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**Iqaluit, Nunavut  
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**Members Present**

Mr. Olayuk Akesuk, Honourable Jack Anawak, Honourable James Arvaluk, Honourable Levi Barnabas, Honourable Donald Havioyak, Mr. David Iqaqrialu, Mr. Enoki Irqittuq, Mr. Peter Kattuk, Honourable Peter Kilabuk, Mr. Glenn McLean, Honourable Kelvin Ng, Mr. Jobie Nutarak, Mr. Kevin O'Brien, Mr. Hunter Tootoo.

**Item 1: Prayer**

**Speaker** (Mr. Barnabas) (interpretation): good morning. Lets start with a prayer.

>>Prayer

**Speaker** (interpretation): To our agenda. Minister's Statements. Mr. Ng

**Item 2: Ministers Statements****Ministers Statement 29 - 1 (2): Ministers Absent from the House**

**Hon. Kelvin Ng:** I would like to advise members that Premier Okalik, Minister Picco and Minister Thompson will be absent from the house today to attend the Kitikmeot leaders forum in Gjoa Haven today. Two members, Mr. Alakannuark, and Mr. Puqiqnak, along with other Nunavut Government staff will attend the Kitikmeot Leaders Forum . Thank you.

**Speaker:** Ministers' Statements. Mr. Havioyak.

**Ministers Statement 30 - 1 (2): Nunavut Arts and Crafts Policy**

**Hon. Donald Havioyak:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I wish to advise members that I will be tabling a document later today in the house to invite the public for their input to start the process of drafting a Nunavut Arts Council Policy.

Mr. Speaker, the mandate the Nunavut Arts Council when approved by the Cabinet, will be to promote the arts in Nunavut. It's objective is to assist those who want to promote their work.

Our department has been given until June 30, 1999 to finalize overall departmental policies for grants and contributions within the department.

I invite the public and interested organizations to submit their thoughts and ideas on Nunavut Arts Council before June 30, 1999. Koanna Uqaqti.

**Speaker**( interpretation) Thank you Mr. Havioyak. Back to our agenda. Members' Statements Mr. Tootoo.

### **Item 3: Members Statements**

#### **Members' Statement 85 - 1(2): Recognition of Arctic Winter Games Host Society**

**Mr. Tootoo:** Mr. Speaker, I am sure everyone is aware that the 2002 Arctic Winter Games will be co- hosted by Iqaluit and Nuuk, Greenland.

This is a historic event that will bring together athletes and young people from the circumpolar world. It requires a great deal of planning and effort. I am pleased to pay recognition to the members of the Iqaluit Host society for the games. President, Jerry Ell, Vice President, Brenda Clark, and general manager, Gilbert Normandeau.

These members are ably supported by their directors, Brenda Clarke, Terry Chegwin, Marilyn Neely, Day St. Louis, Victor Tootoo, Jonah Kelley, and Mark Hickey. Iqaluit town council will also be appointing four directors-at-large positions for this host committee. Over the next three years these people will be putting together the games.

I am confident that the people of Iqaluit will give the support that was shown in the preparation for Nunavut Day on April 1, 1999. I am also confident that the Government of Nunavut will give this historic event its full support.

>> Applause

**Speaker**( interpretation) Thank you Mr. Tootoo . Members' Statements. Mr. Nutarak.

#### **Members' Statement 86 - 1 (2): Welcome Qannaq Visitors to Nunavut**

**Mr. Nutarak:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. During this week there are people from Qannaq, Greenland who have been visiting my community of Pond Inlet. Usually there is an exchange program each year. Pond Inlet goes to Qannaq and Qannaq goes to Pond Inlet. We had different dialects and we could not understand each other before but this has changed because of the exchange programs. We would like to welcome them to Nunavut.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Nutarak. Ministers' Statements. Mr. McLean.

#### **Members' Statements 87 - 1 (2): Northwestel Services**

**Mr. McLean:** Today I would like to take this time to talk about Northwestel in Nunavut. We all have to use this utility. As customers we have very little to say about the level of service that we receive in the small communities from this company.

Mr. Speaker, my constituents are very frustrated with how long it takes to get a basic service like a phone line installed or a number changed. Mr. Speaker, this is Nunavut and we will need this company and its service as we in all the smaller communities strive to enter the information highway in the next millennium.

>> Applause.

**Chairperson** ( interpretation): Thank you Mr. McLean. Ministers' Statements. Mr. Kilabuk.

### **Members' Statement 88: 1 (2): Mr. Kattuk 's Birthday**

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk:** Thank you Mr. Chairman. Yesterday we officially recognized my department's new official name. June 1, 2000 is to far way to celebrate this coming birthday for our the department so I would like to say Happy Birthday to Mr. Kattuk

**Chairperson:** Thank you Mr. Kilabuk. Members' Statements. Mr. Iqaqrialu

### **Members' Statement 89 - 1 (2): Promoting Inuit Culture**

**Mr. Iqaqrialu:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I would like to tell you a little story. In the past our ancestors who lived to thrive and sustain their lives. They were very hard working people. Even though at times they would go through periods without food.

Around 1960s our Inuit culture and tradition was changing. As of today now we are taking back our culture and tradition. We are now promoting and developing our own culture. I would like to state that I am very proud of that and I really appreciate that. Thank You Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**( interpretation) Thank you Mr. Iqaqrialu. Ministers' Statements. Mr. Irqittuq .

### **Members' Statement 90 - 1 (2): Proud of Inuit Ministers**

**Mr. Irqittuq:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I would like to tell you a story as well . When I was a small child I was told that there was a RCMP officer coming into the community. I was very scared and intimidated. I wanted to stay home and not go out.

We were living in a Qarmaq (sodhouse) and they had their own houses. It was all very foreign to us. I thought that I was going to be picked up and incarcerated by the RCMP.

Some of those ministers across the communities are all Inuit today. Even the finance Minister who is not an Inuk looks like one. I am so proud to have ministers who are all Inuk. I would just like to say that I am very proud of that.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Irqittuq. Members' Statements. Back to our agenda. Item number four returns to oral questions. Item number five, Mr. Akesuk.



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

**Mr. Akesuk:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize the photographers who have come here to do some photography of us.

**Speaker** (interpretation): I would also like to recognize a person who previously lived in our community, Rebecca Williams. She is now on the Social Development Committee. Welcome to the session. I would like to welcome every one else in the gallery. Item number six. Oral questions. Mr Irqittuq.

### **Item 6: Oral Questions**

#### **Question 178 - 1 (2): Status of Question on Gravel Issue in Hall Beach**

**Mr. Irqittuq:** Thank you Mr. Chairman. I asked questions yesterday. My question is directed to Mr. Anawak. I asked you about the gravel issue. Have you looked into that?

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Irqittuq. Minister Anawak, Minister of Transportation.

**Hon. Jack Anawak:** The contractors who are working on the gravel have an agreement with the department of Transportation. They have to grind the gravel. They are going to be using the garage while working on the gravel.

Apparently they were working with the Department of Transportation. We are still looking into how this agreement came about. We will look at how the contract was agreed upon in Hall Beach.

At this time I do not want to have a debate over this issue with the community at this time. I believe it is a private contractor and I understand what the issue is and what they have done to date. I still have to find out which individuals made the agreement with the organization. Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Anawak . Oral questions Mr. Irqittuq.

#### **Question 179 - 1 (2): Journeyman Training Facility for Nunavut**

**Mr. Irqittuq:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I do not want to take up all the time but I did campaign to represent my communities. My question to the Minister of Education is that there are apprentice programs for heating and electrical journey man. Have you thought about getting a facility here in Nunavut to do the training programs within Nunavut. Thank you.

**Speaker** ( interpretation): Minister of Education, Mr. Arvaluk.

**Hon. James Arvaluk:** Thank you Mr. Chairman. We do not have a facility as of yet. We have not decided which community this program will be held in.

We used to have a program in Iqaluit in the past. However, as I mentioned yesterday we are in the planing process of where we are going to put the programs. We are also in the transformation process from the GNWT to Nunavut on issues like training for apprentice programs.

I would like to work with the ordinary MLA's on these issues and I can not decide myself where I want to put these programs. I would also like to consult with the members on where we should put these programs.

**Speaker**( interpretation): Thank You Mr. Arvaluk. Oral Questions Mr. Iqaqrialu

**Question 180 - 1 (2): Sealift Earlier in the Season**

**Mr. Iqaqrialu:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. This is for the Minister of Transportation. The ships come in really late during the fall when they are transporting construction materials to the communities.

It is almost too late by the time it starts getting cold in the communities. It is almost too late for construction. I was wondering if they could do something about transporting materials a little earlier in the summer.

**Speaker** ( interpretation): Thank you. Transportation Minister, Mr. Anawak.

**Hon. Jack Anawak:** Thank you. Usually when you are setting up the time lines for the shipping materials they usually do it late in the spring. There are different companies who are interested in transporting materials.

We have more businesses owned by Northerners who are getting into shipping materials. We can consult with them and work on how we can improve the time line for shipping. I am sure the MLA's are aware that we did not have much say on how we wanted our materials shipped in the past.

These are some of the problems that we have encountered before. We will hopefully have more say in the future on how the shipping is done. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Speaker**(interpretation): Thank you Mr. Anawak. Oral Questions, Mr. O'Brien.

**Question 181 - 1 (2): Exploration in Keewatin Region**

**Mr. O'Brien:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. This question is for the Minister of Sustainable Development. I realize that the minister may not be able to provide a great amount of detail on this question but I was wondering if he could provide some detail on the status on the exploration of Keewatin region. As it stands of what we will see this summer

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. O'Brien. Minister responsible for Sustainable Development, Mr. Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. In regards to your question about exploration operations I know that they will continue. There are plans but I can not answer you in detail at this time.

On the issue of the exploration that has been halted in Kitikmeot, we are reviewing the amounts of money that are going to be used in that area, and our department is way behind according to the Canadian statistics in regards to exploration.

So at this time we will focus on exploration and the existing mines in operation, so I am encouraging you to work with us. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Kilabuk. Oral questions. Mr. O'Brien.

**Mr. O'Brien:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I wonder if the Minister could tell us what thought they have, or what types of ideas in reference to encouraging more exploration in the regions.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. O'Brien. Minister of Sustainable Development, Mr. Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. As I have stated earlier we are now accumulating information as to where there has been exploration done. We will review all the information we have on where the exploration has taken place.

We are encouraging interested parties to assist in the review of the issue because we can save a lot more money by reviewing all the past experiences. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Kilabuk, Mr. O'Brien.

**Mr. O'Brien:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I wonder if the Minister could provide us with any information he may have as to the possibility of seeing a mine open and operating in the next 3 – 5 years in the Keewatin. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. O'Brien. Minister of Sustainable Development, Mr. Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. In response to your question perhaps if you could rephrase your question. Are you asking a question in respect to information that has not been publicized?

**Speaker:** Thank you. Please rephrase your question Mr. O'Brien.

**Mr. O'Brien:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I am not asking for information that is not available to the public or has not been publicized, but there may be information that is available to this House.

For example, in the Baker Lake area outside of Rankin, if the Minister could give us some ideas as to where things stand to date with these operations. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. O'Brien. Minister of Sustainable Development, Mr. Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Some time during the day when we are dealing with my department, if it is okay with you, could you wait for the response until we get into the Committee of the Whole so that we could deal with the figures and with the main estimates at the same time. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Kilabuk. Oral questions. Mr. Akasuk.

### **Question 182 - 1 (2): Inmate Concerns in Nunatsiq News**

**Mr. Akasuk** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct this question to the Minister of Justice. On Friday I saw in the Nunatsiq News a concern from inmate. I read the letter from the inmates, and it was addressed to the Premier.

The concerns that were contained in the letter, how are you going to deal with these concerns. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): I don't know if the Minister has seen the article, but we cannot ask the Minister if he has seen the letter in the newspaper, but Mr. Anawak, Minister of Justice if you would like to respond I will give you the opportunity.

**Hon. Jack Anawak** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Yes, we received a copy of the letter prior to it being published in the Nunatsiq News. Our department received a copy of the letter.

It is evident that we have to amend the correctional policies because the letter stated quite a few concerns. I know that we will look into the issues that were raised in the Nunatsiq News.

As I have stated previously, once we start on the planning we will work with the regular MLA's in the future and we will deal with the letter and we will review all of the concerns that were raised. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Anawak. Oral questions. Mr. McLean.

**Question 183 - 1 (2): Nunavut Products at Pan American Games**

**Mr. McLean:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, today I want to direct my question to the Minister responsible for, and you will have to bear with me, I will learn the name over the next few months, the Minister responsible for Ikupiktulirijikkut.

Mr. Speaker, as we all know April 1<sup>st</sup> has gone by and Nunavut is here and it has been a monumental occasion for Nunavut, ourselves and also the world. There is another occasion coming up briefly in the next month or two in Winnipeg, called the Pan American games.

There are going to be individuals from all over the America's. With Nunavut the highlight of Canada right now, I was wondering if the Minister and his very dedicated and hardworking staff, have some kind of plan in place to highlight Nunavut arts and crafts and tourism at the Pan American games this year and if he has could he explain it to me. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. McLean. Minister responsible for Ikupiktulirijikkut. Mr. Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. In response to your question, I cannot say if we have any plans for the Pan American games, however in regards to the handicrafts and showing of handicrafts at this time I would like to tell the member that we would like to show all our handicrafts all over the world.

For example during the sealing meeting in Montreal, that was just the beginning of this. But I have not heard personally about the Pan American games as to if anything is being done there. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Kilabuk. Mr. McLean.

**Mr. McLean:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. The Minister did answer part of my question and Mr. Speaker, is the Minister going to commit to highlighting and sending delegates from all of Nunavut to the Pan American games to publicize our great Territory of Nunavut and the arts and crafts people and the tourism involved. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. McLean. Minister responsible for Sustainable Development, Mr. Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. At this time, I would like to honestly respond to you, but it is impossible to send delegations from the whole of Nunavut at this time. If we can participate, we will involve Nunavut, but at this time I cannot say that all of Nunavut will be represented.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Kilabuk. Oral question, Mr. Kattuk.

**Question 184 - 1 (2): Cost of Living Subsidies**

**Mr. Kattuk** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Premier. In the north, here, the cost of living is very high. Does the government know if there are federal subsidies for the high cost of living in the north. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Kattuk. Acting Premier, Mr. Ng.

**Hon. Kelvin Ng**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I am not sure if there are federal subsidies except those through Canada Post for food mail. This is a program that they utilize, I believe the Honourable Member Mr. Iqittuq, asked me this question a while back and we are trying to compile some information on that.

The Government of Nunavut does have some programs to assist our constituents, whether it is subsidizing POL products, or through the commercial power rebate subsidy program for private home operators, through some of our subsidized housing, public housing and various programs like that. I will try to provide more information on the whole breadth of government subsidies. Thank you.

**Speaker**: Thank you Mr. Ng. Oral question, Mr. Kattuk.

**Mr. Kattuk** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. With the subsidies that you have stated, I was wondering if they are currently being implemented in Nunavut. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Thank you Mr. Kattuk. Acting Premier, Mr. Ng.

**Hon. Kelvin Ng**: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, all of the subsidies that were available with the GNWT were all transferred over and remain in place with the Government of Nunavut as it stands now. Thank you.

**Speaker**: Thank you Mr. Ng. Oral questions, Mr. Iqaqrialu.

**Question 185 - 1 (2): Whales Trapped near Grise Fiord**

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. This is directed to the Minister of Sustainable Development. I heard on the CBC radio this morning that there are whales trapped near Grise Fiord. I wonder what the Minister is doing about that. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Iqaqrialu. Minister of Sustainable Development, Mr. Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I would like to first clarify that the whales are the responsibility of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

I was not originally aware of the issue raised by the Member but the day before yesterday I authorize funds to be used for our wildlife officers to assist DFO. So according to yesterday's information the whales have been rescued already. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Kilabuk. Oral questions. Mr. O'Brien.

**Question 186 - 1 (2): Cost of Food**

**Mr. O'Brien:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I will direct my question to the Acting Premier, I am not sure if he is the Minister responsible for the area I want to address.

Mr. Speaker, recently some of us have read in the paper, in this community for example, they talk about the price of food. An individual went to the store to buy some corn on the cob and he saw the price \$1.87 and thought that was for the whole package but then he found out that the \$1.87 was for one corn on the cob.

Mr. Speaker, I am not quite sure whether we have, will have, or could have any price controls in Nunavut. We know that it is fine for people working and making a good salary, they can afford to pay for the groceries, but we have many people on social assistance that can't pay that \$1.87 for corn. That Mr. Speaker, would be equal to about 22 dollars for a dozen corn on the cob when you would pay 2 dollars in Alberta for a dozen.

Mr. Speaker, is there any way that this government could get involved in trying to oversee and have a closer look at the price of food, or get some control over the price of food in Nunavut. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. O'Brien. Acting Premier Mr. Ng.

**Hon. Kelvin Ng:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, it is an issue that we are aware of as a government. We, quite frankly, haven't looked at any of those possibilities along those lines. There has been some discussion at the very preliminary stage right now about the possibility of rent controls but it wouldn't have to do with consumer products. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Ng. Oral questions. Mr. O'Brien.

**Mr. O'Brien:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I guess that answer goes hand in hand with the issue that I am trying to address here. It is accommodations and food. Mr. Speaker, this problem has gone on for many, many years and at some point in time we have to address it.

Would the Minister commit to following up on this to see if there is anything we could do to try to make sure that the cost of food is within reason. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. O'Brien. Acting Premier Mr. Ng.

**Hon. Kelvin Ng:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, we certainly can take a look at the issue, but it is a very complex issue in respect of the private market, supply and demand, freight rates and the higher operating costs we know that companies that operate within the Arctic area.

So I can say that we will take a look at it and see if there are any measures that we might be able to put into place. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Ng. Oral questions. Mr. McLean.

### **Question 187 - 1 (2): Cost of Living Adjustments for Social Assistance**

**Mr. McLean:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Health & Social Services but he is not here so I will direct it to the Acting Premier. In regards to the cost of living in Nunavut. We have all heard in the past year that NavCanada rates have increased. That directly effects all of us in Nunavut.

People working can deal with this but there are the people on social assistance. Is there some mechanism of this government that tracks the cost of living increases in regards to the price of food going up in Nunavut and people on social assistance are pegged at a certain dollar amount every month. Is there any mechanism that if the price of groceries goes up in Nunavut, the social assistance cheques go up at the same time. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. McLean. Acting Premier, Mr. Ng.

**Hon. Kelvin Ng:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, yes there is in the bureau of statistics, I don't know specifically from the government of Nunavut if that is a contracted back service or not, there is the bureau of statistics that does track the consumer price index.

In respect to the Honourable members' concern about income support rates I know that there also is what they call a "food basket", which is a grouping of foods that is surveyed. The survey of food identifies basic needs that are surveyed on a regular basis to see if those income support levels are meeting that basket of needs. There are adjustments that are made from time to time to reflect the increased cost of living. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Ng. Oral questions, Mr. O'Brien. I am sorry Mr. McLean.

**Mr. McLean:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I am pleased. Getting back to my question to the Minister. Can the Minister commit to check and see that the cost of living in Nunavut today and the social assistance recipients, that the price increase of groceries in our



communities is not exceeding the social assistance recipients benefits, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. McLean. Acting Premier, Mr. Ng.

**Hon. Kelvin Ng:** Thank you Mr. McLean, O'Brien? Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, yes we can commit to see exactly what the level that is at and what the comparative value would be. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Ng. Oral questions, Mr. Tootoo.

### **Question 188 - 1 (2): Subsidy Evaluation**

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Acting Premier, or Minister of Finance. I would like to ask the Minister about a topic that was talked about this morning. He listed various subsidies that are offered by the government.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to know if the department of Finance or the government is taking a look at exactly what we are paying out in subsidies and what we are getting for that. Evaluating whether we have our subsidies in the right place. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Tootoo. Acting Premier, Mr. Ng.

**Hon. Kelvin Ng:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I think that would be the case. It goes back to trying to set the priorities of what our programs and policies are and trying to meet the needs of our constituents. It would be a part of the broader issue of assessing our priorities and where we should be putting our financial resources. Thank you.

**Speaker;** Thank you Mr. Ng. Oral questions. Oral questions. (interpretation) Oral questions. Oral questions. Back to our Orders of the Day. Item 7, Written Questions. Written Questions.

Item 8, Returns to Written Questions. Mr. Ng.

### **Item 8: Returns to Written Questions**

#### **Return: 2 - 1 (2): Nunavut Share of the GNWT Surplus**

**Hon. Kelvin Ng:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I have a return to a written question asked by Mr. Iqaqialu on May 19<sup>th</sup> on Nunavut's share of the accumulated GNWT surplus.

Mr. Speaker, the 99/2000 GNWT budget indicated that because of a one time adjustment to the formula financing grant, a 62 million dollar accumulate surplus was forecast for the GNWT Public Accounts pending March 31, 1999.

Mr. Speaker, because the Public Accounts for fiscal year 98/99 will not be finalized until the fall, the actual amount of the accumulated surplus will not be know until October 1999.

Mr. Speaker, the accumulated surplus will be proportioned between the GNWT and Nunavut according to the Agreement on the Division of Assets and Liabilities with approximately 44% going to Nunavut and the remaining 56% going to the GNWT. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Ng. Returns to Written Questions. Item 9, Replies to Opening Address.

Item 10, Petitions. Petitions. Mr. Irqittuq.

### **Item 10: Petitions**

#### **Petition 8 - 1 (2): Hall Beach School Extension**

**Mr. Irqittuq** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I would like to present a petition today which concerns a school extension in Hall Beach. Mr. Speaker, this petition contains 75 signatures from Hall Beach. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Irqittuq. Petitions. Petitions. Item 11, Reports of Standing and Special Committees Item 12, Reports of Committees on Review of Bills Item 13, Tabling of Documents. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

### **Item 13: Tabling of Documents**

#### **Tabled Document 17 - 1 (2): Private Business**

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I have a document to be tabled that will be addressed to Sustainable Development. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Mr. Iqaqrialu. If you are going to be tabling documents you have to indicate what the document is in regards to. Perhaps you could tell us what this document is about.

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. This document is in regards to private business. I think this is the responsibility of Sustainable Development.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Iqaqrialu. Tabling of Documents. Mr. Havioyak.

**Tabled Document 18 - 1 (2): Nunavut Arts Council Discussion Paper**

**Hon. Donald Havioyak** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Earlier on this morning I mentioned the Nunavut Arts Council. I wanted to remind you that I will be tabling this item and inform all the communities and the members that we will be putting in place the Nunavut Arts Council and that we will be setting the policies for this Council.

I wanted to remind everyone at this table that I want your assistance on how we can work on this together. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Havioyak. Tabling of Documents. Tabling of Documents.

Item 14, Notices of Motions. Item 15, Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Item 16, Motions. Item 17, First Reading of Bills. Item 18, Second Reading of Bills. Item 19, Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters: Bill 1 – Appropriation Act, 1999-2000, Bill 2 – Boards of Management Dissolution Act, Bill 3 – Divisional Education Councils Dissolution Act, Committee Reports 1 – 1(2), 2 – 1 (2), 3 – 1 (2) and 4 – 1 (2) with Mr. Iqaqrialu in the chair.

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

**Chairperson** (Mr. Iqaqrialu) (interpretation): We will convene as the Committee of the Whole. Today we will be dealing with the Department of Sustainable Development budget. Do you want to proceed.

We will take a ten minute break.

>>Committee Recessed at 11.21 am.

>>Committee Resumed at 11.35 am.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Please return to your seats. I would like the Ministers' opening remarks to be read before lunch hour, if it is not too lengthy.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Mr. Akesuk.

**Mr. Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. I almost stood up, I would like Mr. Kilabuk to make his statement. Thank you.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): All in favour.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you. You can go ahead Mr. Kilabuk, Minister of Sustainable Development.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman, we might not have enough time. I would like to get your permission to go to the witness table.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you Minister of Sustainable Development. Go ahead. Minister of Sustainable Development, you can proceed, we are waiting.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman.

### **Statement on the Economy of Nunavut**

Mr. Chairman, I am pleased to have the opportunity today to speak to the Committee of the Whole on the economy of Nunavut, followed by a presentation on the estimates for the Department of Sustainable Development.

As a new Territory in Canada, we are at the very beginning of a new and challenging stage in “our journey”.

Mr. Chairman, as with all new things, there are questions in peoples minds...questions that we as a government must always be willing to examine, and provide answers to – to the satisfaction of our people.

We know for example, that our people are asking questions about economic development in the new Territory. They have high expectations that this new Government will make a difference.

There are questions from our partners in economic development. In the past year, we have heard from the federal government, the Government of the Northwest Territories, and from some of the Inuit Organizations, about an economic strategy for Nunavut. With the creation of this Assembly, Mr. Chairman, there is now an opportunity to respond on behalf of all the people of Nunavut.

Mr. Chairman, I also welcome the opportunity to answer those who question the very nature of our economy, who question, in fact, the self-reliance of our people.

Mr. Chairman, our economy is an exciting mix of new growth driven by markets we don't control, and our traditional way of life. Our connection to the land, which we call the traditional economy, is often overlooked by outside observers assessing Nunavut's wealth and economic prospects. Yet this traditional economy is strong here in Nunavut, Mr. Chairman.

When I speak about the development of the economy of Nunavut, I am speaking in terms of sustainable development. What does this mean?

This means Mr. Chairman, that we recognize that the development of our economy is dependent on the land, on the continuing good health of the natural environment that has sustained our people for thousands of years.

Sustainable development also means development that includes all our people, that draws on all our talents, and on the collective wisdom we have inherited from our ancestors. It is development that assures the greatest participation of our people, wherever they may live in Nunavut.

When these three elements are in balance – the protection of our land, economic development, and the full participation of our people – then I believe that economic development can be sustainable, that it can be long-lasting, and, Mr. Chairman, that it will lead us to our goal: healthy communities in Nunavut.

#### Our Dynamic Labour Force

Mr. Chairman, In Nunavut people come first. We are all affected by economic activities in Nunavut but, in today's world, we are perhaps most concerned about the economy when we reach working age.

Our working age population in Nunavut, or the number of persons aged between fifteen and sixty-four years of age, is estimated to be a total of 16,433 people in this year, 1999. During this government's term of office, it is projected that the number of people of working age in Nunavut will increase by at least 13%.

As many commentators, particularly in the media, have pointed out, it will be a great challenge for this Government to assure that people of working age in Nunavut have an opportunity to assume a productive role in his or her community. We often hear that our unemployment rate is at least 22% across Nunavut, and much higher than that, in some of our communities.

I want to state, here and now, Mr. Chairman, that as Minister of Sustainable Development, I am committed to seeing this number reduced significantly over the term of this government.

There are several reasons why I am confident that we can achieve this goal.

Mr. Chairman, there are some very positive trends in Nunavut that warrant mentioning. Few people are aware, for example, that between 1991 and 1996, there was a greater percentage increase in jobs in Nunavut, than in any other part of Canada, or in the country as a whole. We expect this trend to continue throughout the term of this government.

We all know that employment depends on achieving higher levels of education. In the ten years between 1986 and 1996 the percentage of our adult population who left school before grade 9 has fallen from fifty-three to thirty-one per cent. At the same time, the percentage of our adult population who graduated and obtained a post-secondary certificate, diploma, or degree, has almost doubled.

I do not want to force this Committee to listen to a long list of statistics, Mr. Chairman. And we all know that statistics can be misleading. But it is important that we recognize that positive changes are taking place in our working age population, and that we expect these changes to continue, and to continue to improve.

We have in Nunavut a young and dynamic labour force, a growing population of working age. We must view this as one of the greatest resources we possess.

#### Nunavut's "Mixed" Economy

I have said that in Nunavut we have an economy that is unique in Canada. Our economy is a dynamic mixture of the traditional economy, based on the production of food, clothing and craft, and new resource opportunities in tourism, the fishery, and minerals.

Mr. Chairman, government plays a large a role in our economy. Many of the employment opportunities available in Nunavut are with government. This has caused frustration in the past for many of our people, who have had little to say about what type of employment is available in government, and, in many cases, have been excluded from government jobs because of the special qualifications required.

But today we, in this Assembly, we are the Government. All of us here, Mr. Chairman, can assure that there will be more and more opportunities for our people to take the jobs in our Government, and to find those jobs closer to their homes, in our communities.

Many have called for greater diversification of our economy. I agree with them. This process is already underway.

For those who question the range of activity in our economy I invite them to review the list of businesses in Nunavut that is now available on the world-wide web. There you will find ample evidence of the enterprising nature of our people. Here in Nunavut we have created businesses in a wide range of economic sectors, from the construction of houses and public buildings, to tourism, to the retail trade, in services, communications, transportation and information technologies, in the minerals industry, in the commercial fishery, and in manufacturing.

For example, Mr. Chairman, in my own community, in just the past few years, we have begun manufacturing signs, such as the one you can see today at the entrance to Iqaluit from the airport.

This situation is not unique to Pangnirtung. The listing of Nunavut businesses to which I refer contains almost four hundred individual company names, in thirty-two categories of business activity. In the past two years, more than one hundred and sixty businesses have registered as Inuit-owned firms under Article 24 of the Nunavut Land Claim Agreement.

Nunavut's economy today, Mr. Chairman, is based on more than government jobs.

I do not want to suggest here, Mr. Chairman, that I am satisfied about the level of business development in Nunavut. I know that in many of our communities, business opportunities are limited, and economic development has been slow. That is why we have retained the programs for business development we have acquired from our predecessors in the GNWT, and why we are currently examining ways to make them more effective in Nunavut.

(interpretation ends): The Business Incentive Program is being maintained and reviewed. The Business Credit Corporation and the Community Futures Program will continue to provide loans to viable business enterprises in Nunavut.

My Department will continue to support small business through grants and contributions for start-ups, development of existing businesses, and training. I am particularly pleased to see that program partnerships are being formed between my Department and Inuit Organizations, across Nunavut. I am encouraging staff at the Department of Sustainable Development to expand this "one window" approach. We have seen its success at the "Kivalliq Partners in Development." I hope to see this process extended throughout Nunavut during the term of this Government.

I am also encouraged to see the efforts made to more effectively monitor and report on the effectiveness of the programs of Government and Inuit Organizations in our communities. People want to know where Government is spending public funds on economic development and other programs. We must improve our communications to our people how to access our programs and how the money is spent over a year.

Mr. Chairman we also want to communicate to the rest of Canada that Nunavut has great resource potential. As was pointed out by the Minister of Finance in the past year alone, it is estimated that more than \$70 million was invested in Nunavut by the mineral exploration industry. This expenditure of private funds signals to all of us that the potential for mineral development in Nunavut is very promising. And it should also remind us that the source of our wealth is the land - as it has been for thousands of years, and as it will be for generations to come.

(interpretation): When we speak about the diversification of our economy, Mr. Chairman, it is to the land, to the waters around us, to our natural environment, that we must turn our attentions.

Our natural environment has always provided the foundation for our mixed economy, Mr. Chairman, as it will for the diversified economy of the future. Whether it is through the sale of minerals, furs, or fish, our incomes depend on the good health of our environment ...sorry.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): We can hear English and Inuktitut at the same time . Can someone please fix it...there we go. Mr. Kilabuk .

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation):I will start again ... Our natural environment has always provided the foundation for our mixed economy, Mr. Chairman, as it will for the diversified economy of the future. Whether it is through the sale of minerals, furs, or fish, our incomes depend on the good health of our environment.

As members know, I have a deep commitment to the development of a sustainable marine fishery in Davis Strait which Inuit began fishing in 1986. In the last 13 years Inuit have consistently been provided with small allocations, and have been shut out entirely from entering the competitive quota with the rest of Canada. It will be my intention during the term of this government to vigorously pursue more equitable allocation of the resources that lie off our shores.

We have demonstrated over the past several years that there are real benefits in further developing our fishery. Along with obtaining access to additional quota, we must urge the Government of Canada to invest in the research necessary to identify new fish resources. The last 13 years have demonstrated that our communities can benefit greatly from the sustainable development of our fisheries resources, and my home community of Pangnirtung is a good example of that.

I have spoken in this Assembly recently about my Department's Sealskin Fur Strategy, and our work to expand markets for fur products. These programs will continue. I have also asked staff in the Department of Sustainable Development to review the Department's programs in support of harvesters.

I note that NTI is completing its own review of their Harvesters' Support Program, and I want to see my staff working with NTI staff, to ensure support for traditional economic activity in Nunavut is strengthened.

We cannot ever forget, Mr. Chairman, the importance to our people of maintaining strong ties to the land. This is our foundation for future economic development.

Our respect for the land and for all living things defines us as a people, it shapes our relationships to each other, and compels us to return continuously to the sources of our collective knowledge in Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Were you planning to finish all at once? You still have a ways to go so lets break for lunch and you can complete your comments right after lunch at 1:30 pm



>>Committee recessed for lunch at 12:00pm

>>Committee resumed at 1:30 pm

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Please take your seats. The minister was reading his opening remarks. Please continue.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairperson , I will start where I left off...

### **Toward a Sustainable Economy in Nunavut**

It is important for us to recognize that today in Nunavut, the Government is not alone in developing the economy. There is the important role of our growing private sector.

Mr. Chairman, we all know the valuable contribution made to our economy by the people who have established their own small business.

There is also the contribution made by the co-operatives in our communities. I was very pleased, earlier this month, to recognize this contribution publicly at the Co-op AGM in Iqaluit.

In recent years, too, we have begun to see the great potential of the work that can be done in economic development by the Inuit Organizations, and, in particular, the Inuit development corporations, as they invest more and more in Nunavut's economy, and in our communities.

Almost a year ago, the Office of the Interim Commissioner, Territorial government staff, the Nunavut Secretariat of the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs, Nunavut Tunngavik Limited, the regional Inuit Organizations, and the Association of Municipalities, joined together in the Nunavut Economic Forum.

The purpose of the Forum was to serve as a vehicle for sharing information and ideas on our economy. It reflects the belief, held by all its members that the development of Nunavut's economy must be a shared responsibility. My Department will continue to support the Nunavut Economic Forum this year.

Some economic development programs Mr. Chairman, are delivered most effectively when they are managed, not by government, but by the people themselves.

The transfer of economic development funds in the tourism sector, to Nunavut Tourism, is a good example. It puts the participants of the industry, people who live in and work in our communities, as outfitters, or hoteliers, or as fishing camp operators, in charge of tourism development. Nunavut Tourism also has been successful attracting more funding from outside Nunavut to our tourism industry.

My Department is currently engaged in a similar process with arts & crafts. The modest funding provided the Nunavut Arts & Crafts Association by my Department has been used to attract more than double this amount from other sources for arts & crafts programs in Nunavut.

We also support community-based Prospector's Associations. Again, this puts our people back into the role of developing their - in this case, by participating directly in the search for minerals.

Mr. Chairman, if economic development in Nunavut is to be pursued in our communities, then our hamlet governments must play a leading role. Their staff, the community economic development officers, will be the key players in economic development in Nunavut. We will work to improve education and training opportunities for them, many of whom were born and raised in the communities they now serve.

Mr. Chairman, there is a pattern to the support we are providing for economic development in Nunavut today. There are some major themes emerging that will influence the development of a strategy for economic development in Nunavut in the future.

First among these is the participation of our people directly in the development of our economy.

What we want in Nunavut, Mr. Chairman, is simply the chance to use our own talents and abilities and our knowledge – our culture - in the development of our community economies. We want to participate in economic activities. We want to contribute to the health and wealth of our communities.

We are, Mr. Chairman, a resourceful, productive, and self-reliant people. We are here today, because our ancestors, through the generations, proved we have these qualities. They worked hard, every day, to survive in this land. They produced everything they needed for themselves, and they made sure that every family got its share. Because of them, we have the opportunity to build Nunavut.

(interpretation ends): We must be self-reliant. We must show what we can do with our talents and resources. Our families and our communities are no longer isolated, one from the other. And we are no longer isolated in the world. We now are Nunavut, part of the Canadian federation, and part of one of the richest nations on earth.

As I said in a Statement last week in this House, Mr. Chairman, we must educate people outside of Nunavut about our way of life.

Mr. Chairman, we expect no more than to have the opportunity to show that we are productive, that we can share what we have, just as our ancestors did before us.

## Working Together for Nunavut

Mr. Chairman, I have outlined for this Committee some of the important characteristics of our economy, and briefly discussed the themes that will influence our approach to economic development.

Now I would like to be more specific, and address directly how we propose to begin to bring improvements to our economy.

### A Nunavut Jobs Corps

Mr. Chairman, the development of the opportunities in the economy that I have outlined to this point must involve the full participation of our people. I have said, Mr. Chairman that our people are productive, and seek more opportunities to contribute to their communities.

I think we must recognize, however, that many of our young people are struggling to be productive. Forty-three percent (43%) of our population lies between the age of 15 and 39 productive many of whom have young families, and they are seeking ways of being productive. We must remember how we all had to learn to be productive, and that this process takes time, and that it requires experience, and maturity.

We must find more ways to include young people in our work, to provide them with opportunities to help their communities.

In many cases, these opportunities are in education. Our young people make a valuable contribution to us all when they choose to stay in school. But, for some, this choice is not possible. They want to work in other ways. These youth, too, must be included in the development of our economy. They must have a role in building our future.

This is why, Mr. Chairman, I am proposing that this government seek the ways and means of creating a Nunavut Jobs Corps.

I call on the federal government, the Inuit Organizations, municipal governments and the private sector to join with us in the development of a long term strategy to provide our people who are entering the work force for the first time, with the opportunity for meaningful work in their communities. The development of our economic opportunities will require a skilled work force and we must provide those opportunities to those who want to be part of our economy.

I have asked staff in my Department to make the Nunavut Jobs Corps a priority, and to work with these organizations, other departments of our government, and with the private sector in identifying how we can accelerate the entry of these people into our economy.

## An MOU with the Government of Canada

A second, major area in which we can take immediate action concerns our relationship with the Government of Canada. The Minister of Finance, the Honourable Kelvin Ng, has already referred in his "Budget Address" to several ways in which the federal government can work with us to bring economic development opportunities to our people.

(interpretation): More than a year ago, the federal Minister of Finance, the Honourable Paul Martin, made a commitment to work "with territorial governments and other northern partners to develop a modern economic development strategy that recognizes the dynamics of the North and the need to establish more diversified economies." Now that the Government of Nunavut is in place, we can act on the development of this strategy.

Our Premier took important steps in this regard at his meeting of western Premier's in Drumheller last week, when it was agreed that the 3 northern Territories would work together on an economic development agreement with Canada.

(interpretation ends ): Several other partnerships with federal departments are in progress. Their success will be of great benefit to the development of our economy. These include infrastructure development, information technology, a partnership on geoscience, wildlife research, and negotiations on the development of our fisheries.

With the creation of Nunavut, and the settlement of our Land Claim, we have jurisdiction over our land and some of our resources. But like all provinces during their early history, we must look to the federal government to stand with us in the development of these resources, and to ensure that the benefits of this development are shared.

To help achieve that goal I have asked my Department to redouble its efforts in building partnerships with the Federal Government and its departments. Through a Memorandum of Understanding, both at the departmental and governmental levels, we can join in stating our intent to develop the economy of Nunavut, for the benefit of our people, and of all Canadians.

## Minister's Forum on the Economy

Finally, Mr. Chairman, I am proposing to call on our people for their ideas about how economic development should proceed in Nunavut. This is what our people expect above all – the opportunity to participate in economic development in their communities. The first step has three parts: to meet, to hear all views, and to begin to plan.

(interpretation): This summer, Mr. Chairman, my Department will prepare and distribute to our communities "Our Way of Life," an issues paper on sustainable development and the Nunavut economy. This paper will outline our economic prospects, and identify the key issues we must address, and the optional strategies we could use. It will be, I trust, a planning tool for communities, and will provide our people with the basic information they need to begin a discussion of our economic future.

In the late fall, Mr. Chairman, when the caribou hunting season is almost over, I propose we hold public meetings in our communities to discuss the economy. We should list our assets, community by community, and produce the information we will need to produce an economic strategy for our communities and for Nunavut as a whole. We must try to answer the fundamental questions: What is the work to be done in our communities?

In early December, I will call upon representatives from each community, together with Inuit Organizations, governments, and representatives of the private sector, to meet together to discuss the results of the community meetings.

I am confident that in a few days, we can identify the path along which our journey should follow. I am sure that by working together, by staying true to ourselves and the people we represent, we can find a strategic approach to the development of our economy all can support.

#### Conclusion

Mr. Chairman, in standing before this Legislature and the people of Nunavut and I want to state how proud I am to make this statement on our economy. I am proud because in preparing this statement I realized how much we as a people have to offer each other and the rest of the world.

We are Nunavummiut, Mr. Chairman...people who for many years have managed our land and resources sustainably, who have had a productive labour force, and who have participated in new economies for hundreds of years.

Our ancestors have worked very hard to ensure that our future would be secure. In giving us a vision for Nunavut they also gave us the responsibility to continue the vision and the responsibility to include all our people from Innammariit to our Nutarait.

Mr. Chairman, realizing our vision is building a sustainable economy. It is educating people outside of Nunavut on our way of life. It is providing our youth with the skills to become productive members of our communities. It is about encouraging our people to generate ideas and building on our strengths.

Mr. Chairman, in short, while we may have a great deal of work to do, we have also done a great deal of work to get here. The foundation of the Nunavut economy has been laid. Let us move forward with the next phase of building. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Kilabuk , Minister of Sustainable Development. Your presentation was very good. I will now ask Mr. McLean , chairperson of the standing committee to read his report. Oh...Mr. Minister did you have more to say?

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): I wonder if I can continue with opening comments on Sustainable Development.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): I thought you were finished. Go ahead.

### **Opening Comments for the 1999-2000 Main Estimates for the Department of Sustainable Development**

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairperson. I am very pleased to have the opportunity to present to the Committee of the Whole, the budget recommended for the department of Sustainable Development in the 1999-2000 main estimates.

The department of Sustainable Development is a program department that touches the lives of people in our communities. When we speak of having healthy, sustainable communities in Nunavut, we speak of three aspects of life in our communities.

Our environment, our economy, and our people. The department of Sustainable Development is responsible for ensuring our resources are used wisely so that they can continue to be used for our future generations. This is our mandate for the environment.

We are also responsible for providing the support needed for people to pursue livelihoods both in traditional and a wage economy. This is our mandate for the economy.

We are responsible for providing the support needed for people to participate fully in decisions on development. This is our mandate to our people.

Mr. Chairman, I think it is important to know that this mandate is different from, and more extensive than the mandate of our predecessor department in the GNWT.

The proposed budget for the department is 33.095 million, which represents approximately 5% of the Government of Nunavut budget.

(Interpretation ends)

The departments' budget is organized in two main categories.

1. Corporate Management. Which offers support functions to the department. 12% of the total budget of Sustainable Development.
2. Sustainable Development which are the program functions of the department comprising 87% of the budget.

The corporate management branch is comprised of the senior management of the department. Deputy Minister, Assistant Deputy Minister, Executive Secretary, the communications for the department, financial administration and for economic research,

policy development and legislation. It has a recommended budget of 4.099 million dollars for this year.

The Sustainable Development branch includes five divisions.

The Income Support division is co-managed with the department of Education. This branch has a budget of 28.966 million dollars across the five program areas of wildlife, environmental protection, parks, trade & tourism, minerals, oil & gas, community economic development, and the directorate functions of income support.

(Interpretation)Mr. Chairman, the department's budget for 1999-2000 includes 5.400 million for wildlife management, fisheries development and environmental protection. In recent years there has been a declining investment by both the government of Canada and the GNWT in spending on wildlife research.

Management and Environmental Protection, representing 1.2% of our total governments budget, Mr. Chairperson I have tried with this budget not to impose any further cuts on this important area of our life, the management of our wildlife and our environment.

The departments' capital spending this year is recommended this year to be 1.12 million and is directed at two areas of our mandate. In investment in attractions and services we support the development of the tourism industry, and, in to investment and equipment to carry out legislative responsibilities, enforcement, monitoring and research.

(interpretation ends)The department grants and contributions reach into our communities through four principal means.

First, partnerships. On page 11 – 8, and 11 – 9, the department combines its' funding with a number of outside agencies who share responsibility to the environment or the economy. Example, Nunavut Tourism and Nunavut Geoscience Office.

Two, sector development. Page 11 – 10. The department provides financial support to individuals in communities and harvesters to support their plans in the traditional and wage economy. These will be community initiatives, funds, grants to small business, business development fund, community harvesters' assistance program.

Number three, the department has budgeted 2.915 million for that purpose. Number 4, grants, page 11 – 11. The department provides grants of up to 5 thousand for individuals establishing or maintaining a small business or who wish to carry out fishing or prospecting activities.

(interpretation) In this initial year of operation our ability to introduce new programs is constrained, however I have made provision through reallocation of budget categories to increase support for key areas of our economy.

First in the arts and crafts we have budgeted 100K in support of the Nunavut Arts and Crafts Association. This was done in response to a conference that was held on the state

of the carving industry that was held several months ago in Cape Dorset, which provided me with some direction on how to assist this important industry in Nunavut.

Secondly, we have budgeted 450 thousand dollars toward a partnership with the Government of Canada for the establishment of a Nunavut Geoscience Office. As members know the foundation of the mining industry is exploration.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Just a moment. Mr. Akesuk.

**Mr. Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. I don't think we have a quorum. I think it is less than half of the number needed to have a full meeting. Just to remind you Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Akesuk. We don't have a quorum at this time so we will take a few minutes break to ask the other members to return to the House. Five minutes.

>>Committee Recessed at 2.02 pm.

>>Committee Resumed at 2.10 pm

**Chairperson** (interpretation): We have a quorum now, we can start again. When we are listening to the presentation, this is a very important issue, I urge the members not to leave the chamber. I am urging you to stay in the chamber, Mr. Kilabuk you may continue.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. We still have to get used to the term, Ikupiktulirijikkut. I will just continue on from where I was.

Page 5, thirdly, under contract services we have set aside 50 thousand to pursue increased allocations to Nunavut from offshore fisheries. This is a subject of great concern to me and I am very committed to seeing that Nunavut be given greater attention in the allocation of the fisheries resources that lie off our shores.

Finally, and most importantly, Mr. Chairman, on the strength of a recently evaluation of Nunavut Tourism I have increased their core funding this year by 1643 thousand dollars. Nunavut Tourism has committed to strengthening their communications with their members in the communities and with their work in developing new tourism products for Nunavut.

I have provided for this in their 1999-2000 core funding.

(interpretation ends). Mr. Chairman, as I have indicated it is my intention to vigorously pursue an agreement on an economic strategy with the government of Canada. I trust that I will be able to report in the days ahead, of traditional investment money being made available to support continued and sustainable growth in the Nunavut economy.



One final note under grants and contributions is worthy of mention. Mr. Chairman, it is my belief that we must encourage our youth to pursue an education in the sciences, commerce and in the traditional economy if we are going to develop home-grown talent for this department. To this end I have set aside 30 thousand in scholarships for young people who wish to further their education in the science, commerce and the traditional economy.

The department currently has about 82 positions filled out of its' total staff complement of 135 positions. Of those filled positions 33 or 40% are held by Inuit. The department's current vacancy rate for staff is 40%.

(interpretation) Mr. Chairman, the budget of my department is relatively small. Our mandate however, effects everyone in Nunavut and touches on issues that are of great concern to our people. The health of our land, our economy and our communities.

With a limited budget, this broad mandate can only be effective through developing effective partnerships with the government of Canada, with Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated, with the business community and with our harvesters.

Thank you.

>>Applause

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you Minister of Sustainable Development. At this time, are you finished with your opening comments.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Mr. Chairman, yes I am completed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Minister. At this time I will ask Mr. O'Brien to do the Standing Committee report.

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**Mr. O'Brien:** Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman I will only be half as long winded as the Minister because I only have half as many pages to read.

Minister Kilabuk appeared before the Committee on the afternoon of April 27, and the evening of the 29<sup>th</sup>. The main estimates summary provided to the Committee indicated total 1999-2000 expenditures of \$33,095,379; of which \$1,121,00 is capital spending.

### **Appointments to Boards**

Members of the Committee noted that an advertisement calling for nominations to several boards established under the Land Claims Agreement had recently been placed in the media. The Minister indicated that this initiative had been undertaken in consultation with the Premier, in order to foster an open approach to such appointments. The Committee expressed its wish that such ministerial appointments be made with input from members of the Committee.

### **Income Support**

The Committee expressed its appreciation for the candour of the Minister in discussing this issue. The Committee was informed that the program is under pressure from a number of factors, including forced growth of approximately 6% per year. The Minister indicated that review of the program will be undertaken, and that the views of the public will be taken into consideration. The Committee agreed that a major review of this issue is necessary, and looks forward to an update on its progress.

### **Insurance for Hunters' and Trappers' Equipment**

One Member expressed concern about the lack of insurance for some HTOs' equipment. The Department indicated that the possibility of group insurance is being looked into.

### **Nunavut Tourism**

The Minister indicated that he had just recently met with Tourism officials, and had stressed the need for more effort to be put into product development, training and communications. The Committee was supportive of the Minister's efforts to make progress in this area.

### **Outpost Camp Program**

The Minister indicated that the funding system in this sphere would have to be reviewed. The Committee looks forward to an update on progress in this area.

### **Grizzlies in Baker Lake**

A Member expressed concern over the issue of compensation for people whose caribou caches had been destroyed by bears. The Minister indicated that he would review the issue.

### **Nunavut Carving Industry**

Members of the Committee expressed concern over the lack of funding for carving associations. The Minister stated that this issue would be looked at.

## **Concepts and Communications**

The Committee appreciated the Minister's forthrightness in stating that the term 'sustainable development' is itself not easily translated. The Committee stressed the need for *Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit* to be incorporated into the activities of the Department. The Minister indicated that the Department was making efforts to make the term a working reality. He also indicated that the Department has plans to distribute a one-page communications piece to all residents of Nunavut.

## **Legislative Review**

The Minister indicated that the Department would be working to develop a new *Wildlife Act*, as the current legislation is outdated and inappropriate to Nunavut. The first phase would involve amendments to the Act, with a view to ultimately introducing new legislation. The Committee welcomed the initiative, and expressed its desire that broad consultations be held on the issue.

## **Business Incentive/Article 24 Policy Review**

The Minister indicated that review of these policies is under consideration. The Committee indicated its support for strong efforts being made to ensure compliance with Article 24 of the NLCA.

## **Decentralization**

The Minister indicated that a transition plan was under development for the Department's decentralization plan. Members of the Committee expressed their concern that final figures for the Department were not yet available, and that their communities might be negatively impacted.

## **Grants and Contributions**

The Committee was pleased with the detailed information provided by the Minister on the Department's 1999-2000 G&C program. Some figures, however, were not available for certain Nunavut Development Corporation projects. The Minister indicated that Departmental officials were in the process of meeting with Development Corporation managers. The Committee would like to be provided with this information upon its availability.

I am also pleased Mr. Chairman, to note that we have just recently received this information regarding the above issues.

That completes the comments by the committee Mr. Chairman, I also have three motions to put forward.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. O'Brien.

**Committee Motion 36 – 1 (2): Appointments to Boards, Agencies and Other Bodies**

**Mr. O'Brien:** Mr. Chairman, I move that this Committee recommends that ministerial appointments to boards, agencies and other bodies be undertaken in consultation with Regular Members of the Assembly.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Mr. O'Brien has moved a motion. Questions or comments to the motion. All those in favour. Motion is carried. The second motion please.

**Committee Motion 37 – 1 (2): Legislation Consultations**

**Mr. O'Brien:** Mr. Chairman, I move that this committee recommends that the department undertake broad consultations as it works to amend departmental legislation.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): There is a motion on the floor. Questions or comments to the motion. All those in favour. Motion is carried. Proceed with the third motion.

**Committee Motion 38 – 1 (2): Mid Year Progress Report**

**Mr. O'Brien:** Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I move that this committee recommends provide a mid-year progress report to the Standing Committee in October of this year.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. O'Brien. Questions or comments to the motion. All those in favour. Motion is carried. There are no more motions. Minister of Sustainable Development, you can ask your officials to join you at the witness table. If your officials are ready. I expected to see many more officials than one.

General comments, the floor is open for general comments and questions. Minister of Sustainable Development, can you introduce your officials.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. My Deputy Minister is Kathryn Trumper who will be sitting with me at the witness table. I think she has been working a little bit over eighteen years within our department. Ed Martin is our finance comptroller, Sandy Teiman, for income support policy analyst.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you Minister of Sustainable Development. The floor is open for general comments or questions. Are there any questions or comments. Please indicate if you have any questions. If there are no further questions we will go onto the main estimates. Mr. Nutarak.

**Mr. Nutarak** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. When he did his opening remarks, that Nunavut residents have been bypassing the department. What does that mean, what did you mean when you said that at the beginning. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Nutarak. Minister of Sustainable Development, Mr. Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Perhaps I mistranslated it, if perhaps I could ask the member to identify where that comment is made in the presentation paper.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Mr. Nutarak.

**Mr. Nutarak**: When you were under mining, exploration, that you stated that there are entities already existing. Water Board, Impact Review Board, which the companies have to go through to get approval, so I was wondering if that was in line with that.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Minister of Sustainable Development, or your official can respond.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Yes, I found it on page four. What I was trying to say is that our economy is dependent on the land and we should be using the traditional economy. We have not been using the traditional economy up to our potential in the communities.

We have to find traditional ways to enhance the economy in the communities because other people outside of Nunavut have overlooked the traditional economy. Thank you.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Minister. Mr. Nutarak.

**Mr. Nutarak** (interpretation): How are we going to deal with the outsiders overlooking Nunavut's wealth and economic prospects.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Minister of Sustainable Development.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Perhaps when the researchers come in they overlook the traditional economy. I don't know how many times we have met with officials, we have reiterated about the traditional economy, each time we meet with these officials.

This is part of the Nunavut economy so it has been overlooked by outsiders so we would like to include this in our overall economy. Thank you.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Minister of Sustainable Development. The members may identify if they have any questions or comments so I can put your names down on the list. Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo**: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I have a few questions in regards to the Ministers' opening statements. That's what I was doing when I wasn't here I was trying to review it in a little more detail.

In the comments that were just made on our traditional economy, I am wondering if the Minister knows, or the department knows what percentage of our territorial products are from that sector of our economy. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Tootoo. Minister of Sustainable Development, if you wish to respond.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk:** ...*(inaudible)*...

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Hold on, your microphone is not on. Go ahead. I am sorry that I had to stop you but one of the members couldn't hear the translation.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): As I was trying to say ... we knew that this was going to be brought up, but I will be working with the NWMB and we were to make an announcement about what our decisions were.

We wanted to do a joint announcement but I can say in the interim, since I am not going to be talking about the actual number, but we've been looking at the same thing for two years and comparing the price of northern food to the food that comes in from the south.

I can only say it is between 20 and 40 million, the money that is being made from northerners that would traditionally have been in the north.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Minister. Mr. Tootoo. Did you have another question.

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I can appreciate the Minister saying that they would like to do a joint release but I would like to ask the Minister if he could indicate that they have targets that they would like to strive for to see what percentage of our economy they would like to see for the traditional economy.

All throughout here in his statement the Minister talks about the people and drawing on the talents of the people of Nunavut, right now I believe the majority of those people can earn a living through traditional means and through the traditional economy.

So I am just wondering what those numbers are now and if they have targets for where they want those numbers to be in the future. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Tootoo. Minister of Sustainable Development, did you have a comment.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. I would like to make a clarification about what I had said about this survey. It has been ongoing for two years and it is going to continue for another five years. We are just trying to find out now how

beneficial this is for the northerners. We won't know until we have some statistics, what our targets are. We won't know that until the survey and the tracking is done.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Mr. Tootoo, did you have another question or comment.

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you Mr. Chairman. I guess, I am trying to put it in a way that we might be able to get a response. Traditionally in most territories, provinces and countries, they have a target for what they would like to see in manufacturing, services, those types of industries.

Does the department have targets in these areas and what they would like to see, not only in those areas, but also in the traditional economy area as well. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Tootoo. I am not Mr. Speaker, I am just a Chairperson. Minister of Sustainable Development, you wanted to respond to that.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. As I indicated earlier that is all I can say at this time. Now the traditional economy should be, I can't say what it should be. We haven't as a department set any targets that the member is talking about.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Mr. Minister. Mr. Tootoo did you have something else? Go ahead.

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you Mr. Chairman. Sorry about that error there. Mr. Chairman, I'd like to just ask in his statement the Minister states that he's committed this thing seeing the number of unemployment employment rate reduced significantly over the term of this government.

Does the Department have any again, target figures, that they'd like to see or is it just a general statement and targets will be figured out down the road?

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Tootoo. Minister of Sustainable Development.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. As I said earlier in my opening remarks, we want more young people getting higher education so that unemployment levels would be reduced whether it be in traditional economy or in 9 to 5 jobs.

I'm just using that as an example because we have seen through surveys and how many people are employable and by age we can draw lot of strength from that and I think that these can help reduce a number of unemployed. If more took advantage of education system and taking on the opportunities that are offered in private and in public sectors.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Minister. Mr. Tootoo did you want to say something else?

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, also I guess this is something that I learned and the Minister's statement said that between 1991 and 1996 there was a greatest percentage of increase in jobs in Nunavut than any other part of Canada.

I'm just wondering Mr. Chairman, does that increase equal the increase in population in that area because to me it would the population rate increases faster than the job rate. It's not really doing anything. So I'm just wondering if there has been a look at that comparison as to whether its keeping up with the population growth as well. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Tootoo. Minister of Sustainable Development.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. We have not had a per se tracking of that. But when we're looking at the job availability in Nunavut, that's all we looked at. Not the way you're saying.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Minister. Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you Mr. Minister. I want to talk about the business side of the operation in Community Futures Program where they provide loans to viable businesses in Nunavut.

Mr. Chairman I wondered if the Department has given any thought to these services and the economies in the communities be increased through the provision of Financial Services in the communities like banking type services in the community. I'm wondering if that's something that the department is looking at. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Tootoo. Mr. Minister or your Deputy Minister may respond. Go ahead.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. The Department is mandated to undertake such programs but it has not been started. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Minister. Mr. Tootoo did you have something else?

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, just a comment on that. If there were those types of services available in communities that are and I'll use an example of what I'm familiar with is a credit union system locally owned and operated within a community.



That would enable those businesses and ventures to be able to utilize those services again freeing up dollars that the department or the government would have to put into that.

So I'm just, as a comment, that the establishment of those types of services in the community could have the potential or free up a lot of dollars that the department the government is putting into loans and stuff like that to businesses and also be used as a delivery mechanism in each community that is in for all these types of services. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Tootoo. Mr. Minister if you want to respond to that comment.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. What he was talking about is known. We have been told that maybe the Arctic Co-ops will be looking at this area and if they're interested in establishing such financial institution and if they want to talk to us for assistance then we would be willing to do that and we'd be willing to work with the Arctic Co-operatives to establish a credit union. Thank you.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Mr. Tootoo, did you have something else? Thank you Mr. Tootoo. Mr. O'Brien.

**Mr. O'Brien**: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman we spoke earlier in the day and I asked some questions to the Minister regarding exploration and mining and so on and what the potentials were for I guess some of the areas in the Keewatin such as Baker, Arviat, Rankin and so on.

To follow up on that you know, I believe anyway, myself that I think the sooner we can get to develop and open a mine the sooner we're going to have, I guess the impact on our communities is going to be phenomenal. I think it's one of our salvations is to see this happen, a mine open.

I want to make it clear from the start that, you know, and I understand and I agree that we have to do all we can to make sure that we protect the land and the environment and the way of life. But I believe that we can do this at the same time protect the land and still get into mining opportunities and mines could employ hundred of individuals and in my case for example, 70% of unemployment in my community. A mine in my community, or close to my community would have a tremendous impact.

One of the concerns, I think, that is out there now, and I know we've been dealing with it for a number of years is that there seems to be a number of road blocks, I guess, and hurdles for various mining companies to overcome before they even get to a point where they can get exploration permits and the various permits needed to get into exploration and mining and so on .

I believe that it would help if some kind of a central location and we heard this word thrown around for the last number of years, one stop shop, I think we should probably get

rid of that one. It didn't seem to really have any impact. But I think what we need is a central location where we can make it much easier and simpler for mining companies out there that are interested in doing some business up here to get the various permits and to meet the various regulations that are in place.

I guess my question then is to the Ministers if he can speak to this as to what he would do or what his Department tends to do to make things somewhat simpler and keeping in mind that the companies still have to meet all the regulations and comply as it relates to the environment. How would his department make this situation somewhat easier to encourage enhanced mining exploration and mining development in Nunavut. Thank you.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. O'Brien. Mr. Minister of Sustainable Development.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. As I mentioned earlier in my opening comments, I think that we have the poorest administration of exploration, in Nunavut.

We are having discussions about that through trade shows and other means of publication where a Nunavut Tunngavik is working with us and I know that NTI has been taking part in active discussions regarding this area especially in the area of mining.

And that there is and we all know that there is potential for employment if mining was opened up in a bigger sense in Nunavut and those are the only areas I'm aware of that we're doing some work in this area.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Mr. O'Brien, did you have something else?

**Mr. O'Brien**: No Mr. Chairman I believe what the Ministers saying that they're just looking into this now, and that they don't have anything concrete at this time but hopefully down the road in the future we will. Because every year that passes, and every season that passes there exploration that doesn't take place is a loss of jobs and it just delays that much longer at the, you know the fact that we, we will not see the creation of a mine, I guess we'd rather see it sooner than later and hope that the Minister in this Department pull this together so that it will make the situation somewhat easier and simpler. I'm not saying anyway that we should be doing favours to anybody especially the mining companies.

I think we have to do what we can to make the process more streamlined and more simplistic so that they don't have to run to 5 or 6 different communities or regions where the offices are all spread around on the various boards in order to get the paper work done that they need in order to do to carry out this work. Thank you.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. O'Brien. Minister of Sustainable Development did you wish to add anything?

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Yes, thank you Mr. Chairman. We agree that we need to streamline the mining administration in the north and if its going be really hard to get various permits and licenses I think that we would be that would be detrimental to employment. I think I'll ask my Deputy Minister to further respond to that.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Minister. Ms. Trumper if you want to make additional comments.

**Ms. Trumper:** Mr. Chairman, I will offer a little bit background on what we have done to prepare for this year in the mining industry. We just completed a survey to all mining exploration companies operating in Nunavut.

They were written by the department and asked to comment on the very thing that you're talking about. How easy is it for you to operate in Nunavut? We had a fairly good response in that survey and identified some of the areas that they have concerns about in terms of setting up operations in Nunavut.

We're in discussion with NTI on creating a one channel through which mining companies can operate and with the Nunavut Impact Review Board and finally I should note that the GEO Science initiative .

Which the Minister mentioned in his opening remarks is intended to get at this problem that mining companies have identified and that is there is just not a good enough information base on what resources are in Nunavut. So that initiative this year is to try to catch up to the other jurisdictions in Canada who have considerably better geographic science data base than we do.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you Deputy Minister of Sustainable Development. Mr. O'Brien are you done or would you like to make further comments.

**Mr. O'Brien:** No, that's fine Mr. Chairman. Thank you and I thank the Minister and his Deputy for their response.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. O'Brien. Mr. McLean.

**Mr. McLean:** Thank you Mr. Chairman. These are just my comments. I'll get into questions on line by line. Outside investment to me is very, very, important for the economy in Nunavut.

How do we attract that outside investment? Whether its joint partnerships which I would encourage, or whether its non-renewable resources sector or even the renewable resource sector like fishing and seal pelts and caribou pelts and things like that. I think there should be some alliances made with provinces

Because I think if we got past those barriers of trying to sell products to them, I think our products in Nunavut would be well received because of the cleanliness of them and the natural process of them. Down south anything that's grown without chemicals or things like that or any animals that are harvested that aren't full of steroids and stuff like that, I'm just trying to find the word.

Green or environmental friendly and stuff like that so we have a health environmentally friendly products here in regards to that. Internal investment. Maybe I know that this is not your department it should be maybe the Minister of Finance's. But there is a lot of flow of dollars, a tremendous amount of dollars, from people living here going south to bank accounts and mortgages and things like that.

if there is any way we could track that I think it would astound us on how many dollars from northerners goes south and sit in bank accounts, and if there is some way that we can get them to invest in the north, it would attribute to our own local economy whether its partnerships or investments groups, or just trying to keep dollars in the territory that are going south and getting people to reinvest it back in rather than put them in GICs.

Or like I say in bank accounts if we could keep a little bit more because the dollars from Ottawa they circulate a bit, they circulate a few times, they go to the northern store or the co-ops or to the Royal Bank and then they go back south.

There is nothing to retain the wealth that's given to this territory and it's also what used to happen in the Northwest Territories. Nothing is here, to retain the wealth that's given to us so we can keep it to reinvest it and build up equity in Nunavut.

Nunavut tourism. We invest as a government 1.2 million. What do we get back? One hundred thousand, two hundred thousand? Fifty thousand? Do we actually know what we invested there? If it's one point three million, in tourist coming up and putting that kind of money in the economy I think we're doing a tremendous job, as long as making a profit from it.

Unemployment rate. I know we're not really directly responsible for studies and stuff like that but if you eliminated Iqaluit, Rankin Inlet, and Cambridge Bay and did an unemployment survey in January I bet you the unemployment rates in Nunavut would be around 50% mark. I don't think seasonal jobs should be put in Nunavut to make us look like we have low unemployment rate and I'm telling you this now, anywhere else in this country called Canada that we're suppose to be very proud to live in, if they had an unemployment rate 50% in any jurisdiction in Canada it would be called a national disaster.

And like I say, I don't know who's responsible for bringing these unemployment rates but they're totally incorrect as far as I'm concerned. A few years ago we had some kind of plan in place, that outside of a regional centre, in a community with a higher unemployment rate, but wasn't designated as a regional centre there is a little bit more

emphasis on economic development. I think we're getting to a point in Nunavut now that we probably have 3 categories of communities.

We have the large regional centres that are scrambling, scrambling, and I walk around this community and I see people working in jobs and stuff and it's probably hard to attract people to the other two regional centres to work in the government.

And then we have decentralization coming which is going to help communities like mine, that have an unemployment rate of 60 or 70% full-time that going to help. But what about smaller communities. What about Grise Fiords or Chester Field Inlets, the Whale Coves, the Clyde Rivers, in places like that, that don't have decentralization directly affecting them, 40 or 50 jobs moving into the community.

They should be treated a bit differently. They should be given a little bit more care and funding when it comes to economic development. In regards to economic development there is one thing that I want you to remember. The largest employer, the second largest employer of people in Nunavut is the private sector.

And sometimes we don't recognize as a private sector enough for their commitment into investing money, into their own community and into Nunavut. So I want you to remember that the private sector is the second largest support business for people support of employees in Nunavut.

The BIP, the Business Incentive Policy, I'm kind of confused who's responsible and who's not responsible. Like think its Public Works that's responsible and then I hear, I know that you guys do the registrations, but you have to call Public Works to see who has BIP.

So if its confusing for me, and I've been in business up here for 15, 20 odd years I'm trying to figure out how the small person starting up a business in Nunavut trying to get all these regulations so he can bid on a contract or she can bid on a contract on how to put it together.

I know we have EDO's in all our community and most of them are local and bilingual and they can explain this process. I wish there was an easier way to deal with the BIP process and I just went through it in the spring they had something like 100 categories of types of BIPs that are in the Northwest Territories that you have to apply for. That's okay if you're in an area of 600 thousand people.

If you got some person that wants to BIP because they need it, they've got these massive amounts of forms. And the other thing I want to know, its been puzzling me a lot in the last year or two, is how this BIP and Article 24 mesh together to benefit everybody.

Like Article 24 is something else. But in the region that I come from Article 24 is a big deal. How does the BIP in the Article 24 fit together where its going to be simple for most of us to understand because at this point I don't think there is any clearer

understanding of how Article 24 and BIP work together in contracts? And it's going to come up in the future how this meshes together. That's it for me, thank you Mr. Minister.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. McLean. Your comments are understandable and clear. Minister of Sustainable Development. Care to respond.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you. I know that you made some comments but no questions, but I'll go ahead and answer. Anyhow, I'll give you a good example on how Nunavut Government enter into negotiations in terms of trade and selling traditional products.

There are quotas for Pangnirtung, Southern Baffin, and Greenland. There is 500 hundred metric tons are traded and 15 hundred metric tons is given to Canada to the fishing industry and 24% of that amount is given to Nunavut but 75% of that amount is sent or traded to overseas, outside of Canada .

I concur with your concerns that we have to look at all these measures, their agreements and our programs within my department and the Business Incentive Policy are confusing and not quite clear. I know that's because it's being controlled and managed by two bodies, but this fall this Incentive Policy will be reviewed. I would like to thank you for your comments and thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you Minister of Sustainable Development. Mr. McLean's supplementary. Thank you. Perhaps we can take a break. A 15 minute break.

>>Committee recessed at 3:04 and resumed at 3:23pm

**Chairperson** (interpretation): There is only 8 we need 10. There is only 8 members. We now have a quorum. Mr. Irqittuq was the next one to ask questions.

**Mr. Irqittuq** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Before I ask my question, I'd like to make a statement. The Minister of Sustainable Development in his opening remarks mentioned fisheries. And I'm very happy to hear that but in our community, in my riding in Igloolik and Hall Beach and I'm sure it's the same with the other communities, that during the summer, we have a lot of fish that come down river and we try and catch as much as we can for commercial purposes.

But at this time in our communities it is kind of hard to sell fish at this time and I know that we have commercial fisheries. I'd like to see some kind of research done or a marketing promotion done to do commercial fishing to sell our fish to certain southern markets.

I was down south a little while back, some of the hotels or businesses that I asked whether they would like to buy some fish and they were very encouraged and eager to buy our Arctic Char. I'm wondering what the red tape is in selling our fish to the southern markets.

I'd like to get clarification whether we can have an open market for our fish from the sea because there is some regulation states that we can only do commercial fishing in lakes that have been studied as to where they, if they can sustain the commercial fisheries. They can only provide so much quota according to the research being done, the lakes in our communities.

Economic development in our communities is something you have to really work for. We haven't really found anything that is worthwhile to sell from our communities.

There is very low market for Inuit carvings, arts and crafts and the Arctic Co-ops were buying and selling carvings but that when we down because due to the lack of poor carvings. They weren't satisfied with the quality of the carvings so they stopped selling. Buying and selling our carvings had really destroyed our economy in our communities.

I wanted to mention that first. Its more of a comment and not a question.

I have question. Few questions. First of all, the allocation of these main estimates. The hamlet Economic Development officers in Nunavut have been allocated 2 million, eight hundred, thirty-five dollars. How are you going to distribute those allocations? Per capita? How is the formula financed?

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Irqittuq. We're going to be getting into the financial departments or financial main estimates but perhaps the Minister of Sustainable Development or the Deputy Minister would like to respond.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. You mentioned the fisheries and its nothing new to me. I've really experienced the red tape and road blocks that we encountered in Pangnirtung. I'm going to answer your question first. I'd really like to talk about fish but I'll answer your question

We have reports on fisheries if you're interested.

The allocation of funds that's going to be distributed to the hamlets for Community Economic Development Officers. For example, the larger communities follow the person year. Full-time person year. The smaller communities will be given a half time person year.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Mr. Irqittuq anything else.

**Mr. Irqittuq** (interpretation): Thank you. So I won't be talking about anything to do with finances right now but I'll ask later. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Mostly a comment I'd like to make. Some problems that we encountered when we were under the Government of the Northwest Territories and I'm sure it's going to be amended

by this present government. I mentioned this before, I've talked about it a lot since it's got to do with business.

The GNWT's Business Incentive Policy stated earlier. We were using GNWT Business Incentive Policy and now we're the Nunavut Government. The policy is not compatible to Nunavut. There had been a lot of problems encountered with those Business Incentive Policy.

If I'm going to be using Nunavut Government's money. If I wanted to buy something, we would have to apply. I would have to make an application using the GNWT application forms if I wanted to buy a vehicle. I'm sure we're going to have to use the GNWT forms before we buy anything from outside the Government of Nunavut.

For example, the Kingland Ford vehicles that the government purchases. If we had to buy construction materials or things like that for Nunavut Government according to BIP of the GNWT we have to use those certain private businesses.

If and when the Government of Nunavut looks into amending the BIP, I think that we should look for companies who are cheapest or who have cheaper estimates or budgets, materials. I think we should be able to purchase materials or do contracts with the cheapest company.

We have to think about Article 24 as well. I'd really like to encourage you to work really hard in trying to make this easier for Nunavut. This was just a comment.

Mr. Chairman, when we go to main estimates I'll have some more questions.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Irqittuq. Minister of Sustainable Development, would you like to respond?

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk**: Thank you. You stated that it was a comment. Just to clarify a bit.

What we've found out to date in the whole of the NWT the different private businesses in the NWT are in the area of 2,100. There are 381 private sector businesses in Nunavut. This Business Incentive Policy is being used in Nunavut at this time that was used in the previous government. We're going to be reviewing it this summer. Thank you.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Minister. I don't have anything else from the floor. Anybody else from the floor? Mr. Irqittuq would you like to take the Chair.

**Chairperson** - (Mr. Irqittuq) (interpretation): Mr. Akasuk.

**Mr. Akasuk** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, my question is, in Cape Dorset last October carvers and private business, our museums, there was an arts



and crafts council established by these organizations and I'm wondering whether the Nunavut Government will be supporting this organization.

There were going to be board members comprising this organization who would be reviewing any arts and crafts policies. Have you heard about that?

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Mr. Kilabuk

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. During my opening remarks the Nunavut Arts and Crafts Council we mentioned that we wanted to work with this Inuit Art Foundation. We've been helping them with Grants and Contributions. They made an official proposal and we've been able to provide them with grants.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Mr. Akesuk

**Mr. Akesuk** (interpretation): This Art Foundation that is in place as an official board. Have you talked with them recently?

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Mr. Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you. Sorry Mr. Chairman. They haven't set up a date yet to hold a meeting but they're working on the business plans right now. Thank you.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Is that it? Mr. Iqaqrialu.

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. I have a very important question to ask concerning mining. Yesterday there was a letter read stating concerning different contracts in Nunavut Government.

As residents of Nunavut we don't have any mining companies or exploration companies that are placed in Nunavut. These exploration and mining construction companies come from down south and they're not from Nunavut.

These contracts are huge especially in the mining field. These contracts will be directed to Nunavut and I'm sure we're going to encounter some problems. Have you had discussions about this?

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Mr. Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Speaker, sorry, chairman. I can't say very much right now about this. I know there is no mining company here in Nunavut.

These mining companies or exploration companies use their own funds to do prospecting or do geological surveys. Those exploration companies who like do to some mining in

our communities or exploration make a request to do so if its going to be under 5,000 dollars. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Mr. Iqaqrialu

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): I do not like hearing that there isn't going to be any mining companies established in Nunavut. My ears don't like that.

It's just as an organization and as Inuit people we can become one of, we can establish our own mining company and be a competitive company in the world. I'm sure were going to have to look towards building our own mining companies.

Mining exploration generates a lot of money. As a Nunavut resident we'd like to be able to benefit economically from mining because there is a lot of iron ore, in our resources in our lands. It can be very economically viable for us.

If we're just going to be receiving royalties from that we're going to have to think about, as MLAs, we're going to have to be thinking about how we can improve our economy. By establishing a company or a corporation that will be situated and placed in Nunavut, there is a lot of money to be made. It's just a comment I'd like to make. I'll have something else to say after.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Would you like to respond? Mr. Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. As I mentioned in my opening remarks, that you mentioned about contracts that we don't have mining companies here. We don't have any mining companies as yet.

As I mentioned, these private sectors, mining companies use their own funds to do exploring. If and when we can establish our own mining company then we can do the developing. That's all I can say for now. Thank you.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Mr. Iqaqrialu.

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you. It's very interesting. I like your response. I use to think that of the GNWT; how come as residents of Nunavut we can't get a mining company of our own? I use to think that. I think, its our land.

We should be the ones exploring our lands. We can make a lot of money through mining. That could generate a lot of money for Nunavut and that's a very important thing for the people of Nunavut.

I'm going to have another question.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Mr. Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. I just understood this , you were talking about having our own mining company, I was thinking more like a government official. I was thinking about that the Department's Economic Development, so I apologize for that first.

For those people wishing to develop or establish a mining company I would definitely encourage people to start up their own companies to do mining like in Kitikmeot. There has already been development plans in running your own business for mining business. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Mr. Iqaqrialu

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): remind me when my time is up. Concerning different contracts that will be coming out of your department for economic development because that's always the case when there is economic development and you'll be granting contracts in Nunavut.

There are a lot of potential businesses that could be established. Those contracts that you grant to businesses, I'm sure it's obvious that you'll have to allocate these contracts for businesses outside of Nunavut.

Have you thought about this as well, encouraging small businesses.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Mr. Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Yes, thank you Mr. Chairman. Yes within our department's operations I know that there is a huge contract allotted in my department. They will continue with the existing contracts that were inherited with the existing companies.

Some of the contracts, so that some of the contracts that were in place with the GNWT so that they could continue. I know, we know where the situation is. We know where it is going also. Thank you.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Mr. Iqaqrialu.

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Chairman. Another question. We would like to encourage private businesses to be established. Since your department is the supporter of initiating businesses with the previous government.

It was pretty hard to initiate your own private businesses with all the bureaucracy that you had to go through when applying for fund to start your own business. If I stated that there was an Inuktitut unilingual speaking people will you allow them to apply in your system?

Will you make your system accessible so that the Inuktitut unilingual speaking people can apply to your department for business support. If we are going to treat everybody

equally that will have to come up within your system which is evident. I was wondering if you had those kinds of plans in your department.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Mr. Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you. In regard to the public making applications. I know it was pretty hard for some Inuit people to apply for funding and sometimes it had discouraged potential applicants from applying for incentive dollars. We are now accumulating and collecting and reviewing the system.

The residents of the communities from the public, if they're going to be applying for funds they will go through the Economic Development Officer in the communities. Some will be free of charge. Some will be just grants and some will be loan.

In regards to getting staff members who are bilingual people. The Community Economic Development Officers in the communities are 85% Inuit and 15% are non-Inuit. Thank you.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Mr. Iqaqrialu.

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman for your appropriate answer. I'm smiling away here now. However, I would like to ask another question, as a Nunavut resident.

Somebody had asked that question in regards to finances about the co-ops wanting to establish credit unions. I want you to know that not all the communities in Nunavut have co-ops established so we will not be able to reach all the communities with your proposal. Perhaps we should find a better means or other ways of means for those communities that don't have co-ops. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Mr. Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. At this time, for the communities that have requested a credit union they go through the co-op I know it's entirely true that not all the communities in Nunavut have co-ops. If this can go ahead before it does go ahead we will review it as to how we can find other means for the communities that don't have co-ops. Thank you.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Mr. Iqaqrialu.

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. When we go to the main estimates I know that I'll be asking many more questions but I have no further questions. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Kattuk.

**Mr. Kattuk** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. I would like to ask this question. I don't know how many people deal with wildlife issues. Nunavut Government wildlife department, there are many wildlife departments, there is the NWMB, there are regional wildlife boards and there is a wildlife function in your department. So I am afraid there might be confusion.

I would like to get clarification as to how that relationship works.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you. Nunavut Wildlife Management Board, for this entity, members are appointed by the communities and regional associations, the Minister of the Federal Government, DIAND, appoints a person to sit on NWMB and they get nominations from various entities and agencies, and then they are appointed to NWMB.

For the department of Sustainable Development, the wildlife officers are the enforcers of the law and they also work on environmental issues to protect the environment. The wildlife officers also work on conservation areas. Thank you.

**Chairperson:** Mr. Kattuk.

**Mr. Kattuk** (interpretation): The reason I asked this question is because of the regulations. For example the polar bear regulations are the responsibility of the NWMB, which I am sure that they have set the guidelines and regulations for polar bears.

If the community had any concerns in regards to that, when they ask your department will you just pass the buck?...to them?. Thank you.

**Chairperson:** Mr. Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you. At this point in regards to polar bear research it is still the responsibility of the department of Sustainable Development, and we are still seeking direction from the NWMB and we advise the NWMB. Thank you.

**Chairperson:** Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you Mr. Chairman. I have a few questions after hearing some comments. Mining was mentioned as one of the things that is important to look at and also the development, prior to mining coming in the exploration phase. I am not an expert on exploration but I would venture to guess that it is a rather specialized area.

I know that there had previously been some training and development in the Kivalliq region and in this area. I am just wondering if there are any plans to continue with training in this area in Nunavut. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson:** Mr. Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): We do have a budget for Nunavut exploration. We have set aside some funds, 102 thousand dollars for exploration use. Thank you.

**Chairperson:** Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you Mr. Chairman. Another thing with mining as the Minister made quite clear in his statement is that it effects our land. The land is one of the most important resources and once it is used up it is something that never comes back.

Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the Minister, I know that in his statements he talks about a balance between the protection of the land and economic development. I know and I have seen cases where one can go in with the best intentions of working out a compromise when it comes to this type of development.

I am just wondering Mr. Chairman, does the department or the Minister have a mechanism in place or even just the Ministers' feeling, about what they would do in a situation where there was a gridlock between development and a company looking to do some development, and say a community which is going to be effected by that. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson:** Mr. Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Yes. Thank you. The Nunavut Impact Review Board has been established and implemented. The applications go to the impact review board from the companies. Thank you.

**Chairperson:** Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you Mr. Chairman. I don't totally understand this. Pardon my ignorance. Are you saying that it goes through the Board and they approve the development or not.

If there is a segment of the population or the community effected that says absolutely no that they didn't want anything to do with this, and everyone else is saying yes, will it go ahead or is there a dispute resolution mechanism in place to deal with that. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson:** Mr. Arvaluk , you have a point of order.

**Hon. James Arvaluk:** Pardon me if I am wrong. I think the question is more to do with the legislation or regulation issues, not in the budget rather maybe in October, maybe in the legislation session. Correct me if I am wrong.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): At this point we don't know if his comments are in line with the department system or what you are saying. But you may go ahead.

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you Mr. Chairman. I don't need a response to that right now but it is just something that I had thought about as the discussion went along with mining. I wouldn't mind if I could get a reply to that in the future.

Going on to the BIP policy that a member talked about earlier. Along with that there was a policy called a northern manufactured goods policy. I am just wondering if that has also been brought over from the GNWT to the Government of Nunavut. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson:** Mr. Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Yes, thank you. I apologize Mr. Tootoo, this was cut off as only one firm was covered.

**Chairperson:** Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, throughout the Ministers' statement it talks about the need to try and retain dollars in Nunavut, and that is something that I firmly believe in as well.

I think that if the government can commit to some type of incentive for someone to manufacture products in Nunavut, that would mean you are only bringing in raw materials into Nunavut, you would be using local employment to turn those raw materials to turn those into products that could be used in construction, in anything.

I know for example, here in Iqaluit, there is a firm that makes things like sewer tanks, windows, cabinets, those type of opportunities, if someone was to invest in the equipment to produce those types of goods in Nunavut, and shows a commitment to creating employment, stimulating the economy of Nunavut;

I think the department should take a look at providing some sort of commitment or subsidy to those types of manufacturing companies in Nunavut, otherwise what incentive for someone to manufacture goods up here where you have the higher overhead costs in doing that.

It just wouldn't put them on the same level playing field with someone manufacturing these products in the south. I am just wondering if that is something that the department will look at. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson:** Mr. Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. At this time we still won't get any legislation geared toward individuals things. But I also want to assure you that we will be looking into and reviewing this issue this coming fall.

**Chairperson:** Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you Mr. Chairman. If I could go back to the Ministers' comments on the fact that the manufactured goods policy was a one-time thing. If that is the case, I thought it was a policy, along with part and parcel with the business incentive policy. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson:** Mr. Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. I was getting whispered to by my Deputy Minister from what the interpreters were saying. We can't make legislation that deals with only one person. I would like to inquire what the interpreters said, because I didn't hear all of the question. I would like him to repeat it.

**Chairperson:** Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo:** I was just referring to your comments earlier about the Northern Manufactured Goods Policy being a one time thing. I am under the understanding that it was a policy that was part and parcel of the business incentive policy, geared towards northern manufacturers.

I am not saying just to any individual company or firm but to anyone who is a manufacturer in Nunavut, that would be able to apply similar to the way that northern businesses, they would be able to receive the same type of assistance or whatever you might want to call it, preferential treatment to a certain point in dealing with that.

If that makes it a little bit clearer, I just wanted to provide some clarification. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson:** Mr. Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Regarding the question that you are talking about, I think my Deputy Minister was part of the review team. Perhaps I should ask her to reply to this question.

**Chairperson:** Ms. Trumper.

**Ms. Trumper:** Mr. Chairman, in adopting the BIP on an interim basis for Nunavut, they looked at the policy and the GNWT had added to the BIP policy two or three directives. One was the commercial accommodation directive which directed contractors doing business with the government to stay in commercial accommodations.



The other one was the Northern Manufacturers directive which you were speaking about. They have taken that out of BIP with the intention of examining those as stand-alone policies. But that would fall into the department of Public Works, so I can't speak with definition on where they are in that process now.

One of the reasons for re-examining the Northern Manufacturers' directive as the Minister was saying, is there is only one manufacturer in Nunavut, so the question was raised, should we be having a directive that benefits only one company only.

**Chairperson:** Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I can understand the response but I think, again, if you look at the larger picture, you want to encourage development in this area. Not only here but in any community, Arviat, Baker, anywhere.

There is no way that any company or individual or firm could be able to compete at the same level as a southern manufacturer. So I am just asking, and I am encouraged to hear that it is something that is going to be looked at as a separate policy.

I just wondered, as was mentioned earlier, with the business incentive policy, is it run through Sustainable Development or is it run through Public Works, and if that type of program is run through Sustainable Development, in the way of a subsidy type program, why would the manufacturer's one go over to Public Works and not be dealt with in the same area. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson:** Mr. Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. We have an interim business incentive policy which came from GNWT and it is due for a review in October. We are not certain who is going to be responsible for these policies and we'll just stay with the old GNWT policies and directives in the meantime. I can't tell you right now which way it is going to be done but we'll do that by October.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Minister. I have two speakers Mr. Iqaqrialu.

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. In your opening remarks you mentioned Article 24 and that this would be incorporated into your department and we can't go any other way because it is under the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement.

Article 24 states that it is only when a company is 51% owned by a northern company then the Article would apply. If it is not 51% northern owned then they cannot be registered or qualify for these incentives.

There are many companies who are not 51% owned. If this is going to be the case then we have to communicate this policy very explicitly to the residents of Nunavut.

According to the figures that you were quoting in your opening remarks, so are you going to adhere to that policy or are you looking for a new policy.

**Chairperson:** Mr. Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Yes it is true what you are saying. It has to be very clearly communicated to the people. Our department can assist in communicating this policy to the residents of Nunavut. A company has to be 51% owned by Inuit or northerners.

We have to communicate this to the public and it is the department's intention to do that, whether it be in a different department or not. Thank you.

**Chairperson:** Mr. Iqaqrialu.

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. There are many companies which are not 51% owned by Inuit. As the department of Sustainable Development, for those companies under 51% you won't be able to do anything for them or require them to adhere to Article 24.

**Chairperson:** Mr. Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. The question was more complicated than it sounded, but the way it is set up right now if they are under 51% we can't require them to do anything.

**Chairperson:** Mr. Iqaqrialu.

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Yes, it is true, I know this answer to be true. My other question is for the department of Sustainable Development, they are also responsible for renewable resources, or wildlife. As the Minister that is under your portfolio.

There are Hunters and Trappers Organizations in the communities and they have had no say in who gets the study funds, for wildlife studies. Sometimes the government just goes ahead and approves a project that is going to have an impact in the communities without going through the Hunter/Trapper organizations. Are you going to be revisiting that area?

**Chairperson:** Mr. Minister.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. The studies on wildlife, studies are one of the most important things that we do as a department. Some of the decisions are based on a lot of the studies that are conducted in the north.

I would like everyone to understand the same thing, and the people that we want to work with, we expect them to live by their commitments and to share the information that they

get. With the groups that we are working with, they have to exercise their power as well, and the requirements have to be followed, and our department will be working closely with the effected organizations.

**Chairperson:** Mr. Iqaqrialu.

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. So the people who are proposing to work with you, would you be providing them with funds to conduct studies for you or do they have to apply for funding from somewhere else.

**Chairperson:** Mr. Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. That will depend on the proponents. We would look at the proposal, we can agree or not agree and we will have people on staff that will deal with specific areas so that everybody is treated equally and given the same consideration.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Mr. Iqaqrialu. You are running out of time.

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): I will try to make this short, I don't think that I will be able to ask all of the questions that I want to ask. Thank you Mr. Chairman. The HTO in my community if they requested funds or wrote up a proposal to do a study, would you then work with that organization and give them the funds to carry out that study.

**Chairperson:** Mr. Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. It would depend on what the proposal was. If they requested funds and didn't provide the details, I don't think they would get the funds. This is the same for any organization or any community, or individual.

If there is a proposal, and it is viable, then it would be considered.

**Chairperson:** Mr. Iqaqrialu.

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): I think that our HTO has been proposing to do studies on whales. If the HTO wrote a proposal to do that study would you give them the funds to carry out that study.

**Chairperson:** Mr. Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. It would depend on what kind of study they would want to do, because whales fall under the DFO, which is under the Government of Canada. We would have to look at their proposal and we would respond appropriately.

**Chairperson:** Mr. Iqaqrialu.

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Yes, I understand. Thank you. I think that I am out of time. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you. Maybe if you take your Chair back you might go faster. I don't have any other speakers. Mr. Akasuk.

**Mr. Akasuk** (interpretation): I want to go by detail now for the department.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Right now? I think we were at 11 – 4, corporate management branch. Mr. Arvaluk. I'm sorry I thought you wanted to speak, Mr. Arvaluk. Operations & maintenance, total operations & maintenance 4 million 99 thousand. Agreed.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Capital. Total capital, zero. Total expenditures 4 million 99 thousand.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Turning the page, Sustainable Development, operations & maintenance, total operations & maintenance 27 million 875 thousand. Agreed? Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I just have one question here. Is it in these grants & contributions that the dollars are allocated to the business development fund and programs that lend money to businesses starting up.

I was just wondering if the Minister, Mr. Chairman, has an idea of what they do have out in loans, and what the default rate, how many of these or what percentage of what we have out there is being paid back and what isn't being paid back. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Did you want your financial comptroller to come to the table. Is that your financial manager.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Mr. Chairman he is our finance officer, maybe he should join us at the table, he has those details.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Okay he can come up. Mr. Kilabuk if you could introduce the new person joining you at the table.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): His name is Jim Martin, he is a finance officer.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you, welcome to the committee Mr. Martin. So who is going to respond to the question that was just asked. Go ahead Mr. Martin.

**Mr. Martin:** Thank you Mr. Chairman. With regards to the question regarding loans in this years' operating budget. In terms of loans the primary vehicle for the department in terms of delivery of loans is the Business Credit Corporation, which is a revolving fund that is established, which is replenished each year to support lending activity.

This year there has been an amount approved at the recent Kimmirut retreat and this amount has been set aside for 1.1 million. It is within this fund that the department would be delivering the activity. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson:** Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you Mr. Chairman. I guess after thinking about it, I asked the wrong question. I guess I should have asked, I would imagine that the outstanding balances from the past Business Credit Corporation would be factored into the division of assets and liabilities within the region.

So I don't know if this is the right place, is there in the outstanding loans out there that are being transferred over to us, what is the amount and what is the delinquency, I guess there are people that are just not paying back those loans, because as Mr. Martin indicated it is a revolving fund, and we can't continually replenish it from government dollars and the dollars from those loans have to be paid back.

I am just wondering if you can maybe give me some information on that. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson:** Mr. Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. I will ask our finance, our finance guy will have to work for his money, so I am going to ask him to reply to that.

**Mr. Martin:** Currently in the division of assets and liabilities, there is a preliminary estimate right now of what Government of Nunavut's portion would be from the BCC loan carry over and that would be approximately 7 million, is the amount of the loan portfolio being transferred over to the Government of Nunavut. Again, that is subject to the finalization of the agreement on division of assets and liabilities.

**Chairperson:** Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you Mr. Chairman. I guess in any loan portfolio that is out there, there is always a provision for write off's in there. Mr. Chairman, out of this 7 million I

am wondering is it perceived that we will get that 7 million or is there some of it out there that we will not be able to collect. Thank you Mr. Chairman.0

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Go ahead, Mr. Martin.

**Mr. Martin:** Thank you Mr. Chairman. With regards to the 7 million loan portfolio, as part of the asset and liability division process, there is significant interest being taken in write-off procedures. So it is anticipated that the preliminary 7 million estimate being provided would reflect all of the appropriate write downs for year end. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson:** Mr. Iqaqrialu.

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. While we are on this detail, when you are providing grants & contributions to new businesses being developed, I wonder if this is the only funding program for newly established businesses. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson:** Mr. Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. I think his question is in regards to small businesses being established and how we provide assistance for them. If that is included in the proposal and that's approved, they can also get grants & contributions and loans from this program. Thank you.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you. We will go ahead. Under page 11 – 5, total operations & maintenance, 27 million 875 thousand. Agreed.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): 11 – 6, Sustainable Development, Baffin 475 thousand. Agreed.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Keewatin 231 thousand. Agreed.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): For the Kitikmeot region, turning the page to 11 – 7, Kitikmeot total 190 thousand. Mr. Iqaqrialu do you want to speak to Kitikmeot.

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. I was not clear on the page, but somebody else gave us a corrected copy.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): For Kitikmeot, total 190 thousand. Agreed. Nunavut total 225 thousand. Agreed.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Total capital 1 million 121 thousand.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Back to 11 – 5, capital, total capital 1 million 121 thousand. Agreed. Total expenditures 28 million 996 thousand. To 11 – 8. Detail of grants and contributions, information item. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. This states Canadian energy research institution, 25 thousand. Can you elaborate on this, I just need a quick clarification on this.

**Chairperson:** Mr. Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. The Canadian Energy Research Institution, is an institute for co-operative energy research. To work together and work collaborate with other organizations, it has to do with energy research. They work with the Government of Nunavut and they also compile the research done on energy as well as receiving directives on planning on energy within Nunavut. To reflect the ideas and issues to do with energy that are being brought through consultation. Thank you.

**Chairperson:** Mr. Iqaqrialu.

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you for the clarification, right under that it says Nunavut Geoscience Office. Can you explain where it is located, can you make that more clear.

**Chairperson:** Mr. Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. I talked about this during my opening statements. The Nunavut Geoscience consists of mineral exploration and research within Nunavut. The office will be located within Iqaluit, due to the fact that they have to work closely with the other governments. Thank you.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Is that it. If there are no more questions. Do you agree.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Open to the next page, detail of grants and contributions, 11 – 9, these are just information items. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. This also states 100 thousand under Nunavut Tourism core funding, regional industries support. Is it for extracurricular activities or can you tell me what it consists of.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Mr. Akesuk, would you like to make a comment now. Mr. Akesuk go ahead.

**Mr. Akesuk** (interpretation): I am sorry Mr. Chairman. I am going to ask about the arts and crafts association in Nunavut.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Mr. Akesuk, we thought that we might not have a quorum. But could you answer first Mr. Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. There might be a typo there in Inuktitut. This Nunavut Arts and Crafts Association, we gave them a contribution to their core funding, we have given the 100 thousand for the Arts & Crafts producers, and to artists in Nunavut. Thank you.

**Chairperson:** Mr. Akesuk.

**Mr. Akesuk** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. My question is Mr. Chairman, those individuals who are training at the Arctic College, arts & crafts programs. Are they being assisted. I know that the students have gone through that program since its' been open for a few years, but are you going to put aside a certain amount of money to be used for that purpose. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson:** Mr. Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. I talked about this earlier as well. The contributions that are put aside are 5 thousand. This is geared to individual applicants from Nunavut that would like to do mineral exploration in Nunavut. This is to do with that.

**Chairperson:** Mr. Iqaqrialu.

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Just on the last page, community economic development officers, contribution to Hamlets. Is this to do with the staff of the Hamlets, or is it just a one time contribution.

**Chairperson:** Mr. Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. These contributions were given to the Hamlets to hire community economic development officers. Thank you.



**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you. Detail of grants & contributions, these are just information items. Do you agree. Agreed. Detail of grants & contributions, Mr. McLean.

**Mr. McLean:** Thank you Mr. Chairman. In regards to the community initiative fund, is that what we refer to, on page 11 – 10, as the CIP fund. My colleague brought it up earlier under the grants and contributions in regards to training for mineral development.

We have presently 2200 people enrolled in school, elementary and secondary school in Keewatin. There is the potential for two gold mines to open up in the Keewatin within the next 2 – 5 years. With those two gold mines comes approximately 500 jobs. 500 jobs times an average of 80 thousand dollars a year works out to quite a few dollars.

From those jobs comes taxes, that go right back to the federal government. The price that was put on the diamond mine in Yellowknife was a billion dollars in taxes and royalties that flows to the Federal Government and that the NWT does not get.

What I am getting to here is that the Department of Education is responsible for the children in K – 12, Arctic College is responsible for other training in regards to adult basic education and other things.

What I am alluding to here is that there doesn't seem to be any money out there, or very little of it identified, that if a couple of gold mines in the Keewatin region start up in the next couple of years, and most of those jobs are going to be at the mine site, 200 in Baker and 300 in Rankin.

It is open pit mining, you are going to need roughly 200 heavy equipment operators, you're going to need roughly 50 – 60 cooks, you're going to need labourers to build the mine.

There is no money identified in the budget anywhere, or very little of it to train a work force starting now, for when these mines are on the go. There is hardly anything identified. What we call it in the Keewatin, is pre-mining training and it covers a broad base. I know the money isn't in your department to train a couple of hundred people for pre-employment in the mines, but do you have any comments on that, or where we are going to find money for training in the next few years. Thank you.

**Chairperson:** His question is lengthy. Mr. Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. I'll ask my Deputy Minister to answer that.

**Chairperson:** Ms. Trumper.

**Ms. Trumper:** Thank you Mr. Chairman. The member is correct, there is nothing specific in the budget for ramping up to the two good gold mine prospects in the

Keewatin. But as you know there has been initiatives in the past, what they called community mobilization, where both levels of government and industry put in money for exactly what you are describing, providing training leading up to the opening of the mine.

I think this is something that the time has come with the two projects advancing as quickly as they are in the Keewatin. And it is something that could be built into the discussion that the department is now having with DIAND on an economic strategy, discussion which we hope will have some definition to it in the next six months. It has been a long process with them so far.

**Chairperson:** Mr. McLean. Briefly.

**Mr. McLean:** Thank you Mr. Chairman.. In regards to that, if this is not identified shortly, that means that the workforce will come from southern Canada and the benefits of the mine, the paycheques will go south, the taxes will go south, and there won't really be that much impact other than a few royalties and things like that. So I hope that the Minister identifies that immediately. Thank you.

**Chairperson:** Mr. Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk:** Thank you Mr. Chairman. The language that, I want to be very clear to the member on this one. This is something that we will commit to and not only because the, how would I put it, it is not only because of what we envision in growing the mining and exploration in Nunavut, but also because we want the people in these communities to be full participants and part of the process. Thank you.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you. Detail of grants and contributions, informational items. Agreed.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Next page 11 –11. Detail of grants and contributions. Agreed. Mr. O'Brien.

**Mr. O'Brien:** Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, under the prospector's assistance program there is 110 thousand dollars identified. Given the importance of mining and the impact it would have on the residents of Nunavut, I believe it is going to be our salvation as far as jobs, it doesn't seem like a lot of money.

It is probably more than we had before but would the Minister consider increasing this amount, so that more financial assistance could be provided to the prospector's in reference to grub stakes. Thank you.

**Chairperson:** Mr. Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk:** Thank you Mr. Chairman. This figure here has been increased from the figures last year. For us to increase it again we would have to find the money from other parts of the department. Thank you.

**Chairperson:** Mr. O'Brien.

**Mr. O'Brien:** Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I see some other areas where there are significant dollar, I guess that what I am asking is can you go back and see if some of those dollars could be swapped around to increase this area here. This is a great program, we've heard lots of good things about it and have had many, many constituents in my constituency who are very active in this field, and I know in the other communities such as Baker Lake, and Rankin and so on, there is a lot of interest there and a lot of prospectors. So I would ask the Minister if he could consider revisiting this to increase it. Thank you.

**Chairperson:** Mr. Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk:** Thank you Mr. Chairman. (interpretation) It will depend on what you want. It depends on if their request is large or small, then we'll be able to review them probably. But we would be able to revisit before approval of the proposals.

**Chairperson:** Is your question answered, Mr. O'Brien. Mr. O'Brien.

**Mr. O'Brien:** Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, the amount that I am speaking of is fairly insignificant when looked at the overall budget, and I would suggest that the Minister try to increase this by 50 thousand dollars, bringing it up to a total of 160 thousand dollars for grub stakes, for prospectors in Nunavut. Thank you.

**Chairperson:** Mr. Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. There was 110 thousand allotted for this prospector's assistance program. It will depend, it could be a revolving fund as well, it depends on how many people are interested in this. So we could revisit this if possible in the future. Thank you.

**Chairperson:** Mr. Iqaqrialu.

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. I'm done.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Back to 11 – 11. Details of grants & contributions. Informational items. Do you agree. Agreed. Next page 11 – 12. Details of grants and contributions. Do you agree. Agreed. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you, the top. Fur price program. 120 thousand. Is there a fur manufacturing facility in Nunavut.

**Chairperson:** Mr. Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. This fund is used solely for seal furs. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson:** Mr. Iqaqrialu.

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Is this talking about the grants from the government. Is it talking about the hunters themselves or from the government.

**Chairperson:** Mr. Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Mr. Chairman, this is to do with grants to harvesters in the form of a guaranteed minimum for selected species of fur. What you refer to as 5 dollars per sealskin. Thank you.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Let's go back to details of grants and contributions, 11 – 12. Do you agree.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Agreed. Next page, detail of work performed on behalf of third parties. These are informational items. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. The Nunavut Wildlife Management Board, do they contribute to this, is that correct.

**Chairperson:** Mr. Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. As we mentioned, we contribute some funds to organizations that we work with. They are the management board of wildlife and they do harvest studies on polar bears, muskox and caribou. This is the area from which we contribute for research.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Detail of work performed on behalf of third parties. Information items. Agreed. Distribution of budget, information items. Agreed. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. On top, it says headquarters 7 million 193 thousand. What is headquarters in Inuktitut.

**Chairperson:** Mr. Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. The budget for headquarters, that's in Iqaluit. Thank you.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Distribution of budget, 11 – 14 information items. Agreed.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Total expenditures, details of expenditures on 11 – 3. Mr. O'Brien.

**Mr. O'Brien:** Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, just a general question to the Minister. In reference to possible slippage in the budget over the next number of months. How does the Minister propose, I guess, this slippage is leftover money, extra money, for example if staff positions aren't filled or projects aren't carried out. How does he propose to spend that and will regular members have an opportunity to have input into the expenditure of this money.

For example, I mentioned that even adding a small amount of 50 thousand to the grub stake program, and it wasn't readily available. So my question is, will the Minister allow the regular members to have some input into expending these additional dollars and I'm sure there will be leftover dollars over the course of the year, and probably a large sum of money.

This is the first year of the government operations and we probably will not fill all of the positions this year that are earmarked for the decentralized communities. Thank you.

**Chairperson:** Mr. Kilabuk.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. ...we would definitely consult with the committees on how we would distribute these funds if there was any surplus funds available. Thank you.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): 11 – 3, Detail of expenditures, operations & maintenance 31 million 974 thousand. Agreed.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Capital, total capital, 1 million 121 thousand.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Total expenditures, 233 million 95 thousand. Agreed. Total expenditures 33 million 95 thousand. Agreed. Total expenditures for the department of Sustainable Development, total main estimates for Sustainable Development. Agreed.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you. Our colleague here, his birthday is today, so he has been smiling. Thank you Mr. Kilabuk, Minister of Sustainable Development, Kathryn Trumper and Mr. Martin. Thank you for your patience. Do you have any closing remarks.

**Hon. Peter Kilabuk** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. I would like to thank everyone for having a better understanding as to what our main estimates are, and just to let you know that I welcome working with you. Thank you.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. When you are working on economic development and business incentive programs, when we were talking about it, it seems like it is an easy task. But I am sure that there are going to be a lot of things that you are going to have to work hard at.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Mr. Iqaqrialu, we just agreed on the main estimates, just say thank you.

>>Applause

**Chairperson** (interpretation): We'll take a ten minute break and decide what we'll do next.

>>Committee Recessed at 5.03 pm.

>>Committee Resumed at 5.15 pm

**Chairperson** (interpretation): We can resume our session, and we can get back to the orders of the day. What is the wish of the members. Mr. Nutarak.

**Mr. Nutarak** (interpretation): Mr. Chairman, I would like to deal with Bill 2. I move that Bill 2 be dealt with at this time.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Mr. Nutarak, I didn't quite understand what you said, can you repeat yourself.

**Mr. Nutarak** (interpretation): On our orders of the day, Bill 2 and Bill 3 be read.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Nutarak. Mr. Nutarak moved to read bill 2 and bill 3, what is the wish of the members. All in favour. Carried. Bill number 2 . I would like to ask the Minister of Education, to see if he has opening remarks.

**Hon. James Arvaluk** (interpretation): Mr. Chairman, I already did my opening remarks for bill 3, so I don't mind not saying my opening remarks but I can go to the witness table if you want me to.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Yes, before we ask any questions, I would like to ask our legal counsel to come and sit beside me. Are you agreed.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you. Our legal counsel can come and sit beside me. Our legal counsel is present at this time. The Minister of Education, James Arvaluk, stated that he can do a presentation on Bill 3. Agreed? Mr. Arvaluk.

**Hon. James Arvaluk** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Yes, Bill 3, Mr. Chairman, there are three main items to Divisional Education Councils Dissolution Act.

Dissolution of the Divisional Councils on July 1, 2000. Each divisional education council is dissolved.

Interim Trustees. Before July 1, 2000 the Minister may with the approval of the Executive Council, appoint an interim trustee for the Divisional Education Council if the Minister is of the opinion that it is advisable for the purposes of facilitating the dissolution of the Council.

Last one. Mr. Chairman, Restrictions on Councils incurring obligations. What this means is when they are dissolved in July the Minister may instruct them to appoint an interim trustee and this interim trustee would not be accountable for any losses or would not be liable for loss or damage.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you Minister of Education. Comments or concerns.

**Some Members:** Clause by clause

**Chairperson** (interpretation): We'll go clause by clause.

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): I'll start reading, Bill 3 – Divisional Education Councils Dissolution Act. I apologize. I am just going to read them out by number.

Clause 1, Agreed?

Agreed.

Clause 2, Agreed?

Agreed.

Clause 3, Agreed?

Agreed.

Clause 4, Agreed?

Agreed.

Bill as a whole. Agreed? Agreed.

Does the committee agree that Bill three is ready for third reading as amended. Agreed?  
Agreed.

Bill 3 is now ready for third reading, as amended. I am sorry my translated version is incorrect, but the bill is ready for third reading. Agreed?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you, Minister of Education.

**Hon. James Arvaluk** (interpretation): Mr. Chairman, it was moved that we are going to deal with Bill number 2, so our Acting Premier is here at this time, Mr. Ng.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Minister. Mr. Ng, you can go ahead.

**Hon. Kelvin Ng:** Mr. Chairman, I don't have any comments because Minister Picco had given all of the detail on his first reading. But basically to summarize. This bill is to confirm the dissolution of the Boards of Health, to allow for the appointment of an interim trustee, if applicable, outline the powers and duties of that interim trustee, the liability of the interim trustee, and the restriction on Boards and current obligations. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Minister of Finance and Administration. Comments, questions. We'll go clause by clause.

Bill 2 – Boards of Management Dissolution Act

Clause 1. Agreed?

Agreed.

Clause 2. Agreed?

Agreed.

Clause 3. Agreed?

Agreed.

Clause 4. Agreed?

Agreed.

Bill as a whole. Agreed?

Agreed.

Does the committee agree that Bill 2 is ready for third reading as amended.

Agreed.



Bill 2 is now ready for third reading as amended. Agreed?  
Agreed.

Motion is completed, what is the wish of the members. Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you Mr. Chairman, I would like to move that we report progress. Thank you.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): There is a motion on the floor to report progress. All those in favour. Motion is carried. We shall report progress. I would like to thank legal counsel by shaking his hand. Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Item number 20, Report of Committee of the Whole. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

### **Item 20: Report of the Committee of the Whole**

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, your committee has been considering Bills 1, 2, and 3 and committee reports 1, 2, 3 and 4 and would like to report that Bills 2 and 3 are ready for third reading and Mr. Speaker, I move that the report of the Committee of the Whole be concurred with.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Iqaqrialu. There is a motion on the floor. Who seconds the motion. Mr. Ng. All those in favour. Opposed. The motion is carried. Thank you. Item 21, Third Reading of Bills. Item 22, Orders of the Day, Mr. Clerk.

### **Item 22: Orders of the Day**

**Mr. Quirke:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. Tomorrow morning, Thursday June 4, meeting of the regular caucus at 9 o'clock in the Cadet Hall.

Orders of the Day Thursday June 3, 1999.

1. Prayer
2. Ministers' Statements
3. Members' Statements
4. Returns to Oral Questions
5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery
6. Oral Questions
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8. Returns to Written Questions
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    Bill 1 - Appropriation Act 1999/2000.  
    Standing Committee Reports 1-1(2), 2-1(2), 3-1(2) 4-1(2)
20. Report of Committee of the Whole
21. Third Reading of Bills  
    Bill 2 – Boards of Management Dissolution Act  
    Bill 3 – Divisional Education Councils Dissolution Act
22. Orders of the Day

Thank you.

**Speaker:** Thank you Mr. Clerk. This house stands adjourned until Thursday June 3, 1999 at 10.30 in the morning.

Sergeant At Arms.

>>House Adjourned at 5.33 pm.

