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## **MLAs elect new Cabinet Minister**

**IQALUIT, Nunavut (April 12, 2000) -** Peter Kattuk, MLA for Hudson Bay, was chosen by the Members of the Legislative Assembly to serve on the Executive Council of Nunavut in a secret ballot election held earlier today.

Four Members stood for election to the Executive Council. Mr. Kattuk was declared the winner after five ballots.

All Members of the Legislative Assembly voted in the election, which was held in the Chamber of the Legislative Assembly. The election occurred after each candidate made an address. The proceedings were open to the public.

A motion in the House is required for the Legislative Assembly to formally recommend the appointment. It is the prerogative of the Premier to assign ministerial portfolios. Minister-elect Kattuk will be sworn into office by the Commissioner of Nunavut at a time to be announced.

The Legislative Assembly is currently in Session.

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