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Languages Commissioner of Nunavut to appear before Standing Committee

IQALUIT, Nunavut (May 21, 2004) - The Languages Commissioner of Nunavut will appear before the Legislative Assembly's Standing Committee *Ajauqtiit* on May 26, 2004, to review her fourth annual report to the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut.

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

Steve Mapsalak, MLA for Akulliq and Chair of the Standing Committee, said, "Language is an important issue for our constituents. We look forward to hearing in person from the Languages Commissioner on the contents of her report."

Ms. Aariak's appearance begins at 9:00am 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.

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