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Members Present:

Mr. Tony Akoak, Ms. Pat Angnakak, Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk, Mr. Joe Enook, Hon. George Hickes, Mr. David Joanasie, Mr. Pauloosie Keyootak, Hon. George Kuksuk, Mr. Steve Mapsalak, Hon. Johnny Mike, Mr. Simeon Mikkungwak, Mr. Paul Okalik, Hon. Keith Peterson, Mr. Emiliano Qirngnuq, Hon. Paul Quassa, Hon. George Qulaut, Mr. Allan Rumbolt, Mr. Alexander Sammurtok, Mr. Tom Sammurtok, Hon. Joe Savikataaq, Mr. Isaac Shooyook, Hon. Peter Taptuna.

>>*House commenced at 9:01*

Item 1: Opening Prayer

Speaker (interpretation): Mr. Peter Taptuna, I ask that you lead us in prayer.

>>*Prayer*

Speaker: Hon. Member for Member for Hudson Bay, Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good morning members and good morning to the people of Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to proceed directly to item 19 on the order paper. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The member is seeking unanimous consent to proceed directly to item 19 on the order paper. Are there any nays? There are no nays. We will proceed to item 19. Item 19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole on Bills and Other Matters: Bills 19, 26, 27, 30, 32, 33, 34, 35, 41 and 43, with Mr. Enook in the chair.

I ask that all members remain at their desks so that we can immediately proceed to the Committee of the Whole.

Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>*Assembly recessed at 9:04 and committee commenced at 9:05*

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

Chairman (interpretation): Good morning. I would like to call the committee meeting to order. First of all, to the people of Nunavut, the people watching and listening to the television and radio broadcasts, welcome to the proceedings. In the Committee of the Whole we have the following items to deal with: Bills 19, 26, 27, 30, 32, 33, 34, 35, 41, and 43. What is the wish of the committee? Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Good morning. Mr. Chairman we wish to continue with Bill 34 and the review of the Main Estimates for the Department Economic Development and Transportation followed by the following: Nunavut Arctic College; the Department of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs; the Department of Environment; Culture and Heritage; and, the Legislative Assembly. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Rumbolt. Does the committee agree that we first deal with Bill 34? Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Bill 34 – Appropriation (Operations & Maintenance) Act, 2017-2018 – Economic Development and Transportation – Consideration in Committee

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Good morning, Minister Ell-Kanayuk. I'll ask you first if you have officials you wish to join you at the witness table? Minister Ell-Kanayuk?

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): Yes, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Do members agree to have Minister Ell-Kanayuk's officials join her at the witness table. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Sergeant-at-Arms, please escort the officials in. Just to remind you, we are on page K-5 in English. Thank you Sergeant-at-Arms. Minister Ell-Kanayuk, for the record please introduce your officials. Ms. Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On my left is my Deputy Minister, Sherri Rowe, and on my right is my Assistant Deputy Minister for Economic Development and Transportation, Bernie MacIsaac. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Ms. Rowe, Mr. MacIsaac, welcome to the House. We'll continue. The House was informed of the rules yesterday. If you don't remember them, I will remind you. We're on page K-5, Department of Economic Development and Transportation. Total Operations and Maintenance, to be Voted. \$21,750,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Ms. Angnakak, I can't see very far. Please make yourself visible.

Ms. Angnakak (interpretation): Good morning. I was raising my hand. (interpretation ends) I'll be talking about tourism this morning to start off with.

On September 22, 2016, the Government of Nunavut announced that the Department of Economic Development and Transportation's Tourism and Culture Industries Division would be assuming responsibility for tourism development, marketing and research, visitor experience, and visitors centre operations, and that Nunavut tourism would continue as a membership-based association that would focus on supporting its members.

How many fulltime positions did Nunavut tourism have prior to this announcement, and how many will it have after the end of the current 2016-17 fiscal year. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I can respond to part of that question. Nine fulltime positions will be transferred to our Department of Economic Development and Transportation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: The number of positions in your department's Tourism and Cultural Industries Division is budgeted to increase from nine in the 2016-17 fiscal year, to 19. How many of these positions are planned to be filled with former employees of the Nunavut Tourism. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The positions will be advertised using the usual practices of the government for advertising positions through competitions. If former employees of Nunavut Tourism wanted to apply for those positions through that process, they are able do so. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Your department's draft 2017-20 business plan also indicates that one of your department's priorities has been to initiate an economic impact study on tourism, and that was to determine the impact of tourism activities on the Nunavut economy and the impact of external economic factors on tourism in Nunavut.

Your business plan also indicates that the first phase of the study has been completed and phase two is underway. What conclusions were reached during the first phase of the study, and why was the study done in two phases? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to refer the question to my Assistant Deputy Minister, Mr. MacIsaac. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Mac Isaac.

Mr. MacIsaac: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The first phase of developing a Nunavut Tourism Economic Impact Model included the economic outputs and the impact on gross domestic product, on labour income, and on jobs created.

We're still analyzing the data that we collected and we're compiling the report and compiling the information for the report. The reason it was divided into two phases was largely related to funding. The phase two is funded by the federal government or will largely be funded by the federal government. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Can the department tell us how much the study costs in total? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We don't have that figure in front of us and we can pass it on to the member. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. She said that she will provide that information to you. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In your business plan, on page 204, it says here that "The department assists the Nunavut Tourism Association with delivery of the Canadian Tourism Human Resources Council National Occupational Standards," it's a great big long title, "and addresses training needs of community stakeholders to strengthen the tourism industry readiness and capacity."

The status is that the partnership agreement has been put in place and work has started. Can you provide us with more details on what that all means and what the impact will be at the end of it all? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll ask my Deputy Minister Bernier McIsaac to answer this question. (interpretation ends)

Mr. McIsaac: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The department and this division of tourism engage in a number of multi-party discussions across the country, including aboriginal

tourism business associations, and bodies that include all territories, provinces and the federal government.

There's a common theme in all these discussions in that the economic impact of tourism with respect to jobs and also with respect to business opportunities is an area that requires more work and the Government of Nunavut sees this as an opportunity for us to learn from the efforts of other jurisdiction on how they addressed job opportunities and also business opportunities in Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mrs. Angnakak.

Mrs. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I don't work in the field; I never have in the tourism field. One of the things that I always seem to see is that people want to always market Nunavut, which is a great thing. But, very often, the foundation I find is not well developed.

I think we need to do a lot more training around the hospitality part of tourism and even just the basic things such as making sure that there's proper accommodation where we market. If you're going to market a community, that they actually can deliver a service.

When I looked at the business plan, I think it was in draft form at the time, a few year ago, and couple years ago. It seemed to be very much geared towards the marketing side, but not so much at the foundation parts of tourism.

For example; I don't know maybe this is going on, but it seemed, when I was growing up anyhow, in Pangnirtung, we were young teenagers and we actually went to a course that was delivered in Pangnirtung for outfitting.

The whole community was sort of encouraged to take part in these kinds of things, like fishing. How to look after the fish properly and stuff like that. So, I'm wondering, what kind of emphasis are you going to look at? Are you going to look at this? Do you feel that there is more need to more work into having a better foundation that we could market? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It's part of our priorities in 2017-2018 to develop a curriculum of targeted training and certification in the tourism sector. Also, the funding that has been moved from Nunavut Tourism to the Community Tourism and Cultural Industries, under ED&T.

The focus is to align this funding with a more robust and resourced development mandate under TCI. It makes sense from an administrative and development prospective to do that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mrs. Angnakak.

Mrs. Angnakak.: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Can the minister or her department officials tell us then, when we talk about working with more of the foundation level of developing our tourism market, what areas do they feel should be made a priority? Thank you, Mr. Chairman

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll have my associate deputy minister McIsaac respond to that.

Chairman (interpretation): Mr. McIsaac.

Mr. McIsaac: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The member is exactly right. There are three basic areas that we feel are important. One is the training, as the member had mentioned, preparing people to work in this business.

The second is developing the infrastructure that would be required to allow for more tourism in communities. I'm talking about things like better hotels or revamped hotels.

Another area is product, which would be when a tourist goes to a community; what can they do and what services are available in the community to provide for the tourists? With the latest realignment between Nunavut Tourism and our department, the Department of Tourism and Cultural Industries, one of the main transfers was what's called the destination marketing organization, which actually markets Nunavut. So if we're going to be marketing Nunavut for the world to come here we need to be able to be able to house them, feed them, and give them interesting things to do. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That's very good to hear. That's exactly my point. I think you're definitely going in the right direction, I like to hear that.

Yesterday, when the finance minister was before us we were talking about how to promote Nunavut. When he was before us it was regarding how to entice potential employees to come to Nunavut. Is that something that your department can work with finance?

Is that something that, when you see on TV about Newfoundland; they have a very good ad about their community and the Northwest Territories has a great ad, and even the Yukon. Could we look at doing something like that with maybe the two departments collaborating with one another. You could really, what they say, you can put them both together and save a lot of money. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) We can work with the Department of Finance and whoever is interested in working with us. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. K-5. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Good morning Madam Minister and your officials and to the people of Nunavut and to the people of Baker Lake.

I would like to ask questions to the minister. I'm sure she'll understand. When I was first elected I asked this question. (interpretation ends) Your department's development partnership agreement policy expired on March 31, 2016. Under this policy, mining companies that entered into DPAs with the Government of Nunavut were eligible to apply for fuel tax rebates.

On December 22, 2016, the Department of Finance announced that fuel tax rebates will only be available to individuals and firms engaged in traditional activities and mining exploration. The rebate will no longer be available to firms using the fuel for mining development, extraction or reclamation.

On March 3, 2016, you stated in the Legislative Assembly that your department and the Department of Finance were working on developing a replacement for the development partnership agreement.

As of today, what is the status of this work? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We are in the final stages of finalizing the development of that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In my next question, although I know it will have more than one impact, what is the status of the government's current development partnership agreement with the company that operates the Meadowbank Mine? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will have my Assistant Deputy Minister, Mr. McIsaac, respond.. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Mr. McIsaac.

Mr. McIsaac: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is the last year of the current development partnership agreement with Agnico Eagle Mines. They were the only producing mine that we had entered into an agreement with and this would be the last year.

We have entered into agreements with a number of exploration companies and those relationships where they will be able to take advantage of the fuel tax rebate will continue. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the official for the response. So when we look at the DPAs, are you going to be negotiating or working on a new DPA with Agnico Eagle saying that they are now going to have a satellite project? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We are working on a more comprehensive memorandum of understanding with Agnico Eagle. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In your business plan, on page 205, the first paragraph, for minerals and petroleum resources, the funding for that was \$2,047,000, but for this next fiscal year, the funding has decreased to \$1,788,000.

What is the reason for the decrease, if you could explain that? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll have my assistant deputy minister, Bernie McIsaac, respond. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Mr. McIsaac.

Mr. McIsaac: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The reason for that is one of the functions of that particular department is what is called socio-economic monitoring committees, which are committees that are established in every community to monitor the progress and commitments that are made by mining companies in each region. That function has been transferred out of that unit and now is the responsibility of the regional offices. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. So when we look at regional offices are you referring to regional offices within the Government of Economic Development and Transportation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Yes Mr. Chairman, Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. We're on K-5 and in the Inuktitut V-5, Mr. Joanasie.

Mr. Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to say good morning and I welcome Mr. McIsaac and Ms. Rowe.

First of all, I would like further clarification on something, in which in the past year, we started hearing that the sale of Inuit carvings internationally had dropped very drastically. I wish to ask what the status of the studies that were carried out, I believe in the past year and the 2016-17 fiscal year is ending soon. Have you heard about any changes or has there been an increase in the marketing of Inuit art, or has it remained the same? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to ask the member to identify the page number in the business plan. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Joanasie if you would say the page number.

Mr. Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you. In the business plan, I believe it would be on page 203, art development program, \$295,000. I believe it would be under that section. Then there is the Sanaugait Strategy for growth in Nunavut's arts and crafts centres and selling and marketing internationally. Could we get an update on what's happening on this program. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will get Mr. McIsaac to respond to the member's question. Thank you.

Chairman: Mr. McIsaac.

Mr. McIsaac: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. this particular program is used to help artists market their art. It's also used to allow them to buy equipment and supplies that they might need to actually make their art.

The member's question about selling outside the country; that for the most part is based on legislation that you might find in other countries. For example they might not allow the import of certain materials such as ivory or marine mammals or parts of marine mammals, etc.

We have to be very careful when we market or help artists market their materials. I'll give you an example: with the cruise ships that went through the Northwest Passage this summer we have to understand who the passengers are and what they are allowed to bring into their own countries in such a way that what we promote to them or what we try to sell to them, or get the artist to sell to them, is reflective of what they're allowed to do. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Joanasie.

Mr. Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to thank you again. In your opening comments you indicated that the Nunavut Arts and Crafts Association is going to get an additional \$150,000, which is very good. Whether the carvings are made of soapstone or if sewn art, it would be of benefit to get additional dollars to help artists.

We know that Inuit are expert seamstresses and expert carvers. I can use an example of my waistcoat that I am wearing. My wife made her very first vest but there are a lot of people out there who make these beautiful hand sewn crafts, be it kamiit, mitts and made out of traditional material.

The Department of Economic Development and Transportation or through the Nunavut Arts and Crafts Association, what are you doing to market? Do you work closely with the arts and crafts sector to market their handicrafts, because we hear, just for example, if you make a pair of kamiit and you sell them through the internet they can be purchased for over \$1,000.

What is your department doing to market and to give further support to the arts and crafts sector? Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the member for that question. His vest is very nice.

>> *Laughter*

Mr. Chairman, the arts and crafts association's funding is increased in their core funding. For over 16 years NACA has supported the development of artists and they produce high quality work to market their work across Canada and around the world.

I can give an example of a time when NACA brought 40 artists from across Nunavut to the 2016 Northern Lights Tradeshow in Ottawa, and that was attended by over 5000 people in three days. The Nunavut delegation marketed and sold art and cultural products and facilitated a stronger relationship between northern regions and established northern relationships with southern businesses.

NACA has about 250 active members and 700 non-active members. They provide training, marketing, promotion, product development, materials and tool supplies and they serve as a principle support for information source for the arts and crafts sector.

We have expanded the definition of art to include all disciplines so that visual art, performing arts, music and dance, film, video, fashion design and publishing can be included. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Joanasie.

Mr. Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would also like to thank the minister for her response.

You stated that it is inclusive of arts and crafts, visual arts and so on. In your business plan on page 203, it also indicates that there was a huge conference on October 23 and 24. The agenda addressed challenges and opportunities for tourism development. In 2017-18, there is also going to be another Canadian Council of Tourism meeting. Could you give us a brief outline of what's included in this strategy and when can we be able to see it, or when is it going to be tabled? Thank you, Mr. Chairman

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I had tabled that strategy in 2015, let me start over again. (interpretation ends) The review, tabled in 2015, recommended the department develop a new comprehensive arts strategy to support all disciplines. So, you're right, we held an all arts summit in October, 2016, which laid the groundwork towards the creation of a new comprehensive all arts strategy.

The art summit brought together about 70 delegates, arts organizations and arts sector stakeholders from across the territory, representing all arts disciplines. We're anticipating to be completed by the end of this year, 2017. The development of this new strategy. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Joanasie.

Mr. Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to thank you. I would like to move on to another subject, regarding community tourism, which was touched up on earlier.

It was last year, can the minister indicate if the, which communities have (interpretation ends) outfitters (interpretation) where there's a growing market for outfitters because you give (interpretation ends) licenses (interpretation) to the community outfitters. Was there an increase over the past year in the number of outfitters that are available out there?
Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We don't have that level of detail here with us. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Joanasie.

Mr. Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Outfitting is a business in the tourism sector, and with those communities who have close parks like in Grise Fiord, Pond Inlet and there's Katannilik Park near Kimmirut, do you have advertisements promoting outfitters, promoting outfitting and supporting people who would like to start outfitting businesses, Katannilik Park is close to Kimmirut, also it's between Kimmirut and Iqaluit.

Every year there's celebrations, for example; in Iqaluit, we have Toonik Tyme, then there's the snowmobile race held between Iqaluit and Kimmirut, is it possible, do you do promotional, do you do activities to promote these types of activities internationally in order to attract more tourists coming in to Nunavut? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Yes, thank you, Mr. Chairman. First of all, the snowmobile racing at Toonik Tyme is not our responsibility. I believe that is under the City. I'm not sure who is responsible for coordinating that event.

In regard to outfitting, we provide funding. Those monies are available by request. Nunavut Tourism also has membership and have activities involving territorial parks. There's usually information going out to the membership about activities, also promoting what they do and that information is available globally.

Whether it includes parks or if there's outfitters, Nunavut Tourism is responsible for those types of activities but in regards to education, training and supporting that is one of our initiatives by our department. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Joanasie.

Mr. Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Can she indicate how many times or which communities where training is provided in tourism in the past year?
Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We don't have the information with us. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Joanasie.

Mr. Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you. Perhaps she can table them in the future. Turning to another subject. On page 205, on mineral exploration and the prospector program. Has it been running well? Perhaps have you found people who want to prospect in the communities or who have identified what minerals might be available to mine near their communities. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The department funds this program at \$150,000 annually and the level of budget currently meets the demands from the applicants from across Nunavut. Since it's inception of the program more than 1,000 Nunavummiut have completed the introductory prospecting course delivered by the department in all 25 communities of Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Joanasie.

Mr. Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you to the minister. Anybody can attend those courses for prospecting for what is contained in the minerals, the makeup of the minerals. When they're prospecting, they can do that. However, after they complete the course there is a next step. If I took the course and if I found something, a possible mine, they put up stakes for a claim. What is the next step that they can take for people who have completed those courses? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The program shows the participants how to do all that process of mining and staking. The program encourages Nunavummiut to become independent prospectors and entrepreneurs and to apply their knowledge on the land to mineral exploration. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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Chairman: Mr. MacIsaac. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Yes, I noticed the Premier raised his hand that would like to speak. I would like him to speak. Thank you.

Chairman: Premier Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That’s a very good question from the committee member.

As you know, on December 20th, the Prime Minister made an announcement that there is going to be a moratorium put on oil and gas development in the arctic; not just in Nunavut but in throughout the arctic.

As you know, Mr. Chairman, we’re in the process of negotiating on devolution with the federal government and this announcement is very disappointing because it was done unilaterally. I didn’t find out about the situation [until] I was told it was going to happen within the phone call I got about this announcement 20-minutes previous to that announcement.

Of course, all three territorial premiers, including myself were in the process of negotiating devolution. You don’t take a potential source of revenue away from a jurisdiction or a territory while you’re in the midst of negotiating resource royalty sharing and authority to manage your own lands, so that was very disappointing and we made that known. We issued a news release with the three territorial premiers. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Premier. Mr. Sammurtok.

Mr. Sammurtok: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I’m not sure whether you might have information or not, however I’m kind of interested. The world price of oil has dropped

significantly in recent years. What is the minimum price at which oil extraction would be profitable in the arctic? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We have a geologist here with us, so I would like my Assistant Deputy Minister, Bernie MacIsaac, to answer that question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. MacIsaac.

Mr. MacIsaac: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If we knew that number we would all be millionaires, but all humour aside, as you can imagine, the cost of extraction of oil and gas in the arctic is significantly higher than what it would be elsewhere, for example, in Alberta or Texas or Saudi Arabia. The economics up here are different. At the current price of oil and gas I would suggest, especially for oil, that oil deposits up here are not economic. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Sammurtok.

Mr. Sammurtok: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My next question was touched by one of my colleagues, however your department's Development Partnership Agreement Policy expired on March 31, 2016. Under this policy, mining companies that enter into DPAs with the Government of Nunavut are eligible to apply for fuel tax rebates.

On December 22, 2016, the Department of Finance announced that fuel tax rebates will be available to individuals and firms engaged in provisional activities and mining exploration. The rebate will no longer be available to firms using the fuel for mining development, extraction or reclamation. On March 3, 2016, you stated in the Legislative Assembly that your department and the Department of Finance were working on developing a replacement for the DPA agreements.

As of today, what is the status of this work? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. I think he answered that earlier on, but Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. to re-iterate that answer, it's the same answer as I gave earlier and that is that we're very close to finalizing the new agreement. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Akoak

Mr. Akoak: Thank you. Mr. Chairman. Good morning Ministers, staff.

This was touched upon by my colleague, Mr. Joanasie, on the Nunavut Prospectors Program; 150,000. Do these people need a valid prospecting license before or do they get it afterwards? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. They don't need it when they're doing the prospecting course, but they would need in the future if they wanted to stake a claim. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Akoak.

Mr. Akoak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Also, these people find some minerals of some sort and they do want to get it assessed to see whether they're worth anything or not; would your department be able to help them ship it to a company who can do that? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mrs. Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: yes, our geologists do that with our participants on a regular basis. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Akoak. Second round on questioning, Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman for acknowledging me again. In your business plans, page 207, I just want to get clarification because I know that our community has been impacted with the mining company, the very last bullet; increase proactive dialogue with communities effected by all, or certain to be affected by source development.

To increase awareness of and gain public confidence in the regulatory environmental and social economic assessment process, my question is that, for the life of the mine, from the beginning to the end of the completion of the mine, are you going to be utilizing the awareness thing. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If I understood the member correctly, that new Development Partnership Agreement, that will be agreed to will address that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak: Yes, Thank you. In regard to the DPA, and I know that you're working on the Development Partnership Agreement Policy. Once the policy is

completed, like for example; Baker Lake, would they be informed and what kind of consultation would occur? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, they would inform the communities. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Chairman. Also, I would like to thank the Minister.

Moving on to another topic, I was looking for it in the business plan, but, communities usually make a request or they would apply for funding to construct access roads outside of the community in English it's called access road, do you provide funding for access roads and how much funding is allocated for that program. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That program falls under the community transportation initiative as the member may know we're having an increase a one time increase of \$2,500,000 in this program so that we can catch up on some of the wants that the communities have identified and this program supports development to essential links like hunting and fishing areas and tourism destinations and make other land activities possible. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to thank the Minister for responding clearly that there was a one time increase done.

I need to get clarification in regard to this issue again. When a community builds access roads to the hunting area and if they wanted to construct access roads do they just make an application to your department for that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It goes through our department here in Iqaluit the proposals are sent here. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I found on page 197 the minister elaborated on that because I know that there was a one time increase. This figure \$4,000,000, is that for one fiscal year. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. I have names on my list but we will take a ten-minute break.

Committee recessed at 10:08 and resumed at 10:22

Chairman (Mr. Enook)(interpretation): Let's move on with our proceedings. We are on page K-5. Mr. Qirngnuq.

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. First of all, I know that members have been asking questions and I would like some clarification. I'm not sure if it was the first time or not but we had received cruise ships. In the visiting cruise ships visit again in the future? Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. At this time, they have not announced the itineraries of which cruise ships will be visiting Nunavut communities. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Qirngnuq.

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There are times there are smaller sailboats that travel north through the Northwest Passage. Is your department aware of where these sailboats come from? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The sailboats are usually privately owned and don't bring tourists with them. Therefore, they don't need to update licenses or permits, and so we don't always know what's happening.

(interpretation ends) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Qirngnuq.

Mr. Qirngnuq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I know that your department doesn't have any idea where they go, I'm sure it's not much of a concern but, moving on to another item.

I know that the members' mentioned the oil extraction or oil development in Nunavut; I know that they don't want oil extraction in the north or exploration. They don't want to see seismic study being done in the waters in the north. Are you considering any other

options on oil exploration, other than seismic testing? If you can understand me, thank you. Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. the seismic survey, if it's approved, or if it's, that they need to do strategic environment assessment first before the actual seismic testing or seismic survey is done, if they need to do that assessment first, then they can go ahead with seismic survey and I need to elaborate further that the Federal Government at this time has banned the oil survey or exploration in the north. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Qirngnuq.

Mr. Qirngnuq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I started speaking to the issue; I am now moving on to another topic.

I know that this was mentioned earlier, in regard to marketing of crafts; some Inuit carvings sent out and marketed, I'm sure that we can sell them to the galleries, I know that you're already sending the handicrafts or carvings to the galleries, where do you send, which gallery do you send the carvings out to? Whether out of Canada, to the States or to Canada, which gallery do you send them out to? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. the carvings, handicrafts and other arts included all those, they can through Nunavut Arts and Crafts Association and they showcase carvings through Nunavut Development Corporation and we have our own arts development program within our department and we work with and have an agreement with Canada's Council for the Arts and we work with other entities.

We send out the carvings to the galleries internationally, not just in Canada. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Qirngnuq.

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman and also would like to thank the Minister for her response. Moving onto another item.

In the smaller communities there is no visual arts program in the communities. How can we encourage them to have that program in the smaller communities so that they can do some filming so that they can showcase their art. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Ms. Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There was an arts meeting in October to consult communities more on this program. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Joanasie.

Mr. Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for recognizing me again. I had another question but I ran out of time. I had questions along the line, there's \$150,000 that is made available by your department on page 207, you indicate that you would carry-out a mineral exploration... it's the first bullet, there would be a longer term subscription program under the Nunavut Prospectors Program.

I believe you had planned to start this program, but you didn't get the opportunity to do so this year. It is, however, under your priorities for 2017-18 that you call us long term subscribers. How many subscribers do you have in the Nunavut Prospectors Program? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Ms. Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Because of the downturn, there was not much interest from the industry but we're expecting that to change this year and that they'll be more involved. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Joanasie.

Mr. Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends)

Can the Minister state how many long-term subscribers the department has to this Nunavut Prospectors Program? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There's been over 1,000 subscribers. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Joanasie.

Mr. Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation) It's not here but I've talking about arts. I noticed that on soapstone quarries in Nunavut, I didn't see anything in your business plan on soapstone quarries. Could the Minister give us a further explanation on what's happening with soapstone quarries? I know there's one between Cape Dorset and Kimmirut. I'm sure there are other places. Can the minister tell us if her department provides support for quarries? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, the department is committed to continued support of this important part of our traditional economy. The department is developing phase 2 of its Carving Stone Strategy which will further support carvers and the carving industry in Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Joanasie.

Mr. Joanasie (interpretation): When are we going to be able to see the phase 2 portion of it? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The phase 2 part of the strategy will begin this year. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. We are Economic Development and Transportation. Economic Development. Total operations and maintenance, to be Voted. \$21,750,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Turning to page K-6. I believe Madam Minister you would like to make a few comments before we go further. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like approval to have Mr. MacIsaac leave the witness table and I would like to invite another official. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. The minister would to change witnesses. She would like to replace Mr. MacIsaac with another witness. Is the committee agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Sergeant-at-Arms, please the witness out and we will invite another witness. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. While they are preparing, I have three names who had their hands up. Minister Ell-Kanayuk, please introduce your new official. Minister Ell.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Mr. Chairman, on my right is John Hawkins, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister of Transportation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. Welcome, Mr. Hawkins. We will proceed. Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm going to go backwards a bit to the business plan from 2015 and I just want to make a quote from there where the department said that they would "Conduct planning work for remediation and removal of decommissioned airport buildings in Qikiqtarjuaq, Coral Harbour, Nanisivik, Sanikiluaq and Resolute Bay."

Mr. Chairman, for the past eight years I have been bringing up the issue of an abandoned terminal building in my community, and again, back the business plan of 2015, the status was "Hazardous Substances Surveys were completed for Qikiqtarjuaq, Coral Harbour and Sanikiluaq.

A cost estimate has been determined for the work required at Sanikiluaq. It goes on to say no work has been done on the Nanisivik and Resolute Bay to date. This priority will carry over to 2015-16, a priority for 2016-17 was to complete the planning work and remediation removal in these decommissioned airport buildings in these four communities.

Now, today, in our current business plan, again, it states, complete planning work for remediation and removal of decommissioned airport buildings in these four communities. It's like you're copying from one year to the next and that's the same thing that's appearing in each business plan. Can you tell me today, what work has been in this area in the last three years? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the member for that question. I believe we need to keep putting in our business plan year after year so that decommissioning of old airports, such as Sanikiluaq, Coral Harbor, Qikiqtarjuaq and Resolute Bay keep being on the books.

We are trying every year to move these projects forward, but, we have to apply for the funding. Although as the members know, we have the environmental assessments for all of these four sites; the Sanikiluaq old air terminal building, Qikiqtarjuaq's old air terminal building, Coral Harbor's old airport garage, Resolute Bay's old airport garage.

The department has requested capital funding required moving forward with the removal of these buildings in 2017-18, however, the funding was denied. We will keep continuing to put this project forward for the capital funding process. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And again, in your business plan, you state that you have a cost estimate for the work required in Sanikiluaq; can you let us know how much that project would cost, for remediation? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The cost of decommissioning is estimated to be approximately 400,000 dollars. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This \$400,000, is it just for Sanikiluaq, or is this for all the communities? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That cost estimate is for Sanikiluaq only. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Earlier you stated that you put a request for capital funding for this project to cabinet, did you put a request forward for all the communities or just for Sanikiluaq? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We put in a request, individually, for all projects. Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And the minister also stated the request was denied, you know I've after this now that past eight years. Did the department give a particular reason why the financing was denied? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. No. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. where you stated it would cost about \$400,000 to do Sanikiluaq alone, I wonder if you can explain to us, exactly what process will need to take place, will the building have to be completely taken apart by hand, packaged up and sent out of the community or would only certain parts of the building have to be sent out and the rest go to landfill. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll have Mr. Hawkins answer

that question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Hawkins.

Mr. Hawkins: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Parts of the building will have to be taken apart by hand and the debris be designated substances that will be shipped out. The rest of it can be disposed at the landfill. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I know your request for funding was denied for the project so when do you anticipate putting the next request forward for funding to make this project move forward. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: For the next capital planning process. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Maybe just a comment like I know that funding for different projects are hard to come by. I think my next step would probably be to write a letter to the powers that be to see if I can help in order to obtain funding for this building in my community.

It's just abandoned, there's no windows left in it, the doors are just hanging, the siding is falling off and the building is just beginning to fall apart on its own. I've been asking this for the past 8 years, so I think something needs to be done fairly soon in order to remediate this building. That was just a comment. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. It's just a comment, but the floor is yours, Ms. Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the member for that. We'd welcome a letter like that. Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Shooyook.

Mr. Shooyook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Are we on V-6 in Inuktitut? I welcome the Minister of Economic Development and Transportation and your officials, although I cannot pronounce your names, please be welcome.

In your business plan 2017-20, you describe new plans for navigation aids that will be installed in Arviat, Pangnirtung, Qikiqtarjuak and Kimmirut to improve approach lanes and landing systems in bad. Are these aids being installed now, or in which years will

that work be completed in those three communities? Can you clarify that please? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The installation in three communities have been completed but the approach and landing aids still have to be proposed to NAV Canada. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Shooyook.

Mr. Shooyook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the minister for clarifying that. I will ask a three-part question.

There are five other airports that have been identified for navigation aids. Which communities are you talking about? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The communities are Arctic Bay, Cambridge Bay, Cape Dorset, Coral Harbour, Clyde River, Hall Beach, Kimmirut, Pangnirtung and Qikiqtarjuaq. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Shooyook.

Mr. Shooyook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman and thank you. I wanted to know. The third one. It's my understanding that there will be no infrastructure improvements in ten other communities. What other infrastructure work does that talk about? Which airports require infrastructure improvements? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): In the last 10 airports, their runways will need to be improved. (interpretation ends) 10 airports can redesigned after the runway certifications are upgraded. (interpretation): The airport improvements is for future projects for Baker Lake, Chesterfield Inlet, [Gjoa Haven], Kuugarjuk, Kugluktuk, Pond Inlet, Nauyaat, Taloyoak and Whale Cove. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Shooyook.

Mr. Shooyook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. These ten runways, will they adding new surface gravel on them or what are they talking about? Are they going to resurface them with gravel, or are is this for other work? What's the situation on that? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): Yes, it is for gravel... I apologize for forgetting the correct term, Mr. Chairman. It's not primarily for that purpose, it is for other improvements that are needed at the airports. That's what's in here. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Mapsalak.

Mr. Mapsalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This question has been asked for a long time and I would like to ask again. This is about driver's licenses under motor vehicles and transportation. As I said, this a long-standing issue and past ministers have responded to.

More than one member at the legislature has commented on the long waiting periods for drivers' licenses, with some waiting for one year or more. I don't know for what reason. However, in my constituency, I would like to use an example.

I have been told that people who apply for licenses through the GLO and then they're sent to Rankin Inlet. I'm just wondering if the delays may primarily at the regional office in Rankin Inlet. That office deals with numerous administrative tasks in the region and I believe the chief administrative officer there sometimes ending up working alone.

That might be a large part of why the delays happen. Would the minister be aware of that being the cause for having an inadequate number of staff at the regional office? All too often applicants for drivers' licenses wait for far too long. That's my first question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That can be part of the reason, but there may be other reasons. Some of the staff work for Community and Government Services and many do excellent work. Some of them have not completed their training.

Some applicants send in incomplete information such as copies of their birth certificates, for example.

Another reason that we're trying to improve is that their equipment is very old. In the upcoming year for 2018, all communities will have new equipment. Right now, applications are not send them through electronically or fax, they send them through the mail. Those are then returned through the mail. That method is slow and part of what is causing delays. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Mapsalak.

Mr. Mapsalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, the government GLO is a new person and the person is fully trained and I know that he's very capable. Let me ask a question. In the Kivalliq region where equipment has not be upgraded, maybe it's the cameras. How many are there and how many have new cameras in the Kivalliq, if the minister has that information. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I don't have that information in front of me. They should all have new equipment. I don't know the condition of the equipment and we can give that information to him at a later date. I know some equipment cause some of the problems. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Mapsalak.

Mr. Mapsalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There are water truck drivers or heavy equipment who presently hold drivers' licenses. Some applicants have been waiting for over a year and yet, they can only work with a drivers' license to operate heavy equipment.

I'm sure they're given temporary licenses. I don't think that there should be any reason for delays, other than having to send their applications to Rankin Inlet, which has staffing problems. What is done to determine the cause, does the department ensure the regional office has adequate staff? How does the department go about ensuring the staffing situation is adequately addressed? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman and I thank my colleague for asking about that process, and further, I would invite him to our offices to provide some background in order to come to a common understanding on what the reasons are for the delay and we would be on the same page.

Now, regarding the licensee who has waited interminably for his heavy equipment license for larger vehicles, we would want to get the details in order to ensure that we can resolve the challenges and find out the reasoning for this delay.

Even with saying that, with respect to the staffing situation in Rankin Inlet, they have full contingent of employees who work with all the communities. We would welcome any suggestions to our offices to ensure that we collaboratively resolve these perceived barriers. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Mr. Mapsalak.

Mr. Mapsalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the minister for her response. Yes, that is the case, and we are continually told, indicated to by the ministers

and we hear that NNI more than once a year at the Assembly on the waiting periods and we are always told that they are working on it and they said it will improve so they won't have to wait for too long. With that being the case we are always looking forward on how it will be improved, especially there are many that don't have driver's licences that have been waiting for too long.

As I stated in question period, the hamlet SAO was concerned that many licences have expired but they still have not received their therefore too and they're having a hard time finding drivers. I would like them to look into that. It's not a question; it's more of a general comment. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (Mr. Akoak): That was just a comment if Minister Ell-Kanayuk would like to respond. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would also like to thank the member. In the past sessions, members approved the (interpretation ends) Motor Vehicles Information System (interpretation), which is the computer software to process the various license types.

They are currently installing the connections in all communities so that by 2018, all communities will be able to use this system. Further, all communities don't have GLO positions. Some of the hamlets have a MLO who is not part of our governance system.

This applies in the communities that have program transfer agreements, and we don't have control over their operations, as it is governed by the agreement with the hamlets. Some communities still use these transfer agreements. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. The next name on my list is Mr. Qirngnuq.

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In order to be clear with my questions, I know I have good interpreters so I'll be asking in English. I'd like to ask my first question to the minister but I would also like to welcome her official.

(interpretation ends) Your department's draft 2017-20 Business Plan indicates that one of your department's priorities for the 2017-18 fiscal year is to manage a one-time community transportation initiative program increase. The budget for the program is proposed to be increased from \$1.5 million to \$4 million.

During the 2015-16 fiscal year, your department only spent \$1.421 million out of it's \$1.5 million budget for this program, what is the specific action to justify the purpose increase in the programs budget? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, this is due to some of the projects that were provided that were not done. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Qirngnuq.

Mr. Qirngnuq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Your department's Community Transportation Initiative Program policy currently provides that the maximum contribution any specific project is \$300,000. Are you considering increasing this amount? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Qirngnuq.

Mr. Qirngnuq: As of today, how many applicants for funding under the Community Transportation Initiative Program have been received by your department during the 2016-17 fiscal year? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We have 21 that applied for this funding for 2016-17. Thank you.

Chairman: Mr. Qirngnuq.

Mr. Qirngnuq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think the next question has already touched upon, but to get certification, how many of these applications have been approved, how many of the applications have been denied? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. During 2015, the department over \$3,199,000 in application requests from 19 communities. These 21 applicants were all approved. The funding might not... . What they wanted in terms of the amounts may have been decreased. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Qirngnuq.

Mr. Qirngnuq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My next question, if the minister could answer my question, if not, what is the purpose for denial, and what is the purpose for approval? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There was no denial, the proposals have to meet a program of justice and they need to have the capacity in the

community to carry out the work. The extent to which the community is prepared to contribute to its own resources and the extent at which the local labour and municipal equipment is used. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. We're on page K-6. Next name on the list, Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I know that Mr. Shooyook was asking in regard to this but I'd like to hear the clarification on the question Mr. Shooyook posed.

The navigational aids and the GPS approach I've been requesting that for Baker Lake what's happening with the GPS approach request for Baker Lake. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll have Mr. Hawkins respond.

Chairman: Mr. Hawkins.

Mr. Hawkins: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Baker Lake approach is currently a GPS LPV approach it is the best approach that can be implemented in that community right now until some civil work is done; some obstructions obstacles are removed and some additional civil works. There are a lot of things that happen on the ground that have to be in place before the instrument approach which is in the air can be put in place to its full capability. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Mikkungwak

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for that information. When we look at this civil works for the community of Baker Lake regarding the runway GPS approach and all. Do you have an idea of the costs that we are looking at? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We're talking in the millions. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Mikkungwak

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I know for sure that we will need large sums of money but for the funding that we are talking about would the funding come from the Nunavut government funds or would the funding come from the federal government or would the federal government and GN match the funds.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This would have to come from the Nunavut government budget it's not eligible for ACAP. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. As the minister stated earlier that they are not eligible for ACAP but how are you going to work to install it over there. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As I stated earlier that this Arctic Capital Assistance Program is not eligible for that program. (interpretation ends) It's not eligible. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I know that the minister is elaborating that it's not eligible for ACAP, what is the reason why it's not eligible at this time? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Ell-Kanayuk

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll refer this question to Mr. Hawkins. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Hawkins.

Mr. Hawkins: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The ACAP is available to airports to maintain their certification at its current level these changes that we are talking about would be an increase in the certification level of the airport. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. So in order to change the level of certification how can the Baker Lake runway... . Would there have to be initial assessments or modifications or what work would really have to be done to get to that next level of certification? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll ask Mr. Hawkins to answer that question. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Hawkins.

Mr. Hawkins: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The improvements are typically widening of the graded areas around the runway, removal of obstacles around the airport out to five miles or so, it could be as far as that. Improvements to the lighting systems. Those all sort of make up the certification part of it that's on the ground that gives a higher level certification and then the approach can be designed around that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. While we're still talking about airports, I guess my next question here would be is: I do recall there was a proposal submitted regarding the renovation of the current Baker Lake terminal building. What is that status on that? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We'll have to get back to the member on that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you very much Mr. Chairman. I'll wait for that information. Will that information be provided to myself in writing? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman and I also thank the minister for her response.

This matter was referenced earlier by my colleague, Mr. Mapsalak, in his queries about the heavy equipment licensing issues as some drivers in Baker Lake have also had to wait for too long.

What I want to ask about relates to a previous response by the minister about the forms that are filled out, which are sent out via the postal system down to Rankin Inlet. Is this using the faster postal rate?

Now what seems to slow down this process obviously is that they send out the applications when they reach a certain number and I wonder if they should send it as cargo? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and I thank the member for that question.

Once we have the motor vehicle information system in place, the documents will be able to be sent electronically; currently they are mailed. Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.

Chairman: Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Once we're computerized and when we're able to send them out electronically would this electronic system be in place this year and are we going to have all the cameras and everything also be upgraded? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Now this will be up and running by the end of 2018 and it will include new equipment and cameras. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It's clear that some communities wait for quite a while. I'll use myself as an example. I have had a driver's licence for many years. It contains my house number, my mailing address and the required information, including my height and weight, which has never changed much.

When it's time to renew my licence, I don't know anything about categories like class 1, class 2, class 3, class 5, class 7 for different types of drivers.

Has your department considered simplifying classification such as class 1, class 2, class 3 in such a way to improve the whole process for driver's licenses.

For example, if you have a class 1, to be able to use that same licence for three years. The reason I ask is that in Canada, the Firearms Certificate was changed and it's now good for five years, and 10 years I think. Is it not possible to consider extending the life of those licences? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The classes that the member referred to, class 1, 2, and so forth, some of those require medical examination and that is why they have to be a certain timeframe, because of the medical exam that is required. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I understand the minister's response. I guess, so that the Motor Vehicles Division is not bombarded with so many applications on a yearly basis, maybe it could be the reverse.

For people who do not need to have the medical examination, could they not attain the driver's license for maybe two years, instead of just having it for one year? I guess that is my question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The class 5 driver's licence, the regular driver's licence is valid for five years but the other classes that require a medical examination; we can look into that. Right now we'll have to look at that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. The next name on the list is Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I don't have very many questions, just so you know. I do want to talk a little bit about the Iqaluit airport.

I read on page 215 in your business plan, you talk about monitoring the P3 Partner's compliance. I wonder if you could talk a little bit about who monitors the compliance provisions on behalf of the Government of Nunavut, and furthermore, what concerns have been raised by the partners or to the partners, and at the end of all of that, is there somebody that goes over the numbers and such to make sure that things are running the way that they are supposed to be? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll try to answer all her questions.

The projects steering committee consists of the Deputy Ministers of Economic Development and Transportation, Community and Government and Services and Finance. As the project is large, has many regulatory and technical aspects, it is being delivered under a complex project agreement.

The steering committee has been insuring that the proper technical advisory and legal resources are in place to ensure it's long-term success in terms of her question, as to who

goes through the numbers, we have staff that actually work with the proponents. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mrs. Angnakak.

Mrs. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And I guess my last questions was, or my middle question may have gotten lost in there about what concerns have been raised by any of the parties and how have they been addressed? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to refer this question to Mr. Hawkins, the Acting Deputy Minister.

Chairman (Mr. Enook): Mr. Hawkins.

Mr. Hawkins: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We meet with them regularly, weekly, monthly and we go through all of the plans that they bring to us, operational plans, we go through all of anything that is from changing the initial design, we go through Inuit employment numbers, Inuit business engagement and we go through all those things, anything that's come to concern have been, they have a lot of flexibility on how they build the thing.

We monitor them to make sure that they are building it to the initial proposal that they gave us. We do reviews of their Inuit engagement in their project and annual reviews. Their spending is not really an issue that we monitor because that's their business. Any environmental clean-up of the site to make sure that it was done as project agreement has required. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mrs. Angnakak.

Mrs. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. so, when you are monitoring such things, such as making sure the building is being built the way it's supposed to, environmental clean-up, do you have any expertise on your side to make sure those provisions are being met? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We have internal and external expertise to assist us. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mrs. Angnakak.

Mrs. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If you have a situation where you can't agree on something, do you have like an appeals provision or something like that, how do you settle disagreements? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There is a dispute process as said out in the agreement. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mrs. Angnakak.

Mrs. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. which is, can the minister tell us? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll have Mr. Hawkins Elaborate. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Mr. Hawkins

Mr. Hawkins: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There are several processes in the dispute process, so, smaller, or the initial review of one will be done with a referee. That's a relative simple process, then it would go into a arbitration type of process. From there, it would, if it would not resolve in either process, end up in litigation process. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Has any disagreement ever reached the arbitration process? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There has been one referee type process. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Of course, that sparked my interest now. What was the issue about? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I may not have heard her question but if she asked about the referee performance, the answer is that there was one issue with an accounting performance. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I want to talk a little about the road going to the airport that's been a little bit of a problem I think where all sides being in the City and the Government and I guess the company building, the airport everybody's saying that everybody else is responsible for paving the road. I'm not sure why it wasn't included as part of the overall package of building the airport.

I can't see a road in that condition the way it is where you sometimes feel you're on a boat going over waves. It's going to be that much good after the first year of uses all of that increased traffic. I'm wondering if the Minister can elaborate a little about what's going on there and how we're going to solve this issue. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Maybe if I can refer to my deputy minister.

Chairman (interpretation): Ms. Rowe.

Ms. Rowe: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The road going out to the airport is a City road and so for roads that are in the community, that's the Department of Community and Government Service's who looks after the roads but it's the City of Iqaluit I mean it's their road but what we're trying to do is have everyone work together to try to come up with some solutions of this road. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. So how far along are you on with those discussions and is the City involved at this point in time? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): I would like to refer this again Ms. Rowe. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Ms. Rowe.

Ms. Rowe: My understanding is that Community and Government Services has been meeting with the City of Iqaluit. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Is ED&T not part of those meetings? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) I'll have Ms. Rowe answer that question. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Ms. Rowe.

Ms. Rowe: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Currently we have not been involved in that discussion. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If you're not involved, how are the parties trying to work together because you oversee a huge project and I kind of like to also know where the proposed of the airport who are building the airport stand on this too.

I think it's a really important issue and it really does need to be address now and I think the City I don't know where they stand on things I mean I know that they're pointing the finger over back to the government and saying, "we don't have the money to build this". I'm hoping somebody has a solution.

It could be terrible to have an airport that's worth that amount of money millions and millions and the n have such a terrible road going to it that that's all that is going to stick out is the road and maybe not the nice beautiful airport that we've got but more like the terrible road condition leading to it. Why are you guys not involved. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In terms of the proponent that she inquired about it's outside of their project scope, but in terms of involvement I'll ask Ms. Rowe to answer the question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Ms. Rowe.

Ms. Rowe: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll look into that and get back to you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think it's a really important issue on this. Perhaps if the department can write maybe through our Chairman about what's going on with this because I think its important enough that it's such a huge project I know that you say it's out of the scope and in some sense, I wish it could have been included you know as part of the overall thing I think that was just perhaps an issue of maybe hindsight's always 20/20.

I think it's an issue that needs to be solved sooner than later we need to ensure that we don't have this beautiful new airport and then have everybody grumbling about who is going to pay for the road that we end up having to repair a terrible road system that sticks out more than the new airport.

Just the other thing as the minister knows we had a meeting with the counselors here the city counselors in Iqaluit and one of the issues that was raised to us in regard to the airport was the fact that they had not really been consulted before the project began and we're sort of told almost the day before the announcement came out that this was happening in Iqaluit.

Their concern is they are left to deal with the infrastructure the supported infrastructure that the sewer lines and all of that that have to be changed they said that that's a big cost to them that they didn't anticipate although I think they get their money back after a certain date but they have to pay for it up front that was one of their concerns I wonder as a department what you would have to say to that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (Mr. Akoak): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I can only say that officials have told me that they have worked with the city officials and have had consultations with them way before the project was in place. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I guess there has to be some kind of miscommunication somewhere because those are the same different things so as the MLA we kind of in the middle we don't always hear to see both sides but I'm just bringing that up as a concern that is a concern from the city of Iqaluit and maybe somebody should get in touch with them to find out what's going on just keep it at that point and that's all for me. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I don't believe the member had a question. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I move that you report progress to the speaker. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. There is a motion on the floor to report progress and the motion is not debatable. All those in favour of the motion. Opposed. Motion is carried. I will now rise to report progress. All those opposed? The motion is carried and I will now rise to report progress. Sergeant-at-Arms, please escort the witnesses out.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Item 20. Report of the Committee of the Whole. Mr. Akoak.

Item 20: Report of the Committee of the Whole

Mr. Akoak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Your committee has been considering Bill 34 and the main estimates and would like to report progress. Also, Mr. Speaker, I move that the report of the committee of the whole be agreed to. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

(interpretation ends) Item 21. Third Reading of Bills. Item 22. (interpretation) *Orders of the Day*. Mr. Clerk.

Item 22: Orders of the Day

Clerk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A reminder for this afternoon, there is a meeting of the Standing Committee on Legislation commencing at 13:30, followed by a meeting of the regular caucus, and followed by another meeting of the Standing Committee on Legislation, and followed by another meeting of the regular caucus.

Orders of the Day for March 11:

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Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) In according with the authority provided to me by Motion 41 – 4(3) this House stands adjourned until Saturday, March 11 at 1:30 pm.

Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>*House adjourned at 11:45*

