongoing lifecycle. Now, this is a large increase request compared to prior years. Although you have provided a lengthy list of proposed 2018-19 ongoing lifecycle projects, are all those projects to be completed in 2018-19? Thank you,

Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. No, but the cost estimates and the designs will be completed. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That was leading into my next question. Although there is substantiation for the increase in 2018-19, can the department substantiate the need for the increase in the budget in future years going forward? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. With your permission, I would like Mr. Demavivas to answer that question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, minister. Mr. Demavivas.

Mr. Demavivas: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, we can provide the information. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That's it. Well, actually my last question, as was mentioned during the opening comments, I'm disappointed that we don't see anything in the plans to create, build, or construct a Nunavut-based substance abuse rehabilitation or

addictions treatment centre. Does the minister foresee such facility being constructed within the term of this government? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. One second.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Kivalliq Mental Health Facility was already previously approved and so the next step is to find out what kind programming we're going to do there and the preplanning phase. The project, business case, design brief, and class "D" estimates by CGS will be done by March of 2019. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll be a little bit more specific in my question. With the recent opening of the Iqaluit Beer and Wine Store, I understand that it is aimed at reducing the harm of hard liquor, but it may also be feeding those who may have an addiction to alcohol. Would the minister be able to provide any plans? Does the minister plan on constructing an addictions treatment centre here in Iqaluit within the term of this current government? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Ms. Angnakak.

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It's really hard to answer some of these questions when we haven't released our mandate yet, but I can say that we are working with Indigenous Services Canada on this.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, minister. Next on my list, Mr. Akoak.

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

This is always an issue; housing for health centre staff is often being raised as an issue of concern. Will new staff housing be built to accommodate staff at all new health centres? The reason I bring this up is in the community of Gjoa Haven we have health staff, including mental health staff, living one mile away from the health centre. It's pretty hard to go down to the health centre when there's a patient that needs help right away. Sometimes they have to share a vehicle and sometimes it's not always available.

Again, will the new staff housing be built to accommodate staff at all new health centres? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the member for his... . Yes, housing is an issue. It's a goal of ours that when we build a health centre, we could have the residence right there as well. We want to be able to control the housing situation. For example, in Arctic Bay the housing was separate and it belonged to the Nunavut Housing Corporation.

Going forward, we want to look at different options where, when we build health centres, we can actually control the residence too and have them maybe

part of the centre, but we have to look at how we can do that cost-effective. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Akoak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My next one is a favourite one of mine. Mental health issues are a growing area of concern across Nunavut. Does the Department of Health have any plans to establish additional mental health facilities in Nunavut and, if so, which communities are being considered for such a facility? I can only wish there was an RFP out for the community of Gjoa Haven. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. At this time, for a mental health facility, we are looking at building a new Kivalliq mental health and addictions facility. We have a mental health facility in Cambridge Bay that is part of the Kitikmeot. This is where we send patients that require that kind of need from the Kitikmeot to. We're looking at building something in the Kivalliq and we have obviously the one here in Iqaluit. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Akoak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, we do have a facility over in Cambridge Bay, but ever since I became the elected official, I have seen the mental health issues climb in my community.

I have talked to the mental health people and they see a lot of people daily or every second day and it's growing. I believe the mental health facility in Cambridge Bay is too small now. It will not help to support everyone in all of the Kitikmeot. That's why I bring this up.

My last question: have you had the opportunity to address the need for the additional health infrastructure with your federal counterparts and, if so, what were the results of your discussions? Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That's it for me.

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

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Can you give me a minute?

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As I stated earlier, I met with the Minister of Indigenous Services to talk about the Kivalliq boarding home and the need for one. That was positive. I guess a review has been going on for two years and the credit belongs to Mr. Paul Okalik and also to Mr. Hickey here who worked hard on that file.

We met with the minister in early February to tell her how urgently we needed to get a decision from her on whether or not this would be supported. We have just recently found out yesterday, really, that it would be supported, so that's very good news. That's something.

Like I alluded to before, we are working with her department on other things that I can't really say until our mandate has been released. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Ms. Kamingoak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Correct me if I'm wrong, we're on this topic right now. I note that my community is listed in the capital projects substantiation sheets for ongoing lifecycle for replacement of the flooring. For that, I thank your department for including my community.

Now saying that, can the minister advise me when the health centre will be considered for replacement? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If you can just give me a minute, we're just going to find it in our files.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It would be after Baker Lake. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Angnakak. Ms. Kamingoak.

Ms. Kamingoak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. When will that be?

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Angnakak.

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Next year we're asking for the Baker Lake preplanning, and then the following year after that we would be asking for Kugluktuk preplanning. It would be going at government pace.

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

Ms. Kamingoak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Moving on, there is a growing need for 24-hour care facilities across Nunavut. What steps have been taken to address the need and plan for additional facilities of this kind in the near future? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. One of the things that we're doing is we have a renovation going for the Cambridge Bay Continuing Care Centre. We're adding beds and that is in the Kitikmeot. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Ms. Kamingoak.

Ms. Kamingoak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Is there any intention of the Department of Health in investing capital dollars to any new elder facilities? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Angnakak.

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I understand why she is asking the question, but it's something I just can't answer right now until our mandate has been released. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, minister. Mr. Netser.

Mr. Netser (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Welcome, minister.

I note that it's good to see that Cape Dorset is in the books for a new health centre, but the substantiation sheets note that the cost to build a new staff residence is not included. Will the department be coming forth with a request for a budget to build staff housing, and how many staff housing will they need when this health centre is being constructed or finished construction? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. One moment.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We're renovating the five-plex that is currently there and also we're going to be adding another five-plex. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Netser (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In your community, Mr. Rumbolt, you will be receiving a health centre, of which I'm very pleased. Does your community have health centre staff housing to house the nurses who will be at your new health centre? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Netser.

Mr. Netser: Good. My last question. I

have gone to the health centre at home a couple of times now in the last three months due to influenza and in one of the rooms that I was admitted to just for a checkup, I noted the floor tiles were worn right out and even going into the subfloor or the plywood. My question to the minister: does her staff or the director of the region ever visit these health centres? (interpretation) Thank you.

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

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Yes, they do. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Netser.

Mr. Netser (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) I read through the substantiation sheet that there's nothing in this for Coral Harbour in the small capital. Maybe he was invisible when he went to Coral Harbour, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Netser. I'm not sure if that was a question or not. It is? Oh, okay. Thank you. Minister Angnakak.

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It's in the 2018-19 ongoing lifecycle projects. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, minister. Mr. Netser.

Mr. Netser: So he was visible. Thank you. That's all I have for now. (interpretation) Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Netser. Mr.

Hickes.

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to follow up on my colleague Ms. Kamingoak's question on the 24-hour care facilities. Maybe I missed it in the response, but I seem to recall the Legislative Assembly approved some monies for a feasibility study of expanding either the Gjoa Haven or Igloolik, I can't remember exactly which one of those facilities. As their design is the same, I believe the intent was one feasibility study would encompass both projects.

As I'm sure all members know from the O&M budget, those 10-bed facilities are very inefficient and not too fiscally responsible. A feasibility study would be an important step in addressing how valuable or how efficient the facility, if it increased in size. Maybe the minister forgot that component or maybe she could elaborate on where that feasibility study is. Thank you.

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

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the member for the question. It was approved last year for preplanning for the Igloolik Continuing Care Centre. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, minister. Mr. Hickes.

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Where is that preplanning stage at right now? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Pat Angnakak: One moment, please.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We're still at the assessment phase. We don't know how many beds we want to add. We're at that phase. That's where we are. We're doing assessments to figure out exactly what we need there. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, minister. Mr. Hickes.

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. To me, part of what a preplanning process is, is to decide what is most economically beneficial.

Is there any intent on doing any preplanning on any of the other elder care facilities that the Department of Health has responsibility for or contracted through, whether it be societies like in Baker Lake, Iqaluit, and Arviat, or the facility in Cambridge Bay or here in Iqaluit, like I said? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We got preplanning for the Cambridge Bay Continuing Care Centre renovation and we have not asked for preplanning for the other facilities at this time. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As I'm sure all of us have been very well aware and it has been a very hot topic of senior care across the territory, making

existing facilities more economically viable might be a good step in certain areas to increase the capacity of these facilities. I'll leave that alone right now.

I would like to step back to something my colleague, Mr. Lightstone, brought up of the feasibility of a substance abuse rehabilitation centre. Is there no work on a feasibility to date going on such a project? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, there is. That's the one I alluded to that we're working with the Minister of Indigenous Services. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, minister. Mr. Hickes.

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I must have missed that when I was looking at other data and my apologies to the minister. Maybe I missed as well too: what kind of timetable is that on right now? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Pat Angnakak: If you can just give me one minute, please. Thank you.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. An RFP went out and it's a four-phase study and we're just completing the third phase. We're working with Indigenous Services Canada and NTI on this. We have other stakeholders also that we're working on this issue with. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That sounds like fantastic progress. I'm just wondering: when is phase 4 or the fourth part anticipated to be completed, and when can we expect any further discussions on a facility of this nature here in the legislature? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Due to consultations and that that we still need to do, we're expecting this to be completed by the fall of 2018. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm going to jump over to the small capital. In 2018-19 there is \$1.5 million for small capital. I guess my initial question would be: have all the small capital items requested in the 2017-18 been purchased to date and, if not, which ones will be carried over for purchase in this fiscal year, 2018-19? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Can you give me a minute?

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Everything that was for small capital last year has been purchased and delivered. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm sure the minister was following the discussions going on last night and today. I have to ask this question: has anything from the list in 2018-19 been purchased yet? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If you can give me another moment.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We have already ordered the vehicles because of the sealift and the timing. It's election year, so the timing is off. Thank you.

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

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As the Minister of Finance has already committed to doing a review of that process, I won't go into any further depth on it. I was just trying to see how kind of widespread this practice was.

Going back again into small capital, how does the department identify and prioritize which small capital items shall be purchased within a given fiscal year? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Basically we get feedback from the nurse at the health centre who works with the regional executive

director, and then we also work with CGS. That's how the list is made up. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It was just pointed out to me that the small capital project list that we have in the substantiation sheet is from 2017-18. Would it be possible to get a list of the 2018-19 small capital projects? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As stated in my opening comments, it was provided to the Regular Members' Caucus Chair, Mr. Main, on March 5, 2018. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It must have gotten lost in communication.

I do have a question and without seeing the list, I'll hope that it's on there. One of the items that the Iqaluit Qikiqtani General Hospital purchased last year was a CPAP machine, which has probably paid for itself many times over through the saving of medevacs and, if not, eliminating and reducing the requirement to intubate small infants and newborns.

I'm wondering if there is any intention of the department rolling these out to at least the regional centres, if not, to more

health centres across the territory. I know having babies in the community isn't really a practice, but there are a couple of communities that have midwife services and as well through emergency early birth, which would be especially vulnerable and maybe especially beneficial to have these continuous positive air pressure equipment available to them. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That kind of machinery is very specialized, but we can look at it. I think we have to keep in mind the staffing that we have at the community centres. That's a specialized type of equipment. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Angnakak. Before we go any further, we will take a 15-minute break. Thank you.

>>Committee recessed at 17:57 and resumed at 18:15

Chairman: I call the meeting back to order. I hope everybody had a good break. Next on my list for questioning is Mr. Main. Go ahead.

Mr. Main: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I welcome the minister and your staff.

I'm going to start out with a couple of general questions with regard to capital planning in Health. To what extent does acuity, in terms of how dire the health needs are in a community... ? To what extent is the actual health condition of the individuals in a community feed into the capital process? Thank you, Mr.

Chairman.

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

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Maybe it's the pizza, but I really don't understand the question. Can the member please rephrase it? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, minister. If you could rephrase your question, please, Mr. Main.

Mr. Main: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Say, for example, you have a community that has a particular health need. Yes, you put more staff or you commit more resources on the O&M side to deal with that. Is there a corresponding process where capital needs are identified based on the health of the population in a community? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If you give me minute, please.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, it's possible that that might happen, but it still has to go through the process. The deputy minister would take it to the deputy ministers' table to start those kinds of discussions. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Main: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the minister. What I'm trying to get at is my home community of Arviat,

from my understanding, has one of the highest acuity rates across the territory, meaning that there is the most need. Getting more specific on this, with regard to the health centre in Arviat, I believe it's in preplanning for an expansion to the facility. If the minister could share a bit more information on that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Actually that's the "ask" now for the Arviat Health Centre extension.

Just to clarify, it's going to be for next year because we did ask for it, but it wasn't approved for this year's asks to go into preplanning. We're going to bring it forward for next year's. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Main: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That's a bit concerning considering the length of time required to get a project actually built. Preplanning next year, that's five or six years out and the needs are there today. I wonder if the minister could explain in terms of the utilization rate, I love that term, when it comes to the Arviat health facility, if she could maybe provide some information in terms of how much of that facility is being used. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main. It has taken me nine years to get to the stage I'm at with my health centre. Ms. Angnakak.

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Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Actually we don't use utilization rates as schools do. That's not what we do. We follow the process that the government uses. It's just got its own pace. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Main: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If there isn't a utilization rate that drives things, is it simply the life of a facility or, I'm trying not to repeat myself here, are there other factors that are considered when you're deciding where you need to invest capital dollars? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The things that are taken into consideration when determining where a project priority lies is they look at the age of the facility, population projection, and the current condition of the facility. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Main: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Without straying into O&M, I'll note that the health centre in Arviat is woefully understaffed and capacity issues in terms of the day-to-day workings of the facility may not be too evident, but I think that if the health centre was fully staffed, we would be seeing a lot more capacity issues in terms of the size of the facility.

Would the minister be able to tell me how many people or what size of a

community the Arviat Health Centre was designed for? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The current facility in Arviat was constructed in 2000, so it's not that old. Its lifecycle is for 30 years. We are at year 18. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Main: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the minister. My point was not that the facility is old. The point that I'm trying to make is that the facility was designed for a smaller community and its forced growth, Mr. Chairman. I'll ask the minister again: what size of a community was the health centre designed for in terms of how many people? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The year it was constructed, it states here the population was 1,899 people and the projection for 2015 was 2,521 people, so increase in the current year is 33 percent. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Main: I thank the minister. I'll move on, but I think that there is a capacity issue there and I'll reiterate that I think it is being hidden by the fact that the health centre in Arviat is terribly understaffed and they're facing some big

challenges there.

In terms of that health centre, there have been a number of heating issues, ongoing issues with the heating system, and my understanding is that it has impacted delivery of services, particularly in the winter. Are there any plans to address those issues? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main. Just to remind you, maintenance on a building is not necessarily a capital issue; it's usually an O&M issue. Ms. Angnakak.

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We don't know anything about that situation at your health care centre. It would be good if the nurse or somebody can raise it. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Main: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm looking through the list of small capital here. In 2017-18 and 2018-19 I don't see anything in there for Arviat. Am I missing something? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Any kind of issues that the health centre notices, like something is missing or something needs replacing, is raised. There is a process that they go through. It might be that the nurse hasn't raised anything. Here you have a defibrillator and also an infusion pump, there are monitors for vital signs, there is

radiograph positioning equipment, so there are a few things in there that I hardly know how to pronounce. The nurse would be the one to know what she needs in terms of her medical equipment, then she would raise it as a need, and then it has a process that it goes through. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Main: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the minister for that. I did indeed miss those. Thank you. When it comes to providing transport for patients, my understanding is that some communities have contracted services where a private company can offer ambulance service and some communities don't. Are there criteria laid out for that in terms of whether it's going to be contractors who deliver it or whether the government is going to provide it? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This has been an issue that has been brought up quite a few times.

The Department of Health covers emergency inter-facility transfers, for example, a health care centre to a medevac plane if an emergency service is not available in the community, so then the health centre staff will transport that client.

Non-emergency transportation to the airport for approved medical travel is covered by NIHB as an insured service for eligible Nunavut Inuit in four communities: Arctic Bay, Resolute Bay,

Coral Harbour, and Whale Cove. That is due to the distance to the airport; it's a long way to go to the airport.

The department does not provide transportation to a health centre or from a health centre to home after treatment, as this is not a covered service. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Main: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the minister. It's a tough nut to crack in a small community like Whale Cove.

I'll just add as a comment that there has been some concern from the community and from staff, to my knowledge, in terms of how to provide transportation for somebody, for example, who is in a wheelchair, because you may require a specialized vehicle for that. My understanding is that the health centre in Whale Cove doesn't currently have that type of vehicle that can transport somebody in a stretcher or somebody in a wheelchair.

If she could elaborate on the situation in Whale Cove, if she has any information, I would appreciate it. Thank you.

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

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We are not aware of the situation in Whale Cove, but that is something that we can check out.

I just want to also mention that in the city of Iqaluit or if you're in Ottawa, or anywhere like that, you have to call an

ambulance. You have to find your own ways. These are opportunities where the community can come together and work in partnership to provide a service like that.

For example, in Kugluktuk they have done that. If there is an emergency situation, then the hamlet, I think, runs that. They will go and get the patient, and then they bill back the federal government. If it's a non-emergency, then it's the community itself that covers that cost.

I just want to bring to everyone's attention that nowhere else is that service provided. It's not the mandate of Health to provide that kind of service. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. From what I understand, the facility that houses the elders centre in Arviat is not owned by the Department of Health. It's owned by the Nunavut Housing Corporation. I would like to know if my understanding is correct and I want to ask if this is causing a problem. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Pat Angnakak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It is owned and operated by the housing corporation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Main (interpretation): Yes, the elders are worth supporting. If the elders centre is owned by the housing corporation, does that create a problem, (interpretation ends) yes or no? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If you give me a second.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. No, we haven't had any problems so far. All the services that are provided are through a contract, just like the other communities. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Main (interpretation): Yes, I understand that now. Thank you. Indeed I have heard from elders that this is a problematic issue. The elders centre was supposed to be renovated. I think last year they were going to renovate it and it was deferred until this summer based on my understanding of the construction schedule. Is the minister aware of this? This is within the capital estimates, which we are discussing, related to the elders centre. (interpretation ends) In terms of the condition of the building and whether that renovation is going to be going ahead, does the minister have information to share? Thank you.

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

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That building belongs to the Nunavut Housing Corporation and we understand that there are renovations

that are going to be done. There are monies that were approved last year. There was \$1 million and that was going to be split between Arviat and the one here in Iqaluit. I'll just read the briefing note.

The renovations are planned for this summer, 2018. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Main: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll continue talking about that elders centre until I'm blue in the face. Has the minister had any discussions with the housing corporation in terms of transferring that asset over to the Department of Health? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, we have just started that. It's very preliminary. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Angnakak. Mr. Main, you have a minute to turn blue. Mr. Main.

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Mr. Main: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Continuing with that facility, in terms of the cost per bed, I realize we're talking about capital here, but what I would really like to see in Arviat is an expansion to that facility because my understanding is that it is undersized in terms of the services that we could provide.

She mentioned earlier regarding elders facilities that there may be a study or consideration given. I would just like to confirm that that also applies to the Arviat facility. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We're considering all elder care centres that are in place now and possible new ones.

Currently it costs us \$13,500 per month per bed in Arviat. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Main: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I wonder if the minister would be able to provide similar statistics for all the elders centres across Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, we could. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main: Thank you. I have a few more seconds here.

With regard to the Kivalliq mental health and addictions facility, which the minister I believe the term was "considering," I wonder if the minister can provide any further information on that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We're currently in the preplanning stage. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Main: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Are they looking at different communities as part of that? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. No, we're just looking at Rankin Inlet right now. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Angnakak. Mr. Main, your time has run out, so we will move on to the next person on our list. Mr. Kaerner.

Mr. Kaerner (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll try to stick to the capital estimates.

In your opening comments you mentioned lifecycle items and health centres that require renovations. In Hall Beach the health centre is one of the older facilities. I want to ask a question that might not be under capital and it's regarding the hamlet and the Hall Beach coroner. It's almost springtime and we don't know when the next death is going to occur. It has been a real concern in early spring that there's no morgue in Hall Beach. Can this be addressed? That would be my first question, Mr.

Chairman. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Angnakak.

Hon. Pat Angnakak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, there are ongoing discussions and I'm aware of that. I know it has been a concern, but it don't really fall under the Department of Health. We're more towards preventative health.

There are four morgues and they are in Cambridge Bay, Iqaluit, Taloyoak, and Nauyasat. There's a morgue attached to the health centre, but they're very small and it's not convenient for those who want to see family members who have passed away. With the staff in the centre with other duties, it becomes inconvenient timewise. We're considering that communities should be the ones responsible for that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Angnakak. Mr. Kaerner.

Mr. Kaerner (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, minister. Also in your plans it says that the stretcher is in bad shape. Can you indicate when this will be addressed? It says that here in the (interpretation ends) substantiation sheets. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Angnakak.

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm not sure if I understood the question. If I can get the member to repeat his question, then hopefully I will be able to give him an answer. Thank

you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Angnakak. Mr. Kaernek, if you could rephrase or re-read your question, please. Thank you.

Mr. Kaernek (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) In the substantiation sheet it says here that at the Hall Beach Health Centre, their stretcher is in bad shape, so it's in a high matter. Can the minister clarify when this would be looked at? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Angnakak.

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. You're looking at last year's stretcher, so it has already been bought and delivered. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Kaernek.

Mr. Kaernek (interpretation): Oh, I see. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Moving on to a different subject, the people of the Baffin go to the hospital here. The doctors and nurses might be an O&M matter. How is it running? Is it running properly? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Kaernek. Minister Angnakak.

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do apologize, I did not understand his question. Can I ask the member to ask his question again? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Kaernek, if

you could rephrase your question, please.

Mr. Kaernek: Okay.

>>*Laughter*

What is the current operational staffing status of the Qikiqtani General Hospital? Is it operational and, if it is not, what is the issue that is affecting its operational status? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Kaernek. That is strictly an O&M question and I will not ask the minister to answer it at this time. Do you have any other questions that are related to capital? Mr. Kaernek.

Mr. Kaernek (interpretation): Okay. I'll switch to the community. This has been a problem. Yes, you told me it's under Community and Government Services. I don't have any more questions, so I'll stop there for now. I'm getting really warm. That's it. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Kaernek. Trust me, we have all been there. I don't think there was any kind of question in there, so I will move on. Mr. Qirngnuq.

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to welcome the minister and her officials.

We're under capital, so I will ask about capital. First of all, the health centre in Kugaaruk is quite old. Are there any considerations in the future for that health centre? That's my first question, if you understood it, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

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

Hon. Pat Angnakak: One minute, please. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. What I'll do is I'll read off the list and I'll say where his health centre is at. We completed Arctic Bay last fall. We're doing the Sanikiluaq construction this summer. Cape Dorset we have in preplanning or design. Qikiqtarjuaq will be next, Baker Lake, Kugluktuk, and then Kugaaruk. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. What year will we know about the Kugaaruk Health Centre? Will it be renovated or will it be replaced with a new facility? I know it's a two-part question, but if you can respond to it. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Pat Angnakak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It might be a while yet. Health centres have to be planned and sometimes you have to wait because construction projects cannot be done all at once. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The second question I wish to raise relates to decentralized government buildings that are fairly large and are used to house specific

government employees. What is the lifecycle of these buildings or how many years does it take before plans are made to renovate or replace these existing buildings? Perhaps the minister can respond to my question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Can the member elaborate further on which building he's talking about? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, minister. Mr. Qirngnuq.

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Kugaaruk's (interpretation ends) health centre (interpretation) is what I was referring to, if you understand. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We don't have any information stating that it needs renovations. It has never been raised. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. To move to another matter, when plans are made to begin construction on any type of facility, it includes the interior furniture or equipment requirements. Does the minister know what the useful lifecycles are for the furniture or equipment

included in the facility? I imagine the minister may be aware of the lifecycles or perhaps departmental officials have this information and can respond. I hope that was clear, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

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

Hon. Pat Angnakak: If you would give me a minute, please. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman, I would like to make a correction from my last comment. Actually Kugaaruk is on the 2018-19 list. For ongoing lifecycle, the health centre will be getting a mechanical and electrical upgrade and also office space modification. Those are the two things that are going on for the health centre.

In regard to his other question on the process of how long it takes, it really is a CGS question, but it could take up to eight years. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Angnakak. Mr. Qirngnuq, do you have any further questions? Go ahead.

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate the minister's response and I am thankful for that. The underlying reason for my question about the health centre in Kugaaruk is because of the cramped working space for the nurses. They have limited office space with no elbow room to conduct their paperwork. In thinking of that reality, I am asking about this matter.

I want to move to another matter here that I also want to ask the minister about.

What is the perception of the minister related to the future as it relates to the centre? I believe it was cited earlier on more than one occasion by my colleagues. When would the health centre employees be able to get staff housing? I hope that I am clear in my questioning and I would like the minister to respond to my question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Pat Angnakak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I completely don't understand the member's question. Perhaps I can ask him to rephrase his question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, minister. Mr. Qirngnuq.

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I was trying to reference nurses specifically. I was mentioning nurses and hopefully someone can understand my wording. The nurses are faced with limited office space within the health centre as it houses their sleeping quarters. When will they be able to get a staff unit that's not connected to the health centre? When would you be able to consider that? I hope that was clearer, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

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

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As I stated before, we have Kugaaruk on the lifecycle list. There's office space modification. This is to ease the overcrowding in this health centre. They're going to remove a wall between

the supervisor's office and the front office is required. There is work going on towards office modification. I don't know anything about his other point of having offices outside of the health centre. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, I understood the minister's response. That's what my question was about.

Moving on to another question on what's called in English the (interpretation ends) capital projects substantiation sheet, (interpretation) looking at it, it lists (interpretation ends) preplanning, planning, design, construction, and warranty. (interpretation) The figures are written here starting from the 2018-19 fiscal year to the fiscal year 2022-23 for the five-year plan. When can we expect to see those for 2022-23? That's my last question, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

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

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Will the member please clarify which project he's talking about? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Angnakak. Mr. Qirngnuq, if you could clarify, please.

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Under the capital project substantiation sheet, in Part C, capital cost, the diagram on the preplanning, planning, design, construction, and warranty, it's under

Part A, overview, page 1 of 5. (interpretation) I'm trying to get clarification for the 2022-23 fiscal year. When can we expect to see some documentation in regard to that? I hope you can understand me, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

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

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If he's referring to the Cape Dorset replacement health centre, by the time we go into 2022-23, the project is completed. Of course there would be nothing in those boxes. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Angnakak. Mr. Qirngnuq, no more questions? Thank you. Moving on, Mr. Keyootak.

Mr. Keyootak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Most of the questions I was going to ask have been posed, but I would just like to ask about the Qikiqtarjuaq Health Centre that is included in the plans. I didn't quite understand when the design phase will be started. Is it 2018 or 2019? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Keyootak. Minister Angnakak.

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm just trying to find my notes.

The CGS facility planner visited Qikiqtarjuaq last summer in July and they researched the potential site of the new health centre. The design brief and the project business case are anticipated

to be completed by March of 2019. The earliest possible date that the new community health centre could make it into the capital plan for construction, when they would start the construction, is 2020-21. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Angnakak. Mr. Keyootak.

Mr. Keyootak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also thank the minister for her explanation. Would that include the staff housing? According to your plan, the study included the staff housing during the construction of the health centre. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Keyootak. Minister Angnakak.

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If you just give me a minute.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, that's always our intention. When we build health centres, we do want to see residences as part of the package. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Angnakak. Mr. Keyootak. No? You're done? Okay. Thank you. Moving on, Ms. Towtongie.

Ms. Towtongie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I was looking through the substantiation sheets 1. I saw one for Cape Dorset. However, the 2018-2022 five-year capital plan reprioritized the Sanikiluaq Health Centre Replacement Project to begin in 2017-18, ahead of the Cape Dorset project.

This tells me funding for the Sanikiluaq Health Centre project to proceed in 2018-19 was approved by the Fourth Assembly in June of 2017. This project will require ongoing funding until at least 2021. I'm wondering why this is not reflected in your five-year capital plan. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Pat Angnakak: I'm sorry. Can you give me a minute, please, Mr. Chairman.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It's not reflected right now because it was already approved. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Angnakak. Ms. Towtongie.

Ms. Towtongie: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The replacement health centre in Cape Dorset is in the capital project substantiation sheet if that had already been approved and the estimated cost is \$33.05 million.

In saying that, there are three proposed cost-saving measures. Three projects: Artic Bay, Repulse Bay, and Taloyoak. It's not clear whether the new health centre projects being built are according to a common design or if each project will be tailored specifically to the requirements of each community. May I get an update as to what this design is? It was proposed by the Legislative Assembly that as a cost-saving measure, the three projects would have a common design. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Towtongie.

Minister Angnakak.

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The common design issue has been talked about and looked at. As we're building our new health centres, like the one we just finished in Arctic Bay and the one we have designed now for Sanikiluaq, we're always making improvements. In the Cape Dorset one we're happy to say that we really got the community involved in the design. The clinical staff were also part of that design. Oh, that's for the Sanikiluaq design. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Ms. Towtongie: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Can she clarify to me why she's talking about Sanikiluaq? I'm talking about a common design. Is Sanikiluaq tailored to the requirements of Sanikiluaq? What is the situation? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think I was referring to Sanikiluaq to give an example of how we worked with a common design for their health centre and how we have learned from every health centre. We're starting to learn what works and what doesn't, and it takes time to do that. We think that we're really getting close to a really good common design.

We support the use of common building design in the planning and design phase. Obviously having the common building design for a new health centres saves time because it allows the project to

move directly towards the analysis of whether or not any design modifications are required for a specific location rather than just starting at the design process from the very beginning. It is difficult to compare specific buildings for accrued savings given the unique environmental and physical factors in construction, square footage, and the types of services provided within.

(interpretation) There are different factors and sometimes it's really difficult to find out how the common design helped. We are happy with the way it has been designed. Each time we build a health centre, we learn something from it, including the one that was built in Arctic Bay and the one that is being built in Sanikiluaq. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Ms. Towtongie: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, minister, for your response. Are there any other communities that have been identified as requiring replacement, or renovated health centres in the near future? If so, which communities? Looking through the capital substantiation sheets, I don't see the community of Chesterfield Inlet often. I'm just wondering which other communities we will have. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That's the end of my questions. (interpretation) Thank you.

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

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. To answer the member's question: Baker Lake, Kugluktuk, Qikiqtarjuaq, and then others further on

down. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Angnakak. Mr. Main, this is your second go-around. I'm going to limit you to maybe three questions. If you decide to ask all three questions in one, so be it. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Three questions, okay.

I'll just continue my line of questioning on the Kivalliq mental health and addictions facility. The minister indicated that the decision has already been made to locate that facility in Rankin Inlet. I wonder if the minister can explain the decision-making methodology behind that. Thank you.

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

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It's a regional hub and there is a health centre there. It makes sense to me. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Main: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I understand it's a regional hub, but at the end of the day, at some point we have to invest in communities outside of the regional hub.

An Hon. Member: Agreed.

Mr. Main: I'm not sure what I'm supposed to tell my constituents. Am I supposed to advise my constituents, "Well, we're not going to be getting any kind of infrastructure investment because we're not a regional hub"? What

am I supposed to tell my constituents? I'm frustrated with this.

An Hon. Member: Agreed.

Mr. Main: I'm very frustrated.

As recent as 2016, the then Minister of Health, Paul Okalik at the time, mentioned that an addictions treatment centre should be located in a smaller community, somewhere where the language is strong, where the culture is strong. That seems to indicate to me at some point that there was a possibility to locate an addictions centre outside of a regional centre.

I'm just going to reiterate myself: how was this decision arrived at and what was the decision based on? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I hear you, but this decision was made by the previous government. It's not for me to say why or what. The other thing too about having an addictions centre is there is a benefit for having an addictions centre near where there is a hospital, where there are doctors. Maybe that was also taken into consideration. We had other people in roles last term that made some of these decisions.

That's not to say that you're not going to get one. It's not to say that we're not going to build an addictions centre somewhere else in Nunavut. This is the current plan right now. It doesn't mean that other people aren't going to get one. You've got to have an open mind too

here. I think we're all trying to do what we can with what we have. I guess the last government felt that this one should be placed in Rankin Inlet. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Main: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do have an open mind. I have an open mind when it comes to the Kivalliq boarding home, which would be located in Rankin Inlet. I have a very open mind when it comes to regional infrastructure to be built in a regional centre, but I would assume that the opposite would be true, that the government would have an open mind to placing infrastructure outside of the regional centre. It's very frustrating.

Just as a final question on this, I'll just ask for clarification in terms of what stage the planning is at for the Kivalliq mental health and addictions facility. Is it in preplanning? Where is it at? Thank you, Mr. Chairman. No more further questions allowed by you, Mr. Chairman.

>>*Laughter*

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

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The project is at the preplanning stage. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Angnakak. Not meaning to cut anybody off if it's a good line of questioning, but we have been debating this topic now for the last three hours. I think we've had a

good debate on this particular budget item and I think it's time to move on to a different line item.

With that, we are currently on H-3. Health. Directorate. Total Capital Expenditures. \$6,500,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Thank you. Go to page H-2. Health. Total Capital Expenditures. \$6,500,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Thank you. Do members agree that we have concluded the Department of Health?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Angnakak, do you have any closing comments? Go ahead.

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would just like to thank everybody here for the opportunity to present our budget.

I would like to thank my staff who are my rock. They're the ones that can help me do my job and learn my job. It was a good experience for me. Thank you and thanks for your patience. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Angnakak. On behalf of the committee, I would like to thank you and your staff for being here today to answer questions.

Sergeant-at-Arms, if you could please escort the witnesses out.

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Thank you. We're going to move on to the next department, which is Family Services. I will ask the Minister of Family Services if he has any opening comments. Mr. Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, I do.

Chairman: Please go ahead.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Mr. Chairman and hon. members of the standing committee, I am pleased to be here today to present the 2018-19 Department of Family Services' capital estimates.

The Department of Family Services is requesting a total of \$3,440,000 in capital funding for the year of 2018-19. Of this request, \$1,640,000 is for the continued development of the case management system for the Children and Family Services Division, which will assist frontline staff in making more informed case management decisions, ultimately improving the quality of service provided to Nunavummiut. The remaining \$1.8 million is for small capital requirements, such as office space renovations and tenant improvements, vehicle replacements, and regular replacements of furniture and equipment.

These capital funds will allow the Department of Family Services to better support its staff in the delivery of critical services at the community level, including the provision of income assistance, labour market programs, and support services for children, youth, and

families. These funds are critical in improving the efficiency and effectiveness of program service delivery in communities across Nunavut.

Mr. Chairman, the department's request of \$3,440,000 in capital funding for fiscal year 2018-19 will facilitate the delivery of quality services to Nunavummiut. I look forward to your ongoing support as we work to better serve communities across the territory.

Mr. Chairman, this concludes my opening comments on the proposed 2018-19 Capital Estimates of the Department of Family Services. I welcome any questions or comments that members may have as we proceed. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Savikataaq. Does a member of the regular caucus have opening comments? Ms. Kamingoak.

Ms. Kamingoak: 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 its consideration of the proposed 2018-19 Capital Estimates of the Department of Family Services.

Mr. Chairman, the Department of Family Services' proposed capital budget for 2018-19 includes two projects: the final year of funding for a newly developed case management system for the department's Children and Family Services Branch and the ongoing small capital budget for upgrades and repairs of facilities and equipment.

Mr. Chairman, members were disappointed to note that the department's five-year capital plan does not address any future infrastructure needs for community-based children's group homes or facilities in Nunavut. Several members have raised concerns regarding the lack of foster parents across Nunavut's communities as well as the heavy burden placed on those foster parents who do provide this much-needed service.

During the in-camera discussion with the minister to discuss his draft capital estimates, members were given to understand that there is a commitment across Canada, in partnership with indigenous organizations and leaders, to move away from providing residential care systems for youth, in particular indigenous youth.

While members are in wholehearted support of all intents and measures to provide greater preventative supports and guidance for parents and families and to address the underlying root causes which lead to children being placed in care, many members remain of the view that Nunavut must make more effort to keep children who are taken into care within the territory.

It has been noted that far too many Nunavut children are currently being placed in foster care and most often in residential foster care outside of the territory and away from their culture, language, and families. Members encourage the minister and his staff to take a more proactive role in planning for a future where Nunavut children do not have to leave the territory to receive care.

Mr. Chairman, the Department of Family Services' proposed 2018-19 capital estimates include \$1.8 million for small capital projects, including repairs, renovations, and replacement of equipment at facilities. Members appreciate receiving information from the minister on those facilities which fall under the jurisdiction of the Department of Family Services, including details on caseloads, the number of beds, and type of client.

Mr. Chairman, the Department of Family Services' proposed 2018-19 capital estimates include \$1.64 million to continue to implement an electronic case management system for the department's Children and Family Services Division. Members note that the need for such a system was identified in the Auditor General of Canada's 2011 and 2014 reports on child and family services in Nunavut and commends the department on its efforts to address the Auditor General's recommendations in this area. The committee notes further that this is a three-year project with an overall cost of close to \$5.4 million and looks forward to regular updates on its implementation and rollout across the communities.

Mr. Chairman, that concludes my opening comments on the proposed 2018-19 Capital Estimates of the Department of Family Services. Individual [members] may have questions and comments as we proceed. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Kamingoak. I will now ask Mr. Savikataaq if he has any witnesses that he would like to bring to the table, or would he like to work alone today? Mr. Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I don't want to be lonely, so I would like my staff to come with me. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Savikataaq. Does the committee agree to let his staff members enter the Chambers?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Thank you. Sergeant-at-Arms, if you could escort the witnesses in, please.

Thank you. For the record, Mr. Savikataaq, if you could introduce your witnesses, please.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. To my right is the DM, Yvonne Niego, and to my left is the acting ADM, Sol Vardy. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Savikataaq. Welcome, Ms. Niego and Ms. Vardy.

I will now ask members if there are any general comments. If there is not, we will move on. We are doing Family Services. Corporate Management. Total Capital Expenditures. \$3,444,000. I said the number wrong? \$3,440,000. Ms. Towntongie.

Ms. Towntongie: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My question to the minister... . Thank you, minister. Under the jurisdiction of your department are group homes in Chesterfield Inlet, Iqaluit, Cambridge Bay, and Rankin Inlet. I'm wondering how your department ensures that these facilities are safe and secure for residents. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Towntongie. Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. All government facilities are inspected by the appropriate inspectors; you have the fire inspectors, the health and safety inspectors. It is just part of not so much our department but other departments to check that they are in safe building conditions. If there are any issues with it, then we deal with the issues. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Savikataaq. Ms. Towntongie.

Ms. Towntongie: Looking at the draft capital estimates, it indicates that a number of facilities under the jurisdiction of your department require renovations and upgrading. I'm wondering how these needs are prioritized because, in asking the first question, the estimates describe the condition of a number of these different facilities. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Towntongie. Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Any facility that's inspected and fails, then we would go on fixing the part of the inspection that has failed. Health and safety issues would be right on the top issues. Functionality would be another. I don't have it in front of me, but just common sense in terms of there are regulations or standards that you have to abide by and there are others that just make the place run smoother and better. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Savikataaq. Ms. Towntongie.

Ms. Towtongie: Does that mean your department identified any need to build new facilities during the period covered by the five-year capital plan? It does include that your draft capital plan is an increase to \$1.8 million, but that's for small capital projects. I'm just curious about that, Mr. Chairman. That's my final question. Thank you, sir.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Towtongie. I would like to remind you that you have to address the Chair before you start your question and again when you finish your question. Thank you. Mr. Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I don't fully understand the connection between inspecting the buildings and then planning for a new facility, but the closest to answering that I could be is if a facility was inspected and the repairs were more than replacing it, then we would start the process of replacing it.

As for the \$1.8 million, it's all for small capital for minor repairs of renovation, buying mobile equipment, and buying furniture. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Savikataaq. We are on Family Services. Corporate Management. Total Capital Expenditures. \$3,440,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Thank you. Go to page D-2. Family Services. Total Capital Expenditures. \$3,440,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Thank you. Do members

agree that we have concluded the Department of Family Services?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Savikataaq, any closing comments?

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank all the members for their time and their tough questions. It's good to be last late in the evening, I guess. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Savikataaq. On behalf of the committee, I thank you for answering the questions. You didn't need your staff after all. I hope you all have a good day.

Sergeant-at-Arms, if you can escort the witnesses out, please.

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Thank you for your patience. We are now moving on to the Department of Environment. Before we begin, I will ask Ms. Sheutiapik if she has opening comments that she would like to do at this moment. Ms. Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman and members, I am pleased to be here again today, this time, to introduce the Department of Environment's capital plan for the 2018-19 fiscal year. For this fiscal period, the Department of Environment is proposing a capital budget of \$2.25 million. This expenditure will permit the department to concentrate on two program areas: wildlife management and parks and

special places.

Within our Wildlife Management Division, we will be spending \$370,000 on the replacement of old mobile equipment. This equipment is used for patrols to ensure compliance with Nunavut *Wildlife Regulations*, to assist in search and rescue where appropriate, and to support wildlife research activities.

The Wildlife Management Division will also be spending \$750,000 on wildlife office maintenance projects to [create] safe and good working environments in which staff can deliver the department's mandates and programs. The wildlife office renovation budget for 2018-19 will be committed to renovations to the Arctic Bay and Gjoa Haven wildlife offices.

Mr. Chairman, our territorial parks and special places have an important role in the protection and promotion of Nunavut's outstanding natural and cultural heritage, and they provide positive recreation and tourism services to meet the needs of Nunavummiut and our visitors.

In keeping with the Umbrella Inuit Impact and Benefits Agreement for Territorial Parks, we will commence the implementation of the recently completed infrastructure planning for the Kugluk Territorial Park in Kugluktuk and Ovayok Territorial Park in Cambridge Bay, as well as for the new park in Sanikiluaq, Kinngaaluk. We will also commence the infrastructure planning for Sylvia Grinnell/Qaummaarviit in Iqaluit, Katannilik in Kimmirut, Iqalugaarjuup Nunanga in Rankin Inlet, and Nuvuk in

Arviat. We will complete land surveys for the campground territorial parks: Tupirvik in Resolute Bay, Tamaarvik in Pond Inlet, Pisuktinu Tunngavik in Pangnirtung, and Inuujaarvik in Baker Lake.

It is also our intention to continue to monitor and maintain infrastructure in all of our territorial parks and [campgrounds] throughout Nunavut.

In closing, the Department of Environment's capital plan is focused in the areas that clearly support the needs and priorities of Nunavummiut. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Sheutiapik. Does a member of the Regular Members' Caucus have opening comments? Mr. Qirngnuq.

Mr. Qirngnuq: I do. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Go ahead.

Mr. Qirngnuq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am pleased to provide opening comments on behalf of the Standing Committee on Community and Economic Development as the Committee of the Whole begins its consideration of the Department of Environment's proposed 2018-19 capital estimates. Members note that the department's proposed capital budget for the 2018-19 fiscal year is \$2.25 million. The department's capital budget for the 2017-18 fiscal year was \$2 million.

Mr. Chairman, the department's proposed 2018-19 capital estimates include \$750,000 to undertake wildlife

office renovations in various communities and \$1.5 million for the department's small capital projects.

Mr. Chairman, during its fall 2015 sitting, the previous Legislative Assembly approved \$1.2 million for the Resolute Bay wildlife office replacement project. However, in his January 21, 2016 correspondence, the minister of the day informed the standing committee that the department had decided to renovate rather than replace the existing wildlife office in Resolute Bay. However, during her recent appearance before the standing committee, the minister indicated that the department has yet to begin the construction phase of these renovations. The standing committee notes with concern that the department has yet to reach the construction phase of this project more than two years after receiving approved capital funding.

Mr. Chairman, the department has previously indicated that it planned to replace all 25 wildlife offices in Nunavut communities over a 26-year period. During her recent appearance before the standing committee, the minister indicated that this project is currently on hold indefinitely due to the costs of replacing wildlife offices. The standing committee encourages the minister to provide ongoing updates on the status of this project.

Mr. Chairman, the department's proposed 2018-19 small capital budget includes funding for the replacement of mobile equipment and the development of infrastructure in territorial parks, including \$320,000 to replace its office's mobile equipment in a number of communities across the territory. During

the minister's recent appearance, members raised concerns regarding the manner in which the department allocates this funding.

The standing committee encourages the department to provide a detailed list of the specific mobile equipment that it plans to purchase each fiscal year. The standing committee also strongly encourages the minister to begin the practice of providing a detailed breakdown of its small capital expenditures after the end of each fiscal year.

Mr. Chairman, that concludes my opening comments on the proposed 2018-19 Capital Estimates of the Department of Environment. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Qirngnuq. I will now ask the minister if she has any witnesses that she would like to appear at the witness table with her. Ms. Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik: Yes, please, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Do members agree to have the witnesses enter the Chambers?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Thank you. Sergeant-at-Arms, if you could escort the witness to the table, please.

For the record, Minister Sheutiapik, if you could please introduce your witness.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik: Mr. Chairman, I welcome my Deputy Minister, Paul Suvega. *Qujannamiik*, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Sheutiapik. Welcome, Mr. Suvega.

I will now ask the committee if there are any general comments. There being no general comments. Moving on to questions. We're at the Department of Environment. Program Management. Total Expenditures. \$2,250,000. Ms. Towntongie.

Ms. Towntongie: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I was currently in Chesterfield Inlet where I noticed the wildlife officer using his own vehicle to do polar bear within the community and a lot of polar bears were going into the community of Chesterfield Inlet, including in and around the school and the hotel.

I noticed the department's 2018-19 capital estimates include \$1.5 million for small capital projects. Information provided by your department indicates that it plans to use approximately \$320,000 of this funding to purchase new mobile equipment. Can you list the specific vehicles that your department plans to purchase during the 2018-19 fiscal year? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Towntongie. Minister Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Our department is currently working with CGS to compile our list. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Sheutiapik. Ms. Towntongie. No? Okay. Thank you. Mr. Netser.

Mr. Netser (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) I have just one question here on the minister's... First of all, welcome. (interpretation) Mr. Suvega, welcome.

(interpretation ends) In the minister's opening comments on page 1 of 3, the third paragraph, she's investing "\$337,000 on the replacement of old mobile equipment. This equipment is used for patrols to ensure compliance with Nunavut *Wildlife Regulations*, to assist in search and rescue where appropriate..."

My question to that is: does the department anticipate searching for lost animals or wildlife out there? Is that why it's there? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Through you, Paul is going to answer that, the deputy minister. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Suvega.

Mr. Suvega (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Sometimes we are asked to assist with search and rescue and we try to be available at any time to search for people. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Suvega. Mr. Netser.

Mr. Netser: Thank you. What a relief. I thought maybe the department would be searching for the lost polar bear that went down to Timbuktu or caribou that ended up down in, I don't know, maybe Vancouver. That was just a comment. (interpretation) That's it.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Netser. Mr. Mikkungwak.

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

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

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik
(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) The Department of Environment has not heard either. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Baker Lake HTO has been looking into this avenue for quite some time. Maybe that can be discussed with the Minister of ED&T in the near future.

Moving on, on here you also indicate on I-3, Environmental Protection. Are there any capital investments regarding contaminated soil and is that with the Department of Environment if there is contaminated soil that needs to be contained somewhere outside of the community and needs to be land farmed? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr.

Mikkungwak. Minister Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik
(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I apologize for not speaking (interpretation ends) to your statement on the wish for a plant. I certainly made a note of it earlier.

On the rest of the question on contaminants, through you Mr. Chairman, the deputy minister is going to (interpretation) answer. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, minister. Mr. Suvega.

Mr. Suvega: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There are no current planned capital expenditures around environmental protection for things like gathering contaminated soils, for example, but we do try to proactively work with other GN departments and agencies throughout Nunavut to proactively, again, try to address any spills, mitigate the spills and any contamination when they do become known. We also try to work with federal departments and agencies to mitigate any impacts around contamination and/or spills. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. I would like to remind members to put their phones on silent mode, please, so as not to interrupt the proceedings. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In your Program Management Branch summary, I just want to get a clarification here. "This support is available to people, stakeholder organizations, and the private sector." How is the private sector connected to the Department of Environment? Thank you, Mr.

Chairman.

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

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik
(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) There are private companies like Nunavut Excavating as an example.
(interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you. Can the minister elaborate on Nunavut Excavating? Is that excavating contaminated soil or land farming or... ? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik
(interpretation): I apologize, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Through you, Mr. Chairman, my DM is going to answer that. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Suvega.

Mr. Suvega: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The minister did just provide one brief example. These companies typically have to be specialized in environmental remediation. Their staff have to be trained and certain safeguards have to be taken if they're remediating something that is contaminated. The private sector generally applies to everybody. They would have to have certain specifications that they meet. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Suvega. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for the response. With that response, does the NNI Policy also adhere? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Mikkungwak. The NNI Policy is not a capital project, but if the minister wants to reply. Minister Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik
(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Through you, Paul is going to answer that one. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Suvega.

Mr. Suvega: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If and when possible, we do try to utilize companies, northern companies especially. A lot of the work tends to be specialized and can only be done by certain companies depending on the activity taking place. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Suvega. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Moving on to fisheries, I know that the communities have different kinds of fish. For example, Pangnirtung has benefited obviously. Outside of Baker Lake they had done studies where fisheries can be developed. Is it a major or minor capital plan? Has it been considered all across Nunavut? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr.

Mikkungwak. Ms. Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik

(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. At this time they're not there. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Akoak.

Mr. Akoak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Good evening, minister and staff.

In line with my colleague Mr. Netser's line of questioning on the search and rescue, are you saying that you're able to lend out the equipment to the search and rescue committee? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik

(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The staff uses the equipment for their job and sometimes when they need to provide assistance to search and rescue, they do use the equipment for that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Akoak: Just a clarification, your staff has to participate in the search and rescue exercise. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That's it.

Chairman: Thank you. Ms. Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik

(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It's evident when there's a person lost out in the smaller communities, many people provide assistance and we are quite unique in

that sense. Many people help during hard times and that's how we are too. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Sheutiapik. Ms. Nakashuk.

Ms. Nakashuk (interpretation): Thank you, minister (interpretation ends) and official. (interpretation) You said that you will be spending \$370,000 on the (interpretation ends) replacement of old mobile equipment. (interpretation) It's hard to tell which communities would be receiving the equipment. How do you prioritize the replacement of old mobile equipment? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Nakashuk. Minister Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik

(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I can respond, but they use up the whole line item to replace the mobile equipment and it's based on the lifecycle. We use that procedure. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Sheutiapik. Ms. Nakashuk.

Ms. Nakashuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Some members asked about search and rescue and that the wildlife officers can make themselves available to help with the search and rescue. There are times when some communities don't have wildlife officers. What would occur when there's an emergency case for search and rescue if there are no wildlife officers in the community? That's it. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Nakashuk. Minister Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik

(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Through you, the deputy minister is going to answer that question. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Suvega.

Mr. Suvega (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. When there are emergencies such as search and rescue, it's very difficult because only the employees can use the equipment. Sometimes we work together with other entities, such as the RCMP, and if we know any other entities that are in the community or federal officials, we can also work with them. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Suvega. Ms. Nakashuk. No? You're done? Okay. Thank you. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Welcome back, minister and Pauloosie, (interpretation) welcome.

(interpretation ends) I just have a couple of questions. On the small capital, looking across the territory, there is a lot of park development. I'm just wondering how much of this work is done by contractors and how much is done in-house in just looking at these projects. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik

(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It varies. As he said, there are various parks in Nunavut that are managed. I can't respond to the question

right now. I can say that they can review as to whether the department takes care of that or if other entities are responsible for that, but I can give you a list. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also thank the minister. We regularly work on Nunavut parks. If the Department of Environment gets one of their employees to deal with that, I think that they can save costs. This is just a comment.

For the (interpretation ends) Arviat Territorial Park Development, (interpretation) it was \$150,000 in 2017-18. Have these funds been expended already? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik

(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just a minute.

(interpretation ends) The Government of Nunavut's Department of Environment Parks and Special Places Division, your question is, working closely with stakeholders in the community, a location was identified and NP&SP has initiated the establishment of a community joint management and planning committee which will lead to the development of park master plans and management plans that will guide the park establishment and development process. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister

Sheutiapik. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Was the \$150,000 expended? (interpretation ends) Was the money spent? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Sheutiapik, he's asking how that money was spent.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik: Sorry, clarify, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. He asked how the \$150,000 was spent to date. I think that was the question you were getting at. Mr. Main, if you want to clarify.

Mr. Main: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, was the money spent and how? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Through you, our deputy minister is going to respond to that. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Suvega.

Mr. Suvega: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If there had been any previous expenditures, a lot of it is around planning and working with the community joint management planning committee in accordance with the Inuit impact and benefits agreements. Any remaining activities sometimes require review and approval first. Depending on the fiscal year, if something was left over in a previous fiscal year, it's moved

over to the next one. Again, it's also dependent on working together with the community joint management planning committee. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Main: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. No further questions. I just wanted to clarify that and I hope that any monies that were committed to that project stay committed to that project. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. It's just a comment. Mr. Qirngnuq.

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have one question. In my other constituency community of Taloyoak, the municipal landfill was remediated in 2015, but there is no fence and the garbage is flying all over the place. Would they approach the Department of Environment or would they have to go somewhere else to get support to build a fence around their landfill? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Landfill responsibility is under CGS, so I would imagine that they would be installing a fence around landfills. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Sheutiapik. Mr. Lightstone, you had a question?

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do have one question, but before I get into that, I just want to say a brief comment. I really do enjoy what the Department of Environment has done with the Sylvia Grinnell Territorial Park. It has really come a long way in the last 10 years or so and I'm really looking forward to seeing what it will be like in another 10 years from now.

I noticed a few times in the substantiation sheet the mention of the proposed master and management plan for the park. I was wondering if the minister would be able to share those or just Sylvia Grinnell's. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) For these parks, the deputy minister had mentioned that there is a working group involved in these parks. Through them, through discussion, we gladly share each appropriate community the plans once it's approved through this working group. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Sheutiapik. Ms. Nakashuk.

Ms. Nakashuk (interpretation): Thank you. The (interpretation ends) capital projects substantiation sheet, park centres, on page 5 (interpretation) it states that some tourist destinations are inhabited by elders. I also know it is the same in Pangnirtung and I know when we were in Pond Inlet there were elders there too.

I would like to ask this question: do you have any plans to renovate the visitor centres' elder rooms? They have been saying that the Angmarlik Visitor Centre elder room needs to be renovated so that they can use it to provide training and be more community friendly. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Nakashuk. Minister Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Through you, my deputy minister is going to answer that question. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Suvega.

Mr. Suvega: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Working with the local committee, we would identify everything that we make plans on. Everything that is for public use that is identified by the local committee is what we rely upon for making and implementing the plans. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Suvega. Ms. Nakashuk.

Ms. Nakashuk (interpretation): Thank you. I completely understand that. The community has to make the proposal for an upgrade to a present facility. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Nakashuk. Minister Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr.

Chairman. (interpretation ends) Through you, the deputy minister is going to answer that question. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Suvega.

Mr. Suvega (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If the proposal comes from the community, sometimes we can't provide the funds right away. We have to work with the Department of Economic Development and Transportation to do those things. However, we're trying to work with committees that have been created in the communities. We try to follow the priorities that they set. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Ms. Nakashuk.

Ms. Nakashuk (interpretation): Thank you for explaining that. I thought it would be a different department. I figured it would come from (interpretation ends) Economic Development, (interpretation) but the visitor centres are under the Department of Environment. That's why I asked the question. Elders occupy part of the visitor centre in Pangnirtung. Thank you for answering the questions. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Nakashuk. Ms. Kamingoak.

Ms. Kamingoak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The department of wildlife has previously indicated that it would replace one wildlife office in Nunavut each year according to a 26-year cycle. However, your department has not allocated funding to a wildlife office replacement project since the 2014-15

fiscal year. Can you clarify what your department's current plans are for replacing the aging wildlife offices in Nunavut? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Kamingoak. Minister Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik

(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Right now I can say that in 2017-18 it would be (interpretation ends) Gjoa Haven renovations. (interpretation) In the Kivalliq right now we are leasing (interpretation ends) Arviat, Rankin Inlet, and Baker Lake. (interpretation) In the Baffin region (interpretation ends) we know that Arctic Bay is poor and needs replacement. Plans for renovations are for 2019-2020. Clyde River renovation was completed in 2015. Pangnirtung was replaced in 2015. Resolute Bay, a renovation had been planned for 2016-17. Ongoing renovations are for 2018-19. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, minister. Ms. Kamingoak.

Ms. Kamingoak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for that answer. Can she inform me when or where the Kugluktuk wildlife office is standing? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Kamingoak. As I stated yesterday, we do not refer to fellow members as he or she. Please refer to them properly. Ms. Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik

(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Our department is currently working with

CGS on our capital planning for our building replacements. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Ms. Kamingoak.

Ms. Kamingoak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Have you considered the wildlife office in Kugluktuk in any time in the near future? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Kamingoak. Minister Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Through you, the deputy minister is going to answer that one. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Suvega.

Mr. Suvega: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As the minister mentioned, we work with Community and Government Services as well as other departments as we try to prepare potential future capital projects. It's difficult at the best of times to try to conduct these assessments regularly when you have many competing projects throughout the territory. Kugluktuk is no exception. We try to do a general assessment regularly working in partnership with Community and Government Services. We try to prioritize especially the older buildings, anything above 20 years. That's about the best assessment that we can do at the moment given the multiple competing priorities. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Suvega. Mr. Kaernek.

Mr. Kaernek (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Let me try again. Welcome to you and your deputy minister.

You stated earlier that the \$370,000 is for, I believe, purchasing boats and other equipment. Which communities will be getting that equipment? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Kaernek. Minister Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) I do believe I had answered that question. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Sheutiapik. Ms. Sheutiapik, please.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) That response was that we're currently working with CGS and setting priorities for the purchases. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Kaernek.

Mr. Kaernek (interpretation): If you're going to be purchasing that equipment, when will the old equipment be made available for bidding in the communities? Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That is my final question.

Chairman: Thank you. Ms. Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. When we're going to

purchase new assets, it has to be approved by this House first. (interpretation ends) Before they're decided on where they're going to go, I do believe there is a process when you're dealing with end-of-life vehicles within a department. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Netser: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for getting back to me. I just have a couple of quick questions.

I note (interpretation) here in Coral Harbour, (interpretation ends) Fossil Creek, there is one for 2017-18 for \$20,000 and another one for 2018-19 for \$10,000. Could the department give details on how and what this money was used for? (interpretation) Thank you.

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

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It was for a (interpretation ends) grader. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Netser: I thank you for that. (interpretation) Thank you. (interpretation ends) My next question is (interpretation) old vehicles, such as ATVs, cars, and skidoos, and old scrap metal are becoming very unsightly. I know they're at the dump, but the pile is getting bigger and bigger all the time. Has there been any consideration given to see if they can be shipped by sealift

down south, Mr. Chairman? Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Netser. It's my understanding that when items are placed in a dump, it becomes the municipality's responsibility. Ms. Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Yes, that's a municipal responsibility. I know there are different communities that have done it. Iqaluit is an example. I know one year Mittimatalik is in the process of organizing their metal. It's not just vehicles but any metals. That's a municipal responsibility. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, minister. Mr. Netser.

Mr. Netser: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That brings up the question: have the hamlets that do that come to the department for assistance in terms of maybe sending them down south to the junkyard or metal depot or whatever they are? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Through you, I'll have the deputy minister respond to that. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Suvega.

Mr. Suvega (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends)

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
(interpretation) Even if it isn't identified in the capital estimates, sometimes we partner with other departments to include that. It has been done like that in the past. Sometimes there has been funding from the federal government. Yes, we have been able to do that to this day, even though we haven't received new funding for that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Suvega. Mr. Keyootak.

Mr. Keyootak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Some of my questions were already responded to, so I just have a short one. If I am out of order, please tell me.

We are all aware that many communities have experienced damages caused by wildlife and there is money available for that. Has the funding that was made available for wildlife damage been depleted this year for things like skidoos or cabins? Has the budget been spent already? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Keyootak. That is an O&M question, so I will rule that out of order for now. Do you have any other questions that you would like to ask? Mr. Keyootak, are you done? Okay. Thank you.

We are with the Department of Environment. Program Management. Total Capital Expenditures. \$2,250,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Thank you. Go to page I-2. Environment. Total Capital

Expenditures. \$2.25 million. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Do members agree that we have concluded the Department of Environment?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Thank you. Does the Minister of Environment have any closing comments? Ms. Sheutiapik.

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) I must say that Paul has been a savior for me because this is a new territory for me. I really appreciate the help he has given me. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Sheutiapik. On behalf of the committee, I thank you and Mr. Suvega for your time here today and answering questions.

Sergeant-at-Arms, please escort the witnesses out.

Considering that we have completed what the committee wanted to do today, I will now recognize the clock and rise to report progress to the Speaker. Thank you.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Sergeant-at-Arms. Going back to the orders of the day. 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 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? Thank you, Ms. Towtongie. The motion is in order. All those in favour of the motion, please raise your hand. Thank you. All those opposed. Thank you. 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 there's a meeting of the Full Caucus tomorrow at eleven o'clock in the Nanuq Committee Room.

Orders of the Day for March 15:

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 Thursday, March 15, at 1:30 p.m.

Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>*House adjourned at 20:20*

