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Iqaluit, Nunavut
Monday, June 5, 2017

Members Present:

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

>>*House commenced at 13:32*

Item 1: Opening Prayer

Speaker (Hon. George Qulaut) (interpretation): Mr. Keyootak, can you say the opening prayer, please.

>>*Prayer*

Speaker (interpretation): Good afternoon, my fellow Nunavummiut. Members, ministers, (interpretation ends) Premier, (interpretation) and visitors, welcome to the House.

Item 2. Ministers' Statements.
(interpretation ends) Hon. Premier of Nunavut, Hon. Peter Taptuna.

Item 2: Ministers' Statements

Minister's Statement 314 – 4(3): Overhaul Nutrition North

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation) Good afternoon, my colleagues, Nunavummiut, and Kuglukturmiut.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, the Nutrition North Canada Program was introduced by the federal Conservative government in April of 2011. The program replaced the previous Food Mail Program, as we all know.

Originally the program was intended to assist northern and remote communities by reducing food costs. After numerous reviews, Auditor General's reports, public discussions, and analysis of the program, it still demonstrates a failure to pass lower costs onto the consumer.

Recently the Conference Board of Canada stated food insecurity, including the high cost of food in remote and rural areas of the country, needs to be addressed.

The Auditor General's 2014 report on Nutrition North Canada confirmed the program provides a direct subsidy to the retailers. It specifies that "retailers are responsible for passing on the full subsidy to consumers by reducing their prices on eligible foods."

Mr. Speaker, to know if a full subsidy is applied and passed onto the consumer, Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) would need to know the landed cost (which includes the freight cost), the profit margin, and the selling price of the particular food item. Mr. Speaker, that information is not available to INAC.

Mr. Speaker, Nutrition North is a broken federal program. Public money spent for public good has to be accountable to the public.

Mr. Speaker, we believe that this program needs a complete overhaul or

better yet a replacement. I have met with Minister Bennett and discussed the issue. We have exchanged correspondence with her, as well provided several recommendations on how to assist in fixing the program. Simply put, Nutrition North has failed northerners and the process to address it is very slow.

Mr. Speaker, this week I wrote the Prime Minister and Minister Bennett again to review our government's recommendations and to expeditiously address this situation, as promised in the Liberal election platform. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements. (interpretation ends) Hon. Minister of Environment, Hon. Joe Savikataaq.

Minister's Statement 315 – 4(3): Environment Week 2017

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation) I say "good day" to the people of Arviat.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, June 5 to 11 marks Canadian Environment Week, a week set aside each year dedicated to raising environmental awareness and appreciation across the country.

Today is also United Nations World Environment Day, a day set aside each year for encouraging worldwide awareness and action for the environment.

The theme of this year's celebration, "Connecting people to nature," offers an opportunity for people across Canada and around the world to discover their natural environment and to appreciate the benefits of healthy ecosystems.

As Nunavummiut, we have always been guided by *Avatittinnik Kamatsiarniq*, which means "respect and care for the land, animals and the environment." As our constituents head off to their annual spring camps, I encourage all of them to continue the sustainable use of our lands and waters.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to share with you some of the initiatives my department is undertaking this year to celebrate Environment Week.

Departmental staff will be visiting schools throughout the territory during the week, engaging grade 5 students in activities aimed at enriching their appreciation of the environment. The department has also posted daily challenges on its website and social media pages. Nunavummiut participating in these challenges are encouraged to post pictures on the GN Facebook or Twitter page for a chance to win a prize.

As Nunavummiut, we are the stewards of all our resources, both renewable and non-renewable. It is up to us to find the balance between responsibly developing our resources while protecting and sustaining the land and the life it supports. My department is constantly seeking this balance for the benefit of Nunavummiut today and for future generations.

Mr. Speaker, on this United Nations World Environment Day, the first day of Environment Week, I encourage all Nunavummiut to connect with nature and to spend time this week and throughout the year visiting our territorial parks. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Ministers' Statements. The Hon. Minister responsible for the Qulliq Energy Corporation, Hon. Johnny Mike.

Minister's Statement 316 – 4(3): New Power Plant for Pangnirtung

Hon. Johnny Mike (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon to my fellow residents of Pangnirtung and Nunavummiut.

On April 3, 2017 I was joined by the residents of Pangnirtung, hamlet officials, and Qulliq Energy Corporation (QEC) staff to celebrate the completion of the community's new power plant. The special event was marked with a ribbon cutting ceremony and a community feast to jointly celebrate Pangnirtung's Hamlet Day.

Pangnirtung's new power plant replaces the old plant destroyed by fire in April 2015, and it is the third plant to be rebuilt and commissioned by the QEC since September 2016. Much like the new power plants in Qikiqtarjuaq and Taloyoak, Pangnirtung's power plant incorporates technologies that improve fuel efficiency and reduce noise and air pollution. The new infrastructure is also designed to meet the increasing energy

needs of the community over the course of a 40-year planned lifecycle for the plant.

Other significant features of the new power plant include the capability to integrate renewable energy technologies to the electricity grid and the incorporation of the district heating system (DHS). DHS is an alternative energy technology that uses residual heat from the power plant to heat commercial spaces and it is an effective way to reduce carbon emissions.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to inform the House that the \$19.5 million project was completed well ahead of schedule and under budget. Constructing a new power plant typically takes at least three years. However, the QEC's application of a design-build concept expedited the completion of Pangnirtung's new plant within two years. Design-build is a project delivery method led by a single contractor covering all activities, resulting in time and cost savings.

Mr. Speaker, the corporation has worked diligently to ensure the project's success and I would like to commend the QEC for their achievement.

Before I conclude, I would like to once again express my sincere thanks to the coalition of government departments and non-governmental organizations that came together during the local state of emergency in Pangnirtung in April 2015.

I would like to highlight the remarkable role that the Department of Community and Government Services, Department of Finance, and Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs played to ensure that the coordinated response to

the emergency was focused on the welfare of the community.

I would also like to express my gratitude to the community of Pangnirtung for their continued support and patience during the construction of their new power plant. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Ministers' Statements. The Hon. Minister of Education, Hon. Paul Quassa.

Minister's Statement 317 – 4(3): 15th Anniversary of Trois-Soleils School

Hon. Paul Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand today to share with you and my fellow members that Trois-Soleils school celebrated its 15th anniversary last month.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, an anniversary celebration took place on April 27 and was attended by many members of the community. This event was not only a celebration of the founding of the school but was also a celebration of the well-established roots of French education in Nunavut. French education has been alive and thriving in our territory for 25 years or more.

Mr. Speaker, for 15 years the Trois-Soleils school has provided the francophone students and their families an access to education in their first language. French first language education is offered from kindergarten to grade 12 with 84 students currently enrolled.

Mr. Speaker, my department has witnessed the school's ongoing commitment to the francophone community. Parents, students, and staff of the Trois-Soleils school bring a vibrant cultural and linguistic perspective to our community. Furthermore, many students who have attended the school are now active members of our community.

Mr. Speaker and my fellow members, join me in congratulating the Trois-Soleils school. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Ministers' Statements. Hon. Minister of Culture and Heritage, Hon. George Kuksuk.

Minister's Statement 318 – 4(3): Ningeokuluk Teevee Exhibition Opening at the Canadian Embassy in Washington, DC

Hon. George Kuksuk (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Good day to my fellow residents of Nunavut and Arviat as well as the people of Whale Cove.

Mr. Speaker, we are pleased to announce the opening of a solo exhibition featuring Ningeokuluk Teevee from Cape Dorset. The exhibition will open on June 15 at the Canadian Embassy in Washington, DC, and will run until October of 2017.

Ningeokuluk Teevee is an artist and children's book author. (interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, her book, *Alego*, was shortlisted for the Governor General's Literary Award for children's illustration

in 2009. Several of Teevee's prints have been developed into limited edition prints, and in 2010 her work was featured in a solo exhibition at the Marion Scott Gallery in Vancouver, BC.

(interpretation) Mr. Speaker, through the memorandum of agreement between the Government of Nunavut and the Winnipeg Art Gallery (WAG) we have been working together to make this exhibition happen. Our partnership with WAG has proven valuable in many respects, including showcasing Inuit artists from Nunavut. Mr. Speaker, the GN will send a small delegation of cultural ambassadors and also perform a qulliq-lighting ceremony at the opening ceremony of the exhibit.

Mr. Speaker, I would like my colleagues to join me in congratulating Ms. Teevee on her work. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements. I have no more names on my list. Moving on. Item 3. Members' Statements. Member for Rankin Inlet and Chesterfield Inlet, Mr. Tom Sammurtok.

Item 3: Members' Statements

Member's Statement 569 – 4(3): In Support of Cancer Survivors

Mr. Tom Sammurtok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good day to the people of Chesterfield Inlet, Rankin Inlet, and Nunavut.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I rise today to declare my support for cancer

survivors across our territory and across our country.

As a cancer survivor myself, I would also like to acknowledge the tremendously important role that families and caregivers play in providing support and comfort while fighting this disease.

Mr. Speaker, yesterday, June 4, was a day commemorated to celebrate cancer survivors and to show our support for those who have gone through or are going through the cancer journey.

Mr. Speaker, I feel strongly about the need to find a cure for cancer and defeat this often deadly disease. Today I raise my voice in support of actions and initiatives that strive to curb the impact of cancer and to support those who live through it.

Mr. Speaker, statistics show that Nunavut holds some of the highest cancer rates in the country. Lives are at stake. We must focus on addressing ways to prevent this disease from taking hold. We must also ensure that those who are suffering from the disease receive the supports and services they need in order to make it through.

Mr. Speaker, far too many Nunavummiut are diagnosed with cancer and there may be many more who have not yet been diagnosed. I urge our government, especially the Minister of Health, to continue to work hard toward improving diagnostic services, treatment regimes, access to life-saving treatments and medication, and increasing the level of support and follow-up for cancer patients across Nunavut.

June 4 was an important day to recognize success for those who have survived cancer, but we must ensure that our government and our health services are ready to do battle against this disease each and every day. (interpretation)
Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Hudson Bay, Mr. Allan Rumbolt.

**Member's Statement 570 – 4(3):
Ministerial Visit to Sanikiluaq**

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my appreciation to the Premier and a number of his cabinet colleagues for taking the time to visit Sanikiluaq last month.

Mr. Speaker, I had the pleasure of welcoming Premier Taptuna, Minister Peterson, Minister Hickes, Minister Mike, and a number of senior government officials to Sanikiluaq in late May. I would also like to thank Minister Kuksuk and Minister Quassa for the visit that they paid to Sanikiluaq in April of this year.

Mr. Speaker, the recent community tour provided an opportunity for the Premier and his ministers to gain a better understanding of ongoing and emerging issues and initiatives in the community.

Mr. Speaker, as you know, I have been raising a number of issues in the House concerning infrastructure in Sanikiluaq.

These include the need to construct a new health centre, the lack of office space in the community, the ongoing need for new housing, the condition of the water supply, the need to address the decommissioned old airport terminal building, and other issues.

Mr. Speaker, the community tour was an excellent opportunity to speak directly with local leaders and I thank everyone in the community for the warm welcome that was extended. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Netsilik, Mr. Emiliano Qirngnuq.

**Member's Statement 571 – 4(3):
Congratulations to Recent
Graduates in Kugaaruk and
Taloyoak**

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I send my regards to the people of Kugaaruk and Taloyoak.

I would ask that our Premier and this government take note of what I am going to speak to.

First off I wish to say that my adopted son has turned 20 years old today, so I wish him many more birthdays and I celebrate with him.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate this year's high school graduates in Kugaaruk and Taloyoak.

Mr. Speaker, four students graduated in Taloyoak this year:

- Jonathan Jayko,
- Jerome Kripanik,
- Viola Neeveacheak, and
- Edmond Ugyuk.

I had the pleasure of attending their graduation ceremony in mid-May, and I thank the school and the community for its support of these students.

Mr. Speaker, eight students graduated in Kugaaruk this year:

- Mandy Aglukka,
- Elena Alakannuark,
- Romanie Kayaksak,
- Monica Kayasark,
- Simon Peter Kayasark,
- Christine Peetooloot,
- Dominique Qayaqsaaq, and
- Fabian Qirngnuq.

Mr. Speaker, this year's graduation ceremony in Kugaaruk took place in the wake of the recent fire. I would like to again thank the entire community for the strength that it has shown following the disaster.

This year's graduation ceremony was a testament to the strength and resilience of eight young people, as well as the community as a whole.

Mr. Speaker, both communities are very proud of the determination and hard work shown by our graduates. They have demonstrated that perseverance can overcome hardship and that our goals can be achieved even in the most difficult of circumstances.

Education is the key to Nunavut's future, and graduation from high school is an important step on the path towards post-

secondary education and lifelong learning.

(interpretation) Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to conclude my statement.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. The Member for Netsilik is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statement. Are there nays? There are no nays. Mr. Qirngnuq, please proceed.

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank my colleagues. I'll conclude my statement briefly.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I ask all members to join me in congratulating this year's graduating classes in Taloyoak and Kugaaruk. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Quttiktuq, Mr. Isaac Shooyook.

Member's Statement 572 – 4(3): Implementing Inuit Societal Values

Mr. Shooyook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's not intentional if I make some mistakes. I find it a little difficult to read because of my eyesight.

Nunavummiut who are watching the proceedings, residents of my community and the High Arctic, welcome to the House.

I rise today to speak to an issue that is personally important to me which I have continued to defend here in Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, the Nunavut agreement and Article 23 were agreed to 18 years ago, which created this government here in Nunavut. This is an important agreement, yet we have seen nothing of substance to date if you look at Nunavut overall.

Mr. Speaker, Inuit culture and lifestyle has been completely suppressed, without vibrancy. Where can we take further initiatives? Our culture has been left with no room to move. As an elder, this is hurtful to me mentally and to my work.

Mr. Speaker, today our legislation under the Nunavut government is not adequate because it does not align with our lives. It is creating issues instead. Our culture and traditions have been largely carved out of our lives.

Mr. Speaker, today our culture isn't reflected in our legislation and Inuit lives are being broken with non-compatible legislation. The legislation today has no basis in Inuit lives and the realities we face today. When Inuit try to abide by legislation, we run into cultural biases.

Mr. Speaker, our culture is faced with legislation that is at odds with it. It is causing stresses in Inuit society and places elders in a state of helplessness today.

Mr. Speaker, as a government, now is a crucial time to face our constituents' wishes, interests, and concerns in a collaborative fashion. We should not plan not to resolve these issues for the

next 50 years, but to incorporate Inuit strengths into our current legislation.

Mr. Speaker, only in speaking about a possible foundation can we start to resolve these challenges. This is extremely important as we deal with issues in this session and I will continue to speak to various issues. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Member's Statement 573 – 4(3): Cape Dorset's 2017 Grade 12 Graduates

Mr. Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also congratulate the high school graduates of Kugaaruk and Taloyoak.

Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to be able to rise today to congratulate this year's successful grade 12 graduates of Cape Dorset's Peter Pitseolak School. The graduation ceremony is being held today and I regret that I cannot be in Cape Dorset to join in the celebration in person.

Mr. Speaker, as you will know, it has been a time of great adversity for these young students. The destruction of the school in Cape Dorset put tremendous pressure on students, parents, families, and the community as a whole.

Mr. Speaker, these students continued their schooling despite the lack of classrooms, disrupted schedules, and other challenges. The fact that these young men and women persevered and continued with their studies with commitment and dedication to reach this

important milestone in their lives shows that they are capable of great futures ahead.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the following 2017 high school graduates:

- Alisa Allooloo
- Jennifer Ezekiel
- Mathewsie Jaw
- Piita Jaw
- Cindy Kenneally
- Cecile Noolook
- Samantha Noolook
- Numa Jr. Ottokie
- Charlie Pudlat

I am very proud of their success and I know that the community of Cape Dorset is also very proud of them all. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing these 2017 graduates good fortune in their futures. We congratulate them and we are proud of them. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

**Member's Statement 574 – 4(3):
Fishing Derby in Clyde River**

Mr. Keyootak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to share some celebratory news and to celebrate with my colleagues.

First, before I make my statement, I say “good day” to the residents of Clyde River and Qikiqtarjuaq, along with the people watching and listening to the proceedings.

Mr. Speaker, as members are aware, most communities have initiated annual fishing derbies that are held throughout our territory. I think most of our communities have them.

Also, we know that fishing isn't just fun; it is also a healthy activity shared by families who spend the weekend together and it strengthens family bonds, which is a side benefit. It is usually a joyous occasion for families, but it also allows residents who don't have hunting equipment or employment to share in the prizes of the derbies which assist them as well.

First I want to thank the organizers in Clyde River who held the fishing derby. The Namautaq HTO and the board members held the fishing derby this spring during the month of May.

There were quite a number of winners and I will state their names. The following 10 people won the fishing derby for arctic char held at a local lake:

- First place: Sarah Palituq
- Second place: Martha Kautuq
- Third place: Nina Qillaq
- Fourth place: Eena Qillaq
- Fifth place: Louise Flaherty
- Sixth place: Meeka Aqpik
- Seventh place: Ina Kautuq
- Eighth place: Iga Iqaqrialu
- Ninth place: Justin Kautuq
- Tenth place: Nina Qillaq

Further, within the fishing derby they had a prize for the first catch to be measured. In this derby, two people were the first to catch and measure their fish and they were Reesie Churchill and Nina Qillaq.

Also, the person with the most fish measured is another prize category. The person with the most fish measured was Louise Flaherty. For the prize category of smallest measured fish, Daniel Esa Sivugat got the smallest fish.

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

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

Mr. Keyootak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank my colleagues.

The fishing derby that I already mentioned includes a secondary derby for people without equipment or machines or for people who cannot travel far. They are provided an opportunity to participate in the derby within the community's boundaries. This derby, which held on the nearby sea ice, is a sculpin fishing derby with the same 10-prize categories, and participants won in each category.

The first prize was for the largest sculpin and the winner was Joanasie Pallister. The second prize went to Patrick Palituuq. The third prize went to Nunali Palituuq. The fourth prize was a tie between Emily and Lucy. The fifth prize went to Gina Arreak. The sixth prize went to Norman Natanine. The seventh wprize went to Robert Paniaq. The eighth prize went to Malanie Illauq. The ninth prize went to Prince Daniel Tigullaraq. The tenth prize went to Erko Angutiqjuaq.

Along with these prizes in the sculpin fishing derby, a category for most sculpins caught and measured was Prince Daniel Tigullaraq. The person catching the first sculpin that was measured was Esa Panipak. The smallest sculpin caught was by Kevin Audlakiak.

I am very proud of the winners that took part in the fishing derbies in Clyde River. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Cambridge Bay, Mr. Keith Peterson.

Member's Statement 575 – 4(3): Appreciation of Pangnirtung Visit

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Listening to my colleague's minister's statement today, Minister Johnny Mike, reminded me of some key dates with respect to the power plant replacement in Pangnirtung.

Mr. Speaker, on May 4 Minister Johnny Mike, Minister Joe Savikataaq, and I visited Pangnirtung with some of our staff. I would like to thank the hamlet council and community for their hospitality. It is always a pleasure to visit Pangnirtung and indeed all the communities in Nunavut. On this particular visit we had a very good tour and learned a lot.

Mr. Speaker, two years ago on this very date, June 5, 2015, I visited Pangnirtung with the Premier and Minister Johnny Mike. At the time it was in the aftermath of the tragedy of the Pangnirtung power plant burning down. We went there to recognize all the community responders,

volunteers, firefighters, police, nurses, school officials in Pangnirtung, and many more; too many to name, to recognize their efforts. We had an awards ceremony at the school. We had an opportunity to recognize the efforts.

As the QEC minister, of course at the time, we promised Pangnirtung and the residents that a new power plant would be built by the fall of 2017 at the latest. Even I am astounded by the fast turnaround on the power plant in almost two years.

While in Pangnirtung on this trip, I had an opportunity to tour the new plant. It is very modern. It's a source of pride to the community. I would like to thank my colleagues who followed in my QEC minister portfolio, Minister George Hickes for his efforts to keep that project going and Minister Johnny Mike as well. When a minister makes a promise, you want to make sure that we fulfill those.

Again, the plant burned down on April 2, 2015. That was tremendous news when I heard the news that they reopened the new one on April 3, 2017, almost two years to the date, Mr. Speaker. It's tremendous.

I would like to acknowledge some key QEC people who responded in the extremely critical few hours and days after the tragedy at the time. Jamie Flaherty, Julianne Miller, and Natalie Chafe-Yuan were the key people that kept me informed of what was going on. Their efforts in the early days set the tone for this two-year delivery.

I would also like to thank the QEC board, engineers, plant operators, and

everybody else who made the new plant possible. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

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

**Member's Statement 576 – 4(3):
Transportation Trouble at Iqaluit
International Airport**

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon to the people of Pond Inlet and Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express concern about an issue that has been raised with me by constituents from Pond Inlet regarding transportation at the Iqaluit airport.

Mr. Speaker, I understand that safety is the foremost priority, both for the airlines as well as for members of the public.

As the Minister of Economic Development and Transportation will be aware, many of my constituents are required to travel to and from Iqaluit for medical treatment, including a significant number of elders.

As the minister will also be aware, both Canadian North and First Air provide scheduled service to Pond Inlet and other Baffin communities.

As you yourself know, Mr. Speaker, passengers on flights are required to go between the Iqaluit terminal building and the aircraft via shuttle bus. However, the problem arises with respect to the

different way in which passengers travelling are transported.

Mr. Speaker, in the case of First Air's flights, passengers are transported by shuttle bus directly to and from the aircraft and the terminal building.

However, in the case of Canadian North's flights, passengers are also transported by shuttle bus, but they must pass through the security gate that is located between the parking lot and the apron. Passengers are required to show the security staff their boarding passes.

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

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. The Member for Tununiq is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statement. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Mr. Enook, please proceed.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank my colleagues.

As I was saying, in the case of Canadian North's flights, passengers must pass through the security gate. Passengers are required to show the security staff their boarding passes, which is not the case for First Air's flights. I have been advised that if they cannot find their boarding passes, they are ejected from the shuttle bus and required to walk the rest of the way to the terminal.

This is what I have experienced coming in from Pond Inlet where a very elderly passenger was forced to get off the bus. As well, the previous week, I heard that another elderly passenger from

Pangnirtung was also forced to get off the bus.

Mr. Speaker, this may sound like a minor issue, but it is ridiculous to subject our elders to this kind of treatment. We also heard on the radio this morning where a passenger was relating their experience in being treated in that manner. Why?

What is the reason for differentiating between the two airlines? One comes from the left or northern sector towards the terminal building while the other comes from the right or southern sector, both heading to the building from planes intraregional, yet one set of passengers are subjected to a security check with boarding passes checked. If they lose their pass, they must walk to the terminal. The other airline has never been subjected to this requirement. Why?

This matter is something I will try to have clarified at the appropriate time to see if we can resolve this issue for the benefit of my constituents and those from other communities in the Baffin region facing this situation where they arrive into Iqaluit and face this potential problem. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Member's Statement 577 – 4(3):
Appreciation of Volunteers of
CSFN**

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As members of the legislature and voted-in representatives of our communities, I would be remiss to [not]

discuss the work that other people who are voted in, in different capacities within our communities to for one, like our guests here today with the CSFN and DEAs across the territory.... .

This is our full-time job, Mr. Speaker, as you very well know. As I can attest, it's oftentimes not enough hours in the day for all the hard work that we put in. This is our full-time job for other representatives such as our guests with the CSFN. This is in addition to their full-time jobs and although they receive some type of honoraria, it takes away time from their families and other obligations.

I would just like to take this time to really show my appreciation for other groups that volunteer to make sure that community initiatives, community beliefs, and community drive are represented by people that take time out of their personal lives to make sure that our children get the best direction, to make sure that initiatives are provided from a community to, in this case, the Department of Education to make sure that we're representing the population of this territory.

At the appropriate time I'll recognize individuals, but I would like to again just thank you guys for all the hard work that you do here in Iqaluit. I have witnessed it from experience on the transition that the CSFN has made in the last five or six years, and I know how hard these individuals work. Thank you very much.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. I'm sorry. Members' Statements. I have no more names on my

list. Moving on. Item 4. Returns to Oral Questions. Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Aggu, Mr. Paul Quassa.

Item 5: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery

Hon. Paul Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I stated earlier, we appreciate the CSFN members. They're celebrating their 15th anniversary. I would like to congratulate them again.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, again I would just like to reiterate my congratulations to the Trois-Soleil school for celebrating its 15th year anniversary. Although the French education in Nunavut has been in our territory for the last 25 years, I think it's a great moment for us Nunavummiut to open our arms and accept our good Nunavummiuqatiit.

This morning I would like to recognize these very important individuals, Mr. Luc Brisebois, who is the CSFN president, Mr. Daniel Hillman, who is the vice-president of CSFN, Ms. Jennifer Colepaugh, who is a CSFN member, and of course Mr. Michel Potvin, who is the CSFN interim director general for our Trois-Soleils school here in Iqaluit. (interpretation) Thank you very much and let's be proud of them.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Welcome to the gallery. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Iqaluit-Tasiluk, Mr. George Hickes.

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Like Minister Quassa, I normally don't try to re-recognize people, but I have to take this opportunity.

When the minister just mentioned Mr. Michel Potvin as the acting director general for the CSFN, he stepped into that role as a past chairman of the CSFN and covered a need at a time when it was very critical to the ongoing capacity.

I would also like to pay special recognition to the chair, Luc Brisebois. I know how hard they continue to work for our children.

Mr. Daniel Hillman, who I very much appreciate; also his work life, I appreciate the makings of those on occasion as well too, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Laughter*

I would also like to pay special recognition to my friend and neighbour, Ms. Jennifer Colepaugh, who again stepped up to the plate to cover a need within the CSFN.

Together they work tirelessly to help represent the French community and the French education structure here in Iqaluit. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

Speaker: Welcome to the gallery. (interpretation) Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery.

I, too, would like to recognize our colleague who is celebrating his birthday today. Happy birthday to Mr. George Hickes.

>>*Applause*

We will proceed. Item 6. Oral Questions. Member for Iqaluit-Niaqunnguu, Ms. Pat Angnakak.

Item 6: Oral Questions

Question 753 – 4(3): Nunavut Arctic College Law Program

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon to everybody.

Mr. Speaker, my questions are for the Minister responsible for Nunavut Arctic College.

During last Friday's sitting of the Legislative Assembly, the minister announced that 25 individuals have accepted offers of admittance into the college's law program. Will the minister tell us if the names of the successful applicants will be announced? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister responsible for Nunavut Arctic College, Mr. Paul Quassa.

Hon. Paul Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank the member for asking for that information. Yes, I take great pride in all the applicants, as we received numerous submissions. We actually had 86 applicants for the spots in the law program.

With regard to my colleague's question about employees, there were 10 people from the public service currently working who were accepted into the program. We are proud of these 10 employees. Further, out of these

employees, four were Inuit, but the other five were from Nunavut. I am proud of their success in applying to the program and they are eagerly anticipating the start of the program.

Though the names will be announced, I don't wish to mention them at the moment, but the announcement will surely be forthcoming. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Before I conclude, the law program will start in September. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for your response. Information published by Nunavut Arctic College about the new law program states that, and I quote, "With more legally trained Inuit, it is hoped that other areas of law will start to take more shape in our jurisdiction, such as corporate law and family law." Mr. Speaker, I applaud this goal.

However, I imagine that I am not the only person who is wondering why almost a third of the entering class is non-Inuit. Can the minister clarify why this is so? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister responsible for Nunavut Arctic College, Mr. Paul Quassa.

Hon. Paul Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There were 25 successful applicants and 18 were Inuit, but please know that any courses developed are open to all Nunavummiut. Therefore the selection committee selects the applicants and carefully

reviews each candidate applying for the law program. They can be accepted into the program once they have successfully completed the entrance exam, as they want capable people.

I am not saying that others are not capable, but they must have knowledge in different areas. I can state that this is open to all Nunavummiut. My colleague was probably aware that I can talk in French...

>>*Laughter*

...Inuktitut and English. Those are the three Nunavut languages and the students are all in the same boat. I am proud of the fact that there are 18 Inuit who will take the law program. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister. Now I'm going to ask a question that you alluded to a little bit, but I would like further information on it.

Information published by Nunavut Arctic College about the new law program states that, and I quote, "Students may be eligible for Financial Assistance for Nunavut Students through the Government of Nunavut's Department of Family Services or through their Regional Inuit associations."

Can the minister clarify how many of the 25 individuals who have been accepted into the law program are territorial government employees who have been

granted paid educational leave? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister responsible for Nunavut Arctic College, Mr. Paul Quassa.

Hon. Paul Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank my colleague for requesting more information. As I stated earlier, there are ten current government employees who were accepted and there are nine employees that have been accepted for financial assistance by the Government of Nunavut, or (interpretation ends) educational leave financial assistance. (interpretation) I apologize. There are 10 who were approved to keep earning a part of their salary.

I hope I answered her properly. That was a short response. As I stated earlier, there are ten Government of Nunavut employees who were accepted and nine of them were approved for paid educational leave. According to the (interpretation ends) Human Resources Manual, (interpretation) they can get paid educational leave.

If the Government of Nunavut employees want to take educational leave, they can get paid between 50 and 80 percent of their salary. That will be the case for the nine employees who were accepted or approved by the Government of Nunavut for educational leave. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 754 – 4(3): Kitikmeot Air Ambulance Service

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) My questions are for the Minister of Health.

In June of 2016 the government issued a request for proposals for air ambulance service in the Kitikmeot. The RFP closed on August 3 of 2016. In April of this year the government awarded the new contract for medevac service in the Kitikmeot.

For the record, can the minister confirm which company or companies have been awarded the new contract to provide medevac service in the Kitikmeot? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Minister of Health, Hon. George Hickes.

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do know the contract was awarded, but I don't have the level of detail on who the winning proponent was. I'm not sure if it has been publicly announced yet, so I would have to look into that over the next little bit and follow up with the member. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I know the minister can't respond to my next question, so I'll move on to my final question.

(interpretation ends) Section 1.1.3 of the government's request for proposals indicated that the government was, and I quote, "accepting proposals...to supply

dedicated multi-engine turboprop and/or turbojet-powered fixed wing aircraft.” For the record, can the minister confirm what types of aircraft the new medevac provider will be using in the Kitikmeot? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Minister of Health, Hon. George Hickes.

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. From what I recall from my briefing, it's the same aircraft that are currently available. There is a dedicated King Air 350 out of Cambridge Bay, King Air 200 out of Yellowknife, and King Air 200, non-dedicated, out of Yellowknife, along with the twin otter. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Tununiq, Mr. Joe Enook.

Question 755 – 4(3): Transportation Trouble at Iqaluit International Airport

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I stated in my member's statement regarding patients coming from smaller communities to Iqaluit, depending on which airline they're on, they're treated differently. I'm sure the Minister of Economic Development and Transportation listened to my comments, so I have a question to the minister.

Let me first ask: was the process set up by your department? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Transportation, Ms. Monica Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for that question. Firstly in regard to the member's comment, let me elaborate. I apologize to the patients who were treated that way at the Iqaluit airport.

I want to tell all the airline passengers that we have given (interpretation ends) directives (interpretation) since we heard of this incident. We don't ever want to hear of another incident like that.

In regard to my colleague's question, there are many policies and the Iqaluit airport has to adhere to many (interpretation ends) federal regulations. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the minister stated, the Iqaluit airport has to adhere to many federal regulations. Are the passengers treated differently in accordance with federal regulations? If they come in from the left, they have to go through here and if they come in from the right, they can go directly to the airport. Whose regulation is it? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Economic Development and Transportation, Ms. Monica Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Speaker, I apologize. I have a bit of a sore throat, so my voice is not normal.

Mr. Speaker, (interpretation ends) Canadian aviation security regulations (interpretation) state that for anyone at the Iqaluit airport, there are two different processes. For example, First Air stops at the (interpretation ends) terminal apron. (interpretation) According to the (interpretation ends) security regulations (interpretation) that I just alluded to, if the plane stops there, the passengers deplaning or boarding the plane have to go through the (interpretation ends) unrestricted area.

(interpretation) Canadian North, which you alluded to, lands in the unrestricted area and when the shuttle bus has to go through the restricted area, the steward has to ask for (interpretation ends) boarding passes. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to get clarification on the minister's response. If I understand the minister correctly, she stated that her department gave a directive after they heard about this incident so that this does not occur again. I believe I understood that correctly. I also seem to understand that First Air stops at the restricted area and that the passengers can go directly to the terminal building. Canadian North stops at the unrestricted area and that's why they have to stop.

One thing I don't understand, and I have used both airlines personally, is they are both inside the fenced area. Nobody from the public can access the fenced area. If you travel through Canadian North, then why did we have to come up

with a directive? (interpretation ends) Why did you do a directive? (interpretation) I just wanted to get clarification on what you stated. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Economic Development and Transportation, Ms. Monica Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk

(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The shuttle bus drivers have to be trained and we're giving the airlines, such as Canadian North and First Air, directives that they relook into the regulations. We don't want to see this occurring again in the future.

I'll elaborate further to my colleagues and to the listening public. When we start using the new airport in August, they will no longer be required to use shuttle buses because everything will be the same with non-restricted and restricted areas. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Question 756 – 4(3):
Telecommunications in the North**

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions are for the Minister of Community and Government Services.

During our winter sitting I asked the minister a number of questions concerning the issue of telecommunications in the north. As the minister is aware, the federal

government has announced that its “Connect to Innovate Program” will be investing \$500 million by the year 2021 to bring high-speed Internet to rural and remote communities in Canada.

When I raised this issue with the minister, he informed the Legislative Assembly that the Government of Nunavut has been working with different parties to access the federal funding. Can he update the House today on what progress the Government of Nunavut has made to access the new federal funding? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Community and Government Services, Mr. Joe Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I can inform the member that we are still working with proponents to access some of this \$500 million and we have put in applications. At the moment I can't elaborate on who or what we have supported on this application, but I can let the member know that we are trying to access some of this funding for Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On April 9, 2017 the Premier and the Minister of Community and Government Services appeared before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance on the occasion of one of its hearings on the issue of economic growth in the three northern territories.

During his testimony to the committee, the minister stated that the Government of Nunavut has been undertaking studies and considering various options to improve access to broadband, including a fibre-optic link through the ocean, as well as low earth orbit satellites. Can the minister update us on the results of its work in this area? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Community and Government Services, Mr. Joe Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the member is aware, the government works at a slow pace, whether you're our government or the federal government. We're working with the federal government. The application process is done. We have met their deadlines to apply within the dedicated timelines. Now we're awaiting the federal government's announcement on which proposals they will be funding or they figure should go ahead. Currently I can inform the member that we are awaiting the federal government's announcement on these issues. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Can the minister indicate what support he received from the federal Members of Parliament concerning the need to improve access to broadband in the north? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Services, Mr. Joe Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I can inform the member that they were sympathetic to our needs for better and faster broadband in Nunavut. I explained to them and tried to get it across to them as best as I could that our Internet is really slow here. One of the examples I used is when the hospital does a CT scan, they can't send it down south immediately. It will take a long time or they wait 'til the off-hour at the middle of the night, then they send it when no one is using it.

They are aware now that our Internet is very inadequate for all our needs. There are so many more things that we as a government could do for the people of Nunavut if we had better broadband, but we just don't have it. With our current technologies, we can't get it. We're hoping that these proposals that we have in the federal government will rectify our needs for better and faster broadband in Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 757 – 4(3): Decommissioned Airport Terminal Building in Sanikiluaq

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions are for the Minister of Economic Development and Transportation.

As the minister is aware, one of the priorities in her department's business plan is to, and I quote, "Complete planning work for remediation and removal of decommissioned airport

buildings in Qikiqtarjuaq, Coral Harbour, Nansivik, Sanikiluaq and Resolute Bay."

As the minister will recall, I have raised this issue on a number of occasions. Can the minister update the House today on the status of this work? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Minister of Economic Development and Transportation, Ms. Monica Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for that question. The Government of Nunavut is still currently working towards decommissioning the old airports in Sanikiluaq, Coral Harbour, Qikiqtarjuaq, and Resolute Bay. I can tell the member as of today that there really has not been that much of an update. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When I raised this issue in March of 2016, the minister and her officials stated in the House that the department was planning, and I quote, "an omnibus kind of approach to remediation."

Can the minister clarify if her department still plans to remediate all of the decommissioned airport terminal buildings at the same time, or will she be establishing a priority list for the different communities? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Economic Development and Transportation, Ms. Monica Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for that question. Mr. Speaker, the department has done an environmental safety on the decommissioning of the airport buildings. The buildings deemed to contain hazardous materials will be removed in an environmentally safe and responsible manner.

I can tell the member for Sanikiluaq that the department requested capital funding in 2017-18 for Sanikiluaq, which would be about \$400,000. However, at this time the project was denied. We will continue to put forward capital requests for these projects. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When the minister put a request towards the cabinet to have this building remediated and she said it would cost approximately \$400,000, what kind of response was received from cabinet when she requested this funding? Thank you.

Speaker: It's out of order.

(interpretation) Oral Questions. Member for South Baffin, Mr. David Joanasie.

Question 758 – 4(3): Cape Dorset Power Plant

Mr. Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I say “good

afternoon” to the people of Cape Dorset, Kimmirut, and Nunavut.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, my questions are for the Minister responsible for the Qulliq Energy Corporation.

Mr. Speaker, the minister made a statement about the new power plant in Pangnirtung. I would like to ask about and I was very pleased to note that the Qulliq Energy Corporation recently awarded the contract to build Cape Dorset’s much-needed new power plant.

For the public record, could the minister confirm which company was awarded the contract and what the budget for the new power plant is? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Johnny Mike (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank my colleague for asking that question. Regarding the Cape Dorset power plant, everything is going according to plan. Kudlik Construction Ltd. was awarded the contract. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The minister didn’t answer part of the question, but I’m sure he will get to it later.

Mr. Speaker, can the minister indicate when Cape Dorset’s new power plant is

anticipated to become operational?
Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister responsible for the Qulliq Energy Corporation, Mr. Johnny Mike.

Hon. Johnny Mike (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The estimated budget for 2015-16 was in two parts. After discussions with the hamlet council, it was determined that the old power plant cannot be extended or expanded. We have decided to move the new power plant to another location. Including the move, development of the land, road construction, and putting in the piles, it would be a little over \$28 million. It has gone up from the original budget of \$24,800,000. We had to increase the budget for the relocation because we have to work on the new lot for the power plant in Cape Dorset. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Can the minister indicate what impact, if any, the cost of constructing the new power plant will have on the power rates paid by the residents of Cape Dorset? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Johnny Mike (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank my colleague for asking questions about that. Once the project is completed, we will know exactly how much it cost. As I

indicated earlier, we have budgeted a little over \$28 million. We will have discussions on what impact it will have on the consumers in Cape Dorset. Once it's completed, we will know exactly how much it cost.

The member also asked me when the power plant in Cape Dorset would become operational. We're expecting it to be completed by 2020. Your new power plant should be operational at that time. That's the estimated completion date. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 759 – 4(3): Senior Care Services

Mr. Alexander Sammurtok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, fellow residents of Rankin Inlet, and Nunavummiut. (interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct my question to the Premier.

Mr. Speaker, on March 9, 2017 the Premier made a statement about streamlining senior care services in Nunavut. As well as announcing the transfer of three elder homes from Family Services to Health, the Premier also indicated that the Department of Health is doing an assessment of current and future needs for long-term beds for elders.

Can the Premier confirm whether that assessment will use the information about how many elders are being sent away from their home community in order to determine whether or not an elders facility should be established in

that community? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Premier of Nunavut, Hon. Peter Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again I've got to thank the member for being persistent on that. Absolutely it's something that, as a government, we want to ensure that there are avenues where seniors/elders can be taken care of at home.

The strategy is still out there. I have been working with my colleague, but there are no numbers and at this point they're still trying to come up with how it's going to be dealt with. Although there's a strategy, it's just a matter of actioning some items and that hasn't been dealt with yet at this time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Sammurtok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In October of 2016 I tabled an appraisal report of Nanuq Lodge in Rankin Inlet, a building in Rankin Inlet that could easily be converted into an elders facility. Can the Premier indicate whether he has directed the government to consider the potential of converting Rankin Inlet's Nanuq Lodge into an elders facility? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Premier of Nunavut, Mr. Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again I thank the member for that. Mr. Speaker, I'll rephrase my first

response here on having it being dealt with yet. It's still being looked at. There haven't been any concrete action items that have come out of this. Certainly there are multiple departments that are looking at this, led by the health department. Surely we will be looking at this very closely to ensure that we find ways to deal with this situation.

We've got to find ways to get some budgeting, come up with a plan and action items to ensure that our elders are looked at. Mr. Speaker, we know for a fact that there have been a couple of proposals already at the table here within the government and we want to make sure that these are looked at very carefully.

Again, on how to increase the number of beds and increase the level of care, as you know, there are five different levels. We want to find ways to make sure that we come up with third party parameters and finding ways that we can involve other people, other organizations, and find the best possible avenue to move forward on this file. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Your final supplementary, Mr. Tom Sammurtok. I'm sorry. Alexander Sammurtok.

Mr. Sammurtok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, at the end. The Premier indicated that the Government of Nunavut is working to make it easier for seniors to access government and community services. Can the Premier describe what initiatives, other than the transfer of the elders facilities between departments, have been undertaken by the government since March to improve

senior care services? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Premier of Nunavut, Hon. Peter Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We funded the Nunavut elders society to ensure that there is collaboration and needs are being met by the government. We need information to press and lobby the federal government and ensure that we get funding for these types of initiatives.

Mr. Speaker, again, at times we do need help within our departments. From what I understand, there's a third party organization that's helping the health department in looking at the Nanuq Lodge that you brought up previously in ensuring that it's something we can use eventually somewhere down the line.

At the end of the day it's always a challenge to find budgeting. Again, we put in budgeting to the Nunavut elders society, ongoing funding going into the future to help us along with these initiatives that are identified in the strategy. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Rankin Inlet and Chesterfield Inlet, Mr. Tom Sammurtok.

Question 760 – 4(3): Contracting and Procurement

Mr. Tom Sammurtok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I was kind of hopeful that I had one extra question there.

>>*Laughter*

My question is for the Minister of Community and Government Services, whose department is responsible for the government's contracting and procurement functions.

Concerns have been raised with me by businesses in the Kivalliq regarding the awarding of certain as-and-when service contracts issued by the minister's department. The specific concern raised with me is that companies located outside of Nunavut have been able to take advantage of their lower cost environment in order to submit very low bids on certain government contracts. As a result local firms in the Kivalliq do not get the work.

However, once a southern firm gets a contract, significant costs are incurred by the government to cover travel to and from Nunavut by their employees. There are also concerns that work can be delayed because of the need to fly employees in and out of Nunavut.

Can the minister indicate if these types of concerns have been raised with him directly? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Community and Government Services, Mr. Joe Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I can inform the member that yes, these concerns he is talking about have been raised to me. We are looking at them and we will be dealing with it. On top of that, any local Inuit Nunavut firms with the old NNI standards would still have a 21 percent advantage, if they are an Inuit-owned, Nunavut business on

an as-and-when, as with all other government contracts. Yes, that issue has been raised to me. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Tom Sammurtok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When the Department of Community and Government Services evaluates tender and proposal submissions from companies, it calculates bid adjustments based on such factors as Inuit ownership and local ownership.

Section 17 of the new NNI Policy now provides for additional bid adjustments for Inuit firms with higher ownership levels. To illustrate, the new NNI Policy provides that a firm with 100 percent Inuit ownership level will receive an additional 5 percent bid adjustment above what firms with lower Inuit ownership levels are entitled to receive.

It is the responsibility of NTI to determine the relative levels of Inuit ownership of firms on its registry. Can the minister confirm if NTI has provided the Department of Community and Government Services with an updated listing of firms, including their new Inuit ownership ratings? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The NNI Secretariat takes care of that and I believe it is under ED&T.

The new NNI Policy was effective April 1 of this year. Any new procurement process as of April 1 would fall under the new NNI. As we do procurement, we apply the NNI, but CGS is not in charge of NNI. We do procurement on that. The NNI Secretariat would be better to answer that question. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Tom Sammurtok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It sounds kind of unfortunate that there are no communications between the department responsible for NNI and the department that awards the contracts.

Mr. Speaker, I recognize that the government needs to get value for money and that it needs to stretch its limited resources. However, I also believe that we need to always be looking at ways of growing our local economy and workforce capacity.

Can the minister describe what new incentives his department is looking at to support the ability of local businesses to successfully compete for government business? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Community and Government Services, Mr. Joe Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The new NNI Policy is to do just that. The new NNI Policy is there to give local and Inuit and Nunavut businesses an advantage and a foot in the door to do business with the government, whether it be procurement

or contracts with the government. That is the goal of the new NNI Policy.

It took a few years to come up with a new NNI Policy. The government worked on it with NTI. I'm sure there were many long nights debating what should or should not be in there. They have come up to an agreement and that's with the new NNI Policy. I'll state to the member that the new NNI Policy is there to try to nurture Nunavut-owned, Inuit-owned and locally-owned businesses. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Uqqummiut, Mr. Paulosie Keyootak.

Question 761 – 4(3): Baffin Island Caribou Management

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

Mr. Speaker, I have been asking questions about caribou hunting in the Baffin and the fact that we have a limit of 250 caribou per year.

Mr. Speaker, who handles the allocation of caribou quotas to the communities? Is it handled by the local hunters and trappers organizations or the renewable resource officers? Who manages the allocation of quotas to the communities? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Environment, Mr. Joe Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the

member for his question about caribou. The quota of 250 caribou is given by the government to the Qikiqtani Wildlife Management Board and they decide on how many tags each community will get. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Keyootak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Everyone is aware in the Baffin that the 250 tags are male-only tags and cows are off limits. The hunters can only harvest male caribou and this number is high for the number of males. Some hunters express concerns about the one-sided harvests without consideration of cow harvesting in our future. I wonder if this concern has even been considered. Can the minister elaborate further?

I am asking on behalf of our elders, who grew up with seasonally selected animals and not just male caribou, as we all know bulls tend to have tougher meat. We are also aware of Inuit who grew up traditionally, subsisting only on their harvested meat, chose their prey based on their knowledge and the season. They made their choices freely.

To analogize, polar bears are also harvested selectively. We can only harvest a set percentage of female sow bears. I ask if this type of ratio harvesting has been discussed at all. I want to know if a ratio will be adopted in the future where Inuit prefer to harvest bull caribou in the summer and fall, when they become ready for the rut. Inuit want male caribou at that time and season as hunters. It is in the winter season when Inuit don't want to harvest male caribou due to their seasonally-

based ancient knowledge of tender meats.

I would like to know if caribou cows can also be harvested, with a set ratio or if this is coming from left field. This ratio would only apply during the winter season, as per my scenario. Has a winter non-quota limitation ever been considered? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Joe Savikataaq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have heard requests to hunt non-male caribou, but I don't think it has been considered. If we look at caribou the way we look at polar bear management, if there are two tags, either two males or two females can be harvested. It's the same case with caribou. If we allowed them to hunt female caribou, then we would have to decrease the 250 limit that we have right now for male-only caribou. However, the local hunters and trappers organizations can write a letter to the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board to consider this. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Keyootak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Does anybody know how long this 250 limit per year will continue? Have you set a date as to when this moratorium will end for the residents of Baffin Island? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The limit of 250 caribou for the Baffin region will stay until another population survey is done. Right now there has been no decision as to when the next survey will be done. The limit of 250 caribou will remain until another survey is done. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 762 – 4(3): Mould Infestation, Assessment and Remediation in Public Housing Units

Mr. Akoak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon, colleagues, Nunavummiut, and community of Gjoa Haven, Kitikmeot, Nunavut.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions are for the Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation.

As the minister is aware, mould infestation in public housing units is a serious problem.

In July of 2016 the Nunavut Housing Corporation issued a request for proposals for mould assessment and remediation in public housing units across the territory. The RFP indicated that ten units in Gjoa Haven would be inspected.

Mr. Speaker, in recent weeks the Nunavut Housing Corporation has issued a number of tenders for the mould

remediation and restoration work to begin in different communities.

Can the minister update me today on the status of the tender for Gjoa Haven? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation, Hon. George Kuksuk.

Hon. George Kuksuk (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I also thank my colleague for his question. Mr. Speaker, with respect to his question about mould infestation in housing units, the housing corporation has included Gjoa Haven as one of six communities identified in the tenders. The work will proceed and I can tell him that the contractors are starting to work on the mouldy units in Gjoa Haven. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Akoak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Nunavut Housing Corporation's 2016 request for proposals indicated that inspections of approximately 241 public housing units across Nunavut would take place. For the record, can the minister confirm the final number of units that will require professional contractors to undertake mould remediation and restoration work? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation, Mr. George Kuksuk.

Hon. George Kuksuk (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I thank him again for the question. As to which units will require professional contractors to deal with the mould or which units the LHO staff will be able to work on after they have received training, the housing corporation has been working with the LHOs on that.

Mr. Speaker, I can tell the member that in 2017 there were 22 communities inspected to identify which housing units require professional contractors. The housing corporation is working with local housing organizations to identify the units. They still haven't identified which units will be dealt with by professional contractors. I still don't have that information.

I can tell the member that the mould restoration work is on schedule, either through professional contractors or through local housing organization staff that have received training. Work on some of the units requires special equipment and that's why we needed professional contractors.

I can't give the member the exact numbers at this time. I'm expecting to get that information during the sitting of the House. I would like to provide that information if I get it before the end of the spring sitting. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Akoak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Can the minister indicate the approximate amount that has been budgeted to undertake this important work? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation, Hon. George Kuksuk.

Hon. George Kuksuk (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Regarding the M&I budget for home renovations and repairs, we apply for funding from the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. We will use part of the M&I budget for mould remediation. There is \$2.65 million that will be spent on mould remediation. We will receive that \$2.65 million in funding from the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. My colleagues, you may have noticed that the time for question period has expired. Moving on. Item 7. Written Questions. Item 8. Returns to Written Questions. Item 9. Replies to Opening Address. Item 10. Petitions. (interpretation ends) Item 11. Responses to Petitions. Item 12. Reports of Standing and Special Committees on Bills and Other Matters. Member for Rankin Inlet North-Chesterfield Inlet, Mr. Tom Sammurtok.

Item 12: Reports of Standing and Special Committees on Bills and Other Matters

Committee Report 027 – 4(3): Bill 39, Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2017

Mr. Tom Sammurtok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to report that Bill 39, *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act*, has been reviewed by the Standing Committee on Legislation and that the

bill is ready for consideration in Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to waive Rule 68(6) and have Bill 39 immediately moved into Committee of the Whole. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The member is seeking unanimous consent to waive Rule 68(6) and have Bill 39 immediately moved into Committee of the Whole. Do members agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Bill 39 is now before the Committee of the Whole.

Reports of Standing and Special Committees on Bills and Other Matters. Member for Iqaluit-Niaqunnguu, Ms. Pat Angnakak.

Committee Report 028 – 4(3): Report on the Review of the Auditor General of Canada to the Legislative Assembly on Health Care Services in Nunavut

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have the honour today of presenting the report of the standing committee.... I'm getting used to sitting down. ...of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, Independent Officers and Other Entities on its review of the Auditor General's 2017 *Report on Health Care Services in Nunavut*.

Mr. Speaker, issues relating to health and the delivery of health care services to Nunavut residents are of great interest and concern to Members of the

Legislative Assembly and the residents whom we represent. While many different aspects of health care service delivery in Nunavut would benefit from review and analysis, the Auditor General's report focused on primary health care in our community health centres and on whether frontline health care staff and personnel were receiving the support they needed.

The Auditor General of Canada, staff from the Office of the Auditor General, and Government of Nunavut officials appeared before the standing committee from May 8 to May 9, 2017 in the Chamber of the Legislative Assembly to address the findings and recommendations in the Auditor General's report. The standing committee's hearings provided an opportunity for the issues raised in the report to be discussed in a public forum as well as giving government representatives the opportunity to address those issues and respond to recommendations. While a majority of the issues raised were addressed to the Department of Health, a number of them also involved the Department of Finance. For this reason, witnesses from both of these departments participated in the hearings which were televised live across the territory and were open to the public and news media to observe from the visitors' gallery. Transcripts from the standing committee's hearings will be available on the Legislative Assembly's website.

Mr. Speaker, the Auditor General's report addressed the types of support that are provided to frontline health care personnel in such areas as training and orientation, methods of ensuring and improving the quality of health services,

safe work environments, and the recruitment and retention of personnel. The overall conclusion was that Nunavut's Department of Health did not adequately manage and support its frontline health care personnel to deliver services in local and regional health centres in Nunavut.

The Auditor General's report also addressed the Department of Health's need to adequately plan staffing and resources for community health centres. A newly developed comprehensive plan or model for service delivery across Nunavut's communities could certainly help to address many of the key issues identified by the audit.

I would like to take this opportunity to note that the Auditor General's report as well as testimony from government witnesses during the hearings clearly demonstrated that a number of initiatives have already been undertaken by the Department of Health to address the issues raised in the report.

Mr. Speaker, one of the central themes which emerged during the standing committee's review of the Auditor General's report to the Legislative Assembly was the need for the Department of Health to improve its implementation of policies, practices, and procedures which support the delivery of health services in Nunavut's communities and to ensure that the implementation is tracked and monitored in order to enable adjustments and measure improvements over time. It was noted on several occasions throughout the hearings that while policies and procedures may have existed on paper in such areas as quality assurance, recruitment of staff, or addressing safety

aspects of the workplace, they were not always carried out in practice. The audit also noted the absence of mechanisms with which to track and monitor the successful implementation of various policies.

Mr. Speaker, it can be said that for any system the breakdown of one component affects many other components within that same system, as each relies on the other in combination to achieve effective results. The delivery of such a complex system as health care is no exception.

Members of the standing committee noted, for example, a number of findings in the Auditor General's report regarding workplace safety. Several safety-related incidents and safety-related risks were identified at community health centres while it was noted further that many community health centres with more than ten staff members did not have functioning occupational health and safety committees as required by legislation. During the hearings, members learned that one nurse had in fact resigned due to an incident of violence in the workplace. In this case a breakdown in the management of safety risks had an impact on the retention of staff and this in turn put further pressure on the staff recruitment process.

Mr. Speaker, another theme which emerged during the standing committee's review of the Auditor General's report to the Legislative Assembly was the need for improved communications and the sharing of information. With respect to the staffing process and the observed length of time between identifying a vacant position which needed to be filled and actually filling that position, it was noted that

communications between the many different personnel responsible for the various steps in the staffing process as well as communications between the respective divisions of the departments of Health and Finance were often delayed, resulting in some positions not being filled for over 500 days. Such delays would certainly be reduced with improved communications and exchanges of correspondence.

In addition, members of the standing committee learned of instances where the Department of Health had brought forward business cases to the Department of Finance to request funding for specific initiatives which would have addressed some of the shortfalls in supporting health care service providers and these requests were either denied or only partially funded. It would appear that there could be some improvement in the sharing of information which would allow the Department of Finance to better determine the various cost drivers faced by the Department of Health and to better assess the merits of specific business case requests.

Mr. Speaker, as I indicated earlier, the standing committee recognizes that the Department of Health has already initiated a number of activities and programs to address the observations and concerns highlighted in the Auditor General's report.

One major initiative, which members also addressed during the legislative's recent review of the department's proposed 2017-18 business plan and main estimate budget this past February, is the department's proposal to redesign its service delivery model. As discussed

throughout the hearings on the Auditor General's report, the Department of Health's "Model of Care" redesign is anticipated to determine what types and levels of health care services would best meet the current and future needs of Nunavut residents while at the same time ensuring that health care service providers are well supported in the delivery of those services. A revised service delivery model could be the key to addressing a majority of the shortfalls identified in the Auditor General's report.

Mr. Speaker, the Auditor General's 2017 *Report on Health Care Services in Nunavut* included 17 recommendations directed to the Department of Health with five of those recommendations also directed to the Department of Finance. Departmental responses included in the Auditor General's report indicate agreement with all of the recommendations. As indicated previously, a number of initiatives addressing issues raised in the audit were initiated subsequent to the audit being completed and are identified in the report. In addition, at the outset of the standing committee's hearings, Department of Health representatives provided members with a follow-up report on programs and activities being delivered by the department which specifically address the Auditor General's recommendations in the areas of training and orientation, recruitment and retention, and the delivery of health care and workplace safety. The standing committee appreciated the level of detail and information included in the Department of Health's follow-up report.

Accordingly the standing committee makes the following recommendations:

1. That the Department of Health establish and maintain a system to record, track, and monitor the delivery of orientation and training programs to health care staff; to record the status of certification and recertification of health care staff in specific competencies; and to flag training or certification requirements for both new and current personnel.

Mr. Speaker, during the committee's proceedings, members raised a number of concerns with respect to the potential risks of health care services being provided to Nunavut residents by staff who have not had adequate training or certification.

It was noted that clerk interpreters did not necessarily have training in medical terminology and that this lack of training could compromise their ability to ensure clear and appropriate communications between English-speaking health professionals and Inuit language speaking clients. Departmental witnesses described the types of medical terminology modules that are or will be available through Nunavut Arctic College and the standing committee encourages the Department of Health in its ongoing efforts to secure adequate funding to deliver these modules to staff who require the relevant training.

The Auditor General's report also noted that an analysis undertaken by the department regarding the quality of a specific set of X-ray images had demonstrated that a significant amount of them were of too poor quality for diagnostic purposes, which may in part

be due to a lack of skills or training. While committee members were reassured that a follow-up quality review ensured that no diagnosis was made in error with any long-term health effects, members noted that this type of circumstance posed a liability risk. With the introduction of new diagnostic imaging technology in the future, the standing committee stresses the importance of adequate and ongoing training in this area and encourages the department in its efforts to ensure that both lay staff and nursing staff at community health centres receive appropriate training and that the delivery of such training is duly recorded and monitored.

2. That the departments of Health and Finance continue to work together to improve the staffing process for health care professional positions and ensure that the newly developed Health Professional Recruitment and Retention Strategy addresses the need to retain staff within our communities.

Mr. Speaker, members expressed some concerns regarding the length of time it is taking the departments of Health and Finance to complete the process of filling vacant positions within the Department of Health. The role of nurses in community health centres in particular is critical to delivering adequate health care services at the local level.

Recognizing that there is a shortage of nursing professionals across the country, it was felt that greater efforts must be made to provide more competitive salaries and benefits for indeterminate health care professionals as well as taking opportunities to recruit health care professionals who may be working on a short-term basis but have expressed

an interest in remaining to work in Nunavut on a full-time basis.

3. That the Department of Health provide regular updates on the development and implementation of its new “Model of Care” service delivery model to Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, as I noted in my comments earlier, the Department of Health’s Model of Care Initiative will provide opportunities to focus on many of the issues raised in the Auditor General’s report and addressed by the committee during its proceedings. Members appreciate that the department has initiated conversations with such entities as Nunavut Tunngavik as part of its consultation on how health care service delivery can best meet the needs of Nunavummiut. The committee strongly urges the Department of Health to provide Members of the Legislative Assembly with regular updates on any organizational changes or changes in how health care services will be delivered at the community level.

In closing, the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, Independent Officers and Other Entities recognizes that the Department of Health has recently been subject to a number of audits and reviews. The standing committee fully appreciates the effort and dedication of departmental staff in providing comprehensive input to these initiatives. Given current capacity challenges within the health service system, standing committee members recognize that participating in such audits not only increases the workload of departmental staff but pulls them away from their

primary roles in delivering health care services to the people of Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, this standing committee report highlights key issues raised by the Auditor General's report on health care services in Nunavut and includes recommendations for the government's consideration. Pursuant to Rule 91(5) of the *Rules of the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut*, the standing committee requests that the government provide a comprehensive response.

In conclusion, I move that the report of the standing committee be received by the House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The member has moved that the report be received by the House. Do members agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Speaker: Thank you. The report has been received.

Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Hon. Member for Hudson Bay, Mr. Rumbolt.

Item 13: Tabling of Documents

Tabled Document 319 – 4(3): Photographs of Decommissioned Airport Terminal Building in Sanikiluaq

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today I'm tabling a couple of photographs of the decommissioned airport terminal building in Sanikiluaq, which I encourage all members to review. Mr. Speaker, the photographs clearly show the need for this structure

to be remediated and removed. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Tabling of Documents. Hon. Member for Netsilik, Mr. Emiliano Qirngnuq.

Tabled Document 320 – 4(3): Exchange of Correspondence with the Minister of Justice Concerning Firearms Safety Training

Mr. Qirngnuq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The issue of firearms safety training is very important to Nunavut communities. I am pleased today to table my recent exchange of correspondence with the Minister of Justice concerning firearms safety and education training programs in Nunavut, which I encourage all members to review with care. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Tabling of Documents. (interpretation) I have no more names on my list. Moving on. (interpretation ends) Item 14. Notices of Motions. Item 15. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Hon. Minister of Justice, Hon. Keith Peterson.

Item 15: Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills

Bill 47 – An Act to Amend the Legal Profession Act – Notice

Hon. Keith Peterson: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Tuesday, June 6, 2017, that Bill 47, *An Act to Amend the Legal Profession Act*, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Hon. Minister of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, Hon. Peter Taptuna.

Bill 48 – An Act to Amend the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act – Notice

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that Tuesday, June 6, 2017, that Bill 48, *An Act to Amend the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Hon. Member for Hudson Bay, Mr. Rumbolt.

Bill 49 – An Act to Provide for Elections for Municipal Councils and District Education Authorities – Notice

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Tuesday, June 6, 2017, I will move that Bill 49, *An Act to Provide for Elections for Municipal Councils and District Education Authorities*, be read for the first time.

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

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Item 16. Motions. Item 17. First Reading of Bills. Hon. Member for Hudson Bay, Mr. Rumbolt.

Item 17: First Reading of Bills

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I seek the consent of the House to waive the notice period so that Bill 49, *An Act to Provide for Elections for Municipal Councils and District Education Authorities*, can be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The member is seeking consent to allow for Bill 49 to be read for the first time today. Are there any nays? There are none. Mr. Rumbolt, you may proceed.

Bill 49 – An Act to Provide for Elections for Municipal Councils and District Education Authorities – First Reading

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and my colleagues. I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Cambridge Bay, that Bill 49, *An Act to Provide for Elections for Municipal Councils and District Education Authorities*, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. The motion is in order. All those in favour. Thank you. Opposed. (interpretation ends) The motion is carried.

Item 18. Second Reading of Bills. The Hon. Member for Hudson Bay, Mr. Allan Rumbolt.

Item 18: Second Reading of Bills

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I seek the consent of the House to waive the notice period so that Bill 49, *An Act to Provide for Elections for Municipal Councils and District Education*

Authorities, can be read for the second time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The member is seeking consent to allow for Bill 49 to be read for the second time today. Are there any nays? There are none. Mr. Rumbolt, you may proceed.

**Bill 49 – An Act to Provide for
Elections for Municipal Councils
and District Education Authorities
– Second Reading**

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Cambridge Bay, that Bill 49, *An Act to Provide for Elections for Municipal Councils and District Education Authorities*, be read for the second time.

The bill amends the *Nunavut Elections Act* to provide for the conduct of elections for municipal councils and district education authorities in a manner similar to territorial elections. Elections Nunavut will supervise the administration of these elections. The *Local Authorities Elections Act*, which currently governs these elections, will be repealed.

This bill also makes [consequential] amendments to the statutes relevant to those elections to implement this change, namely, the *Cities, Towns and Villages Act*, the *Conflict of Interest Act*, the *Education Act*, the *Hamlets Act*, the *Justice of the Peace Act*, the *Public Service Act*, and the *Settlements Act*. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The motion is in order. To the principle of the bill. All

those in favour. (interpretation) Thank you. (interpretation ends) Opposed. The motion is carried and Bill 49 is referred to the Committee of the Whole as it is a House Bill.

Item 19. Hon. Member for Qamani'tuaq, Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to go back on the order paper to Item 5. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: The Member for Baker Lake wishes to go back to Item 5. Are there any nays? There are none. Mr. Mikkungwak, you may proceed.

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

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize a visitor in the gallery. (interpretation) He has many relatives in Baker Lake. I would like to welcome Robert Tookoome, who is now living in Iqaluit...Toronto?

>>Laughter

He moves quite a bit, but he has many relatives in Baker Lake. I would like him to be seen by his relatives and also welcome him to the House. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Welcome to the gallery. (interpretation ends) Item 19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters. Bills 27, 39, 45, 46, and 49 with Mr. Enook in the Chair.

In accordance with the authority provided to me by Motion 47 – 4(3), the committee will stay in session until it reports itself out.

Before we continue with the Committee of the Whole, we will take a 20-minute break.

(interpretation) Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>House recessed at 16:00 and Committee resumed at 16:23

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

Chairman (Mr. Enook)(interpretation): Good afternoon. I would now like to call the committee meeting to order.

Before we begin our meeting, our fellow Nunavummiut watching the televised proceedings and listening to the radio broadcast, welcome to your committee.

In Committee of the Whole we have the following items to deal with: Bills 27, 39, 45, 46, and 49. What is the wish of the committee? Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. We wish to commence our review of Bill 45, Bill 49, and Bill 39. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Members, are we in agreement that we first deal with Bill 45?

Some Members: Agreed.

Bill 45 – Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 2, 2017-2018 – Consideration in Committee

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. I would like to ask Minister Peterson if he has officials that he would like to join him at the witness table. Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like two witnesses to join me. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Peterson would like two witnesses to join him. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Sergeant-at-Arms, please escort the minister's officials in.

Thank you, Sergeant-at-Arms. Minister Peterson, for the record, please introduce your witnesses. Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. To my right is Jeff Chown, Deputy Minister of Finance, and to my left is Sherri Rowe, Deputy Minister of Economic Development and Transportation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Chown and Ms. Rowe, welcome to the House.

We have Bill 45 in front of us. We were on page 15 on Friday and we will continue. Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr.

Chairman. I apologize for requesting this, but I wasn't here last week and you are on page 15 of this bill. I'm requesting permission to go back to page 12 and ask a couple of questions on the Sanikiluaq water infrastructure carryover. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. As Mr. Rumbolt wasn't here, he would like consent to go back to page 12. Are there any nays? I don't hear any nays. Thank you. Mr. Rumbolt, if you have questions on page 12, you now have the floor. Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, colleagues. I just have three questions that I want to ask here. Your department is proposing to carry over \$625,000 to continue the design phase of the treated water storage tank to Sanikiluaq's existing water treatment plant. Can you tell us when your department plans to bring the construction phase of this project forward? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. With your permission, I would like to switch out witnesses. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Peterson is asking for permission to have another witness at the witness table. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Sergeant-at-Arms, please escort a witness out and bring in another one.

Thank you, Sergeant-at-Arms. Minister Peterson, for the record, please introduce your new witness. Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My new witness is Mr. Eiryn Devereaux, who is the Acting Deputy Minister of Community and Government Services. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Devereaux, welcome to the House. (interpretation ends) Mr. Rumbolt, might I ask you to repeat your question so that Mr. Devereaux will hear it properly. Go ahead, Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I was asking the department with their proposed carryover of \$625,000 to continue the design phase of the treated water storage tank in Sanikiluaq's existing water treatment plant. I'm wondering if they can tell us when the department plans to bring the construction phase of this project forward. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll ask Mr. Devereaux to answer the question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Devereaux.

Mr. Devereaux: Mr. Chairman, the targeted commencement of that would be summer of 2018. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Also from my understanding, Sanikiluaq's current water truck fill rate is at about 600 or 700 litres per minute, which is slow. As a result, it may be affecting the chlorine content required to disinfect potable water.

According to the substantiation sheet for this project, the current minimum flow rate that is acceptable across the NWT and Nunavut is 1,000 litres per minute. However, even that rate is based on standards and criteria from 1993.

Can you indicate if the government plans to reassess that minimum flow rate in the near future? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll ask Mr. Devereaux to answer that question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Devereaux.

Mr. Devereaux: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, we will look at that through the course of the next 12 months as we proceed on this project and prepare for construction to commence in the summer of 2018. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Aside from having the new storage tank, can you clarify if any other upgrades or additions will be made to Sanikiluaq's water treatment plant

through this project? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Again I'll ask Mr. Devereaux to answer that question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Devereaux.

Mr. Devereaux: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I don't have the exact scope of design detail, so I'm unable to provide that feedback to the member right now. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. We will now go back to page 15. The next person on the list that was going to go first today is Mr. Joanasie.

Mr. Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On page 15, following up on the Grays Bay Road and Port Project, it says completion for the environmental and engineering activities for \$2 million. Can I get some clarification? Is this for the entire environmental and engineering for this project? I'll start off with that question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. With your permission again, I would like to bring in my new old witness. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Peterson is asking for permission to bring another witness to the witness table. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Sergeant-at-Arms, please escort the witness out and bring in another one.

Thank you, Sergeant-at-Arms. Welcome back, Ms. Rowe.

Mr. Joanasie, so that Ms. Rowe can hear and understand your question properly, please repeat it. Mr. Joanasie.

Mr. Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The \$2 million for the Grays Bay Road and Port Project, is this for the entire environmental and engineering activities for this proposed project? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll ask Ms. Rowe to answer that question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Ms. Rowe.

Ms. Rowe: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. No. This \$2 million is for the early stages, for permitting and regulatory purposes, to get it ready to go to the Nunavut Impact Review Board. This project is over many years and there will be more costs. This is just to continue to keep the project moving. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This money is just for the environmental and engineering activities, but it's for that portion of the

project and there is no other either governments or.... I think that the Minister of Finance quoted MMG as the mining company that has spent several millions on this project. Have they put environmental engineering money towards this project aside from what you are proposing here? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I understand from the agreement that was signed last year between the Government of Nunavut and the people in the Kitikmeot, the Kitikmeot Inuit Association, that as part of that proposal or that agreement, MMG would be willing to share environmental data that is already costing them upwards of \$30 million to \$40 million. I am unaware if they're going to put additional monies in. That is something that I am unaware of. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. With that, are we, maybe, setting a precedent if we are putting this much towards a project? I mean the proponents are MMG, if I am not mistaken, but will other mining companies come to the government and say, "Hey, you have put \$2 million towards this project just for the engineering or environmental assessment"?

I understand that some of my colleagues were referring to other mining projects that are operational right now, but

moving forward, is this always going to be a recurring pot of money that any mining company can use in the future? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think we need some clarification. This isn't money going to a specific mine. I know Mr. Joanasie mentioned MMG. MMG is a company that is doing a lot of exploratory work in the Slave Geological Province. There are many other companies in that area as well. This will be money to support the development of road and port infrastructure in the Kitikmeot, not for a particular mine but for Inuit organizations to own and operate infrastructure that would support the development of mining in the Kitikmeot. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate the minister's response on that. If the Government of Nunavut is contributing \$2 million towards this project, has the Department of ED&T and/or the government as a whole looked at...? I understand this project is a megaproject that would involve hundreds of millions of dollars. How much funding is the GN foreseeing that they will put towards in future capital plans? Is there an amount that he can share with us today or even an estimate maybe? Two million dollars is quite a bit to start off, but also given the scale of this project, is there some anticipation that there will be much more

financial contributions in the future? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I can't predict. Everybody thinks I've got a crystal ball and I can predict the future, but I can't.

This \$2 million is intended to allow the exploratory work and studies to continue to keep momentum underway so that they can prepare a proposal to the Nunavut Impact Review Board and other regulatory agencies. It also sends a signal to the Government of Canada. They announced in their last budget a large pot of money that may become available. I know it's being fine-tuned to be available for provinces and territories with shovel-ready projects. I mentioned the other day shovel-ready projects. We will keep the momentum going and hopefully be able to access this money.

It's very likely, depending on the outcome of the requests for funding, that they would be concurrently working on a business case to cost it all out. I have no idea what it would cost. It costs a lot to be able to access 75 percent of federal government funding and then there may be either a request for the Government of Nunavut to kick in with money or the private sector through investors and others.

You have to remember that there's an Inuit organization in the Kitikmeot that's called the Nunavut Resource Corporation that will have access to investors and banking sources that they could leverage funding from people who would invest in this kind of

infrastructure. Then of course the investors are always interested in what level of interest is in the involvement of federal and territorial governments. It's no different than a P3 type of project, but this is more of a private sector thing. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In his response I didn't hear any figures. Does that mean there's no future anticipated...? I mean of course the life of this government is five months, almost six months. We're dealing with the five-year capital plan. Is it not anticipated that it could potentially...? Is it under the federal government's radar that the GN might be putting maybe \$10 million more towards this project over the next five years? Is there any figure or anticipated estimates that the Government of Nunavut anticipates that they might spend on this project in the future? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Again, as everybody understands how the capital planning process works, the capital estimates, nothing gets spent unless the standing committee or the Financial Management Board or the Committee of the Whole approves and it has to be worked within our fiscal parameters.

Again, I can throw out ballpark figures, if that helps. The total project could be between \$350 million and \$500 million. As to how much money the Government

of Nunavut might kick in, I can't say because that will depend on the business plan that would be put together, I believe, by the Inuit partners more likely and they would go to the Government of Canada. They would go to the private markets. There could be money from the Government of Nunavut or maybe not. We will see.

I'm trying not to speculate and give hypotheticals because I have done business planning before. You don't know until you have gathered all your data, then you complete an analysis, and you have gone around and walked around Bay Street or Wall Street and sourced out financial investors or government. It's premature at this time how much the Government of Nunavut might be putting in, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for his response. Moving on to a different project under this page, the relocation of Pangnirtung's airport, you're carrying over \$529,000 and it talks about the relocation for Kimmirut's airport. Are you able to say, I guess in comparison to Pangnirtung's airport, how far along is Kimmirut's, looking at the scope of this project and comparing it to Kimmirut's proposed project to relocate their airport? Can I get a comment from the minister and/or maybe the Minister of ED&T if the Minister of Finance can't respond? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll ask Ms. Rowe to answer that question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Ms. Rowe.

Ms. Rowe: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As you know, we have been working with the community of Kimmirut on the relocation of the Kimmirut Airport. As like anything else, most things come down to money. Just like Pangnirtung, it has been ongoing for many years. We have to get to that point where we start looking for funding and determine how we can fund these things because the relocation of any airport is a very expensive thing. We will continue to work towards doing the studies, the planning, and also then eventually for the capital dollars to make it happen. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Can I remind people to make sure you're lit before you start speaking? Mr. Joanasie.

Mr. Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for that response. Yes, I understand it boiling down to money, but also in terms of moving projects forward, we need to.... I know ED&T has done a site study in Kimmirut on the proposed project. This project in Pangnirtung has reached that point or beyond. I'm just trying to figure out how different these two projects are or comparing them, I guess.

Also with that, have you been approaching the federal government on their potential contribution to either Pangnirtung's or Kimmirut's airport relocation projects for that matter? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll ask Ms. Rowe to answer that question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Ms. Rowe.

Ms. Rowe: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, we have been working with the federal government, discussing our needs every chance we get to let them know that these are priorities for the Government of Nunavut and we continue to search out funding for them. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Can I get a response on what this part of the carryover of \$529,000 for Pangnirtung's airport will be used? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It was indicated the other day that that's to allow them to continue doing some further work on weather data collection, and then from there continue to narrow down the preferred location. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for that answer. I recall now that in narrowing down a location for a new airport in

Pangnirtung, you had said that there are several options being looked at.

I had the privilege of inviting Minister Ell-Kanayuk to Kimmirut and we looked at a site for a potential new location for Kimmirut's airport. Also with that there were, I believe, four or five options that were looked at and I think that's narrowing it down quite a bit.

How many options are being looked at in Pangnirtung? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Sorry, Mr. Chairman. It would be all right if you put these lights up a little higher for us.

Mr. Chairman, I'll ask Ms. Rowe to answer that question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Ms. Rowe.

Ms. Rowe: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Initially, going back to 2004, for Pangnirtung there were six options. Where we're at right now is there is a preferred option and that's the site that we're going to be doing further weather data collection of. This study that's going to happen is more about the cloud ceiling. That's really the preferred site, but we have to make sure that the weather data supports that. That's why we're saying that's the preferred site but not the final site until we have the science to back that up. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Once that weather data collection has been completed and you find out it's not a suitable site, what's your next option? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would have to say that they go to their second preferred site and then do the same. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Maybe the Pangnirtung Airport can get a new location in Kimmirut.

>>*Laughter*

That's just on the lighter side.

In my last few seconds, I'm going to move on to a different project, which is the MVIS, Motor Vehicle Information System. \$4,840,000 is being carried over. I understand that this is a multi-year project and it's going to be phased into the communities. How soon do you expect communities to be seeing the actual equipment and being able to receive your new either government IDs or driver's licences in the communities? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will ask Ms. Rowe to

answer that question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Ms. Rowe.

Ms. Rowe: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Right now we're about halfway through the project. As per the equipment, that will probably be starting in the fall that we will start having to visit each community with the equipment and get it set up, but it will still be a while before it can be used. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. We are on Economic Development and Transportation. Capital. Not Previously Authorized. Page 15. Mr. Keyootak.

Mr. Keyootak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a short question on this one item. It relates to the runway/apron rehabilitation in Clyde River. I would like to ask exactly what work will be done. This doesn't include lengthening the runway and is only to improve the apron and taxiways. Is that what it is for? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I apologize for the delay.

Yes, the carryover is to prepare an application to what we call an acronym, ACAP, for funding to rehabilitate the runway. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Are you done? Thank you. Still on that page, Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman,

for recognizing me again. My question is on the \$383,000 figure for Baker Lake. On the substantiation sheet it says that it's for the design and improvements to the terminal building to be completed by March 2018. Is this project just a continuation or has it been completed? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. These are capital carryover funds that have been previously approved, so they're carrying over the \$383,000. The expansion of the apron is complete. The design for the renovation to the airport terminal building is complete. What happened is they have reduced the scope of work for the airport terminal building renovations to match the funding that's available. The work is going to be completed within this fiscal year. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I also thank the minister for his response. Also in the substantiation sheets on page 2, the sixth bullet states that either a renovation or an expansion will be undertaken. This is due to the mine north of Baker Lake, with all the increased air traffic related to the mine, resulting in increased aircraft landings.

There may be a change required in the design and additional funding has been applied for via the (interpretation ends) Building Canada Fund. (interpretation) My question then relates to the design phase. If the building requires an

expansion, is that option included?
Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you.
Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Ms. Rowe will answer that question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Ms. Rowe.

Ms. Rowe: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My understanding is the scope of the work for the ATB has been reduced to match the funding levels. I can get back to the member with further information on that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation):
Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. In the substantiation sheets on page 3, it speaks to a three-way funding application, the Building Canada Fund and two other funding sources. One is from the government and the third isn't identified. It states that funding has been applied for and it can include an addition as required. I wonder if this fund will be accessed based on what is written there and if the federal government approves the application. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you.
Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Unfortunately we don't have the level of detail that Mr. Mikkungwak was asking for. We will have to get back to him with that information. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. We will look forward to receiving the information you said that you will be providing.

We're on Economic Development and Transportation. Capital. Not Previously Authorized. Total Transportation. \$31,824,000. Total Department. \$31,824,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Let's go back to page 2. It reads, Government of Nunavut. Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) 2017-2018, No. 2. Summary of Appropriation Voted for the Public Service of the Government of Nunavut for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2018. Schedule 1. Capital. Capital Appropriation. \$139,590,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Please take your legislation binder and we will deal with the bill clause by clause.

I believe you have a copy of Bill 45 that is in your legislation binder. Since I don't have an Inuktitut copy, I'll read it in English. (interpretation ends) Bill 45, *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 2, 2017-2018*. (interpretation) Clause 1. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 2. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 3. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): While we're there, let's look at page 2, Schedule. I have the English copy, so I'll read it in English. (interpretation ends) Schedule. Supplementary Amounts Appropriated for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2018. Vote 2: Capital. Total Capital Appropriation. \$139,590,000. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Go back to page 1. Clause 4. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 5. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 6. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 7. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Do you agree to Bill 45 as a whole?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Members, pursuant to Rule 62(2), do you agree that Bill 45 can immediately

be placed on the orders of the day for third reading?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. We are done with Bill 45. I would now like to give Minister Peterson an opportunity to make his closing remarks. Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank you and the committee for your excellent questions and scrutiny of our capital carryovers.

I would like to thank all our capital planning folks and all the departments working on these projects, in particular the departments of Community and Government Services and Finance that oversee a lot of the projects and monitor the capital carryovers to ensure they're on track and delivered on time and on schedule as much as possible. I would like to say 100 percent on schedule. They have been improved significantly over the years in my time here.

I would like to thank my witnesses for being here the last several days helping to answer with detailed questions. Of course I thank my ministerial colleagues for also assisting me in answering questions. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Peterson and your officials. We are done with that bill. Sergeant-at-Arms, please escort the minister's officials out. While you're doing that, we will take a five-minute break so that we can get the documents ready. We will be dealing with Bill 46 when we come back.

>>*Committee recessed at 17:06 and resumed at 17:16*

Bill 46 – Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 1, 2018-2019 – Consideration in Committee

Chairman (interpretation): Let's resume the meeting. As we proceed with the review of Bill 46, Minister Peterson, do you have officials that you would like to join you at the witness table? Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have two witnesses I would like to bring in. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Minister Peterson would like two witnesses to appear at the witness table. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Sergeant-at-Arms, please escort the minister's officials in.

Thank you, Sergeant-at-Arms. Minister Peterson, for the record, please introduce your witnesses. Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. To my right is Jeff Chown, Deputy Minister of Finance, and to my left is Eiryn Devereaux, Acting Deputy Minister of Community and Government Services. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, minister. Welcome to the House, Mr. Chown and Mr. Devereaux.

Let's proceed and start with Bill 46 on page A-3. We're going to start off with that. Minister Peterson, if you have any opening comments, I now give you the opportunity to make them. Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Today I am introducing Bill 46, *Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 1, 2018-2019*. This bill covers part 1 of the 2018-19 capital estimates and part 1 of the 2019-2023 five-year capital plan.

Mr. Chairman, 2017 is an election year. Consistent with the practice of the Third and Fourth Assemblies, it is our intention to defer the approval of the 2018-19 capital estimates and five-year capital plan until the winter 2018 sitting of the Legislative Assembly so as to let the incoming government set its own priorities.

However, we have identified five projects where we are concerned that a delay in approval until the winter 2018 sitting would result in late tenders, resulting in missed sealift deadlines. The consequence of missing these deadlines is a one-year delay for these projects and for some of these projects puts at risk our ability to use associated federal funding within the prescribed time frames.

Consequently I am proposing a modified approach to the approval process for the 2018-19 capital estimates that will not delay ongoing work for major infrastructure projects for which the Legislative Assembly has already approved funding but will provide an opportunity for the next Assembly and government to provide input into the

government's capital planning process and five-year capital plan.

The introduction of the 2018-19 capital estimates (part 1) in this sitting will provide funding for a limited number of ongoing projects for which the Legislative Assembly has already approved funding. The 2018-19 capital estimates (part 2) will subsequently be introduced in the Legislative Assembly in the winter 2018 sitting.

The five projects being brought forward under the 2018-19 capital estimates (part 1) include three federally funded projects:

- Pond Inlet Marine Infrastructure Project;
- Iqaluit Marine Infrastructure Project;
- Qikiqtani Correctional Healing Centre in Iqaluit; and

Two projects funded solely by the Government of Nunavut:

- Sanikiluaq Replacement Health Centre Project; and
- Gjoa Haven Bulk Fuel Storage Capacity Increase Project.

The primary issue with the three federally funded projects and the Sanikiluaq project is that due to their size, a late capital plan approval would not allow construction work to be awarded in sufficient time for the summer 2018 sealift. This could delay the construction of these projects.

Although the Gjoa Haven Tank Farm project is an already approved project,

the estimated cost has increased substantially by \$6.6 million and thus does not have adequate funding to go out for tender. Additional funding is not required until 2019-2020. However, the project needs to be tendered and the contract awarded to avoid delays that could entail increased costs and the need to airlift fuel to the community.

The total capital plan (part 1) for the 2018-19 fiscal year made up of the above five projects is \$35,538,000. We are requesting:

- \$100,000 to the Department of Community and Government Services for the Gjoa Haven bulk fuel capacity increase;
- \$15 million to the Department of Health for the Sanikiluaq Health Centre replacement;
- \$5 million to the Department of Economic Development and Transportation for the Pond Inlet marine infrastructure, as well as \$10 million for the Iqaluit marine infrastructure; and
- \$5,438,000 to the Department of Justice for the Qikiqtani Correctional Healing Centre project in Iqaluit.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Peterson. Are there any general comments? If not, let's review Bill 46 starting on page A-3. While I'm reading, if you have any questions, please raise your hand. The page reads, Justice. Corrections. Total Capital Expenditures. Mr. Joanasie.

Mr. Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to ask a question from the opening comments. I'm sorry. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Joanasie. If you think that your questions are not for any particular page, then you can do so. Usually the contents of the opening comments are covered under the different pages. However, if you believe they are not included in the pages, I give you the floor. Mr. Joanasie.

Mr. Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) To start off, I welcome Minister Peterson this afternoon.

We understand that this is a new thing that's being proposed, putting the capital part 1 and in the next Assembly there will be a part 2. My first question is how you chose the five projects that would be in this appropriation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The projects were selected on the size of the projects and the risks identified by Community and Government Services. As you can appreciate, Mr. Chairman, these are all large, time-sensitive projects and three of them are tied to federal funding programs.

In my experience, if the Government of Canada, for example, says, "We're in for 75 percent," they're in for 75 percent. They're not going to give you an extra 10 percent just because you went over budget. Planning is very important in

meeting certain timelines to issue tenders and award them so that successful contractors prepare the materials that get shipped in on a barge. We don't want any and hope there are no significant delays.

In the case of these projects, significant delays could occur, for example, because of the election. If we have to wait until February/March 2018 to consider these large-scale sized projects, it would be very difficult for the government to go out to tender, evaluate, award the contracts, and then a successful contractor orders the materials to make sealifts, and so on. That's why we selected these projects. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. With that, were there other projects that are large in nature that maybe could have come under this appropriation? Where was the cut-off? I'm looking at one of the briefings that we were provided and all these projects are above \$11 million in total. I'm looking at Appendix A the summary sheet for projects on the five-year capital plan for 2019-2023. Were there other projects that didn't make the cut that were maybe \$9 million or \$10 million? Where did you draw the cut-off point? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I don't believe they were selected primarily on the dollar amount. There are a lot of variables in there; the

complexity of the project; the length of time; and three for sure are tied to federal funding.

With the Gjoa Haven Tank Farm, of course, there are already problems with that. We didn't want any more delays on that project. In Sanikiluaq it is hopeful that the project would go to tender in early 2018, January or February 2018, I think, as I recall.

I can ask Mr. Devereaux to provide more details if Mr. Joanasie wants specific details on how we chose which projects to put on as part 1 versus part 2. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Are you done? (interpretation ends) Mr. Devereaux, did you want to add? Mr. Devereaux.

Mr. Devereaux: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just to echo similar comments, we did an exhaustive review of all currently approved capital projects to ascertain risk around any projects if there was a late capital approval in February/March 2018 that could be at risk of delay for a year. We're comfortable that the five presented to the Assembly represent the five that we felt were at risk. Therefore we're comfortable that the other ones are not going to be in a position where a February-March capital approval could result in any delays in those projects. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Also with that, you're putting this capital appropriation ahead of time

in order to meet the sealift targets. Is there any way that you're going to be monitoring or evaluating how much the government is going to be saving money going through this route as opposed to the normal process? Has the capital appropriation been introduced in...? Since this is an election year, it would have been introduced in February. Is there a way that you're going to be able to say, "We have saved an X amount of dollars because we used this option"? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Well, I think we can all understand what the risks are with a one-year delay. For example, the Iqaluit marine and port project, I think, is \$84 million; the Pond Inlet marine port and infrastructure, \$42 million; the Qikiqtani Correctional Healing Centre, \$76 million; the health centre in Sanikiluaq, \$30 million to \$35 million. If you have to delay a project by a year, you could be looking at 1 to 2 percent, maybe a higher percentage increase on the total project.

In the case of federal government projects, as I indicated earlier, I'll just use a hypothetical example. If you had a project for \$100 million and the Government of Canada said that they're going to contribute \$75 million, so that means the Government of Nunavut is going to contribute \$25 million. If you have a one-year delay, which could add, let's say, \$10 million to \$15 million to a project, the Government of Nunavut has got to pay that \$10 million to \$15 million. The Government of Canada is not going to give you one cent more and we know that from experience.

We're trying to mitigate the risks by going this route and we're looking into the future, anticipating that if there are delays, it's going to cause some serious financial impact on the government. Of course when you have these delays and higher costs, it impacts your capital plan and then you've got to start looking at where you can get the money to pay for all these costs. You've got to dig into your pockets or your budget and reallocate money or defer that project. We're trying to avoid all that, Mr.

Chairman. Thank you.

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

Mr. Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank you for the response. I appreciate that you're trying to avoid that. Like I said before, I understand this is a one-time thing that they're trying out. If we go this route and let's say it was so good for the government to use this option, maybe the Fifth Assembly can say, "Let's continue doing it this way, do all the major projects ahead of time and the rest will follow," I guess that will be up to the next Assembly to look at that at the time.

Do you foresee that it could become that after this sealift season and by the next year you will know how well this exercise has gone? Could you foresee that it could become an annual or recurring thing moving forward? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Joanasie for the question. We only see it being an issue

for election years. If these five projects get approved, it means they can continue to hit the planning timelines and keep those projects. You would have the part 2 capital estimates in, let's say, February/March 2018 and then we would be back on track for the 2019-2020 capital estimates in October of [2018]. It would just be the election years and then you work through the cycle and you're back on track until the next election.

Again, next time around, the next government may.... Well, I can't predict what the next government will say, but they may say, "It worked so good that time, let's do it again," or they may say, "Let's put it back on the normal capital planning and take the risk that we won't have delays." Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. We are at Justice. Corrections. Total Capital Expenditures. \$5,438,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Go back to page 2. It reads, Justice. Total Capital Expenditures. \$5,438,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Does the committee agree that we have concluded the Department of Justice?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Let's proceed. Page B-3. (interpretation ends) Health. (interpretation)

Directorate. Total Capital Expenditures. \$15 million. Do you agree? I apologize. Mr. Joanasie.

Mr. Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I only have one question. We know that in Cape Dorset they were supposed to build a new health centre, but they deferred it and planned one for Sanikiluaq instead. Does the government have any plans to build a health centre in Cape Dorset after the project in Sanikiluaq is done? Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That's it.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Minister of Health, Minister Hickes, would like to respond to that question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Hickes, if you wish to respond to that question, I now give you the floor. Minister Hickes.

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate the question from the member. The Cape Dorset Community Health Centre has been deferred until 2019-2020. The main reason for that is local labour content and resources that are needed within the community. There are a number of large capital projects going on back to back to back in the community. To make sure we take advantage of all opportunities of local employment and apprenticeship opportunities in the construction field, it was decided to defer that project until 2019-2020. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. When I first became a Member of the Legislative Assembly, I indicated at that time that Baker Lake needs a new and bigger health centre because of the increase in the population due to the establishment of the mine. Even some of the staff have been moved to another location because the health centre is getting too small. I would like to get an update on the request for a new health centre in Baker Lake. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Minister of Health would like to answer that question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. I give you the floor, Minister of Health, Mr. Hickes.

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Whenever we're looking at health centres in our communities, we want to make sure that we're hitting the highest need as fast as possible. There are a number of projects ongoing. Arctic Bay is very near completion and I look very much forward to commissioning that building later this summer.

As we mentioned, currently on the project order is Sanikiluaq, then it will be followed by Cape Dorset, and then out of the next priorities that we have one of them is Baker Lake. Qikiqtarjuaq is obviously a priority with Baker Lake,

Kugluktuk, and I can go on from there. Just to reassure the member, Baker Lake is at a very high standing in our replacement or renovation list. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. We're on Health. Directorate. Total Capital Expenditures. \$15 million. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Go back to page B-2. It reads, Health. Total Capital Expenditures. \$15 million. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Members, are we in agreement that the Department of Health is concluded?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Let us proceed. Go to page C-3. It reads, Community and Government Services. Petroleum Products Division. Total Capital Expenditures. \$100,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Go back to page 2. It reads, Community and Government Services. Total Capital Expenditures. \$100,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Does the committee agree that the Department of Community and Government Services is concluded?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Turn the page. Page D-3. It reads, Economic Development and Transportation. Transportation. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It's just a simple question of asking in regard to the marine infrastructure costs associated to Iqaluit and to Pond Inlet. Are we on schedule with these? There is a schedule that is attached to this document and by looking at the schedule, it looks like we're in year 2 and there is a list of things that should be completed this year. Can the minister advise us if everything is on schedule? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Did you say that was a simple question?

>>*Laughter*

Okay, I'll say a simple answer, yes, but I'll put a caveat: subject to regulatory approvals. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. We're on Economic Development and Transportation. Transportation. Total Capital Expenditures. \$15 million. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Go back to page D-2. It reads, Economic Development and Transportation. Total

Capital Expenditures. \$15 million. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Are we in agreement that the Department of Economic Development and Transportation is concluded?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Refer to Bill 46 in your legislation binder. We will begin the clause-by-clause review. Bill 46 is in your legislation binder.

I believe you all have a copy of the bill in front of you now. I don't have the Inuktitut copy, so I will go through it in English. It reads, (interpretation ends) Bill 46, *Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 1, 2018-2019*. (interpretation) Clause 1. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 2. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 3. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): While we are on this bill, go back to page 2. It reads, (interpretation ends) Schedule. Amounts Appropriated for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2019. Vote 2: Capital. Total Capital Appropriation. \$35,538,000. (interpretation) Do you

agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Go back to page 1. We will proceed. Clause 4. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 5. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 6. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Members, do you agree to Bill 46 as a whole?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Pursuant to Rule 62 (2), does the committee agree that Bill 46 can now immediately be placed on the orders of the day for third reading?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. We have finished Bill 46. Minister Peterson, if you have any closing remarks, I now give you opportunity to make them. Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank yourself and the Committee of the Whole for your consideration of Bill 46 today. I think this is an excellent example of consensus government at work.

The Government of Nunavut identified possible risks to these five capital projects and by your approval today, we have reduced those risks. We're looking forward to continuing to work on those projects and make sure that they're delivered on time, on schedule, and in the communities that they're going to be built.

I would like to thank again all the capital planners who worked on these projects in the different departments. A lot of work goes into preparing these documents and delivering these capital projects across Nunavut.

Of course I would like to thank Mr. Chown and Mr. Devereaux for being here today to help me answer your questions. Again I thank my ministerial colleagues for being available to assist me in answering questions as well.

Just in closing, Mr. Chairman, I had a few enquiries of where this picture is. I don't know if the cameras can see it. This is a picture of the beautiful new tank farm that opened in Cambridge Bay last August. For years we had a privately owned tank farm. This is a government-owned tank farm and it's an example of updated/upgraded tank farms that we're endeavouring to complete across Nunavut in the coming years. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Sergeant-at-Arms, please escort the minister's officials out.

We will now proceed to the review of Bill 39. Minister Peterson, I believe you are still at the witness table as the Minister of Justice. I would like to ask if you have officials that you would like to

bring to the witness table while we deal with Bill 39. Minister Peterson.

Bill 39 – Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2017 – Consideration in Committee

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Unfortunately we're moving so fast here that my witnesses aren't here, but I do have opening comments if we want to proceed. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Peterson. I see your staff running in, so we will be fine.

Do you wish to have witnesses at the witness table with you? Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Sergeant-at-Arms, please escort the minister's officials in.

Thank you, Sergeant-at-Arms. Minister Peterson, for the record, please introduce your officials.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. To my right is Bill MacKay, Deputy Minister of the Department of Justice, and to my left is Thomas Ahlfors. He's a lawyer in the Legislative Division of the Department of Justice. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, minister. Welcome to the House, Mr. MacKay and Mr. Ahlfors.

We will proceed with Bill 39. If you have opening comments, I now give you the floor, Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am here today to speak to Bill 39, *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2017*.

A Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act makes non-substantive grammar or translation corrections to the statutes of Nunavut. The *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2017* makes corrections in 29 statutes. Usually a Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act has a particular theme. This particular Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act focuses on family-related terminology.

For example, in several pieces of the legislation the English version uses the term “parent” whereas the French version uses *père au mère*, which is father or mother. This bill proposes a change throughout the statutes of Nunavut to the gender-neutral French term “parent” to match the English. The changes do not affect the meaning of the legislation. Most changes are in the French versions of the legislation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I will now take questions.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, minister. Are there any comments on the opening comments? Bill 39 is in your legislation binder. Please refer to the bill as we will review it clause by clause.

I believe you all have the bill in front of you now. Let’s begin the clause-by-clause review. I don’t have the Inuktitut copy, so I will have to go through it in English. It reads, (interpretation ends)

Bill 39, *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2017*. (interpretation) Clause 1. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 2. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 3. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): From there, go to page 19. It reads, (interpretation ends) Schedule A. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Go back. Clause 4. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 5. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 6. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 7. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 8. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 9. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 10. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 11. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 12. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 13. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 14. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 15. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 16. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 17. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 18. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 19. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): While we're there, go to page 20. Let's look at the Schedule on page 20. Schedule B. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Let's go back. Clause 20. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 21. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 22. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 23. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 24. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 25. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Clause 26. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 27. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 28. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 29. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 30. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 31. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 32. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Let's look at the Schedule on page 21. Schedule C. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 33. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Clause 34. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Let's look at the Schedule on page 21. (interpretation ends) Schedule D. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Clause 35. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Schedule on page 21. In English it reads, (interpretation ends) Schedule E. (interpretation) Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Committee, do you agree to Bill 39 as a whole?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Pursuant to Rule 62(2), does the committee agree that Bill 39 can be immediately placed on the orders of the day for third reading?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Thank you, members. We have concluded Bill 39. Minister Peterson, if you have any closing remarks, I now give you the floor. Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to thank yourself

and the standing committee or Committee of the Whole for their review and scrutiny of this bill and passing the amendments.

I would like to thank my two witnesses here today, Mr. MacKay and Mr. Ahlfors, for being here and of course working so hard on this bill.

I would like to acknowledge and thank Mr. Norman Tarnow, who is the director of legislation, and his team of legislative lawyers and support staff that work tirelessly on all this legislation to prepare for us to consider and also the regulations in all four languages. A lot of work goes into bringing all that legislation forward for final approval and consent in the House. I would just like to thank everybody involved in doing all this. I appreciate it. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Peterson and your staff. (interpretation) Sergeant-at-Arms, please escort the minister's officials out.

Thank you, Sergeant-at-Arms. Mr. Mikkungwak.

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

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. There is a motion on the floor to report progress and the motion is not debatable. All those in favour of the motion, raise your hand. Opposed. Thank you. I will now rise to report progress to the Speaker. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Item 20. Report of the Committee of the Whole. Mr. Enook.

Item 20: Report of the Committee of the Whole

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Mr. Speaker, your committee has been considering Bills 39, 45, and 46 and would like to report that Bills 39, 45, and 46 are immediately ready for third reading. Also, Mr. Speaker, I move that the Report of the Committee of the Whole be concurred with. Thank you.

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

Item 21. (interpretation ends) Third Reading of Bills. The Hon. Minister of Justice, Hon. Minister Keith Peterson.

Item 21: Third Reading of Bills

Bill 39 – Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2017 – Third Reading

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Arviat South, that Bill 39, *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act*, be read for the third time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Item 21. Third Reading of Bills. Hon. Minister of Finance, Hon. Keith Peterson.

Bill 45 – Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 2, 2017-2018 – Third Reading

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Arviat South, that Bill 45, *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 2, 2017-2018*, be read for the third time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Item 21. (interpretation ends) Third Reading of Bills. Hon. Minister of Finance, Hon. Keith Peterson.

Bill 46 – Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 1, 2018-2019 – Third Reading

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Arviat South, that Bill 46, *Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 1, 2018-2019*, be read for the third time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The motion is in order. To the motion.

An Hon. Member: Question.

Speaker: All those in favour. (interpretation) Thank you. (interpretation ends) Opposed. The motion is carried.

Item 22. (interpretation) *Orders of the Day*. (interpretation ends) Mr. Clerk.

Item 22: Orders of the Day

Clerk (Mr. Quirke): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just a reminder that tomorrow morning at nine o'clock there's a meeting of the Standing Committee on Legislation in the Nanuq Boardroom.

Orders of the Day for June 6:

1. Prayer
2. Ministers' Statements
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8. Returns to Written Questions
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- Bill 48

18. Second Reading of Bills

19. Consideration in Committee of
the Whole of Bills and Other
Matters

- Bill 27
- Bill 49

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 Tuesday, June 6, at 1:30 p.m.

(interpretation) Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>*House adjourned at 18:08*

