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**Iqaluit, Nunavut  
Friday, February 22, 2019**

**Members Present:**

Hon. David Akeeagok, Ms. Pat Angnakak, Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak, Hon. Joe Enook, Hon. George Hickes, Hon. David Joanasie, Mr. Joëlie Kaernerck, Ms. Mila Kamingoak, Mr. Pauloosie Keyootak, Hon. Lorne Kusugak, Mr. Adam Lightstone, Mr. John Main, Mr. Simeon Mikkungwak, Ms. Margaret Nakashuk, Hon. Patterk Netser, Mr. Emiliano Qirngnuq, Mr. Paul Quassa, Mr. Allan Rumbolt, Hon. Joe Savikataaq, Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik, Ms. Cathy Towtongie.

>> *House commenced at 9:00*

**Item 1: Opening Prayer**

**Speaker** (Hon. Joe Enook) (interpretation): Can you say the opening prayer, please, Mr. Netser.

>> *Prayer*

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Netser. (interpretation ends) Premier (interpretation) and my colleagues, good morning and good day. Our fellow Nunavummiut who are watching the televised proceedings and listening to the radio broadcast, welcome to your Legislative Assembly and always feel welcome.

**Item 2: Ministers' Statements**

Let's now proceed with the orders of the day. Ministers' Statements. Minister of Environment, Minister Savikataaq.

**Minister's Statement 146 – 5(2):  
Kitikmeot Region Wolf Sample  
Collection Program**

**Hon. Joe Savikataaq** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I say "good morning" to the people of Arviat.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to provide an update on one of the current projects under the Department of Environment's support for Active Harvesters Program.

Mr. Speaker, my department has initiated a wolf-sample collection pilot program in the Kitikmeot region. This program offers \$300 compensation to local hunters who supply samples from their harvested wolves and kill information to our wildlife offices in the Kitikmeot region.

The collection of wolf samples from this region will help inform management decisions by allowing researchers to improve their knowledge of wolf ecology and enhance management of this species in the Kitikmeot region.

The project was initiated in November 2018 and our conservation officers and local hunters and trappers organizations (HTOs) are working together in their communities to collect samples from hunters until the end of May of this year.

Mr. Speaker, I believe in giving back to our communities in ways that are feasible and that encourage the education and promotion of *Inuit Qaujimaqatuqangit*. The knowledge and research from this program will help community members, HTOs, and our biologists in making better informed

decisions to support our wildlife management teams. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements. Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation, Minister Netser.

**Minister's Statement 147 – 5(2):  
Recognition of Long-Serving  
Employees**

**Hon. Patterk Netser** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good morning and I say "good morning" to the people of Coral Harbour and Naujaat.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, people at local housing organizations across the territory work hard every day to ensure public housing tenants have a place to call home. Many workers have put in decades of work. Some are maintenance workers who honed their skills after years of practice to make sure our tenants can get the service they need.

Some are tenant relations officers who have forged decades-long relationships with their tenants and applicants. Some are finance officers who make sure everything is accounted for. All have proven their dedication to their communities and their territory through years of service, Mr. Speaker.

They are:

From Kugluktuk: Peter Taktogon, 47 years; Lucy Maniyogena, 39 years; Danny Topilak, 30 years; and Jack Himiak, almost 25 years. Jopie Kaerner from Hall Beach, 43 years. Alexandro

Intuinaq from Kugaaruk, 43. Naujaat's Michel Kopak, 39 years, and Moses Siusangnark, 31 years.

Pangnitung's Billy Nashalik, 34 years, William Alivaktuk, 33 years; David Kilabuk, 27 years. Whale Cove's Daniel Panika, 33 years, and Peter Igviksaq, 29 years. In Iqaluit, Josephee Nuvaqiq, 32 years and Jonah Evaloakjuk, 28 years.

From the Gjoa Haven Housing Association: Maurice Tungilik, 32 years of service; and Joseph Tavalok, 23 years. In Baker Lake, we have Norman Iqqaat Sr., 31 years; Victor Killuark, 28 years and Nick Kingukoktok, 25 years. Arviat's Joyce Angalik has served 29 years and Jason Gibbons, 27 years. In my hometown of Coral Harbour, we have Noah Matoo with 27 years. And last but not certainly least, in Igloodik, Johnny Maliki has served 23 years.

To each and every one of you, thank you so much for your service. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. I, too, in my role as the Speaker speak on your behalf here in thanking all of the workers and further, those who provide services for our government operations, our communities, as well as members here. Nunavummiut are very appreciative of your services; indeed all of us are. Thank you.

>> *Applause*

Ministers' Statements. Minister of Education, Minister Joanase.

**Minister's Statement 148 – 5(2):  
Sivuliqtiksat at Kivalliq School  
Operations**

**Hon. David Joanasié** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good morning, my fellow Nunavummiut.

Mr. Speaker, fellow members, I am proud to announce a member of my staff at the Kivalliq School Operations has successfully entered the Sivuliqtiksat Program. Eva Noah has begun her two-year senior management internship as a Superintendent of Schools.

I would also like to recognize the Premier and his Department of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs' staff for the enthusiasm and support they provide to this program. They have helped set the conditions needed for a positive and engaging internship experience that will create a new generation of Inuit leaders within the public service.

Mr. Speaker, I believe it is necessary to focus on guiding Inuit into leadership roles through programs such as this. By connecting interns with mentors, interns can learn directly how to build relationships that are collegial, open and trusting, empowering them to take on more responsibilities within their respective departments.

Participating in the Sivuliqtiksat program is one of the ways my department can support and encourage an increase in Inuit representation in management level positions in the Government of Nunavut; meeting not only our government's goals outlined in the *Turaaqtavut* mandate, but more importantly, fulfilling the obligations set

out in Article 23 of the *Nunavut Agreement*. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements. Minister of Family Services, Minister Sheutiapik.

**Minister's Statement 149 – 5(2):  
Men's and Boys' Initiatives Grants**

**Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good morning.

Mr. Speaker, my department recognizes the importance of supporting men and boys, (interpretation ends) and we have been engaging with them in discussions around how they can prevent violence in their relationship, families, and communities.

Through the Men and Boys Initiatives Grants, the Department of Family Services supports community-based initiatives focused on men's health, healing and recovery from experiences of violence and trauma.

For fiscal year 2018-19, the department received nearly double the number of proposals received in the previous year. While the increase in community proposals is positive, it demonstrates a potential gap in existing programming for men and boys and of the need to explore ways to expand resources for community-based organizations.

This year four projects were successful in receiving funding. The projects are located in Pond Inlet, Sanikiluaq, Kugluktuk and Baker Lake. The projects include a traditional tool-making course,

a wellness program, a men's group, and a learn-to-hunt club. The projects will give men and boys opportunities to engage in traditional activities, develop networks of support within the respective communities, and have opportunities to open up to share stories, discuss daily challenges and struggles, all within a safe place.

Mr. Speaker, my department looks forward to continuing to support community-based programs and their work with men and boys across Nunavut. I want to acknowledge the dedication and commitment of the community volunteers who work tirelessly to make these initiatives possible. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements. Minister of Justice, Minister Ehaloak.

**Minister's Statement 150 – 5(2):  
Opening of the Umingmak Centre**

**Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good morning. People of Cambridge Bay, I say "hello" to you.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I rise today to announce the creation of the Umingmak Centre. This centre is part of a child-centred response to child abuse and neglect. This initiative will be led by the Arctic Children and Youth Foundation, who worked with the departments of Justice, Health, Education, and Family Services, as well as the RCMP and Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated. These seven organizations recently signed a memorandum of

understanding to formalize their cooperation in this endeavour. The centre is scheduled to open in April of this year.

This new space will allow service providers to physically work together to optimize our care and support. By decreasing multiple interviews and examinations, secondary trauma and suffering will hopefully be lessened.

The focus is to have the children, their families and service providers feel safe and comfortable in their times of need. This centre will offer a child-friendly approach to interviews, physical examinations, and any other interactions. Afterwards coordinated follow-up support will be provided until appropriate services are delivered.

The structure of this initiative has been carefully planned to allow for a coordinated and compassionate approach to such a delicate situation. This centre will provide an efficient, child-centred. Trauma informed and culturally safe care and support will be provided to children who have experienced abuse. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements. Minister of Economic Development and Transportation, Minister Akeeagok.

**Minister's Statement 151 – 5(2):  
Oceans Protection Plan Projects**

**Hon. David Akeeagok** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) Before I start, I want to send a big greeting, birthday greetings to my

daughter, Hope, and also to Mila.

>> *Applause*

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to update this House on progress that the Department of Economic Development and Transportation has made in the area of marine infrastructure. This past December, the Hon. Marc Garneau, Canada's Minister of Transport, announced funding for two Nunavut projects under the federal government's Oceans Protection Plan.

The first project, with a budget of \$2,545,200, is to construct 70-tonne mooring bollards to support fuel resupply operations in the communities of Arviat, Gjoa Haven, Pangnirtung, Sanikiluaq, and Taloyoak.

The second project, with a budget of \$2,185,000, is to undertake a comprehensive community scoping study of the marine infrastructure needs of all Nunavut communities. This will be a very detailed study and will include consultations with communities, site assessments, and options development.

This work will set the stage for future marine infrastructure projects, such as the creation or expansion of breakwaters, dedicated laydown areas, ramps, secure fencing, lighting, and small craft launching and unloading zones.

Mr. Speaker, I am very encouraged by the federal government's support for these important projects, which will be fully funded by Transport Canada. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements. Minister of Health, Minister Hickey.

**Minister's Statement 152 – 5(2):  
Expansion of Medical Travel  
Benefits**

**Hon. George Hickey:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Although this has been brought up a couple of times in the last couple of days, I would like to formally read it in the House.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to announce that new medical travel benefits for elective infant travel and pregnant women will be available through the GN's enhanced Medical Travel Policy.

As part of the new enhanced medical travel benefits, guardians may now bring their infant when escorting their other child on medical travel.

>> *Applause*

Another new medical travel benefit is to provide an escort for all women leaving their community to give birth. Under the previous policy, women travelling to give birth were only provided an escort if they had a medical need for one or if they were covered under the Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB) program. These new medical travel benefits will be subject to the standard client and escort review and approvals process.

Mr. Speaker and members, these new medical travel benefits are the result of the department's work on reviewing medical travel, which has involved public consultations with Nunavummiut, including medical travel clients and

several stakeholder organizations, and health service providers.

Mr. Speaker, the Department of Health is committed to evaluating and improving the Medical Travel Program to ensure effective service delivery for all Nunavummiut. Updates to the Medical Travel Policy will enhance the medical travel benefits offered to Nunavummiut while also improving the communication and understanding surrounding eligibility for client escorts.

Mr. Speaker and members, Health recognizes that finding appropriate child care in Nunavut is a challenge and that infants are best supported staying with a guardian when possible. It is also essential that we provide sufficient support to mothers travelling to give birth away from home.

These new policy enhancements reflect positive changes to how we conduct medical travel and help improve the overall medical travel experience for our clients, escorts, and their families.

**An Hon. Member:** Hear, hear!

**Hon. George Hickes:** Nunavummiut can contact their local medical travel specialist if they require more information about the enhanced benefits to the Medical Travel Policy. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements. Before we proceed with the orders of the day, as the Speaker of the House and on behalf of my colleagues, the Member for Kugluktuk, Mila Kamingoak, I wish you

a happy birthday.

>> *Applause*

Members' Statements. Member for Baker Lake, Mr. Mikkungwak.

### **Item 3: Members' Statements**

#### **Member's Statement 240 – 5(2): Recognition of Baker Lake Municipal Employees**

**Mr. Mikkungwak** (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I say "good morning" to the people of Baker Lake and Nunavut.

Yesterday in my member's statement I mentioned my wish to acknowledge all service personnel within the hierarchy of Baker Lake's municipal operations who provided their expertise when the local garage caught fire. Nonetheless, additional thanks are required to properly express our appreciation for the fact that nobody was hurt.

The Foreman, Paul Narkyangik, was able to coordinate everything very well, and the firefighters were Thomas Sivuraq, Silas Kenalogak, John Avaala, Hugh Avatituq, John Jr. Nukik, and Chris Nakoolak.

After the blaze took off with no hope of cutting it off, firefighters had to work throughout the night. The night shift firefighters were Daniel Martee, Quentin Quinangnaq, Aaron Parker, Mark Tatquaq Kingilik, and Felix Arngna'naaq.

People who helped also were trying to keep up on behalf of over 2,000 people and they were Damien Aaruaq, James Jr.

Aningaak, and David III Toolooktook.

I would also like to acknowledge the mechanics who kept the vehicles running and they were Hugh Tunnuq, Lazarus Attungala, Jack Tootoo, and Manu Tunnuq.

I am quite pleased that when the residents of Baker Lake work together in partnership, they are extremely capable. Also since nobody experienced any health issues, that is quite gratifying.

Further, I want to mention and thank the mine north of Baker Lake, (interpretation ends) Agnico Eagle Mines, (interpretation) for providing assistance which I wanted to acknowledge again and to once again thank them. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Iqaluit-Niaqunngu, Mr. Lightstone. I was wrong. Member for Iqaluit-Manirajak, Mr. Lightstone.

>> *Laughter*

**Member's Statement 241 – 5(2):  
Recognition of Victoria  
Kakuktinniq**

**Mr. Lightstone:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to recognize success and accomplishments of a constituent of mine who is also a local businesswoman, a talented designer, a positive role model, and a former classmate of mine at Nunavut Sivuniksavut.

Victoria Kakuktinniq is the creator of Victoria's Arctic Fashion, an up-and-coming design label which fuses traditional northern garments and accessories with modern style. Victoria's is truly a story of success which I'm sure is an inspiration to many youth.

Victoria found her passion participating in a traditional sewing course in Rankin Inlet and soon after enrolled at MC College in Winnipeg, where she would perfect her craft in the fashion design and apparel production program.

Later today Victoria will be flying out of Iqaluit to begin her journey to Paris, where she will be taking part in the Paris Fashion Week and bring Inuit art and fashion to the world stage.

>> *Applause*

Victoria will ensure 100 percent Inuit representation on the world fashion stage as she was offered the items of Parisian designers to complete her looks but opted instead to support her Inuit community and will bring the work of eight fellow Inuit designers to complete her looks.

Victoria, you make us proud and I congratulate you on all your accomplishments and wish you the best of luck in Paris on the world stage. I would like to present you with a few tokens to help you in representing us there.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Netsilik, Mr. Qirngnuq.

**Member's Statement 242 – 5(2):  
Appreciation of Nurses**

**Mr. Qirngnuq** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank you, my colleagues and Premier. I say “good morning” to the people of Kugaaruk.

Mr. Speaker, last week I submitted questions to the Minister of Health about this matter, which wasn't a personal health issue. I was advocating for our elders in thinking of the challenges they face, which is what I was trying to speak to.

Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning for the express purpose of voicing this matter. I want to express our immense gratitude to all of our nurses and health specialists. The frontline health workers are tireless in their efforts to serve us Inuit. Nonetheless, it is us as patients who voice complaints in order to complete our medical treatment and to heal faster. We must exercise our patience when dealing with health matters so that our health can become better.

Today our nurses and the Department of Health work diligently to provide health services to residents, and who wish to work in the Nunavut health system and they are usually quite optimistic. However, it is obvious that our territory requires more frontline health workers as this is a difficult career. We should be grateful that we have passionate workers who want to work up here to provide health services for us. We must publicly thank them, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of my constituents, thank you to all our nurses and health specialists. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Uqummiut, Mr. Keyootak.

**Member's Statement 243 – 5(2):  
Commissioner's Awards in Clyde  
River**

**Mr. Keyootak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am very happy to rise today to voice my appreciation.

Mr. Speaker, just this past fall many people were acknowledged for their hard work in Clyde River whom I also wish to recognize here. I want to acknowledge the people that the Commissioner of Nunavut recognized when she went up to Clyde River to present the recognition. The Minister of Community and Government Services was also able to attend that ceremony. While we were up in Clyde River, I voiced my pride in these people and I am thankful for their efforts. Many people were recognized at the celebration, but I won't mention their names at this point.

However, community members take great pride in their local search and rescue groups for their dedication, medical training, and emergency actions. They were properly recognized in Clyde River. The members of the fire department and the local rangers were also recognized. There were too many people to mention here, as many people were recognized for bravery, saving people, and providing community services.

Mr. Speaker, I would especially like to recognize two of my constituents who were given the Emergency Management Exemplary Service Award. These two residents were recognized separately,

which has never been done in Nunavut before.

The Minister of Community and Government Services noted at the time of the fall sitting during the meeting in Clyde River that this is a prestigious national award. I am pleased that our government submitted a number of Nunavut nominees for consideration.

Mr. Speaker, the two residents of Clyde River were recognized for their volunteer contributions to community search and rescue. I will quote the official citations for my two constituents.

Mr. Speaker, I request unanimous consent to conclude my statement. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. The member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statement. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Please proceed, Mr. Keyootak.

**Mr. Keyootak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank my colleagues.

I will quote the official citations for my two constituents, Esa Qillaq and Josie Esa Piungituq. These are the two individuals who were recognized for their volunteer contributions.

“Esa Qillaq has been a volunteer Search and Rescue member for over 15 years. He helps to organize preparation for searches and is very quick to respond to emergencies when his assistance is needed. His extensive knowledge of land and sea ice conditions surrounding Clyde River is an integral component of the team’s successful response.

Josie Esa Piungituq has extensive knowledge and experience with the land around Clyde River and possesses an eagerness to help people, which have both contributed greatly to the volunteer team’s success since he joined over 15 years ago. He is one of the top searchers and always takes a leadership role on searches.”

Mr. Speaker, as I can attest from personal experience, the work that our search and rescue professionals and volunteers do saves lives.

I am very proud of my two constituents, and I ask all members to join me in saluting them. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. We are all very proud of these individuals.

Members’ Statements. Member for Amittuq, Mr. Kaernerck.

**Member’s Statement 244 – 5(2):  
Ungalaaq Taxi in Igloolik**

**Mr. Kaernerck** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good morning, to the people of Amittuq and my colleagues.

I rise this morning to also recognize fellow constituents from Igloolik in the Amittuq area. They are younger than me but they have now established a business, and I would like all of you to know that if you go to Igloolik, please ask Ungalaaq Taxi to take you to wherever your destination is.

We are very proud of these youth who started the business. I would also like to

urge support to local businesses. It creates job opportunities and fosters income. Wayne Ungalaq and Glenda Kripanik have launched their new taxi business, so when you go to Igloolik, I urge you to call them when you need a taxi.

>> *Laughter*

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Pangnirtung, Ms. Nakashuk.

#### **Member's Statement 245 – 5(2): 2019 Turbot Fishery in Pangnirtung**

**Ms. Nakashuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I say "good morning" to my colleagues and to the people of Pangnirtung.

I would also like to recognize these individuals who are working for the housing association: Billy Nashalik, William Alivaktuk, and David Kilabuk, who takes very scenic and beautiful photos of one of the most scenic communities of Pangnirtung.

The reason why I am rising today is to speak to our annual winter harvest of turbot as the turbot fishery has commenced since about the middle of January or 20th, which was the last day I received information on the fishery. To date they have harvested over 200,000 lbs. of turbot via approximately 50 individuals licensed to fish for turbot.

The fish plant has been quite successful in processing the fish. This plant is one

we anticipate will be successful, as it also employs quite a few people in town who depend on this success. The majority of the sales have been exported to countries outside of Canada as most of our harvested turbot is sold overseas. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Proceeding with the orders of the day. Returns to Oral Questions. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Rankin Inlet North-Chesterfield Inlet, Ms. Towtongie.

#### **Item 5: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery**

**Ms. Towtongie** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Victoria Kakuktinniq has left the building, but I would like to recognize and congratulate her. She is going to be a part of the Paris fashion show. I know her parents, Goretti and David Kakuktinniq, very well and her grandparents, Ollie Ittinuar, Lizzie Ittinuar, Leo Kaludjak, and Louisa Kaludjak. I am very proud because her ancestors were also extremely good seamstresses. Thank you. I congratulate Victoria Kakuktinniq. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Going back to the orders of the day. Oral Questions. Member for Uqqummiut, Mr. Keyootak.

#### **Item 6: Oral Questions**

**Question 316 – 5(2): Culturally Appropriate Social Services**

**Mr. Keyootak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Family Services.

Mr. Speaker, I touched on the issue of social services in our communities of Nunavut. We have a problem with social services workers and counsellors, especially in my community where they have different cultures and they use foreign counselling practices. We also do not speak the same language. It creates a huge problem with some of us. Some of them do not want to even approach the counsellors, even when they need it. They don't speak the same language and they don't have the same culture.

Mr. Speaker, with that being the case today, Inuit created Nunavut and the Members of the Legislative Assembly have stated on more than one occasion that more Inuktitut should be spoken in Nunavut and that the staff should be oriented culturally to Inuit if they wish to serve us.

Mr. Speaker, could the minister indicate how many Inuit are employed as social service workers and counsellors? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Family Services, Minister Sheutiapik.

**Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank the member for asking that question. I appreciate his question as of today, as I

can stand up to state that I am proud to state that although social work is extremely stressful, I can state that there is 75 percent of our positions filled, and 62 percent of the social workers are Inuit today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Your first supplementary, Mr. Keyootak.

**Mr. Keyootak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. With respect to the data the minister mentioned with percentages of Inuit employees and the non-Inuit employees, let me clarify as it is like a different dialect, as the social workers who don't have the same culture perform as counsellors or workers who have a different language. When you deal with any professional in a language not your own, some Inuit prefer not to be dealt with as they don't like using interpreters. The fact that an interpreter is required can be its own problem, especially when you are dealing with intensely personal matters under social services.

Mr. Speaker, can the social workers who don't share our language be slowly phased out or will they receive Inuktitut language training or will more training courses be available so that Inuktitut-speaking workers can replace them? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Sheutiapik.

**Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We won't remove anyone as they are our employees. Nonetheless, we are aware as this news has been parlayed on occasion about the programming at Nunavut Arctic College called the

(interpretation ends) social worker program (interpretation) that has students taking the courses in it.

Further, I also announced previously that we hope to use a new initiative to try to add more weight to Inuit counsellors so that they can undertake more social worker roles. This is currently under negotiation with Arctic College at this time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Your final supplementary, Mr. Keyootak.

**Mr. Keyootak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is regrettable to hear that these employees won't be phased out due to their inability to understand or speak Inuktitut. This is very important to Nunavut, especially when we want to develop more Inuit employees so our constituents can be converse in their language, as many Inuit are unilingual. And further, they require assistance from these employees. Again, it is regrettable to hear that changes are not forthcoming.

Mr. Speaker, with this situation where changes aren't planned, at a minimum is it possible to train these employees to learn Inuktitut and to become bilingual? This applies to counsellors and social workers. I can't really apply the term counsellor to them as I don't share their cultural foundations. I wonder if they will be offered training in Inuktitut or not. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Sheutiapik.

**Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It isn't just the social worker positions that require increasing Inuit

employees, as this responsibility is shared amongst our departments and we aren't the only ones working on this plan. The whole government is working on the Inuit Employment Plan. We are preparing our plans and can speak to how to increase the numbers of Inuit employees.

I'm very pleased that there are more Inuit employed within the government, but it isn't just the (interpretation ends) social workers. (interpretation) I want you to remember that 75 percent of our positions are filled and 61 percent of them are Inuit, which is more than half and I'm very proud of that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Hudson Bay, Mr. Rumbolt.

### **Question 317 – 5(2): Alternative and Renewable Energy Projects**

**Mr. Rumbolt:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good morning to the people of Sanikiluaq.

Mr. Speaker, my questions today are for the Minister responsible for the Qulliq Energy Corporation and they concern the subject of alternative and renewable energy projects.

As the minister will recall, the federal government announced funding in September of last year for new district heating systems in the community of Sanikiluaq and Taloyoak. The purpose of these alternative energy projects is to "...capture residual heat from power generation and provide space and hot-water heating to nearby commercial and institutional buildings." This in turn will

“...help reduce the territory’s diesel fuel consumption and cut carbon emissions.”

Can the minister provide an update today on the status of the Sanikiluaq residual heat project? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister responsible for the Qulliq Energy Corporation, Minister Ehaloak.

**Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) The member is correct; I did make a statement regarding upgrades to some of our genset facilities within Nunavut. At this time I don’t have that level of information that you’re seeking, but I can find out for the member. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Your first supplementary, Mr. Rumbolt.

**Mr. Rumbolt**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the minister will also recall, a recent report prepared for the Qulliq Energy Corporation identified Sanikiluaq as being “...the best location for a first project using small wind turbines.” Can the minister also provide an update today on the QEC’s work to develop renewable wind energy generation for Sanikiluaq? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ehaloak.

**Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) The wind mapping study was conducted with financial assistance from Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada under their ecoENERGY program. The cost of the study was \$50,000, but Sanikiluaq was one of the studies of the potential for wind energy. The QEC has

installed solar panels in Iqaluit at the plant in 2016, but we will be working towards solar alternative energy for other communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Your final supplementary, Mr. Rumbolt.

**Mr. Rumbolt**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Qulliq Energy Corporation launched its Net Metering Program in early 2018. The stated purpose of the program is to “...allow residential customers and one municipal account per hamlet to generate their own electricity from renewable energy sources and to integrate them into the corporation’s grid.” Can the minister provide an update today on how many applications have been approved to date by the QEC under the Net Metering Program? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ehaloak.

**Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) Currently we have two approved applications for municipal and two additional applications for residential. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Netsilik, Mr. Qirngnuq.

### **Question 318 – 5(2): Mould Infestation in Public Housing Units**

**Mr. Qirngnuq** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Before I get to my question, I wanted to mention my adopted child is having a birthday today.

I wish them happy birthday. I hope they have a good day.

Mr. Speaker, my questions are for the Minister responsible for the Housing Corporation. I want to follow up on the questions that have been asked by my colleagues concerning the serious issue of mould infestation in public housing units across the territory.

In July 2016 the housing corporation issued a request for proposals for mould assessment and remediation. The RFP identified six units in Kugaaruk and nine units in Taloyoak. Can the minister confirm how many units in Kugaaruk and Taloyoak have been remediated to date? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation, Minister Netser.

**Hon. Patterk Netser** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Regarding the issue of mould in our units, we have been collecting data and we have assessed units that we want to remediate, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Your first supplementary, Mr. Qirngnuq.

**Mr. Qirngnuq** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank the housing corporation minister for the response. I will speak in English for clarity.

(interpretation ends) Preventing mould infestation in housing units needs to be a priority. Last year members of the Legislative Assembly held a televised hearing on the 2018 report of the Auditor General. This report identified

issues with heat recovery ventilators as being a cause mould build-up. Can the minister indicate what specific actions the NHC has taken to address the issues raised in the Auditor General's report? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Netser.

**Hon. Patterk Netser** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. With respect to my colleague's question, mould remediation is complex and it is a slow process. Many of our units have mould, Mr. Speaker. We are starting to work on reducing mould in our housing units. The only way to improve the situation is to work with our tenants, but we will not stop working on addressing mould in our housing units. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Your final supplementary, Mr. Qirngnuq.

**Mr. Qirngnuq** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank the housing corporation minister for that clear response. I will have further questions on it.

(interpretation ends) I want to revisit a question that was asked by my colleague from Pangnirtung. During the Legislative Assembly's sitting of October 25, 2018, the president of the Nunavut Housing Corporation indicated that the NHC was in the process of producing a substantive report on the issue of mould prevention and mitigation. Can the minister update the House today on the status of this work and will he commit to providing a copy of this report to all local housing organizations and Members of the

Legislative Assembly? (interpretation)  
Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you.  
Minister Netser.

**Hon. Patterk Netser** (interpretation):  
Thank you, Mr. Speaker. With respect to  
my colleague's question, the report that  
the Member for Pangnirtung asked  
about, I just received the report probably  
the day before yesterday and I'm going  
through it. We will definitely table the  
report in the House, but we haven't  
stated when we will table it. Thank you,  
Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you.  
Oral Questions. Member for Baker Lake,  
Mr. Mikkungwak.

#### **Question 319 – 5(2): Qulliq Energy Corporation Headquarters**

**Mr. Mikkungwak:** Thank you, Mr.  
Speaker. My questions are for the  
Minister responsible for the Qulliq  
Energy Corporation.

Mr. Speaker, one of the success stories  
of our territory in recent years is the  
establishment of the Qulliq Energy  
Corporation's headquarters in the  
geographical centre of the territory,  
Baker Lake. The many fine people who  
work for the corporation at its  
headquarters do an excellent job on  
behalf of all Nunavummiut.

Mr. Speaker, on January 9, 2019 the  
minister announced that the Qulliq  
Energy Corporation has applied for  
permission to construct a much-needed  
new headquarters building in the  
community. Mr. Speaker, I strongly  
support this request.

For the benefit of Nunavummiut who  
our following our proceedings today, can  
the minister indicate what reasons the  
corporation has provided for its request?  
Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you.  
Minister responsible for the Qulliq  
Energy Corporation, Minister Ehaloak.

**Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak** (interpretation):  
Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation  
ends) I thank the member for the  
question. The reason for the request for a  
new facility is, of the three currently  
leased office spaces, Community and  
Government Services has informed the  
QEC that one location will not be  
available after the lease expires in 2020.  
Another location is a three-bedroom  
house that is not fully functional as  
office space. When our board or staff  
want to meet or do some training, we  
have to find another facility to use. In  
the new office space we will be able to  
have our training and our meetings  
within the new office. Thank you, Mr.  
Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you.  
Your first supplementary, Mr.  
Mikkungwak.

**Mr. Mikkungwak:** Thank you, Mr.  
Speaker. The Qulliq Energy  
Corporation's full application, which is  
publically available on the corporation's  
website, contains detailed substantiation  
for the necessity of this project. Can the  
minister confirm that she has received  
and reviewed the Qulliq Energy  
Corporation's full application? Thank  
you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you.  
Minister Ehaloak.

**Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I can assure the member that I have received the application and the application has been sent to the utility review for recommendation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Your final supplementary, Mr. Mikkungwak.

**Mr. Mikkungwak**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The minister's announcement of January 9, 2019 indicated that she will make a decision on the Qulliq Energy Corporation's request after she has received a recommendation from the Utility Rates Review Council. Can the minister indicate when she expects to receive the URRC's report? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ehaloak.

**Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) Thank you for the member for the question. At this time I have no indication from the Utility Rates Review Council as to a date of when they will approve the minister's application. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Iqaluit-Niaqunnguu, Ms. Angnakak.

### **Question 320 – 5(2): 2019 Budget**

**Ms. Angnakak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I say "good morning" to you, my family, and my constituents. Nunavummiut, please feel welcome.

(interpretation ends) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have some more questions for the Minister of Finance about his Budget Address.

In his speech, the minister stated that, and I'll quote him directly here, "Some people might say that we should haul out the credit card and live a better life today."

Mr. Speaker, I have not actually heard any of my constituents tell me that they want to see the government borrow money to waste on unnecessary spending.

Can he clarify exactly who and what he was referring to in his comments in the Budget Address? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Finance, Minister Hickes.

**Hon. George Hickes**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When I made that comment in my Budget Address, it's not a specific person I was addressing. There were a number of different financial models that people have opinions on, whether to run a deficit or a surplus, to borrow money, to increase programs availability. Nobody specific was intended from that comment. It was a fairly general comment that it was an option to borrow money to provide more funding to our O&M, but that's not prudent fiscal responsibility. Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Your first supplementary, Ms. Angnakak.

**Ms. Angnakak**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A few weeks ago the

government issued a news release concerning its debt rating. I have actually read this report. It's quite interesting, actually, to see what they say about Nunavut. Something really stood out to me and I'm going to quote what it says. This report says, "...Nunavut has substantial cash on hand, well in excess of outstanding debt obligations. As of March 31, 2018, unrestricted cash and investments totalled more than \$860.0 million and have been steadily rising."

Can the minister clarify how much of this amount has been committed to approve projects and spending that are funded through our budget approval process and how much has been set aside for other purposes, such as a "rainy day fund"? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Hickee.

**Hon. George Hickee:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We don't have a "rainy day fund." Mr. Speaker, as our cash flows come in through our funding partners, we make investments to maximize the impact of those funds so they're not languishing in an account somewhere earning no interest, as an example. We want to make sure that until we need that cash, it is working for us as well. With regard to actual numbers and details on what investments are allocated to what budget line, I don't have that level of detail with me today, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Your final supplementary, Ms. Angnakak.

**Ms. Angnakak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It would not be an exaggeration

to say that our people and the communities are in crises in a great many areas. The chronic housing shortage, which has been identified as being a root cause of many other social and economic problems, is just one example where investments now will pay dividends down the road. Although it would be great if the federal government would provide even more support for new housing construction, obviously we can't depend on this always happening.

Can the minister clarify how much our government is willing to borrow to make a measurable impact on the housing crisis? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Hickee.

**Hon. George Hickee:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When we look at borrowing where the intent is for large-scale infrastructure projects like the port here, like the airport that's happened, like the Pond Inlet marine structure, we want to make sure that we've got monies available to deal with. We have a number of proposals out to the federal government. We don't know what's going to be approved and what's not going to get approved. There could be some large-scale infrastructure projects that come forward.

Right now our borrowing limit is \$650 million, of which we're using approximately \$431 million right now. To go anywhere up close to that limit would potentially hamper our ability to be able to participate in funding opportunities across the federal government opportunities.

When it comes to housing, we work very closely with the Nunavut Housing Corporation to meet the needs as possible. We would love to have more. Like I said in my budget speech, I would love to see more dedicated funding come for housing.

One of the aspects that people don't seem to realize in the necessity of adding \$9 million to our budget this year is as we keep building these units, it keeps increasing our O&M costs. We don't get funded for O&M costs. In fact we're on a declining basis with the CMHC on the amount of funding we get to cover any expenses. It puts a lot of cost pressures on that way.

No other jurisdiction in this country has the public housing obligations that Nunavut has. From my last estimate we spend approximately 17 percent of our budget on housing. Nowhere else in this country are they even close to those kinds of numbers. When it comes to investment in housing, I believe we are doing what we can. Is it enough? No.

The housing shortage that has been going on for decades in this territory is not going to be solved overnight. We need to have a planned long-term strategy to address it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Pangnirtung, Ms. Nakashuk.

### **Question 321 – 5(2): Cultural Competency Courses**

**Ms. Nakashuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question this morning is for the Premier,

(interpretation ends) Minister of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs.

Mr. Speaker, in the Premier's statement yesterday he indicated that he spent time at the First Ministers' Meeting in Montreal conveying to his colleagues the great disparity between southerners and northerners. He also talked about the reconciliation and the importance of commitment to meet Nunavut's needs.

While I recognize the importance of explaining Nunavut's unique needs and circumstances to our counterparts in the south and to the representatives from this jurisdiction, I think it is equally important that when southerners come up to the north to focus on teaching about Nunavut's unique culture and historical circumstances.

Mr. Speaker, it has been brought to my attention that the cultural competency courses which are offered through the Department of EIA for new employees coming to Nunavut are taught by southerners. Can the minister explain why Nunavut's cultural competency courses are not being taught by Nunavummiut? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, Minister Savikataaq.

**Hon. Joe Savikataaq**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I did have good meetings at the first ministers' and when I go to any of these either FPT or the First Ministers' Meeting, my job is to sell Nunavut and show how different it is in Nunavut in terms of we're so far behind

in our infrastructure and that we're not even at the starting line. We want to be equal to all other Canadian territories and provinces, but we're so far behind. That's a message that I always bring out there that Canada needs to do some nation building so we can get closer to the starting line.

As for your other question about the cultural courses, I can't state why who teaches what. I don't have that level of detail here, but I would think that someone who is knowledgeable and the appropriate person to teach these courses would be the proper person. In theory it should be an Inuk and someone who knows the language and the culture. I can get back to you on the particulars of that, but right now I don't have that detail. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Your first supplementary, Ms. Nakashuk.

**Ms. Nakashuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I do appreciate the indigenous experiences across Canada, especially with respect to the residential school experience, share similarities. Also, I appreciate the work done by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and its calls for action towards reconciliation. However, I feel it is important that individuals who wish to learn about cultural competency in order to develop good working and living relationships in Nunavut should be taught by Nunavummiut.

Can the minister clarify whether any Nunavummiut are certified indigenous cultural competency facilitators and how many of them deliver these courses in Nunavut? (interpretation) Thank you,

Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Savikataaq.

**Hon. Joe Savikataaq**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I agree with the member that these cultural competency courses are good and there are many reasons why they are, and one is also when we get a new worker, we want them to be able to know what the Inuit culture and customs are so it's not so foreign to them and so they can relate to the experience that Nunavut Inuit have in their culture and customs.

In terms of how they're certified and who certifies them, I don't have that level of detail there. In general it's the bureaucrats who do that. I'm not saying that they run the show. I'm just saying that our job as ministers and Premier are to ask to get a certain task done, and then we delegate it down to get it done. If the member wants to know who teaches them and how many are certified to teach the courses, then I will definitely give that information to her. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Your final supplementary, Mr. Nakashuk.

**Ms. Nakashuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank him for indicating that. For your information, as elected people, we say Inuit have to be utilized to teach.

>> *Applause*

(interpretation ends) We're voted to ensure (interpretation) that our elders are used to teach, (interpretation ends) not

by bureaucrats. We got here for a reason, so we should be voicing for them.

>> *Applause*

Mr. Speaker, I agree that it is important to develop an understanding of our indigenous history and its legacies to combat racism and to learn cultural competencies that relate to the culture in which we work, live, and interact.

(interpretation) Mr. Speaker, can the minister commit to ensuring that more Nunavummiut are trained and certified to deliver the indigenous cultural competency course so that new hires from the south can learn about Nunavut culture from those who live it? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Savikataaq.

**Hon. Joe Savikataaq:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I agree with her comment there. There's no place for racism of any kind in Nunavut. Nunavut is and should be a welcoming place for people of all races. There is no place for racism in Nunavut or anywhere in Canada.

(interpretation) What you said earlier for the cultural competency course teachers and trainers, I agree with you fully. Inuit are very capable and the teachers have to be competent for them to teach Inuit cultural practices to newcomers. Also for the language and cultural issues, if they're competent, then the Inuit could be providing instruction and training on our culture, livelihood, history, and language. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Amittuq,

Mr. Kaernerck.

### **Question 322 – 5(2): Mental Health Policies**

**Mr. Kaernerck** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good morning to the residents of my community and to my fellow residents of Amittuq.

I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Health, and my reasoning for this question that I want to ask about is related to mental health.

Let me start by first asking if this matter has been the subject of any reviews related to policy development. I would like to see this foundation reviewed and changes made, as people don't purposefully screw up mentally when they are faced with mental issues.

Let me first ask the minister: when was the last time you reviewed the policies related to mental health and scheduled updates to the policy for Nunavut and especially to have it more Inuit-centric or specifically designed for Nunavummiut and their benefit? Will the department conduct a comprehensive review of this policy? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Health, Minister Hickes.

**Hon. George Hickes:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. With the number of policies that the Government of Nunavut has, I have a cursory level of knowledge with mental health policies specifically. I can't go through every policy for every finite detail, but I have an overarching knowledge of them. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Your first supplementary, Mr. Kaernerk.

**Mr. Kaernerk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Some people put themselves in danger and put others in danger, and they can't help themselves. This really has to be looked at. It's a very serious matter and it actually happens.

You're the minister and you're responsible for this. People who have mental health issues, according to the law, if they are over 18 years of age, though other people know they are not mentally well, their parents are not supported. It must get really scary in their homes because sometimes they can get quite dangerous.

Can the minister have the policy reviewed and changed for the people of Nunavut? When can a review be done about this? I know you said there are many policies. How about just this one policy about mental health? Can't you look into that policy and change it to help the people of Nunavut? I don't want to see what I have seen happen again. People can die from this.

As the minister responsible, are you going to be making this a priority when you're looking at the policies, the one about mental health, yes or no? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Hickes.

**Hon. George Hickes**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There are a number of different services that mental health deals with at the community level: the mental health assessments, the monitoring, case

management, mental health and addictions counselling, crisis intervention, suicide risk assessment, safety planning, appointments with visiting psychiatrists for patients, referral for treatment within Nunavut, referral for treatment out of Nunavut, medical travel administration, medevacs, scheduled medical travel, help lines, and elder support lines. There are a number of different aspects to the mental health policy.

I understand where the member is coming from of having a young adult going through mental health crisis or challenges. That's where communication with the mental health team with the mental health workers in the communities has to take place. It doesn't matter what age somebody is; people can come forward and express their concerns. If they feel somebody is in danger, there are steps that can be taken to put that person in an immediate safe place.

With regard to legislation of allowing parents to participate in the health care delivery of an adult child, once they have reached the age of majority, we're limited to what we can force them to do. We hope and communicate with families, communicate with the clients to help express how important it is to have family supports around, but we can't force that. In some cases the family can be the issue as well too in some extreme cases. We've got to be very careful on the level of interference that we can force on people.

With respect to actually addressing the member's question with a review specific component of the policy, I can take a look at our legal obligations and

legal parameters. I'll have to leave it at that, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Your final supplementary, Mr. Kaernerker.

**Mr. Kaernerker** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank you for clarifying that. I guess there were many things and I believe so many things need to be corrected. Now, can the minister explain to me how many communities in Nunavut have mental health workers? That will be my final question. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Hickey.

**Hon. George Hickey**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm just going through all the staffing. Right now across the territory we have 74 filled frontline staff, with mental health outreach positions in numerous communities.

With regard to all communities, I am looking here and I see mental health professionals in all but four communities that I see, but some of those do share services and those are the professional and paraprofessional positions. There are still mental health employees, to my knowledge, and I do stand to be corrected and I apologize. In every community there's access to mental health services. It's a matter of the level of professionalism that's available.

When I look at within the regions right now, like I said, there are 76 within the professional and paraprofessional, I just don't have unfortunately the level of all the breakdowns of all the mental health positions. From what I understand, there are mental health services available in

every community. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Rankin Inlet North-Chesterfield Inlet, Ms. Towtongie.

### **Question 323 – 5(2): Wolf Sample Collection Program**

**Ms. Towtongie** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To Rankin Inlet North and Chesterfield Inlet, I say "good morning" to you all.

My question is for the Minister of Environment. The minister stated earlier that there will be a pilot project with wolf skins and the trappers will be getting \$300 per pelt.

After the pilot project is over, we have wolves in the Kivalliq region as well. Will this pilot project continue to or spread out to the Kivalliq where hunters and trappers get \$300 per pelt? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Environment, Minister Savikataaq.

**Hon. Joe Savikataaq**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation) This pilot project is happening now for when they hand in the wolf head, the hunter will receive \$300. The head of the wolf will be used in a study. Whenever a project begins and goes ahead, we look for places where we can improve it or change it, or if it's not running well in a certain area, then we would correct it. Once we know all the ins and outs of it, I envision this money in exchange for wolf heads will be spread out to the rest

of Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Your first supplementary, Ms. Towntongie.

**Ms. Towntongie** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When I was in Chesterfield Inlet, I was notified that there was a hunter there that saw and tried to send something to Manitoba to the fur place, but apparently that has been stopped and they can't send them to Manitoba anymore. Does the Minister of Environment know about this? Do you know why hunters are not allowed to send their catch to Manitoba anymore? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Savikataaq.

**Hon. Joe Savikataaq** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I met with the Minister of Environment from Manitoba about two weeks ago. Maybe the hunter is misinformed or something. As far as I know, we can still send wolf pelts to Manitoba, but I can look into this matter. From what I know, wolf pelts can still be sent to Manitoba. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Your final supplementary, Ms. Towntongie.

**Ms. Towntongie** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. They will help people learn about wolf skulls and how they can manage the wolf population. I would like to ask the Minister of Environment. Today in the Kivalliq there are wolves and some wolves are coming close to the communities and maybe inside the communities. Today in the Kivalliq wolf

management people know. Where are we at when it comes to wolves in the Kivalliq? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Savikataaq.

**Hon. Joe Savikataaq** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Can she clarify her question? I don't understand exactly what she would like to know. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Ms. Towntongie, please clarify your question. Ms. Towntongie.

**Ms. Towntongie** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm sorry, but I'll ask it in English. (interpretation ends) The collection of wolf samples will inform management decisions by allowing researchers to improve their knowledge of the wolf ecology and enhance management. Does this tell me that the Department of Environment already has sufficient knowledge of the wolf ecology and management in our region, the Keewatin, where wolves get close to the community and sometimes are in the communities? Where are we in the Keewatin with the wolf ecology? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Savikataaq.

**Hon. Joe Savikataaq**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for clarifying her question and I'll do my best to answer it.

Mr. Speaker, it is common knowledge that wolves' main prey in Nunavut is caribou. With this study here, it will give us several different things that we can

find out from the skull or the head being handed in and a piece of the skin.

We can age the wolves and know what the demographics are on the wolf population, are they an older population or are they a younger population, and that has a lot of bearing on the population estimates of wolves. Another thing we can do is we can find out what they eat mainly through an analysis of... I believe it's part of their meat there. They get enzymes and they roughly know what they have been eating.

In the Kivalliq I think we have lots of very good wolf hunters. Anytime a wolf or wolves get close to the communities, there is an ample number of hunters who are willing to go out and hunt them. This program is a pilot project so that we can work out all the problems that may happen and I envision it to be a Nunavut-wide program in the near future. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Aggu, Mr. Quassa.

### **Question 324 – 5(2): Oceans Protection Plan Projects**

**Mr. Quassa** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I say “good morning” to my fellow residents of Igloolik and my colleagues.

This morning my question is for the Minister of Economic Development.

This morning you indicated the (interpretation ends) Oceans Protection Plan projects. (interpretation) It's good news for all the communities. Most communities have a place where a boat

can dock. It's very good news. I heard that \$2,185,000 will be used for a comprehensive study on marine infrastructure needs in Nunavut. It's over \$2 million. This will be a very detailed study. My first question is: how long will this study take place where they will be looking at marine infrastructure in all the communities? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Economic Development and Transportation, Minister Akeegok.

**Hon. David Akeegok** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank you for asking that question. The \$2 million will be used to visit the communities. Some communities already have a marine infrastructure needs plan, but some of them are kind of old, so we will update them. We will look into those. We expect to do this study this coming year and visit all communities in Nunavut. That is the plan we have at this point and we will do the work this year. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. You first supplementary, Mr. Quassa.

**Mr. Quassa** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think those of us who live in the communities know that there doesn't really need to be a detailed study done. We know what the community needs and what has to be done with regard to marine infrastructure. We already know what is required. There is no need for a detailed study because that's what the government says repeatedly.

If the detailed study is going to cost \$2

million, is there going to be additional money needed for the work that is going to be required? I hope that was understandable. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Akeeagok.

**Hon. David Akeeagok** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank you for your question. Yes, we have to do a study before we build anything or before improving marine infrastructure in the communities.

If you can recall, in 2016 Prime Minister Trudeau indicated that there was \$1.5 billion that will be available for access. There's \$94.3 million to be used over a five-year period and that is aimed only for northern communities. We're trying to access as much money as we can through the federal programs and we will have to conduct a study in order to get proper marine infrastructure. We're going to decide what will be the most appropriate use over a five-year period. I'm sure the \$94 million is not only going to be for studying or assessing, but it will be to actually build the infrastructure.

I believe one of the members said 2007 was the last time that we requested money for marine infrastructure. The studies have stalled since that time. There's also soil erosion along the coastline which has changed the demographics. I expect that there won't be much work to do for some communities and there will be some changes required for other communities. We have to look at the depth of the ocean, the bedrock, and so on in order to build proper infrastructure. Thank you,

Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Your final supplementary, Mr. Quassa.

**Mr. Quassa** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank the minister for giving us a better idea of why there has to be a detailed study done. We have brought up the issue of marine infrastructure on more than one occasion, especially in Hall Beach, which is not included in the proposal. We know that there is a need in Hall Beach. As you stated, some of the communities will be studied quicker. I just want to see some tangible assets being built in the communities. Are all the communities, including Baker Lake, going to be part of this study? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Akeeagok.

**Hon. David Akeeagok** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, we are planning for all the communities, not only for marine infrastructure but also shipping docks and different forms of marine infrastructure. For example, Arctic Bay has marine infrastructure and they can offload ships nearby. The road gets heavy traffic and sometimes it becomes dangerous. There are children playing around in the area. We will have to review those things carefully. Some of the communities have grown very fast and there are different models of sea vessels being purchased. That's why we want to do a detailed study and that's why we're making the proposal.

Pond Inlet, Pangnirtung, and Iqaluit already have marine infrastructure, but again, we would like to see our ships

offloading with proper marine infrastructure. We will include those communities which already have those types of infrastructure. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Arviat North-Whale Cove, Mr. Main.

### **Question 325 – 5(2): Custom Adoption Practices**

**Mr. Main** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good morning, members. I have a cold; I am sorry.

I rise to direct my question to the Minister of Family Services.

When there is a problem in Nunavut, we have to be the voice so that it is heard within the government. With regard to sexual abuse, which has been brought up by my colleague and by other members, it is something that should not be tolerated.

My first question, in reading the (interpretation ends) annual report, director of child and family services, (interpretation) it includes adoption. There are two types of adoption practices that are used in Nunavut.

(interpretation ends) My current understanding is that for adoptions under the *Adoption Act* there are safeguards and protections in place, such as criminal record checks and home assessments, to ensure that children are being adopted into a safe environment. My understanding is also that under custom adoptions there is no requirement for these safeguards and protections.

Again, I'll just to put it out there. My understanding is that if you're a child abuser, under the *Adoption Act*, you cannot adopt a child. That should be caught, but under the Custom Adoptions Act, my understanding is a known convicted child abuser can adopt a child in Nunavut. Can the minister confirm whether my understanding of this issue is correct? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Family Services, Minister Sheutiapik.

**Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) Thank you for the question. I'm really appreciating these questions because that will help justify moving forward into the next session.

If I could, I'll correct you. There are three types of adoptions. There is the departmental, private, inter-country, which means within Canada or Nunavut. I may say though that that third one has only been used once, but there are three kinds of adoptions in Nunavut.

To answer your question of private adoptions, they do require criminal record checks, they do. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Your first supplementary, Mr. Main.

**Mr. Main** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) Maybe I wasn't clear on my question. I understand that criminal record checks are required for private adoptions. Mainly I'm asking about the custom

adoption process.

I'll quote from your own report here. "Although the Department has no direct involvement in the custom adoption process, it is responsible for ACARA, including the appointment, training, and payment of Adoption Commissioners."

Under the Custom Adoption Act, which the minister's department is somewhat involved in, is it currently possible for a convicted child abuser to adopt a child in Nunavut, yes or no? (interpretation)  
Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Sheutiapik.

**Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) As you know, you stated it is not. It's through the Custom Adoption Recognition Act. I can tell you that the parents themselves are involved in this, so I would hope that the parents themselves are not allowing adoptions to take place knowing that they are abusers because the parents at the end of the day are involved in the custom adoptions. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Your final supplementary, Mr. Main.

**Mr. Main** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) Thank you, minister. I would also hope that, but the use of the word "hope" or "I would hope" doesn't suggest to me that there is a lot of oversight or monitoring of whether this is actually happening or not.

I'll quote again from this report. On page

10 it says, "Custom Adoption Commissioners can refuse to process a custom adoption if they do not feel the legislation or Inuit tradition is being followed."

My fellow MLA from Rankin Inlet North has voiced her opinion in this House regarding this. Her opinion, if I may, quoted in the media was that allowing a child abuser to adopt a child is not tradition. Although I'm not aboriginal and my opinion isn't worth very much in this regard, I'm inclined to agree with my colleague.

My final question for the minister is: will the minister take a position on this issue and tell the custom adoption commissioners under your department that this is not aboriginal customary law? Tell them that. Will minister commit to telling these custom adoption commissioners that this is not aboriginal customary law? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Sheutiapik.

**Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I certainly will, but it's not just to our social workers; it's how to fix the Act itself. It's the wording. Me going to my social workers and saying that is not going to be enough, but I'm certainly committed because I don't support child abuse. I certainly commit to working on that. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. My colleagues, please note that the time for question period has expired. Therefore we will proceed with the orders of the day. Written Questions. Returns to Written Questions. Replies to Opening Address. Replies to Opening Address. Replies to Budget Address. Petitions. Responses to Petitions. Reports of Standing and Special Committees on Bills and Other Matters. Mr. Main.

Sorry, fellow members. Reports of Standing and Special Committees on Bills and Other Matters. Mr. Main.

**Item 12: Reports of Standing and Special Committees on Bills and Other Matters**

**Committee Report 008 – 5(2): Bill 13, Write-off of Assets Act, 2017-2018**

**Mr. Main** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I apologize. My documents... .

>>*Laughter*

I'm sorry. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I lost my documents.

(interpretation ends) I wish to report that Bill 13, *Write-off of Assets Act, 2017-2018*, has been reviewed by the Standing Committee on Legislation and that the bill is ready for consideration in Committee of the Whole.

I will now sit down. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Laughter*

**Speaker:** I thank you very much.

(interpretation) Bill 13 will be placed on the order paper for Monday.

Tabling of Documents. Minister of Community and Government Services, Minister Kusugak.

**Item 13: Tabling of Documents**

**Tabled Document 122 – 5(2): Nunavut Lottery Financial Statements March 31, 2018**

**Hon. Lorne Kusugak** (interpretation): Good morning, Mr. Speaker. I say “good morning” to the people of Rankin Inlet.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, (interpretation) I am tabling the Nunavut Lottery Financial Statements as of March 31, 2018. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Tabling of Documents. I have one I would like to table.

**Tabled Document 123 – 5(2): Annual Report on the Payment of Members' Indemnities, Allowances, Benefits, and Expenses for the Period November 6, 2017 to March 31, 2018**

(interpretation ends) Thank you, members. I wish to table the Annual Report on the Payment of Members' Indemnities, Allowances, Benefits, and Expenses for the period November 6, 2017 to March 31, 2018. (interpretation) Thank you.

Notices of Motions. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. First Reading of Bills. Second Reading of Bills. Minister of Finance, Minister Hickes.

**Item 18: Second Reading of Bills****Bill 16 – Supplementary  
Appropriation (Capital) Act, No.  
3, 2018-2019 – Second Reading**

**Hon. George Hickes:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Arviat South, that Bill 16, *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 3, 2018-2019*, be read for the second time.

Mr. Speaker, this bill makes supplementary appropriations to defray the capital expenditures of the Government of Nunavut for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2019. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. The motion is in order. To the motion. All those in favour, please raise your hand. Thank you. All those opposed. The motion is carried and Bill 16 is referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Second Reading of Bills. Minister of Finance, Minister Hickes.

**Bill 17 – Supplementary  
Appropriation (Capital) Act, No.  
1, 2019-2020 – Second Reading**

**Hon. George Hickes:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Arviat South, that Bill 17, *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 1, 2019-2020*, be read for the second time.

Mr. Speaker, this bill makes supplementary appropriations to defray the capital expenditures of the Government of Nunavut for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2020. Thank you,

Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. The motion is in order. To the motion. All those in favour, please raise your hand. Thank you. All those opposed. The motion is carried and Bill 17 is referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Second Reading of Bills. Minister of Finance, Minister Hickes.

**Bill 18 – Supplementary  
Appropriation (Operations &  
Maintenance) Act, No. 1, 2018-  
2019 – Second Reading**

**Hon. George Hickes:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Arviat South, that Bill 18, *Supplementary Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, No. 1, 2018-2019*, be read for the second time.

Mr. Speaker, this bill makes supplementary appropriations to defray the operations and maintenance expenses of the Government of Nunavut for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2019. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. The motion is in order. To the motion. All those in favour, please raise your hand. Thank you. All those opposed. The motion is carried and Bill 18 is referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Second Reading of Bills. Minister of Education, Minister Joanasie.

**Bill 20 – Interim Language of  
Instruction Act – Second Reading**

**Hon. David Joanasie** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move,

seconded by the Hon. Member for Aivilik, that Bill 20, *Interim Language of Instruction Act*, be read for the second time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this bill suspends, with respect to grades 4 to 12, the coming into force of section 8 of the *Inuit Language Protection Act* and the application of Part 4 of the *Education Act* to allow for study and consideration of a bill to amend those Acts. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. The motion is in order. To the motion. All those in favour, please raise your hand. Thank you. All those opposed. Thank you. The motion is carried and Bill 20 is referred to the Standing Committee on Legislation.

Second Reading of Bills. Minister of Finance, Minister Hickes.

**Bill 21 – An Act to Amend the Revolving Funds Act – Second Reading**

**Hon. George Hickes:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Arviat South, that Bill 21, *An Act to Amend the Revolving Funds Act*, be read for the second time.

Mr. Speaker, this bill amends the *Revolving Funds Act* to increase the Petroleum Products Revolving Fund and the Public Stores Revolving Fund. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. The motion is in order. To the motion. All those in favour, please raise your hand. All those opposed. The motion is carried and Bill 21 is referred to the Standing Committee on Legislation.

Second Reading of Bills. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters. Bills 15, 16, 17, and 18 with Mr. Rumbolt in the Chair.

We will proceed directly to the Committee of the Whole.

Sergeant-at-Arms.

**Item 19: Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters**

**Chairman** (Mr. Rumbolt): Good morning. Welcome back, members. I would like to call the committee meeting to order. In Committee of the Whole we have the following item to deal with, which is Bill 15. What is the wish of the committee? Mr. Main.

**Mr. Main** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) We wish to continue with the review of Bill 15 and the 2019-2020 Main Estimates of the Department of Health. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Main. Are we in agreement that we first deal with Bill 15?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Bill 15 – Appropriation (Operations & Maintenance) Act, 2019-2020 – Health – Consideration in Committee**

**Chairman:** Thank you. I would like to ask Minister Hickes: do you have officials that you would like to appear before the committee? Minister Hickes.

If you could, the witness table, please.

Minister Hickes.

**Hon. George Hickes:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, please.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Hickes. It must be Friday or something here today.

>> *Laughter*

Does the committee agree to let the minister's officials go to the witness table?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Sergeant-at-Arms, could you please escort the witnesses in.

Thank you. For the record, Minister Hickes, if you could please reintroduce your witnesses. Minister Hickes.

**Hon. George Hickes:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. To my right, your left is Acting Deputy Minister Linnea Ingebrigtsen and to my left, your right is Greg Babstock, Executive Director of Corporate Services. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Hickes. Welcome. Yesterday we finished off with H-4, Directorate, for the Department of Health. This morning we're going to start with Public Health, page H-5. Are there any questions? Ms. Angnakak.

**Ms. Angnakak:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would just like to ask a question about food inspections by community. In a letter to the chair of our Standing Committee on Social Wellness

there's a breakdown on the number of facility inspections that had taken place for the fiscal year of 2018-19, so this current one.

I understand that with Iqaluit we had 79 inspections. My first question is: are these inspections taking place in all eateries and daycares? Can you maybe give us a better understanding of what kinds of facilities are inspected? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Ms. Angnakak. Minister Hickes.

**Hon. George Hickes:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, daycares would be included in that as well as any restaurants, government facilities, places that deal with the public, schools. The list is quite extensive, Mr. Chairman. I'll read it out. The environmental health officers inspect water sources, pumphouses, reservoirs, water trucks and their operation, sewage lagoons, landfill sites, personal services, such as barber shops, hairdressers, tanning salons or spas, food establishments, public housing if there's a complaint, tourist facilities, schools, daycares, and health centres and care facilities. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you Minister Hickes. Ms. Angnakak.

**Ms. Angnakak:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for that clarification. When I look at the Baffin total, there were 191 inspections done. I expect Iqaluit to be quite high because of course we have a lot of people that live here and there are more places to inspect. I also note that Cape Dorset had 24 versus some of the other ones that are

a little bit lower. I understand that some of the lowest ones are communities that don't have as many people living there. I'm just wondering if you could talk about Cape Dorset. There seems to be a spike there. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Ms. Angnakak. Minister Hickes.

**Hon. George Hickes:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I don't have the details on every inspection, but we all know that there was a school that burned down there. There was a new facility that opened up. There would have been testing during the construction process to make sure that it was meeting the needs. A new power plant is being built there. There are places that serve food there as well. I can get an itemized list for the member if she desires on what all 24 of those visits encompassed. Thank you.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Hickes. Ms. Angnakak.

**Ms. Angnakak:** Thank you. Thank you for your response. If you want to do that, it would be great, but I was looking for more just in general why one community would have so many more than the others.

How does the decision to inspect a place or facility happen? Can somebody call somewhere within the department and say, "You know what? I'm worried about the way the meat is stored at a facility."? What about the BCC, if somebody saw...? How is the decision made? What process is used? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Ms. Angnakak. Minister Hickes.

**Hon. George Hickes:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As the member knows, any time there is a complaint brought forward, especially to the Office of the Chief Medical Officer, it's investigated to see if there is a purpose to the complaint, even so far as any residential... If somebody in public housing, if there is a complaint issued, the environmental health officer can go in and inspect the facility. Any complaints are taken seriously. Thank you.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Hickes. Ms. Angnakak.

**Ms. Angnakak:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Can the minister just go through how workers' compensation and the environmental inspection officers work together? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Ms. Angnakak. Minister Hickes.

**Hon. George Hickes:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The way that would work together is if there's a complaint lodged with the workers' safety commission, they would contact the environmental health officer to do an inspection. They would oversee that to make sure that it's a third party, neutral type inspection and could make recommendations to the workplace, even outside of the chief medical officer's office. Workplace health and safety through the workers' safety commission is also entrusted with that responsibility. Thank you.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Hickes. Ms. Angnakak.

**Ms. Angnakak:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As you know, about almost a year ago our NorthMart burnt down, and there was so much concern. People were wondering if they could enter the building or not after it had opened. There was much discussion on Facebook even and on the radio about the safety for the workers too. In fact there was, I think, even some anger expressed in support of the workers who were there. What role did the environmental health officers have during that time, and what strategy was used to inform the public about their findings? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Ms. Angnakak. Minister Hickee.

**Hon. George Hickee:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. With the site inspections done from the environmental health officers there, they were testing residue in the place. They directed cleaning not just around counters but on top of the refrigeration units, etcetera. There was quite an extensive direction from the environmental health officers regarding the cleaning.

With regard to the air quality monitoring, that's where some of the concerns that I found most publicly raised. There was testing done. At one point there was an unfortunate incident that the store shut off the cleaners when the store opened. I guess they thought that their intrusion on the noise pollution, if you want to call it that, to the customers, once that was identified, those machines were left on during the operating hours in addition to after hours. That mitigated the concerns of the environmental health...air quality testing came within acceptable parameters.

How that was communicated to the public, I believe there was a copy of the report that was put out through the department. I know there was some concern that it was, I think, shared with one of the newspapers through a media request. In addition to that there were, I believe, a couple of public service announcements that went out over that issue of the NorthMart fire. Thank you.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Hickee. Ms. Angnakak.

**Ms. Angnakak:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm going to go to something else. There was an RFP, I think, a request for proposals for people who may be interested in distributing cannabis. That's out now, I saw. I'm wondering if you can tell us today what kind of programming has been implemented to address the effects of cannabis. How are we reaching Nunavummiut and the youth? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Ms. Angnakak. Minister Hickee.

**Hon. George Hickee:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. At the end of the day it has been proven scientifically and through our legislation that we do not recommend youth to be consuming cannabis at all; there are health risks associated with it.

Working with educational social media posts Health has launched this past October and are updated Tuesday of each week on our GN Facebook page, there is a mass media campaign across the territory. We're in phase 1 right now, looking at environmental scanning and reviewing literature, and doing some

small-scale projects to gather more data from. We're expected this coming March to initiate phase 2 and then the public campaign in the fall. There is also a cannabis quick reference resource guide that is expected to be completed by this fall as well too. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Hickey. Ms. Angnakak.

**Ms. Angnakak:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I know that there has been a lot of work done also in terms of trying to educate people about the effects of tobacco use, smoking and that. I think there have been some real great improvements in your ads compared to what they were a few years ago, but I don't think the smoking rates are coming down.

In your business plan you talk about making amendments to the Tobacco Act, especially when it comes to smoke-free places. I know the hospital, for example, there's a sign up that says they're a smoke-free place, yet there are a lot of people smoking around the hospital. Is this something that you feel you can enforce better once the amendments have been made? You have a sign up, but people are smoking. We try to educate people about the ills of smoking, but the rates aren't coming down.

How do you feel that amendments to the Act will help all of these areas? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Ms. Angnakak. Minister Hickey.

**Hon. George Hickey:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The member brings up a very

valid concern. When you do have no-smoking areas, it is difficult to enforce. Although we call it smoke-free grounds, there are two designated areas of smoking at the QGH, one in the back more designated for staff and then one around the side for patients and staff as well too. With regard to people smoking in other parts of the grounds, it's something I can follow up with, but again, it's difficult to enforce when people have all their equipment and everything and they don't want to go far.

With regard to educational opportunities with regard to legislation specifically, just tightening up some things and we would have to get some feedback from people to initiate a little bit more, but at the same time we want to make sure, as we're monitoring and evaluating the statistics side of things, we need to continue with the education programs. The member mentioned that there have been improvements in that regard to make them a little bit more visible, I guess if I put that way.

I know there are people working in our tobacco cessation team that are exploring different advertising opportunities and different media access points to see how we can get at the youth especially. That's something that is going to be a work in progress. That's why we continue to look at funding for that division of our population health to make sure that, when we partner with other organizations that run quit smoking programs in communities, we're getting some results.

Even just for quit smoking programs, there are a number of communities that ran programs, even numerous programs in Kugluktuk, Taloyoak, Resolute Bay,

here in Iqaluit, Cambridge Bay is in the final stages, Igloolik, Kugaaruk, and Arctic Bay. I've had two or three sessions in those communities in the specific side of that, but we also partner with outside organizations.

We have partnered with the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health to help train health and wellness workers on "It's Time - Inuit Smoking Cessation Toolkit." We will have to come up with a better name for that, I think, but 13 participants from eight different communities attended a two-day training here and I anticipate planning to facilitate those programs back in their home communities.

There are a lot of moving pieces going along with tobacco cessation. I know it seems like the numbers don't seem to be going down and realistically they're targeting the youth, and especially pregnant women is one of the main focuses of that program. Thank you.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Hickes. Ms. Angnakak.

**Ms. Angnakak:** Thank you. Just in regard to the ads and that for non-smoking, because they use people who are kind of role models as the actors about not smoking and that, I think that goes a long way and maybe it's something for the anti-cannabis use perhaps could do the same method. Obviously, especially the youth like to see something visual that's stimulating to them to get the message.

When you talk about these kinds of workshops and training going on in the community, I didn't quite get how long they have been going on, but have they

been in place long enough to get some sort of evaluation on whether they're working or not? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Ms. Angnakak. Minister Hickes.

**Hon. George Hickes:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. With regard to the partnership with the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, that's a very new partnership. It's hard to gauge the results of those programs that have been going out to the communities right now. We are working on that.

There are some projects that have been going on a little bit longer. The "So Don't Smoke" in Winnipeg at the Kivalliq Inuit Centre got some funding there that helped pregnant women and new mothers. There are also other community-led initiatives that have been ongoing in Arviat, Baker Lake, Coral Harbour, Whale Cove, Cambridge Bay, and Arctic Bay. They have been funded for different programs in the last year. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Hickes. Ms. Angnakak.

**Ms. Angnakak:** Thank you. Is this something going forward that you're going to track? Obviously you don't want to throw money at things that might not work, or maybe they work very well. Is this something that we can expect to see in the next year or so, some kind of results? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Ms. Angnakak. Minister Hickes.

**Hon. George Hickes:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There are a number of different ways we're tracking and I'm sure the member knows most of them: tobacco sales in Nunavut; retailer inspections by environmental health officers; distribution of nicotine replacement therapy from pharmacies; quit line statistics; there is a helpline that is available to call; Facebook page engagement; training session attendance and effectiveness, what I mean by the confidence, knowledge and capacity of health and wellness workers following the training; the number and type of tobacco reduction events; the number of brief tobacco interventions by health care providers, visits to health centres for tobacco-related reasons, long-term trends in tobacco-related diseases; lung cancer, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; tobacco use prevalence; and quit attempts using lot quality assurance sampling. I'm not exactly sure what that means. I'm sure, if you ask me a question, I can find out very quickly. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Hickes. Ms. Angnakak.

**Ms. Angnakak:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. They all sound like very good ways and it's good that there are so many options in quitting smoking. I myself used to be a smoker. I haven't smoked for many years now.

>> *Applause*

Yeah, I quit like 22 years ago and I quit cold turkey because I got to that point I just wanted to quit.

For example, you said the helpline to smoke. Would you know how many

calls have gone through? Is that a good thing? Is that something that people use? Does it actually help people to quit?

I was kind of getting more at that. You have a lot of great programs, but what do we know about those programs? What we know about the effectiveness of those programs? I guess that's what I'm trying to get at. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Ms. Angnakak. Minister Hickes.

**Hon. George Hickes:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That's where tracking all the different modes of monitoring that I just spoke to would come into place, and then following the statistics.

What I was informed is that the lot quality assurance sampling is done through Health in communities to look at statistics of how many people smoke. One target group that they did was "How many Nunavummiut 16 and older are currently tobacco users?" It's three-quarters of the population, so our numbers are very high.

I don't have the number of helpline calls. I can get that information. We do track that. I just don't have it here with me.

With regard to the monitoring and measuring the effectiveness, that's where all these monitoring categories come into place to see what programs, to use the ones that are working and get rid of the ones that don't. That's continually observed by our tobacco cessation team. Thank you.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Hickes. Ms. Angnakak.

**Ms. Angnakak:** Thank you very much. Because the smoking rates are so high and because we all want to do something about it and you say that you track through these different programs, is there a place where all this information comes to that could be shared with us so that we know? Can we be informed? Can the public be informed what is working?

Maybe you might even ask ex-smokers what worked for them. You say that you track through these different programs. Is there a place where all this information comes to that could be shared with us so that we know? Can we be informed? Can the public be informed? What is working? Maybe you might even ask ex-smokers what worked for them. Maybe that's another way, but is that something that the minister can share? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Ms. Angnakak. Minister Hickee.

**Hon. George Hickee:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Some of that would be covered in our annual report. I would have to look at the level of detail just to refresh my memory with our annual report of what the level of detail of information is in there, and we can take a look at that section. Thank you.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Hickee. Ms. Angnakak.

**Ms. Angnakak:** Thank you. I got a minute left.

I would like to ask about immunizations. When I was growing up, we had all immunizations and then I understand over the years, maybe a little over ten or

whatever years ago, they stopped doing some immunizations and one of them was the TB immunization. Can the minister confirm whether or not this immunization was taken off or whether people just chose not to give it to their children? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Ms. Angnakak. Minister Hickee.

**Hon. George Hickee:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Those immunizations were never not offered. It is a choice of the parent which immunizations they choose to provide their child with. I strongly suggest, especially with a lot of the media coverage you see of measles, of how when children go into the school system, there are mandatory immunizations that they need, or into daycares, but often not into the school system, the whole gambit of immunizations. It's a hot topic right now. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Hickee. Ms. Angnakak.

**Ms. Angnakak:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That's exactly why I'm bringing it up, because we are starting to hear a lot about measles coming back. I'm not just talking about Nunavut; I'm talking across Canada, but people are always traveling here and there and it's something that could easily be brought here.

How is the department working with the schools? If I'm going to send my child to school, I want to make sure that everybody else has their immunizations as well. We don't want any kind of outbreak. How are you dealing with that? I just don't know, but maybe can

you educate me about the TB immunizations? Is this something that could be given to adults? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Ms. Angnakak. Minister Hickes.

**Hon. George Hickes:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. With regard to the last part of the question, I'm not a doctor; I would have to check into who can be immunized against TB and at what stage of life. With regard to the school system, we do work with the Department of Education and our community health centres to make sure kids' immunizations are up to date. That's what we do. Thank you.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Hickes. Mr. Main.

**Mr. Main** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Good morning, minister.

(interpretation ends) Just a follow-up on my colleague's question on the immunizations, I'll speak from personal experience. For my children to enter into daycare, they are required to submit their immunization record and show that they are immunized. My understanding is that that's not currently a requirement for entering into kindergarten.

Has the health department considered working with Education to make this a mandatory thing where you have to have your kid immunized? "If you choose not to immunize your children, that's your choice, but you're not sending them to our schools," basically. Has this been considered? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Hickes.

**Hon. George Hickes:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Like I mentioned with a lot of the coverage of that issue being raised recently, specifically with measles and I know the member and I have talked about it personally, I don't know if it has been done in the past, but I know it's going to be done now. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Hickes. Mr. Main.

**Mr. Main** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Another thing I wanted to follow up on was the questions regarding tobacco use.

Does the Department of Health have a position with regard to the use e-cigarettes? Given that we know there are many people addicted to... . Doing some reading, one of the things they say is that people smoke for the nicotine, but they die from the tar. If you can eliminate the tar from smoking and go to e-cigarette, it's proven to reduce harm.

Even the American Cancer Society concedes that individuals who cannot quit smoking by other means should be encouraged to switch. Anyway I'm just reading from a news article on the subject.

Does the department have a position on the use of e-cigarettes? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Hickes.

**Hon. George Hickes:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate the question. It is something that, I was just informed, is being considered. Thank you.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Hickes. Mr. Main.

**Mr. Main** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) If it's being considered, it's encouraging. It might be a good way to reduce harm for people who are addicted to nicotine. I don't see "being considered" anywhere mentioned in the business plan specifically. What's the timeline in terms of considering it and making a decision? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Hickes.

**Hon. George Hickes:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There are a number of different factors. There has been concern over the e-cigarettes that some of the flavouring is even more attractive to youth. It might bring more people into smoking versus removing the cigarette side of things to the e-cigarette.

I don't have a timeline. There are a number of different projects that the smoking team is working on. When we're looking at any legislation coming forward, when I look at some of the legislation that we have, we're in the process of amending the *Tobacco Control and Smoke-Free Places Act*. That's part of that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Hickes. Mr. Main.

**Mr. Main** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, minister. (interpretation ends) Referring to your business plan on page 151 under Public Health, Population Health Information, it mentions here that there are all kinds of information that is collected, including health care utilization, which is interesting. I know the Department of Education, for example, publishes school utilization statistics. Where would the public or MLAs access this information? Is it available publicly? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Hickes.

**Hon. George Hickes:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There are too many different sources of data it would be blocks here and there, kind of scattered around. There are national indicators; there are documents that come out nationally each year that provide data on Nunavut. There are some of disclaimers with some of the levels of data that's collected and how old it is too. Certain things aren't tracked very closely from a national level because of our small numbers, but yesterday I was talking about the Canadian Institute of Health Indicators. They have a website that national data is available on. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Hickes. Mr. Main.

**Mr. Main** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) I thank the minister. I was actually on that website yesterday and it's quite interesting. It also says here on page 151, "Population Health Information processes over half a million paper-based records per year and provides a

variety of health statistics.” Are these archival records that they’re processing? My understanding was that we’re supposed to go to an electronic medical record system. Are these archival or is this just normal paperwork that’s generated each year going forward? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you Mr. Main. Minister Hickee.

**Hon. George Hickee:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. With the rollout of MEDITECH across the territory, there were some delays in technology challenges in some of the communities where Community and Government Services has updated the systems now in all communities. There is still a paper-based core to the data up until now. They are moving now, now that it’s available in all of our communities, of moving to an electronic storage. Thank you.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Hickee. Mr. Main.

**Mr. Main** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Moving to that electronic system, somebody like myself, I have 38 years of paper records sitting at the health centre in Arviat. Is there going to be a process to digitize existing paper records or is it just going forward everything will be electronic and then you staple that to the old stuff? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Hickee.

**Hon. George Hickee:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I’m sure each of us has different amounts of thicknesses in those files. It is a lot of data. We don’t have the storage capacity now to be able to digitize all of that. Technically right now there would be two files. You would have your hard copy file up to now and then going forward, an electronic file. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Hickee. Mr. Main.

**Mr. Main** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) I think one of the hardest things about that would be trying to understand the handwriting of the doctors or nurses.

>> *Laughter*

I’m allowed to make doctor jokes because my sister is a doctor, I’m proud to say.

Moving along here, in your letter to the committee chair you provided a list of the community allocations under community wellness programs, some of the allocations for breakfast programs, and I’m looking at the amounts and different sizes of communities. The thing that I’m concerned about is that there are an unequal number of hungry children in each community. In communities where there is higher unemployment, there is more hunger generally, and in communities generally where there is more employment, there is less hunger and so there is less comparative need for these types of programs.

I’m just wondering how things like the size of the community and/or unemployment or social assistance rates

are taken into account when you're deciding which community get how much for their breakfast programs. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Hickes.

**Hon. George Hickes:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. For the majority of the community wellness funding allocations, there is quite an exercise that was gone through in 2016. The parameters of the funding for each community were population size per community, Inuit population in each community, and northern allowance per community.

Regarding enhancement funding allocations, that's what we're talking with the breakfast program. It's an enhanced program. At that point there was a fixed amount for those. It's something you can speak to, if the member feels that is or isn't working in his community, to take a look at other options. Thank you.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Hickes. Mr. Main.

**Mr. Main** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) I don't have any specific concerns with my community. Generally across the board I think we should be directing the money to where it will do the most good, basically.

On that line one of the ideas that have been brought up repeatedly with the education department is establishing a school lunch program across the territory. I understand this is kind of a shared thing with Health and Education.

Is this something that has been scoped out or has it been flagged as a possibility with the health department? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Hickes.

**Hon. George Hickes:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There have been discussions with Education, but they're very preliminary right now. I don't really have a timeline. There has been an initial foray into exploring the lunch program. Thank you.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Hickes. Mr. Main.

**Mr. Main** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) That's encouraging to hear, "initial foray." Have there been any timelines set, any ballpark figures that are available in terms of estimating how much money would be needed to establish this? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Hickes.

**Hon. George Hickes:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It's too early to tell. Thank you.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Mr. Main.

**Mr. Main** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) I have already made up my mind about it and I think it has to happen. If you look at our government, we have \$2 billion flowing through this Assembly each year. I think we have enough money to

make sure that every single kid in Nunavut isn't hungry when they're at school.

>> *Applause*

That's my opinion. I encourage the minister to work hard with the Department of Education and get this going.

My last questioning is on tuberculosis. It mentions here in your business plan that from the past year, your priorities, this is page 152, "The TB program evaluation was completed in 2018 and recommendations are being implemented." Is that program evaluation something that the minister is willing to provide to the members? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Hickes.

**Hon. George Hickes:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Before I respond to that question, I would just like to make a comment on his comment. When I say that there are initial forays into examining a territory-wide program, it doesn't stop any community from applying for community wellness dollars for a lunch program for their community. There are options right now that are available out there should the community desire to go that path.

Going back to the TB report, it was submitted just in the past summer, towards the end of summer and we're still working on a response to the recommendations. I would have to look in detail how that would work to share with members, but I don't have a

problem sharing information with members. I'll have to just look into where it is in the analysis of the recommendations. Thank you.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Hickes. Mr. Main.

**Mr. Main** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) When it comes to the screening clinics that are being run with funding from the federal government flowing through ITK, there's an urgent need for a screening clinic in the community of Arviat. I know, because of the size of the community, it's very complicated and it would be very expensive just because the community is larger. After the Cape Dorset screening clinic is completed, are further screening clinics being planned? Are they still on the table? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Hickes.

**Hon. George Hickes:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As those community screening clinics are put on, we are learning more and more and we are getting great uptake in the communities. One of the things that I have been trying to stress through all of this is people don't need to wait for a community-wide screening. If they need to go into the health centres on their own and request screening, it can be done at any time.

We have taken this approach through partnerships with, like the member mentioned, ITK and the federal government of providing some additional funding. It is proposal based. After Cape Dorset, it could get up to

about the \$5 million range to do the three communities.

We're going to take a step back and evaluate how productive...to take a look at measuring the outcomes. We don't have any other community screening planned right now, but that is subject to change upon an evaluation of the programs. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Hickes. Mr. Main, please continue.

**Mr. Main** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Just to follow up on that screening clinic that happened in Whale Cove, I was speaking with a constituent who had been diagnosed with TB and there seemed to be a long gap from when this person was diagnosed and when their treatment was started. I would just like confirmation that everyone who was diagnosed with tuberculosis in Whale Cove is currently being treated. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Hickes.

**Hon. George Hickes:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would have to follow up with the chief medical officer to make sure that everyone is currently in treatment. I hate using the word "assume," but anytime somebody is diagnosed, the treatment options would be explained to them, whether it be latent or virulent TB. I would like to think that treatment would begin as soon as possible.

There also has to be consent of participation. People need to understand

how important it is taking their meds, avoid alcohol, and follow the conditions that are supported with the treatment of TB. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Hickes. Mr. Main.

**Mr. Main** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) I'll thank the minister for looking into that and I have no further questions. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Main. Mr. Mikkungwak.

**Mr. Mikkungwak** (interpretation) Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I move a motion to report progress. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Mikkungwak. We have a motion on the floor to report progress and the motion is not debatable. All those in favour of the motion, please raise your hand. Thank you. Those against. Thank you. Motion carried.

Sergeant-at-Arms, could you please escort the witnesses out. I will now rise to report progress to the Speaker. Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Report of the Committee of the Whole. Mr. Rumbolt.

### **Item 20: Report of the Committee of the Whole**

**Mr. Rumbolt:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Your committee has been considering Bill 15 and would like to report progress. Mr. Speaker, I move that the Report of

the Committee of the Whole be agreed to. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. There is a motion on the floor. Is there a seconder? Thank you, Mr. Quassa.

>>*Laughter*

(interpretation ends) I didn't say "Mr. Kusugak."

>>*Laughter*

(interpretation) The motion is in order. All those in favour of the motion, please raise your hand. Thank you. All those opposed. The motion is carried.

Third Reading of Bills.

Before we proceed, I would like to take this opportunity as the Speaker of the House to join you in thanking our assistants this week, our legislative staff, interpreters, and everyone else, especially our pages this week. They are Kim Qavavau, Jaiden Natanine, Russell Kanayuk, and Mark Jr. Wisintainer. They were our pages. We thank you.

>>*Applause*

*Orders of the Day.* (interpretation ends) Mr. Clerk.

### **Item 22: Orders of the Day**

**Clerk** (Mr. Quirke): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just a reminder that the Management and Services Board meets this afternoon at two o'clock in the Tuktu Boardroom.

*Orders of the Day* for February 25:

1. Prayer
2. Ministers' Statements
3. Members' Statements
4. Returns to Oral Questions
5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery
6. Oral Questions
7. Written Questions
8. Returns to Written Questions
9. Replies to Opening Address
10. Replies to Budget Address
11. Petitions
12. Responses to Petitions
13. Reports of Standing and Special Committees on Bills and Other Matters
14. Tabling of Documents
15. Notices of Motions
16. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills
17. Motions
18. First Reading of Bills
19. Second Reading of Bills
20. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters
  - Bill 13
  - Bill 15
  - Bill 16
  - Bill 17
  - Bill 18

21. Report of the Committee of the Whole
22. Third Reading of Bills
23. Orders of the Day

Thank you.

>>*Applause*

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. My colleagues, I wish you a safe weekend and spend time with your family. I know I will be okay on the weekend as my spouse and my grandchild, Brian Dialla, came to Iqaluit to go see me.

>>*Applause*

I know that I will be spending time with him, so I will have a great weekend, and I hope you enjoy your weekend too.

This House stands adjourned until Monday, February 25, at 1:30 p.m.

Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>*House adjourned at 11:54*

