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Members Present:

Ms. Pat Angnakak, Hon. Monica Ell, Mr. Joe Enook, Mr. George Hickes, Mr. David Joanasie, Mr. Steve Mapsalak, Hon. George Kuksuk, Hon. Johnny Mike, Mr. Simeon Mikkungwak, Hon. Paul Okalik, Hon. Keith Peterson, Hon. Paul Quassa, Hon. George Qulaut, Mr. Allan Rumbolt, Mr. Alex Sammurtook, Hon. Tom Sammurtook, Mr. Joe Savikataaq, Hon. Peter Taptuna, Hon. Jeannie Ugyuk.

>> *Meeting commenced at 13:29*

Item 1: Opening Prayer

Speaker (Hon. George Qulaut)(interpretation): Let us start with an opening prayer. Mr. Enook, can you say the opening prayer, please.

>> *Prayer*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Good afternoon. It's a beautiful day, but we don't have the luxury to enjoy it outdoors as we have to be here and stay in session. Thank you for coming and welcome to the people of Nunavut as we proceed with our session today.

Before we begin, I wish to read the following correspondence that I have received from Her Honour the Commissioner of Nunavut and I'll read it in English:

Money Message

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I wish to advise that I recommend to the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut the passage of the following bills during the

Second Session of the Fourth Legislative Assembly:

- Bill 2, *Appropriation Act, 2014-2015*;
- Bill 3, *Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 1, 2014-2015*.

Sincerely, Edna Elias
Commissioner of Nunavut

(interpretation) I wish to inform you that our fellow member from Gjoa Haven, Mr. Akoak, will not be here at this time due to illness. I also wish to inform you that the Member for High Arctic will not be available during the session due to family matters.

Ministers' Statements. (interpretation ends) The hon. member, Mr. Peterson.

Item 2: Ministers' Statements**Minister's Statement 001 – 4(2):
Notice of Budget Address**

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon, Nunavummiut and colleagues. It's good to see everybody here for the spring session. Mr. Speaker, I would like to inform the House that on Monday, May 26, 2014, I will be delivering the Budget Address. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The hon. member, the Premier, Mr. Taptuna.

Minister's Statement 002 – 4(2): EU Seal Product Ban (Ruling Not in Favour of Canada's Appeal)

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon colleagues, Kuglukturmiut, and Nunavummiut. Mr. Speaker, today, the body within the World Trade Organization that reviewed Canada's appeal to the exclusion of all seal products made from commercially harvested seals for the European Union market provided its ruling.

Mr. Speaker, I regret to inform members that the ruling has been upheld. The WTO ruling is disappointing, but we will continue to support Canada in its efforts regarding this issue.

The seal harvest is central to Inuit and the Canadian way of life. Seal remains an important source of food and income for many Nunavutmiut. It is also an essential part of our life and culture. The misrepresentation of the seal hunt has an effect on our local economies.

Mr. Speaker, we will examine the detailed document addressing the ruling to fully understand its implications and determine how best we can move forward to ensure our hunters are still able to receive the highest prices for sealskins and seal products in the years to come. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements. (interpretation ends) Hon. Member for Environment, Mr. Mike.

Minister's Statement 003 – 4(2): Nunavut Fisheries Strategy Renewal

Hon. Johnny Mike (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank my colleagues here. I would like to wish those who are not here a good day, the people of Pangnirtung and Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to update my colleagues on the Department of Environment's ongoing efforts to review and strengthen the Nunavut Fisheries Strategy.

The original Nunavut Fisheries Strategy was completed in 2005 as a collaboration between the Government of Nunavut (GN) and Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated (NTI). The strategy has served as a blueprint for industry development and a significant contributor to the growth and continued success of the Nunavut fishery.

Now that it's been nine years since the publication of the original Nunavut Fisheries Strategy, I am happy to say that significant progress has been made on many of the recommendations in the strategy. For example, our commercial fisheries sector has made great strides to purchase new licences and vessels, increase Nunavut's share of our adjacent quotas, and to employ Nunavummiut and develop several successful inshore fisheries.

Despite these numerous accomplishments, there are many challenges and opportunities that remain before us. A renewed strategy is required to reflect the current state of the industry and identify strengths, weaknesses, and new opportunities in order to

strategically guide the future development of all fisheries sectors. We are supported in this effort by the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency (CanNor), the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO), and the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB), to whom we are greatly appreciative.

Consultations and meetings to gather input from fisheries stakeholders and communities throughout the territory are well underway. The renewal process includes extensive regional and community consultations, as well as questionnaires and focused interviews and workshops with key stakeholders.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward to sharing the completed strategy with the legislature during our fall session. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Item 2. Ministers' Statements. Minister Monica Ell.

**Minister's Statement 004 – 4(2):
Nunavut Celebrates National
Nursing Week May 12 to 18, 2014**

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I ask my colleagues to join me in giving recognition and thanks to our Nunavut nurses in celebration of the National Nursing Week.

We are proud of our nurses and the professionalism they bring to our health care service. I thank our nurses for their care, compassion, and commitment to all Nunavummiut.

Mr. Speaker, we celebrate International Nurses Day each year on May 12, the birthday of Florence Nightingale, a true nursing pioneer. Florence Nightingale was born in 1820 and is considered the founder of modern nursing. This year, the International Council of Nurses chose as its theme *Nurses: A Force for Change – A Vital Resource for Health*.

Nursing in our rural and remote territory is often challenging work. Our nurses work long hours and make many sacrifices to better serve Nunavummiut. Their contribution to our hospital, health centres, health facilities, and communities are on display each and every day.

Mr. Speaker, Nursing Week reminds us of the devotion of our frontline health care professionals. At this time of year, we pay tribute to our nurses, the Florence Nightingales in our territory, and offer a sincere thank you for a job well done. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Premier Taptuna.

**Minister's Statement 005 – 4(2):
Nunavut at 15**

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Fifteen years ago today, on April 1, 1999, Nunavut officially became a territory and the Government of Nunavut was created. That is why this year, we are celebrating Nunavut's 15th birthday.

>>Applause

I am proud of what we have accomplished and excited about our future as we step forward together. Since 1999, Nunavut has made a global impression. Our traditions, environment, and way of life have become well known around the world. We have shown ourselves to be dynamic and innovative, using our culture to navigate a modern, global reality.

Mr. Speaker, to celebrate this milestone, our government launched the Nunavut at 15 contest on April 1, 2014.

Nunavummiut are encouraged to tell us how they are celebrating Nunavut's 15th birthday for a chance to win an iPad, iPod, or a box of country food. Answers can be submitted in an essay or story, photos, video or musical performance in any of Nunavut's official languages.

Nunavummiut can get complete rules and details on the Government of Nunavut Facebook page or on our website, www.gov.nu.ca. The winners will be announced at the Nunavut Day celebration in Iqaluit on July 9 of this year.

Mr. Speaker, I remember the work of those who fought to create our territory. Their dreams and passion created Nunavut. Their challenges and the obstacles they faced seemed overwhelming, but their resolve to achieve common goals pushed them forward.

The Government of Nunavut has laid out steps to overcome those obstacles and grow together as a territory in *Sivumut Abluqta*. I am confident that our shared passion and drive will inspire success for many years and milestones to come. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements. I have no more names on my list. Item 3. Members' Statements. Member for Iqaluit-Niaqunnguu, Ms. Angnakak.

Item 3: Members' Statements

Member's Statement 012 – 4(2): Successful Meeting with Senate Standing Committee on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources

Ms. Angnakak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Welcome, everyone. (interpretation ends) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to inform the House about the recent meeting I had with members of the Senate Standing Committee on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources.

Mr. Speaker, as you will be aware, the Senate committee travelled to Iqaluit earlier this month as part of its study on renewable and non-renewable energy development in the three territories.

Mr. Speaker, my meeting with the committee provided an opportunity to raise a number of issues of concern to Iqaluit with respect to energy and the environment. Mr. Speaker, as the House is very much aware, I am a strong proponent of initiatives to address the solid waste management crisis in Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, during our recent winter sitting, many questions were asked in this House about such issues as the extent to which communities in Nunavut

are able to meet the terms and conditions of their water licences.

This week's fire at Iqaluit's landfill provides yet more evidence that action is urgently needed to provide modern waste management infrastructure in the capital. Even as we speak, residents of this city are deeply concerned about the risk to human health and the environment that results from incidents of this nature.

Mr. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to express my support for the leadership of Iqaluit's City Council in working towards solutions in this area. Mr. Speaker, it's no secret that the cost of addressing Nunavut's infrastructure deficit will be in the hundreds of millions of dollars. However, the cost of doing nothing is unaffordable.

Mr. Speaker, I took the opportunity when meeting with the Senate committee to strongly emphasize the responsibilities of the national government in this area. I also took the opportunity to speak in favour of such initiatives as recycling and renewable energy, including hydroelectric development.

Mr. Speaker, I want to conclude by taking this opportunity to express my appreciation to Sen. Patterson and his colleagues for their important work. I look forward to reviewing the findings of the Senate committee. I also look forward to continuing to speak out on the issues that I have addressed today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for (interpretation ends) South Baffin, David Joanasie.

**Member's Statement 013 – 4(2):
Recent Birth of Daughter
Pittaaluk Joanasie**

Mr. Joanasie (interpretation): Good day, my fellow MLAs. I send my regards to the people watching the televised proceedings and listening to the radio broadcast.

Mr. Speaker, I am very happy to rise today to celebrate the birth of my new daughter. Mr. Speaker, our daughter, Roberta Pittaaluk Sitaaralaaq Kuuttiq Joanasie, was born at the Qikiqtani General Hospital last month on April 24, 2014. She weighed 8 lbs. and 8 oz. and has already grown considerably since her birth.

Mr. Speaker, I thank our family and friends who helped us through this wonderful event. I would also like to thank all of the staff at the hospital who attended to the labour, notably Dr. Patricia DeMaio. We appreciate the care and comfort they gave us throughout the entire process.

Mr. Speaker, in following Inuit cultural naming practices, Pittaaluk is named after people within our lives who have passed away. This practice connects us and her to respect and honour our family name history while creating a foundation and bringing light to our future.

Mr. Speaker, many young Nunavummiut have celebrated similar occasions in their family. Reflecting on my daughter's arrival in the 15th year of

Nunavut's existence, I would like to say that government and society supports young families in building a strong foundation for them to live in healthy communities.

Mr. Speaker, I'm almost done. I would like to ask for unanimous consent to conclude my statement.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statement. Are there any nays? (interpretation) There are no nays. Please proceed.

Mr. Joanasié (interpretation): Thank you, my colleagues. I'm probably too happy now to say much more.

>> *Applause*

Mr. Speaker, in conclusion, please share in my celebration of a new family member in addition to our growing territory. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

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

**Member's Statement 014 – 4(2):
Tribute to Iqaluit First
Responders**

Mr. Hickee: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to pay tribute to Iqaluit's first responders. Mr. Speaker, the many hours that have been put in this week by many people to respond to the current emergency at the Iqaluit landfill that the member next to me brought up a little bit

earlier reminds us of the importance of our emergency response system.

Mr. Speaker, many residents of the city work or volunteer in the areas of emergency response. Although the work of our firefighters, police, EMTs, and search and rescue volunteers is extremely visible, there are many others who also deserve our recognition and appreciation.

When Iqaluit was hit with high winds this winter that approached hurricane velocity, frontline crews of the Qulliq Energy Corporation worked through the night in very dangerous conditions to restore power as quickly as possible.

Mr. Speaker, when this week's incident at the landfill occurred, municipal service crews were pulled off their normal runs to assist in fighting the fire.

Mr. Speaker, although our capital city is growing by the day, there is still a strong sense of community that makes me very proud to represent one of Iqaluit's four constituencies.

Mr. Speaker, with respect to this week's incident, it is important to recognize that the issues surrounding waste management are complex, and it is important to recognize that there are legitimate differences of opinion among experts as to the best way forward. However, I want to express my support for all of the people who have been working very hard this week to deal with this difficult situation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all members to join me in paying tribute to first responders in Iqaluit. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

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

**Member's Statement 015 – 4(2):
Access to Photo Identification**

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. First of all, I wish the people of Baker Lake a good day.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address the need to ensure that Nunavummiut have timely access to general identification cards, driver's licences, and other basic services from the government. Mr. Speaker, a number of my colleagues have raised concerns in the Legislative Assembly regarding the length of time that it can take to obtain general identification cards and driver's licences.

Other members have addressed such issues as the need for our communities to have the necessary equipment with which to take photographs that can be used to apply for passports and other types of identification. Mr. Speaker, although we live in communities where few of us are strangers to each other, we also live in an age where the need for access to photo identification has never been greater.

Mr. Speaker, we all know that photo identification is already needed to board an airplane in most parts of the country, and we know that the trend in other areas, including photo identification requirements for voters in federal elections, is becoming more stringent.

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

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

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I also thank my colleagues. Mr. Speaker, as I was saying, although our government's GLO positions have been working with the Department of Economic Development and Transportation to improve services to Nunavummiut, some communities still do not have a GLO in place.

This is an issue that I will be raising with the appropriate minister during our sitting, in addition to the issue of how the government's system for issuing general identification cards and driver's licences can be improved. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Member's Statement 016 – 4(2):
Annual Fishing Derby in Igloolik**

Hon. Paul Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I say "good day" to my constituents in the Aggu Riding. This time of the year, there's a lot of fishing and fishing derbies going on all across Nunavut. There are many who have won prizes in these fishing derbies and I'm proud of those people.

It's a lot of fun to fish and fosters family relationships when people go fishing

together. Even though the fishing derbies are competitive, they help strengthen relationships within and between families to be happy and have a good time together.

I just want to celebrate with the people who won in Igloolik and that is why I'm mentioning them today, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Aivilik, Mr. Mapsalak.

**Member's Statement 017 – 4(2):
Recent Municipal Elections in
Riding**

Mr. Mapsalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to say "good day" to the people of Repulse Bay and Coral Harbour. I think I'm the only one in the House who is nicely tanned.

>> *Laughter*

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to talk about an election that took place for mayor in the two communities that I represent and share this with my fellow MLAs here. Elected for mayor of Coral Harbour were Willie Nakoolak and Solomon Maliki for Repulse Bay. They didn't have a mayor for awhile. I'm also pleased to say that I'll be able to work closely with them.

Not too long from now, I'll be visiting Coral Harbour. I couldn't go previously due to problems with the airplane, so I would like to tell the people of Coral Harbour that I will be visiting them after this sitting is over.

I would like my colleagues in joining me to celebrate the newly elected mayors in my constituency. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Item 3. Members' Statements. Member for Netsilik, Ms. Ugyuk.

**Member's Statement 018 – 4(2):
Congratulations to Phoebe
Neeveacheak**

Hon. Jeannie Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to welcome our new baby. He was talking about how babies are precious; newborns are precious.

I would like all of the people of Nunavut to have a good day. It's a beautiful spring day. People will start to prepare the food that they will be gathering for the coming winter during the next summer months. I also say "good day" to the people of Netsilik.

At the beginning of this month in Taloyoak at the Netsilik School, there were some student achievement awards ceremonies. An individual was recognized for coming back to school. The student who was named after my father was recognized and her name is Phoebe Neeveacheak. She just came back to the school to encourage her fellow community members to keep going to school. Teacher Nick Newberry started this initiative to improve something. We're very proud as a family. My mother and relatives are very grateful for that.

I would like the award recipient, Phoebe Neeveacheak, to have a good future and best wished in completing her education. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Item 3. Members' Statements. Member for Tununiq, Mr. Enook.

**Member's Statement 019 – 4(2):
Recent Volleyball Tournament in
Iqaluit**

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon, people of Pond Inlet and fellow Nunavummiut. I would like to express my pride in the teams that went to go compete at a recent sports event.

Before I do that, I want to say that my very good friend, Brian Dialla, is celebrating a birthday today and I want him to have a very good day. He is seven years old today.

From May 9 to 11, there were soccer and volleyball tournaments. The teams came from different communities and Pond Inlet was included. In the juniors, Pangnirtung won and I would like to express my pride to them. The Pond Inlet team got the silver and I'm proud of them as well.

Whenever our youth are involved in activities and recreational events, I'm very proud of them. I want to always support them and for them to always be supported. I'm glad to say that I'm grateful to our government's Sport North department for their assistance.

I would like to mention the names of the team members from Pond Inlet. In the juniors, Siglu Kublu, Steven Innuaraq,

Peter Inootik, Jassie Simonee, Simon Kovik Inootik, Adam Ootoova, and Robert Aglak. I also thank the coach, Norman Inootik. I thank all of the people who support our youth when they go to these competitions.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to especially express my pride to three participants, Jassie Simonee, Peter Inootik, and Simon Kovik Inootik, for their selection to attend the North American Indigenous Games in soccer, which will be in Regina. I would like to express my pride in them. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Item 3. Members' Statements. Member for Iqaluit-Sinaa, Mr. Okalik.

**Member's Statement 020 – 4(2): The
Importance of Recycling**

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's great to be back here again. As people from Iqaluit, we always try to think about how we can help others. We hear that our dump fire is going to be burning for a while. The garbage collectors will only be picking up our garbage once a week, so we have to try and help them as well.

Try not to use too much plastic wherever possible. There is recycling for cans, tins, and pop cans. The money raised by these recycling plants goes for daycares. Please utilize them more. I encourage people who go south to try and bring down recyclable plastics when they go south so that it lessens the amount of garbage that is in our environment.

I encourage you to look for other ways to support our environment. We have to do our part to help our community so that our environment won't be so badly damaged. That's what I wanted to say to my fellow MLAs here and to fellow community members. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Iqaluit-Manirajak, Ms. Ell.

**Member's Statement 021 – 4(2):
Fundraising for Cancer Research**

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I say "good afternoon" to the people of Iqaluit-Manirajak and Nunavut. You can all see us on TV, so I'll tell a story. I'll tell you why I have a brush cut, as you can see.

On April 25, Edna Elias and other people asked for volunteer who wanted to have their hair cut in my constituency in order to try and raise funds for their cancer awareness campaign. We did so to raise funds for that. Many people were involved and it was great.

Once it was my turn, \$1,800 was bid by the people who wanted to cut my hair. The person who bid the highest was given the honour to cut my hair and that's how much that person paid to cut my hair.

My colleague, Keith Peterson, was there as well and he went through that too. Also, Iqaluit Mayor John Graham, CBC personality Joanne Awa, and Hunter Tootoo, who is the previous chairman of the finance board, had a brush cut as

well. A lot of people had their hair cut and raised over \$31,000 that would be donated to the cancer awareness campaign in the struggle to fight that terrible illness.

I'm grateful to the people who were able to go on the walk, although not many people took part. The people walked from Whale Cove to Rankin Inlet from May 1 to 3 to raise funds for cancer awareness. I express my appreciation to Susan Ball, Bernadette Dean, who is my cousin, and Jesse Mike. I thank those three people for doing that walk. Thank you.

>>Applause

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

Item 4: Returns to Oral Questions*

**Return to Oral Question 079 – 4(1):
High School Trades Pilot Program**

**Return to Oral Question 120 – 4(1):
Helping Low-income Families
Meet High Cost of Living**

**Return to Oral Question 121 – 4(1):
Natural Resources Conservation
Trust Fund**

Clerk (Mr. Quirke): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am tabling the responses to questions taken at notice during the First Session of the Fourth Assembly.

*See Appendix for full text of Returns to Oral Questions 79 – 4(1), 120 – 4(1), and 121 – 4(1) filed with the Clerk.

Question numbers are 79, 120, and 121.
Thank you.

Mr. Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for (interpretation ends) South Baffin, Mr. Joanasie.

Item 5: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery

Mr. Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize my wife, Emily Joanasie, and our daughter Pittaaluk Joanasie, who are in the Gallery. Thank you.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Welcome to the Gallery. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. No one else has their hand up. Thank you. I would like to recognize everyone who is in the Gallery.

Item 5 is completed. We will then move on to Item 6. Oral Questions. Member for Iqaluit-Niaqunngu, Ms. Angnakak.

Item 6: Oral Questions

Question 010 – 4(2): Status of Iqaluit Hydroelectric Development

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions are for the Minister responsible for the Qulliq Energy Corporation.

The 2013-14 corporate business plan of QEC indicates that it has been “actively seeking funding for hydroelectric development in Iqaluit. Initial studies indicate that the Jaynes Inlet and Armshow South sites have potential, but require in-depth feasibility studies to

help determine the overall socioeconomic and environmental viability of the development.”

Can the minister update the House today on what progress the Qulliq Energy Corporation has made in this area?
Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Minister for the Qulliq Energy Corporation, Mr. Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I cannot give you an update on what is happening in this area, but it will be quite expensive and we will not be able to do it alone as a government. We are currently looking at who we can partner up with to work on this project. We are talking to mining companies and other entities out there regarding hydroelectric development near Iqaluit. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Paul, for your answer. As I noted in my Member’s Statement today, hydroelectric development was one of the issues that I raised with the Senate Committee on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources on the occasion of its visit to Iqaluit earlier this month.

As we are all aware, the new Iqaluit airport is being undertaken as a P3 project with significant support from the federal government.

Can the minister describe what efforts are being made by the government and

the Qulliq Energy Corporation to obtain federal support for hydroelectric development in the vicinity of Iqaluit? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Minister responsible for the Qulliq Energy Corporation, Hon. Minister Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We are currently looking at other companies that can help us. For example, I have been in dialogue with a mining company and I have also had meetings with various organizations from here in Iqaluit. I cannot give you an update on what's happening on this project, but we will keep looking at it and see what we can do about it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 011 – 4(2): Minimum Wage Rate in Nunavut

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Justice. As the minister will recall, I asked him questions during our recent winter sitting concerning the minimum wage in Nunavut.

As the minister is aware, his department is required under the *Labour Standards Act* to review the minimum wage on an annual basis. At our last sitting, I pointed out that Nunavut's minimum wage of \$11 per hour has not increased since 2011.

Can the minister update the House today on whether Nunavut's minimum wage

will be increasing this year? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am required by law to table the annual report in the House and once I do, we will have a look at that and start the process from there. We will look and see if we will be able to increase the minimum wage in Nunavut from then on. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Minister of Justice also has responsibility for the immigration portfolio.

As the minister will be aware, concerns have been raised recently about the use of the federal government's Temporary Foreign Worker Program in Nunavut, and the Northern Territories Federation of Labour has expressed concerns that Nunavut's minimum wage is simply too low.

What is our government's position on the use of the Temporary Foreign Worker Program by employers in Nunavut? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Minister of Justice, the Hon. Minister Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The federal minister is responsible for the

Temporary Foreign Worker Program. I will be discussing this issue with the federal minister on how to improve this program, although we are not very much affected by it at this time. What we usually do is place a priority on hiring Nunavummiut. We also are encouraging the employers out there to hire Nunavummiut on a priority basis. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for that response. As I noted in the preamble to my question, the minister's department is required under the *Labour Standards Act* to review the minimum wage on an annual basis. However, the department has not produced an annual report on this issue since 2012. When I raised this matter in our March sitting, the minister indicated that the report was not yet ready.

Will the minister commit to tabling this report before the end of our current spring sitting? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister of Justice, the Hon. Minister Okalik.

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

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

Question 012 – 4(2): Status of New Cape Dorset Power Plant

Mr. Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions are for

the Minister responsible for the Qulliq Energy Corporation.

As the minister will recall, I asked questions during our recent winter sitting concerning the urgent need to address Cape Dorset's aging power plant. At that time, I noted that although QEC's application to replace the power plant was approved in June of 2011, the corporation has been "unable to secure an appropriate site to construct a new facility."

Can the minister update the House today on what progress has been made in resolving this issue? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Minister responsible for the Qulliq Energy Corporation, the Hon. Minister Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I looked into the matter on what Qulliq has been doing regarding the application and apparently they were unable to secure the site because the chosen site was too short, too small, and too steep. However, they were looking at an alternative site.

Using our other office, I asked to have the issue looked into and it became apparent that this is an ongoing concern. I asked the Qulliq Energy Corporation to work closely with the Hamlet of Cape Dorset so that they can secure a proper site and develop it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Joanasié (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The need to address the lack of electrical generation capacity in Cape Dorset is having a negative impact on other areas, including the ability of the Nunavut Housing Corporation to construct badly needed new housing units. Later today, at the appropriate time, I will be presenting a petition from the community that highlights this issue.

Can the minister indicate if the Qulliq Energy Corporation and the Nunavut Housing Corporation will be working together to ensure that Cape Dorset's new power plant will be adequate to address the future needs of the community? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Minister responsible for the Qulliq Energy Corporation, Hon. Minister Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is indeed a concern because we have to keep pace with growth in the communities. Using that as our foundation, I'm going to make sure that we keep working on it diligently. We're not only going to be working with housing, but also with the growing needs of the private sector. We have to be prepared for the growing population in the communities. With that, I will be having a meeting with the Hamlet of Cape Dorset to address this matter. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Joanasié (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When I first raised this issue in March, I noted that section

16 of the *Qulliq Energy Corporation Act* allows the corporation to "expropriate any land that the corporation considers necessary for the purpose of enhancing energy services in Nunavut."

Although I recognize that this provision is intended to be a last resort, can the minister confirm that QEC is leaving all options on the table to resolve the issue of where the community's power plant is going to be located? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Minister responsible for the Qulliq Energy Corporation, Hon. Minister Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I indicated earlier, I look forward to having a meeting with the Hamlet of Cape Dorset. We have to provide adequate services and have proper land and to make sure that safety is included. That is going to be part of the plans I'm working on this matter. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Item 6. Oral Questions. Member for (interpretation ends) Rankin Inlet South, Mr. Sammurtok.

Question 013 – 4(2): Dust Control in Communities

Mr. Sammurtok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my questions to the (interpretation ends) Minister of Community and Government Services. (interpretation) Mr. Speaker, although it has been snowing today in the capital, Rankin Inlet residents are already suffering from the dusty air caused by dry roads.

(interpretation ends) The issue of dusty roads is a major health concern for Nunavut communities, as the presence of heavy dust can irritate respiratory disease. In fact, the Nunavut Bureau of Statistics has reported that approximately 10 percent of health centre visits are related to respiratory disease.

Can the minister describe what actions his department is taking to prepare communities for dust control this year? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Tom Sammurtok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation) I extend good day wishes to my constituents in Rankin Inlet North and Chesterfield Inlet. The question the member raised is not only directed at the community of Rankin Inlet. This is being experienced by most communities in Nunavut. We are trying to determine how we can have less dust on the roads in each community. We will also make sure that this information is relayed to Nunavummiut on how they can help lessen dust. Thank you.

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

Mr. Sammurtok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Until more roads are paved, communities depend on the success of dust control methods to ensure healthy air conditions. These methods are often time-consuming and very costly for municipalities. Can the minister indicate what funding his department is

providing to assist municipalities with dust control? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Tom Sammurtok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation) I also thank the member for that question. We give all communities a memory stick that contains information on how to lessen dust on roads in each community. All the hamlets of Nunavut have access to that for the information they're looking for. Thank you.

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

Mr. Sammurtok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) When the Government of Nunavut approved funding in 2008 to pave the roads of Iqaluit, it indicated that this would improve health conditions for residents.

Will the minister commit to reviewing the need for road paving in other communities, including Rankin Inlet? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Tom Sammurtok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It would be nice to have all the communities with paved roads, but there's no funding to pave roads in each community. At the

present time, we have things in place and information given to the hamlets on how to control dust on their roads. Thank you.

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

Question 014 – 4(2): Government Liaison Officer Positions

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. My questions today are for the Minister of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs.

The Department of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs is responsible for government liaison officer positions across our territory. As the minister is aware, his department is currently advertising the position of Baker Lake's GLO, so I am hopeful that the position will be filled in the near future.

Until such time as Baker Lake's position is filled, can the minister indicate how his department is providing GLO services to the community? That's my first question. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Premier of Nunavut, Minister of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, Hon. Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member from Qamani'tuaq for that question. Mr. Speaker, at this moment, all the positions have been filled, except for four communities. Twenty-one communities have GLOs. Unfortunately, for his

constituency of Baker Lake, we have to re-advertise if there's no successful applicant, even though there's office space identified. Re-advertisement has gone out at this time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for his response. The Municipal Council of Baker Lake has formally expressed its concern about the delay in filling the community's GLO position. Can the minister indicate if his department is working with the municipality to encourage qualified residents of the community to apply for this position? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Minister of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, Hon. Premier Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At this time, I indicated that there is a re-advertisement taking place currently. In Baker Lake, we maintain communications with the Hamlet of Baker Lake to expedite the hiring of a GLO within the community of Baker Lake. Mr. Speaker, there are primary functions that a GLO performs for the Government of Nunavut and we intend to make sure that we get the best applicant for these very important positions, particularly in Baker Lake. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for his response. As he indicated, Baker Lake is one of the communities without a GLO in place. Can the minister indicate which other Nunavut communities currently do not have a GLO in place? Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Minister of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, Hon. Premier Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At this time, one of them is Cambridge Bay. We haven't identified office space for the position at this time. In Clyde River, the process has been initiated to hire a GLO at this time. In Kugluktuk, we're in communication with the Hamlet of Kugluktuk and we expect to get a response back to initiate the advertising of a GLO in Kugluktuk by this spring. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 015 – 4(2): Status of Planning for New School in Coral Harbour

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

Mr. Speaker, in March of this year, the Assembly approved the government's 2014-15 capital budget, which included funding for a number of pre-planning projects. One of those projects was a new school for Coral Harbour.

Can the minister provide an update regarding the current status of planning for a new school in Coral Harbour? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Tom Sammurtok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. With respect to the current status of planning for that new school in Coral Harbour, I am not really aware of what is happening at this time, but I will take the question as notice and get back to him. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Your first supplementary... (interpretation ends) The minister responded that he is taking the question as notice. No more questions are allowed, as the minister has taken the question as notice, and I will move to the next member on my list. (interpretation) Item 6. Oral Questions. Member for Hudson Bay, Mr. Rumbolt.

Question 016 – 4(2): Status of Bulk Fuel Storage Facility in Sanikiluaq

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon to the people of Sanikiluaq. Mr. Speaker, my questions are for the Minister of Community and Government Services.

As the minister will recall, the Legislative Assembly approved \$2.8 million in funding in the 2014-15 capital estimates for important upgrades to Sanikiluaq's bulk fuel storage facility. An additional \$2.3 million is projected to be spent on this project in 2015-16.

Mr. Speaker, it has come to my attention that the Nunavut Impact Review Board may not yet have received the formal referral that is required for the board to begin its screening of this project.

Can the minister confirm if the necessary steps are being taken to provide the Nunavut Impact Review Board with this important information? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Tom Sammurtok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation) Yes, we are addressing this issue and we will be dealing with this. Once we get an answer, we will provide it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Baker Lake... I'm sorry. Your first supplementary, Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do believe I have a couple of more questions I can ask.

>> *Laughter*

In 2007, the Nunavut Impact Review Board and the Government of Nunavut formally established an agreement regarding the treatment of bulk fuel storage within municipality boundaries. In order for the Nunavut Impact Review Board to make a formal determination on this project proposal, the Nunavut Impact Review Board must receive a formal referral from an authorized agency.

Considering that the bulk fuel storage facility has been in the plans for Sanikiluaq for several years, why is it that they're only addressing this issue at this time? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Tom Sammurtok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Once the answer has been clear, I will provide it to the member. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Item 6. Oral Questions. Member for (interpretation ends) Arviat South, Mr. Savikataaq.

Question 017 – 4(2): Hudson Bay Neighbours Regional Round Table

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

As the minister will recall, two of the issues that I raised during our recent winter sitting concerned the proposed Manitoba-Kivalliq winter road and the idea of connecting the Kivalliq to Manitoba's hydro power grid.

The Hudson Bay Neighbours Regional Round Table took place last month in Churchill, Manitoba. Can the minister confirm that these topics were discussed at the meeting? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Minister of

Economic Development and
Transportation, Hon. Minister Kuksuk.

Hon. George Kuksuk (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I say “good afternoon” to my fellow Nunavummiut, as well as the people of Arviat and Whale Cove. I can say that yes, those topics were discussed at that meeting. Thank you.

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

Mr. Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Can the minister describe what steps will be taken by the Nunavut and Manitoba governments to move the proposed Manitoba-Kivalliq winter road project forward? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Minister of Economic Development and Transportation, Hon. Minister Kuksuk.

Hon. George Kuksuk (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I also thank the member for that question. I indicated that it was discussed at the round table, this issue of the Manitoba-Kivalliq winter road. It’s relating more to the Kivalliq region. What was also discussed was a power line. However, all I can say is that this issue is a very big one and there are many preparations that need to be taken. That’s all I can state at this moment. Thank you.

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

Mr. Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Can the minister indicate if any new agreements were signed between the Government of Nunavut and other participants at last month’s meeting of the Hudson Bay Neighbours Regional Round Table? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Minister of Economic Development and Transportation, Hon. Minister Kuksuk.

Hon. George Kuksuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was at the round-table meeting and there were also a lot of other participants, including mayors from the Kivalliq, representatives from Manitoba Hydro and their provincial transportation members.

As I stated before, even though many years have been spent in discussing this issue, the previous government has dealt with parts of that. When we became the government and inherited this issue, we dealt with interesting topics. As I mentioned before, there are many issues to deal with, including those in relation to building of a road or setting up a power line.

The Government of Nunavut and the Government of Manitoba had indicated their continuing agreement to address this issues. There are jurisdictional issues that need to be dealt with because various governments have different policies and laws. We will be working with the mayors of the Kivalliq region as the issue is somewhat complex. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Item 6. Oral Questions. Member for Baker Lake, Mr. Mikkungwak.

Question 018 – 4(2): The Lack of Services for Autism in Nunavut

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

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, as the minister will recall, I raised the issue of autism during our last sitting of the House. Before I ask my question, I would like to make a public apology for using the wrong terminology at that time to refer to this serious neurological disorder.

In response to my previous question about the status of individuals with autism in Nunavut, the minister indicated that they were “keeping an eye” on it. Can the minister indicate what progress they have made to date in monitoring or “keeping an eye” on the status of autism across Nunavut? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for this question in relation to autism. From that time to today, there hasn’t been much change and the number of people with autism has neither increased nor decreased significantly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There is a young individual in my constituency who suffers from autism and requires special therapy. While home and community care workers offer important support, they do not have the specialized training to delivery this specific type of care.

According to a federal senate committee report on “Treatment for Autism,” every province and territory across Canada, except Nunavut, provides some funding for autism therapy.

Can the minister explain what options are available to my constituent for receiving the necessary autism therapy and treatment? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Monica Ell: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Health supports families dealing with developmental issues through services such as the rehabilitation program and the home and community care that he mentioned.

As well, the Department of Family Services is committed to the implementation of programs and services to support children at risk or in need of protection under the *Family Services Act*.

Currently, there is no mandate nor are current programs available to offer support for a child who has been

medically diagnosed with autism. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank the minister for her response. Earlier this month, on May 1, the Prime Minister of Canada announced new funding for projects in the areas of Alzheimer prevention and autism.

Will the minister commit to raising the need for specific funding to address autism in Nunavut with her federal counterparts? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Monica Ell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for that, member. (interpretation) We will be able to work with the federal minister responsible for this kind of thing as to how more education could be provided in order for the Government of Nunavut to be able to deal with these kinds of things. We are aware that civil servants in this department are working to address this issue. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 019 – 4(2): Services for Nunavut Residents with Head Injuries

Mr. Mapsalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is

directed to the Minister of Family Services.

Mr. Speaker, in regard to people with brain damage, we don't have any facilities where people can be taken into an institution in order for them to be treated, so they're usually sent down south and lose their cultural connection with the north as a result.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the minister responsible a question related to the provision and whether the minister will create funding and facilities for people with those kinds of illnesses to be dealt with. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Member, I would like to ask you exactly which minister you're asking your question. I believe it could be directed to two ministers. Please indicate which minister you're asking.

Mr. Mapsalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I believe this is the responsibility of the Minister of Family Services. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Minister of Family Services, Hon. Minister Ugyuk.

Hon. Jeannie Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank the member for that question. Patients are sent south when there is no other place to put them in Nunavut or when they are not able to be dealt with in Nunavut. They look at all the reasons and they also look at the possible benefits. They get sent out by Family Services.

In regard to child handicap facilities in Nunavut, my colleague, Monica Ell, and

I can meet about this and discuss handicapped children's facilities. We can talk about the fact that there are no facilities in Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Mapsalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for that response, minister. Can the minister explain now as to how long that planning you were referring to may take place or will take place? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister of Family Services, Hon. Minister Ugyuk.

Hon. Jeannie Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you to my colleague for asking as to how long the planning would take place. We have no idea how long it will take. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Mapsalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Do I understand the minister saying that they will work together and produce a plan like that? Is that what I understand, that the two ministers will be producing a plan by working together? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Minister of Family Services, Hon. Minister Ugyuk.

Hon. Jeannie Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank my

colleague for asking that question. The facilities are reviewed every year to see how they're doing and to see what they're like, as well as the care for the people who stay in them. They also look at how much more they can be assisted.

My colleague wants to know how long the planning will take, but I don't know and so I can't answer that question. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 020 – 4(2): Qulliq Energy Corporation Operations

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions are for the Minister responsible for the Qulliq Energy Corporation once again.

In recent months, there have been a number of power outages in the city of Iqaluit. Many of my constituents have expressed concern that the frequency of power outages in the city is increasing. Some of these outages have been planned and some have not.

Last week, QEC announced a planned power outage in relation to its work concerning the "final stages of completing the Iqaluit Main Plant upgrade."

Can the minister describe what the upgrades to Iqaluit's power plant are designed to achieve? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Minister

responsible for the Qulliq Energy Corporation, Hon. Minister Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. QEC are upgrading to new equipment. The equipment they have been using was very old and are being replaced by newer models. In order to install this equipment, power had to be shut off a number of times. It's now close to completion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Another concern that has come to my attention is the difficulty in reporting power outages to QEC. Although QEC has a 1-800 number, it goes to the headquarters in Baker Lake and it can often be difficult to reach staff after hours when you phone that 1-800 number. In fact, when I tried to phone the 1-800 number, it was only in *Qallunaatitut*; there was no Inuktitut.

Would the minister commit to having QEC establish a local contact number for every community that residents can call after hours in order to directly reach QEC staff to report power outages or other emergencies? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Minister responsible for the Qulliq Energy Corporation, Hon. Minister Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We are just trying to see how we can improve the situation, but then we always have to

look at the cost of improvement to make sure that they do not interfere with the rates too much. We are always looking for ways to improve the equipment and we will continue to do just that into the future. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess that is a recommendation that there is to have a 1-800 number in every community.

I guess the minister is aware that Iqaluit is growing by the day and the demands on our city's power grid have never been greater. Can the minister describe what work is planned to be undertaken over the next year to improve the reliability of Iqaluit's power supply and to address the issue of the community's growth? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Minister responsible for the Qulliq Energy Corporation, Hon. Minister Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The new generator, which is more powerful than what has been in place, is now being installed. It should help to meet the growing energy needs of Iqaluit and we will soon be able to power it up and add it to the existing power grid. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Item 6. Oral Questions. I don't have any more names on my list. Item 7. Written Questions. Item 8. Returns to Written

Questions. (interpretation ends) Mr. Clerk.

Item 8: Returns to Written Questions*

Return to Written Question 001 – 4(1): Salary Disclosure for the Senior Public Service

Return to Written Question 002 – 4(1): Enforcement of the Liquor Act

Return to Written Question 001 – 4(2): Extended Health Benefits Program

Clerk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am tabling the returns to written questions No. 1 and 2 that were asked during the First Session of Fourth Assembly.

I am also tabling the return to written question No. 1 that was asked during the Second Session of the Fourth Assembly. Thank you.

Speaker: Item 9. Replies to Opening Address. Item 10. Petitions. Member for South Baffin, Mr. Joanasié.

Item 10: Petitions

Petition 001 – 4(2): Cape Dorset Power Plant Capacity

Mr. Joanasié (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have the honour today of presenting a petition on behalf of my constituents in Cape Dorset.

*See Appendix for full text of Returns to Written Questions 1 – 4(1), 2 – 4(1), and 1 – 4(2) filed with the Clerk.

This petition has been signed by 187 residents who express concern about the current capacity of Cape Dorset's power plant.

Mr. Speaker, the petitioners note the need to increase capacity in order to support the development of new housing in the community.

Mr. Speaker, I would note that this petition was started on February 10, 2014 and was recently completed and submitted to my office, so I am able to present it now. I would like to express my appreciation to the Cape Dorset Housing Authority for initiating the petition. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Responses to Petitions. (interpretation ends) Mr. Clerk.

Item 11: Responses to Petitions*

Response to Petition 001 – 4(1): Public Housing Shortage in Gjoa Haven

Response to Petition 002 – 4(1): Eye Team Visits into Hamlet of Gjoa Haven

Clerk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am tabling the responses to petition No. 1 and 2 that were filed during the First Session of the Fourth Assembly. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Item 12. (interpretation ends) Reports of Standing and Special Committees on Bills and Other Matters. Item 13. Tabling of Documents. I have one.

*See Appendix for full text of Responses to Petitions 1 – 4(1) and 2 – 4(1) filed with the Clerk.

Item 13: Tabling of Documents**Tabled Document 009 – 4(2): 2012-2013 Annual Report of the Chief Electoral Officer of Nunavut****Tabled Document 010 – 4(2): 2012-2013 Annual Report of the Languages Commissioner of Nunavut**

Thank you, members. I have two documents to table today.

As required by the *Nunavut Elections Act*, I wish to table the 2012-13 Annual Report of the Chief Electoral Officer of Nunavut.

I am also tabling the 2012-13 Annual Report of the Languages Commissioner of Nunavut. (interpretation) Thank you.

(interpretation ends) Item 14. Notices of Motions. Member for Arviat South, Mr. Savikataaq.

Item 14: Notices of Motions**Motion 002 – 4(2): Extension of the Suspension of the Member for Uqqummiut – Notice**

Mr. Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Monday, May 26, 2014, I will move the following motion:

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Hon. Member for Arviat North-Whale Cove, that Mr. Samuel Nuqingaq, Member for Uqqummiut, be suspended from sittings of the House and meetings of its committees and caucuses until July 16, 2014.

Mr. Speaker, at the appropriate time, I will seek unanimous consent to deal with my motion today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Item 15. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Item 16. Motions. Member for Arviat South, Mr. Savikataaq.

Item 16: Motions

Mr. Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I seek unanimous consent to deal with my motion today. Thank you.

Speaker: The member is seeking unanimous consent to deal with his motion today. Are there any nays? There are none. Please proceed, Mr. Savikataaq.

Motion 002 – 4(2): Extension of the Suspension of the Member for Uqqummiut

Mr. Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and my colleagues, for giving the consent.

WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut, by virtue of parliamentary privilege, enjoys the sole prerogative to regulate its own proceedings and internal affairs, including the discipline of members;

AND WHEREAS section 18 of the *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act* provides that the Legislative Assembly has the power to discipline its members;

AND WHEREAS Motion 9 – 4(1), Suspension of the Member for Uqqummiut, was adopted by the House at its sitting of March 6, 2014;

AND WHEREAS the Member for Uqqummiut has voluntarily entered into a 60-day counselling program at a residential treatment facility in order to address personal issues that have contributed to the member's unacceptable conduct;

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Hon. Member for Arviat North-Whale Cove, that Mr. Samuel Nuqingaq, Member for Uqqummiut, be suspended from sittings of the House and meetings of its committees and caucuses until July 16, 2014.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: The motion is in order. To the motion. All those in favour. Thank you. Opposed. The motion is carried.

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. Item 20. Report of the Committee of the Whole. Item 21. Third Reading of Bills. Item 22. *Orders of the Day*. Mr. Clerk.

Item 22: Orders of the Day

Clerk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. *Orders of the Day* for May 23:

1. Prayer
2. Ministers' Statements
3. Members' Statements
4. Returns to Oral Questions
5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery
6. Oral Questions

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

Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) This House stands adjourned until Friday, May 23, at 9:00 a.m.

(interpretation) Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>*House adjourned at 15:16*

Appendix – May 22, 2014

Return to Oral Question 79 – 4(1): High School Trades Pilot Program

Asked by: Mr. George Hickes, MLA (Iqaluit-Tasiluk)

Asked of: Hon. Paul Quassa, Minister of Education

Date: March 14, 2014

Question:

With the pilot program in Kugluktuk, the instructor has mentioned there has been a number of successes. They've been there, if memory serves me correctly, approximately for about eight years and have had a number of students go on to the apprenticeship program and hopefully, even some have achieved their journeyman status.

Can the Minister of Education inform me of how many programs are being accessed at different high schools across this territory?

Response:

Besides Kugluktuk High School, there are no other schools that offer a “formal” trades program. There are, however, several schools across Nunavut that offer a variety of Career and Technology Studies (CTS) courses, including construction.

Students have the option to choose these courses, giving them skills in the trades they choose. Some have graduated to become apprentices or journeymen.

In the Kivalliq region, Agnico-Eagles Mines has supported schools with a number of hands-on trades and career awareness projects.

Agnico-Eagle sponsored a Trades Awareness, Skills and Knowledge (TASK) week in Baker Lake where teachers and local trades people offered hands-on credit courses for students.

Another TASK week will be held in Baker Lake this year with hopes of the program being offered in Arviat and Rankin Inlet in the future.

Return to Oral Question 120 – 4(1): Helping Low-income Families Meet High Cost of Living

Asked by: Mr. Alexander Sammurtok, MLA (Rankin Inlet South)

Asked of: Hon. Jeannie Ugyuk, Minister of Family Services

Date: March 19, 2014

Question:

I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Family Services.

Mr. Speaker, it is well known that the cost of living in Nunavut is extremely high. However, when it comes to accessing federal benefits and subsidies, Nunavut's poorest and most vulnerable members receive the same amounts as southern Canadians who do not face such high costs.

Can the minister indicate whether her department has presented a case to the federal government to have federal subsidies such as the Old Age Security, Guaranteed Income Supplement and National Child Benefits adjusted for northerners who face significantly higher costs of living than other Canadians?

Answer:

The Department of Family Services (DFS) has not initiated any discussions with the federal government with respect to adjusting programs delivered by Canada to reflect the higher cost of living in Nunavut.

As you are aware, programs delivered by the federal government serve all Canadians so changes to these programs cannot be made by our government. It is a federal government decision to make changes to the programs they offer. Initiating such change through dialogue with the federal government would require consultation and the involvement of several GN departments.

With respect to helping low-income Nunavummiut, our department administers various Income Assistance programs that help individuals and families in meeting their basic food and housing needs, while encouraging them to become more economically independent.

Over the upcoming years, the DFS is planning to initiate a comprehensive review of Income Assistance programs to evaluate our rates of assistance, and how we provide service to our clients. As an example, the last review of the food assistance rates was conducted in 2012, which resulted in a 15 percent rate increase. Our hope for the comprehensive review is that it will identify opportunities to strengthen the program to make it more fair and supportive of the clients we serve.

Return to Oral Question 121 – 4(1): Natural Resources Conservation Trust Fund

Asked by: Mr. Allan Rumbolt, MLA (Hudson Bay)

Asked of: Hon. Johnny Mike, Minister of Environment

Date: March 19, 2014

Question:

1. Can the minister explain when the Natural Resources Conservation Trust Fund (NRCTF) will reach a level where it can be used for the purpose it is intended for?

Response:

The primary purpose of the NRCTF is to promote the wise use of wildlife through education, training and research while respecting Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit. The fund creates a direct link between the use of wildlife, the generation of revenue and the investment of this revenue back into management of the resource.

The initial balance in the account was the result of the transfer upon division of Nunavut's share of the funds accumulated under the GNWT's *Natural Resources Conservation Trust Fund Act*. Nunavut's NRCTF has been accumulating at a fixed rate since July 9, 2005, when the *Wildlife Act* came into effect. No other activity has taken place within the fund to date.

Under sections 182 and 183 of the *Wildlife Act*, there are a number of sources of revenue for the fund. These include:

- A "conservation surcharge" fee added to the cost of every licence, permit or tag issued under the Act;
- A surcharge on any court-imposed fine for *Wildlife Act* violations;
- For *Wildlife Act* violations, a court may also order an offender to make a payment to the fund;
- The minister can accept donations, bequests or any other payment from a non-GN source.

Surcharges on licences will be the largest ongoing source of revenue, estimated to be approximately \$200,000 annually. These surcharges will be brought into effect in association with new Wildlife Regulations that will come into force July 1, 2014.

The department proposes to use this revenue to build the NRCTF to a level where it is possible to meaningfully fund eligible projects. We are working with the Department of

Finance to evaluate options for fund sustainability; this may include building the capital within the fund to a level where only the interest is spent, or spending money annually as it comes in. In either scenario, it is anticipated that it will be several years before sufficient funds will be available to meaningfully fund NRCTF projects.

Return to Written Question 1 – 4(1): Salary Disclosure for the Senior Public Service

Asked by: Mr. Joe Enook, MLA (Tununiq)

Asked of: Hon. Peter Taptuna, Premier

Date: March 10, 2014

Question:

1. Listed by individual, what is the total annual remuneration paid to current departmental deputy ministers, heads of territorial corporations and heads of Crown agencies, including but not limited to salary, Nunavut Northern Allowance, travel allowance and entertainment allowance?
2. From November 15, 2008 to March 6, 2014, listed by individual, how much was awarded in performance bonuses to departmental deputy ministers, heads of territorial corporations and heads of Crown agencies?
3. From November 15, 2008 to March 6, 2014, what were the contents of each annual letter of expectation provided by the Premier to departmental deputy ministers, heads of territorial corporations and heads of Crown agencies?
4. What mechanisms have been implemented by the Government of Nunavut's Senior Personnel Secretariat to monitor compliance on the part of deputy heads with conflict of interest guidelines to their personal financial activities, business holdings and interests in enterprises that conduct business in Nunavut?

Response:

1. The table below provides a complete list of total annual remuneration paid to the current departmental deputy ministers, heads of territorial corporations and heads of Crown agencies including, but not limited to salary, Nunavut Northern Allowance, travel allowance and entertainment allowance.

Name of Deputy Head	Salary	Nunavut Northern Allowance	Travel Allowance	Entertainment Allowance
Long, Robert	187,201.00	15,017.00	N/A	3,000.00
Kunuk, Joe Adla	200,611.00	15,017.00	N/A	3,000.00
Shouldice, Michael	198,390.00	18,517.00	N/A	3,000.00
Awa, Simon	202,558.00	15,017.00	N/A	3,000.00
Rojas, Aluki	192,489.00	15,017.00	N/A	3,000.00
Green, Roy	198,607.00	15,017.00	N/A	3,000.00
Akeagok, David	198,663.00	15,017.00	N/A	3,000.00
Okpik, Kathleen	212,893.00	15,017.00	N/A	3,000.00
D'Arcy, Christian	201,369.00	15,017.00	N/A	3,000.00
Name of Crown Corporation (not Deputy Head)	Salary	Nunavut Northern Allowance	Travel Allowance	Entertainment Allowance
Ma, Peter	212,893.00	15,017.00	N/A	3,000.00
Nichol, Darrin	132,840.00	18,517.00	N/A	0.00
Row, Sherri	169,988.00	15,017.00	N/A	0.00

2. The table below provides a complete list of how much was awarded in performance bonuses to departmental deputy ministers, heads of territorial corporations and heads of Crown agencies from November 15, 2008 to March 6, 2014, listed by individual.

Deputy Head	Year	Performance Bonus	Merit Pay
Long, Robert	2013-2014	Not Yet Awarded	N/A
	2012-2013	15,515.00	4,433.00
	2011-2012	18,400.00	N/A
	2010-2011	22,400.00	N/A
	2009-2010	16,991.00	N/A
	2008-2009	N/A	N/A

Deputy Head	Year	Performance Bonus	Merit Pay
D'Arcy, Christian	2013-2014	Not Yet Awarded	N/A
	2012-2013	24,438.00	N/A
	2011-2012	19,834.00	N/A
	2010-2011	N/A	N/A
	2009-2010	N/A	N/A
	2008-2009	N/A	N/A
Akeegok, David	2013-2014	Not Yet Awarded	N/A
	2012-2013	16,092.00	8,699.00
	2011-2012	21,600.00	N/A
	2010-2011	13,070.00	N/A
	2009-2010	N/A	N/A
	2008-2009	15,500.00	N/A
Kunuk, Joe Adla	2013-2014	Not Yet Awarded	N/A
	2012-2013	21,529.00	N/A
	2011-2012	18,000.00	N/A
	2010-2011	N/A	N/A
	2009-2010	N/A	N/A
	2008-2009	N/A	N/A
Okpik, Kathleen	2013-2014	Not Yet Awarded	N/A
	2012-2013	26,353.00	N/A
	2011-2012	29,700.00	N/A
	2010-2011	28,800.00	N/A
	2009-2010	28,800.00	N/A
	2008-2009	28,380.00	15,000.00
Green, Roy	2013-2014	Not Yet Awarded	N/A
	2012-2013	20,728.00	N/A
	2011-2012	N/A	N/A
	2010-2011	N/A	N/A
	2009-2010	N/A	N/A
	2008-2009	N/A	N/A
Awa, Simon	2013-2014	Not Yet Awarded	N/A
	2012-2013	19,666.00	N/A
	2011-2012	21,375.00	N/A
	2010-2011	23,940.00	N/A
	2009-2010	22,400.00	N/A
	2008-2009	21,080.00	5,000.00
Ma, Peter	2013-2014	Not Yet Awarded	N/A
	2012-2013	22,219.00	N/A
	2011-2012	19,800.00	N/A
	2010-2011	21,600.00	N/A
	2009-2010	25,200.00	N/A
	2008-2009	25,840.00	10,000.00

Deputy Head	Year	Performance Bonus	Merit Pay
Keenainak, Rosemary	2013-2014	N/A	N/A
	2012-2013	N/A	N/A
	2011-2012	N/A	N/A
	2010-2011	N/A	N/A
	2009-2010	N/A	N/A
	2008-2009	16,120.00	N/A
Rojas, Aluki	2013-2014	Not Yet Awarded	N/A
	2012-2013	9,344.00	N/A
	2011-2012	21,125.00	N/A
	2010-2011	22,750.00	N/A
	2009-2010	22,100.00	N/A
	2008-2009	22,940.00	7,500.00
Campbell, Alex	2013-2014	N/A	N/A
	2012-2013	N/A	N/A
	2011-2012	N/A	N/A
	2010-2011	26,600.00	N/A
	2009-2010	26,600.00	N/A
	2008-2009	26,600.00	15,000.00
Vandermeulen, Daniel	2013-2014	20,057.00	N/A
	2012-2013	25,964.00	N/A
	2011-2012	28,500.00	N/A
	2010-2011	24,050.00	N/A
	2009-2010	24,050.00	N/A
	2008-2009	21,700.00	7,500.00
Omilgoitok, David	2013-2014	N/A	N/A
	2012-2013	N/A	N/A
	2011-2012	N/A	N/A
	2010-2011	N/A	N/A
	2009-2010	N/A	N/A
	2008-2009	17,160.00	N/A
Slaughter, Janet	2013-2014	N/A	N/A
	2012-2013	N/A	N/A
	2011-2012	N/A	N/A
	2010-2011	19,800.00	N/A
	2009-2010	N/A	N/A
	2008-2009	N/A	N/A

Deputy Head	Year	Performance Bonus	Merit Pay
Lausman, Kathleen	2013-2014	N/A	N/A
	2012-2013	3,366.00	N/A
	2011-2012	13,200.00	N/A
	2010-2011	19,800.00	N/A
	2009-2010	13,193.00	N/A
	2008-2009	N/A	N/A
Flannigan, Koovian	2013-2014	N/A	N/A
	2012-2013	N/A	N/A
	2011-2012	N/A	N/A
	2010-2011	N/A	N/A
	2009-2010	N/A	N/A
	2008-2009	13,440.00	N/A
Wasson, Louise	2013-2014	N/A	N/A
	2012-2013	N/A	N/A
	2011-2012	N/A	N/A
	2010-2011	9,480.00	N/A
	2009-2010	N/A	N/A
	2008-2009	N/A	N/A
Weber, Markus	2013-2014	N/A	N/A
	2012-2013	N/A	N/A
	2011-2012	N/A	N/A
	2010-2011	26,250.00	N/A
	2009-2010	26,250.00	N/A
	2008-2009	28,000.00	15,000.00
Tarnow, Norman	2013-2014	N/A	N/A
	2012-2013	21,403.00	N/A
	2011-2012	N/A	N/A
	2010-2011	N/A	N/A
	2009-2010	N/A	N/A
	2008-2009	N/A	N/A
Hainnu, Phoebe	2013-2014	N/A	N/A
	2012-2013	N/A	N/A
	2011-2012	N/A	N/A
	2010-2011	N/A	N/A
	2009-2010	N/A	N/A
	2008-2009	18,600.00	5,000.00

NDC President	Year	Performance Bonus	Merit Pay
Nichol, Darrin	2013-2014	N/A	N/A
	2012-2013	N/A	N/A
	2011-2012	N/A	N/A
	2010-2011	N/A	N/A
	2009-2010	N/A	N/A
	2008-2009	N/A	N/A
NBCC CEO	Year	Performance Bonus	Merit Pay
Rowe, Sherri	2013-2014	Not yet awarded	N/A
	2012-2013	8,252.00	N/A
	2011-2012	5,998.00	N/A
	2010-2011	6,314.00	N/A
	2009-2010	N/A	N/A
	2008-2009	N/A	N/A
NHC President	Year	Performance Bonus	Merit Pay
Barriault, Alain	2013-2014	N/A	N/A
	2012-2013	16,907.00	4,449.00
	2011-2012	20,280.00	N/A
	2010-2011	21,840.00	N/A
	2009-2010	4,142.00	N/A
	2008-2009	N/A	N/A
Scott, Peter	2013-2014	N/A	N/A
	2012-2013	N/A	N/A
	2011-2012	N/A	N/A
	2010-2011	N/A	N/A
	2009-2010	N/A	N/A
	2008-2009	19,282.00	N/A
NAC President	Year	Performance Bonus	Merit Pay
Shouldice, Michael	2013-2014	Not yet awarded	N/A
	2012-2013	21,235.00	N/A
	2011-2012	8,850.00	N/A
	2010-2011	N/A	N/A
	2009-2010	N/A	N/A
	2008-2009	N/A	N/A
QEC President	Year	Performance Bonus	Merit Pay
Mackey, Peter	2013-2014	N/A	N/A
	2012-2013	40,000.00	N/A
	2011-2012	43,967.00	N/A
	2010-2011	25,600.00	N/A
	2009-2010	32,507.00	N/A
	2008-2009	N/A	N/A

3. Copies of the Letters of Expectation and/or Mandate Letters provided by the Premier to the departmental deputy ministers, heads of territorial corporations and heads of Crown agencies from November 15, 2008 to March 6, 2014 are attached to this response. A summary of attachments is provided below.

Attachment(s): Letters of Expectation (Mandate Letters)

2008-2009 – Nothing on file

2009-2010

Robert Long
Kathleen Okpik
Peter Ma
Simon Awa
Aluki Rojas
David Omilgoitok
Markus Weber
Alex Campbell
Kathleen Lausman

2010-2011

Robert Long
Kathleen Okpik
Peter Ma
Simon Awa
David Akeeagok
Janet Slaughter
Kathleen Lausman

2011-2012

Robert Long
Kathleen Okpik
Peter Ma
Simon Awa
Aluki Rojas
Christian D'Arcy
Joe Adla Kunuk
David Akeeagok
Daniel Vandermeulen
Janet Slaughter

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David Akeeagok
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Joe Adla Kunuk
David Akeeagok
Daniel Vandermeulen
Roy Green
Norman Tarnow

4. The Deputy Head Employment and Compensation Terms specifically addresses conflict of interest for deputy heads in relation to the personal financial activities, business holdings and interest in enterprises that conduct business in Nunavut. Deputy heads are required to disclose, in writing, any current business activities or personal holdings that may represent a conflict of interest; as well as volunteer or community positions or businesses that are pursued without compensation.

If the Premier determines that any activity or holding is in conflict with the deputy head's obligations to the GN, the deputy head will be so advised in writing and requested to cease the business activity or place in an appropriate trust those assets identified by the Premier.

The Deputy Head Employment and Compensation Terms are reviewed on a regular basis, the most recent review and update was approved and released on January 1, 2013.

Return to Written Question 2 – 4(1): Enforcement of the Liquor Act

Asked by: Mr. Joe Savikataaq, MLA (Arviat South)

Asked of: Hon. Paul Okalik, Minister of Justice

Date: March 10, 2014

Question:

From April 1, 2010 to March 10, 2014, broken down by fiscal year, community and category of alleged offence, how many charges were laid for alleged contraventions of the *Liquor Act*?

Response:

The court database is organized by calendar year. It is not possible to break down offense numbers by fiscal year.

The court database records charges laid under the *Liquor Act*, but does not record which specific section the charges originates. To determine each specific charge, staff will have to request files from the archives and review each file individually. This on-going process could take several months.

In the interim, the number of charges laid, under the *Liquor Act*, per calendar year by community from April 1, 2010 to March 10, 2014 are as follows:

COMMUNITY	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014 (Jan-Mar 10)
ALL COMMUNITIES	230	191	130	99	7
Arctic Bay	1	0	0	0	0
Arviat	40	16	1	1	1
Baker Lake	45	27	5	13	0
Cambridge Bay	10	4	0	15	0
Cape Dorset	7	5	2	5	0
Chesterfield Inlet	0	0	0	0	0
Clyde River	0	1	0	2	1
Coral Harbour	5	21	17	4	1
Gjoa Haven	23	1	9	3	0
Grise Fiord	0	0	0	1	0
Hall Beach	0	3	1	0	0
Igloolik	0	1	0	1	0
Iqaluit	18	14	20	11	0
Kimmirut	0	0	0	1	0
Kugaaruk	17	32	39	21	3
Kugluktuk	7	9	1	1	0
Pangnirtung	20	12	5	6	0
Pond Inlet	21	2	2	0	0
Qikiqtarjuaq	7	1	1	0	0
Rankin Inlet	4	25	9	5	1
Repulse Bay	0	0	4	0	0
Resolute Bay	1	2	3	0	0

Sanikiluaq	2	12	6	6	0
Taloyoak	0	0	1	0	0
Whale Cove	2	3	6	3	0

*Source: Nunavut Court of Justice – Court Information System

Question:

With respect to the charges referred in Question No. 1, what was the ultimate disposition of each matter, including the amount of any fines that were imposed?

Response:

Charges laid under the *Liquor Act* per calendar year from April 1, 2010 to March 10, 2014 disposed of by way of fine are as follows:

COMMUNITY	2010-2011 (Apr-Mar)	2011-2012 (Apr-Mar)	2012-2013 (Apr-Mar)	2013-2014 (Jan-Mar)
ALL COMMUNITIES	58	58	57	33
Arctic Bay	2	0	0	0
Arviat	2	8	1	0
Baker Lake	20	6	2	2
Cambridge Bay	1	0	0	1
Cape Dorset	0	0	2	0
Chesterfield Inlet	0	0	0	0
Clyde River	0	0	0	0
Coral Harbour	4	3	19	5
Gjoa Haven	6	0	0	0
Grise Fiord	0	0	0	0
Hall Beach	0	0	0	0
Igloolik	0	1	0	0

Iqaluit	5	4	7	4
Kimmirut	0	0	4	0
Kugaaruk	0	12	8	7
Kugluktuk	1	1	0	0
Pangnirtung	11	6	3	4
Pond Inlet	3	0	0	0
Qikiqtarjuaq	0	0	1	1
Rankin Inlet	0	10	6	0
Repulse Bay	0	0	1	3
Resolute Bay	1	1	0	1
Sanikiluaq	0	5	2	4
Taloyoak	0	0	0	1
Whale Cove	2	0	0	0

*Source: Nunavut Court of Justice – Court Information System

The total dollar value of all fines ordered under the *Liquor Act*, per calendar year, from April 1, 2010 to March 10, 2014 is as follows:

COMMUNITY	2010-2011 (Apr-Mar)	2011-2012 (Apr-Mar)	2012-2013 (Apr-Mar)	2013-2014 (Jan-Mar)
ALL COMMUNITIES	\$50,314.50	\$33,452.50	\$50,512.50	\$31,630.00
Arctic Bay	\$2,500.00	0	0	0
Arviat	\$5,500.00	\$8,500.00	\$500.00	0
Baker Lake	\$5,389.50	\$1,675.00	\$460.00	\$5,230.00
Cambridge Bay	\$5,000.00	0	0	\$600.00
Cape Dorset	0	0	\$330.00	0
Chesterfield Inlet	0	0	0	0
Clyde River	0	0	0	0

Coral Harbour	\$2,075.00	\$1,725.00	\$10,165.00	\$2,650.00
Gjoa Haven	\$3,075.00	\$500.00	\$125.00	0
Grise Fiord	0	0	0	0
Hall Beach	0	0	0	0
Igloolik	0	\$500.00	0	0
Iqaluit	\$11,650.00	\$7,700.00	\$25,150.00	\$11,000.00
Kimmirut	0	0	\$6,500.00	0
Kugaaruk	0	\$2,895.00	\$1,725.00	\$1,610.00
Kugluktuk	\$200.00	\$230.00	0	0
Pangnirtung	\$10,675.00	\$3,325.00	\$1,725.00	\$2,300.00
Pond Inlet	\$1,600.00	0	0	0
Qikiqtarjuaq	0	0	\$575.00	\$5,000.00
Rankin Inlet	0	\$1,602.50	\$1,207.50	0
Repulse Bay	0	0	\$1,300.00	\$440.00
Resolute Bay	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00	0	\$750.00
Sanikiluaq	0	\$3,800.00	\$750.00	\$1,550.00
Taloyoak	0	0	0	\$500.00
Whale Cove	\$1,150.00	0	0	0

*Source: Nunavut Court of Justice – Court Information System

Charges laid under the *Liquor Act* per calendar year from April 1, 2010 to March 10, 2014 disposed of other than by fines are as follows:

2010

- 1 – Conditional Sentence Order (Cape Dorset)
- 1 – Custody Sentence (Pond Inlet)

2011

- 4 – Custody Sentences (Hall Beach, Pond Inlet X 2, Sanikiluaq)

2012

2 –Custody Sentences (Iqaluit X 2)

2013

2 –Custody Sentences (Iqaluit X 2)

2014

2 –Custody Sentence Orders (Iqaluit X 2)

Question:

With respect to fines imposed between January 1, 2010 and March 10, 2014 for contraventions of the *Liquor Act*, what is the total amount of money received to date from offenders?

Response:

The total dollar value of fines paid and received under the *Liquor Act*, per calendar year from April 1, 2010 to March 10, 2014 are as follows:

2010-2011 (Apr-Mar)	2011-2012 (Apr-Mar)	2012-2013 (Apr-Mar)	2013-2014 (Jan-Mar)
\$36,278.49	\$21,947.99	\$26,996.09	\$12,250.00

*Source: Nunavut Court of Justice – Court Information System

Question:

As of March 10, 2014, how many individuals are currently incarcerated in territorial correctional facilities as a consequence of sentences imposed for a contravention of the *Liquor Act* are awaiting consideration before the Nunavut Court of Justice?

Response:

As of March 10, 2014, there is one individual currently incarcerated in a territorial correctional facility as a consequence of a sentence imposed for a contravention of the *Liquor Act*.

Question:

As of March 10, 2014, how many matters involving alleged contraventions of the *Liquor Act* are awaiting consideration before the Nunavut Court of Justice?

Response:

As of March 10, 2014, the number of matters involving contraventions of the *Liquor Act* awaiting consideration before the Nunavut Court of Justice are as follows:

COMMUNITY	Total
ALL COMMUNITIES	46
Arviat	74
Baker Lake	3
Cape Dorset	1
Clyde River	3
Coral Harbour	6
Gjoa Haven	1
Iqaluit	11
Kugaaruk	9
Pangnirtung	2
Rankin Inlet	2
Repulse Bay	3
Sanikiluaq	1

*Source: Nunavut Court of Justice – Court Information System

Return to Written Question 1 – 4(2): Extended Health Benefits Program

Asked by: Ms. Pat Angnakak, MLA (Iqaluit-Niaqunnguu)

Asked of: Hon. Monica Ell, Minister of Health

Date: March 20, 2014

Question 1: Broken down by fiscal year, since 2008-2009, how much of the budget allocated for the Extended Health Benefits Program has been expended?

Response: The table below outlines expenditure under Extended Health Benefits by fiscal year since 2008-2009.

Expenditure By Fiscal Year			
Fiscal Year	Total	Budget*	Variance
2008-2009	\$669,000.00	\$360,000.00	(\$309,000.00)
2009-2010	\$875,000.00	\$360,000.00	(\$515,000.00)
2010-2011	\$829,000.00	\$1,171,000.00	\$342,000.00
2011-2012	\$774,000.00	\$1,171,000.00	\$397,000.00
2012-2013	\$653,000.00	\$1,171,000.00	\$518,000.00
2013-2014**	\$648,000.00	\$1,171,000.00	\$523,000.00
Total	\$4,448,000.00	\$5,404,000.00	\$956,000.00
*Budget includes provisions for Indigent Health Benefits			
**Expenses to February			

Question 2: Broken down by type of need (e.g. Nunavut residents diagnosed with a chronic illness, non-aboriginal seniors over 65 years, Nunavut residents who have exhausted other insurance benefits or have no insurance benefits), how many medical clients have applied for and accessed support under the Extended Health Benefits Program for each fiscal year since 2008-2009?

Response: Table A outlines the number of individuals who have accessed services by submitting claims or by having a claim submitted on their behalf by a pharmacy for reimbursement.

Table B shows the total number of individuals eligible to access services, known as active members. Active members are eligible and have submitted an application to access the program, but may or may not have submitted expenses in a given fiscal year.

Table A: Individuals who Accessed Services*				
Fiscal Year	Nunavut Residents who have exhausted or have no insurance benefits	Non-aboriginal seniors 65+	Chronic illness	Total**
2008-2009	0	86	121	206
2009-2010	0	91	160	251
2010-2011	2	84	180	264
2011-2012	8	87	205	292
2012-2013	11	89	214	308
2013-2014	20	91	198	303
*Individuals who access services are individuals who have submitted claims for reimbursement or have the pharmacy submit claims on their behalf.				
**This is the total number of individuals that accessed the program. The combined “type of need” total of any given year may not match the year total as some individuals may access the program for more than one reason.				

Table B: Number of Active Members* by Year				
Fiscal Year	Nunavut Residents who have exhausted or have no insurance benefits	Non-aboriginal seniors 65+	Chronic illness	Total**
2008-2009	0	126	215	336
2009-2010	0	120	260	375
2010-2011	3	140	269	406
2011-2012	6	132	298	430
2012-2013	19	126	287	422
2013-2014	13	118	277	398
*Active members are individuals who have submitted an application and are eligible but may or may not have submitted expense.				
**This is the total number of individuals that accessed the program. The combined “type of need” total of any given year may not match the year total as some individuals may access the program for more than one reason.				

Question 3: Broken down by type of need (e.g. Nunavut residents diagnosed with a chronic illness, non-aboriginal seniors over 65 years, Nunavut residents who have exhausted other insurance benefits or have no insurance benefits), how much has been expended under the Extended Health Benefits Program for each fiscal year since 2008-2009?

Response: The table below outlines the total amount by year and program that has been expended under Extended Health Benefits by fiscal year since 2008-2009.

Expenditure by Year & Program				
Fiscal Year	Nunavut Residents who have exhausted or have no insurance benefits	Non-aboriginal seniors 65+	Chronic illness	Total
2008-2009	\$0.00	\$287,000.00	\$382,000.00	\$669,000.00
2009-2010	\$0.00	\$302,000.00	\$573,000.00	\$875,000.00
2010-2011	\$16,500.00	\$257,000.00	\$555,500.00	\$829,000.00
2011-2012	\$23,000.00	\$263,000.00	\$488,000.00	\$774,000.00
2012-2013	\$13,000.00	\$242,000.00	\$398,000.00	\$653,000.00
2013-2014	\$65,000.00	\$227,000.00	\$356,000.00	\$648,000.00
Total	\$117,500.00	\$1,578,000.00	\$2,752,000.00	\$4,448,000.00

Question 4: Broken down by type of need (e.g. Nunavut residents diagnosed with a chronic illness, non-aboriginal seniors over 65 years, Nunavut residents who have exhausted other insurance benefits or have no insurance benefits), how many medical clients have applied for and been denied support under the Extended Health Benefits Program for each fiscal year since 2008-2009?

Response: All individuals who apply and meet the coverage criteria are approved for Extended Health Benefits.

Number of Applicants Denied Coverage				
Fiscal Year	Nunavut Residents who have exhausted or have no insurance benefits	Non-aboriginal seniors 65+	Chronic illness	Total
2008-2009	0	0	0	0
2009-2010	0	0	0	0
2010-2011	0	0	0	0
2011-2012	0	0	0	0
2012-2013	0	0	0	0
2013-2014	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0

Response to Petition 1 – 4(1): Public Housing Shortage in Gjoa Haven

Petition tabled by: Mr. Tony Akoak, MLA (Nattilik)

Date: March 12, 2014

Response:

Thank you for tabling the petition from the Annual General Meeting of the Kikitak Housing Association in Gjoa Haven. I would like to acknowledge the important concerns of the people of Gjoa Haven, and express my compassion for the situation they, and many other Nunavummiut, are facing.

I want to assure you that the Nunavut Housing Corporation (NHC) is making every possible effort to address the demand for social housing in Gjoa Haven, and across the territory, in the most effective ways possible.

As you know, NHC has developed a methodology for allocation of public housing construction that is based on relative need in each community. In January 2013, Gjoa Haven ranked 20th out of 25 communities in terms of housing need, and for this reason, was not allocated any new construction under the federal government's \$100 million investment in housing.

After factoring in new construction under the \$100 million, and looking at January 2014 public housing waitlist data, Gjoa Haven's relative need rank has risen to 8 out of 25. However, new construction is dependent upon future funding. When funding is identified, NHC will revisit the "needs based" ranking.

Another important way in which NHC is attempting to address housing demands in Nunavut is through the implementation of the *GN Comprehensive Long-Term Housing and Homelessness Strategy* that outlines a complete strategic structure for meeting Nunavut's housing challenges, and identifies goals and objectives that need to be achieved in order to improve Nunavut's housing situation. Part of this strategy is the development of a wider and more diverse range of housing options for the territory so that the housing and shelter needs of all Nunavummiut, including those in Gjoa Haven, can be met through means other than public housing.

I commend the people of Gjoa Haven for taking the time to put together a petition, and for voicing their concerns. I look forward to working with members of the legislature, other stakeholders and all Nunavummiut as we attempt to strategically address the serious housing crisis facing this territory.

Response to Petition 2 – 4(1): Eye Team Visits to Hamlet of Gjoa Haven

Petition tabled by: Mr. Tony Akoak, MLA (Nattilik)

Date: April 14, 2014

Response:

The Department of Health acknowledges the petition made on behalf of the residents of Gjoa Haven concerning eye team visits to their Hamlet.

The Department of Health administers vision care services on behalf of the federal government as a part of the Non-Insured Health Benefits program. In response to wait times, Health has made an agreement with NIHB to increase the number of service days for vision care visits across the territory for 2014-15.

Under this agreement, Gjoa Haven will receive five extra vision care service days in 2014-15 for a total of 14 service days.

Health will continue to work with the federal government to ensure that vision care services meet the needs of Nunavummiut.