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**Speaker of the Legislative Assembly Announces  
Establishment of Independent Commission**

**IQALUIT, Nunavut (March 27, 2009)** - Speaker of the Legislative Assembly James Arreak today announced the establishment of an Independent Commission to Review Members' Indemnities, Allowances, Expenses and Benefits.

The Commission's mandate is provided for in section 37 of the *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act*, which was passed in 2002. This is the first time that an Independent Commission has been established in Nunavut.

"Many Canadian legislatures periodically establish similar bodies to review their members' remuneration," said Speaker Arreak. "This approach is transparent and objective."

The Members of the Independent Commission are:

Peter Kilabuk of Pangnirtung (Chairperson);  
Ryan St. John of Arviat; and  
Chris West of Iqaluit.

The Independent Commission will be inviting members of the public and interested organizations to provide written submissions. The final report of the Independent Commission will be tabled in the Legislative Assembly.

"The Independent Commission's membership includes individuals with backgrounds in business and public service," said Speaker Arreak. "This diversity will enhance its deliberations."

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