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## Languages Commissioner of Nunavut to appear before Standing Committee

**IQALUIT, Nunavut (March 16, 2006)** - The Languages Commissioner of Nunavut, Mr. Johnny Kusugak, will appear before the Legislative Assembly's Standing Committee *Ajauqtiit* on April 6, 2006, to review his most recent annual report to the Legislative Assembly.

Johnny Kusugak was appointed as Nunavut's second Languages Commissioner on February 25, 2005. He reports directly to the Legislative Assembly in fulfilling a range of duties under the *Official Languages Act*. Mr. Kusugak's first annual report was tabled before the Legislative Assembly on March 1, 2006.

Steve Mapsalak, MLA for Akulliq and Chair of the Standing Committee, said, "Language is important to all Nunavummiut. We look forward to meeting with the Languages Commissioner to discuss his work over the past year since his appointment."

Mr. Kusugak's appearance begins at 1:00 p.m. 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 report are available from the Legislative Assembly and the Office of the Languages Commissioner.

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