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## MLAs select new Cabinet Minister

**IQALUIT, Nunavut (February 27, 2006)** – Patterk Netser, MLA for Nanulik, was chosen by the Members of the Legislative Assembly to serve on the Executive Council of Nunavut in a secret ballot election held this morning.

Two Members stood for election to the Executive Council. Mr. Netser was declared the winner after one ballot. After being elected, Mr. Netser thanked the Members and his family for their support. "I am honoured that the Members have placed their confidence in me to fulfill this important role in our government. I look forward to working with Premier Okalik and my Cabinet colleagues on behalf of Nunavut."

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 Netser 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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