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Official Languages Commissioner of Nunavut to appear before Standing Committee

IQALUIT, Nunavut (February 14, 2003) - The Languages Commissioner of Nunavut will appear before the Legislative Assembly's Standing Committee Ajauqtiit on February 18, 2003, to review her third annual report to the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut.

Eva Ariak was appointed in December 1999 as Nunavut's first Languages Commissioner. An independent officer of the Legislative Assembly, she reports directly to the House in fulfilling a range of duties under the Official Languages Act.

David Iqaqrialu, MLA for Uqqummiut and Chair of the Standing Committee, said, "Language issues are of concern to all Nunavummiut. It is important for the Languages Commissioner's recommendations to be carefully considered."

Ms. Ariak's appearance begins at 1:30pm in the Tuktu Room at the Legislative Assembly Building. The appearance is open for the public to observe and will be broadcast in Iqaluit on local cable channel 33 and on 94.9 FM and 93.7 FM radio.

Copies of the Languages Commissioner's annual report are available from the Legislative Assembly. An electronic version is available at <http://www.assembly.nu.ca>

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