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**Iqaluit, Nunavut  
Friday, May 31, 2019**

**Members Present:**

Hon. David Akeagok, Mr. Tony Akoak, Ms. Pat Angnakak, Hon. George Hickes, Hon. David Joanasie, Mr. Joeline Kaerner, Ms. Mila Kamingoak, Mr. Pauloosie Keyootak, Hon. Lorne Kusugak, Mr. Adam Lightstone, Mr. John Main, Hon. 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 9:02*

**Item 1: Opening Prayer**

**Speaker** (Hon. Simeon Mikkungwak)(interpretation): Before we proceed with our meeting, I'll say the opening prayer and pray for all the people of Nunavut and our constituents.

>>*Prayer*

**Speaker** (interpretation): Going to the orders of the day. No. 2. Ministers' Statements. Minister responsible for Nunavut Arctic College, Minister Netser.

**Item 2: Ministers' Statements**

**Minister's Statement 232 – 5(2): Nunavut Arctic College – Memorial University**

**Hon. Patterk Netser** (interpretation): Good morning, Mr. Speaker. Thank you. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to rise today to inform my fellow members of the progress that has been made in relation to Arctic College's new partnership with the Memorial University of Newfoundland. I am pleased to announce that negotiations between the two institutions have successfully concluded and a 10-year partnership agreement has been reached.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, we have exciting days ahead for Arctic College and also for the Memorial University of Newfoundland.

Mr. Speaker, this partnership agreement is comprised of 12 parts which outline the governance of the partnership, joint academic programming to be created through the partnership, additional learner services for Nunavut Arctic College students, faculty and professional development opportunities for college staff, and joint research collaboration. Furthermore, (interpretation) the agreement itself is framed with recognition of the importance of Inuit language and culture, of the need to increase access to adult education for Nunavummiut, and with the goal of promoting the employment of Inuit within Nunavut, Mr. Speaker.

(interpretation ends) Through this partnership, we are improving the supports for post-secondary students and programs that develop the knowledge and skills we need in Nunavut, as described in the *Sivummuaqpalliajjutivut* section of the *Turaaqtavut* mandate. Indeed I am also pleased to note that the mandate itself is referenced in the partnership agreement.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to thank the Department of Education and Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated for helping the college select Memorial University as our partner. This partnership will serve us well. Memorial University already has an Inuit Bachelor of Education, which is very exciting, and an Inuit Bachelor of Social Work. Inuktitut is studied and taught in their Faculty of Linguistics, and they have a long history of working to help stimulate economic growth in the north. I look forward to the legacy this partnership will create for our children and our grandchildren. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Ministers' Statements. Minister of Health, Minister Hickes.

#### **Minister's Statement 233 – 5(2): World No Tobacco Day**

**Hon. George Hickes:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On May 31 communities across Nunavut will join our partners around the world in celebrating World No Tobacco Day, highlighting the health and other risks associated with tobacco use, and advocating for effective policies to reduce tobacco consumption. The focus of World No Tobacco Day 2019 is on “tobacco and lung health.” The goal of the campaign this year is to increase awareness on the negative impact tobacco has on lung health and the important role lungs play in overall health and well-being.

Mr. Speaker, community health representatives from across the territory will be hosting a variety of outreach events to raise awareness and encourage Nunavummiut to reduce tobacco use. This is also a great opportunity for Nunavummiut to learn about where they can find support if they are looking to reduce or quit tobacco.

Mr. Speaker, amendments to the *Tobacco Control and Smoke-Free Places Act* in 2018 introduced new smoke-free places and increased the buffer zone around public places from three metres to nine metres. These changes have been made to reduce exposure to second-hand smoke and enhance well-being.

Mr. Speaker, the World Health Organization estimates that six million people die from tobacco-related illnesses every year. This means that every six seconds, somewhere around the world, someone dies from a tobacco-related illness. Mr. Speaker, we know that lung cancer is the most common type of cancer in Nunavut, and 85 percent of lung cancer cases are related to smoking.

I invite my colleagues to join me in the foyer at the break to learn about lung health from the Tobacco Reduction Program table. It's also an opportunity to test out the Smokerlyzer, which measures the amount of carbon monoxide you have in your body. A public health nurse will also administer nicotine replacement therapy for anyone who is interested.

Mr. Speaker, it's up to all of us to be leaders in our communities by following these new laws and making sure others are too. I encourage anyone who wants to reduce or quit smoking to ask for help at their local community health centre. By working together, we can make Nunavut tobacco-free. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Ministers' Statements. Premier of Nunavut, Premier Savikataaq.

### **Minister's Statement 234 – 5(2): Nunavummiut at Canada Youth Summit 2019**

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

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize some impressive young Nunavummiut who recently took part in the 2019 Canada Youth Summit on May 2 and 3, 2019 in Ottawa.

Charlotte Kringayark from Naujaat and Faith DeCouto and Abigail Atienza, both from Iqaluit, attended as Nunavut's representatives, along with approximately 300 youth aged 16 to 24 from across the country.

Mr. Speaker, the Canada Youth Summit was an opportunity for the Prime Minister, as Minister of Youth, to reflect on what he has heard from youth on national youth policy for Canada and to continue the discussion with youth on those issues that matter most to them.

This year's theme was "Service and Engagement with Our Communities." Applicants had to demonstrate experience in community engagement in the areas of mental health and wellness, climate change, job skills, and/or education.

Mr. Speaker, the Government of Nunavut is proud to support our young citizens and encourage their efforts to improve our communities. We foster volunteerism, community service, and helping others. We look forward to seeing how Charlotte, Faith, and Abigail use their experiences from the youth summit as they move forward. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Ministers' Statements. Minister responsible for the (interpretation ends) Status of Women, Minister Sheutiapik.

**Minister's Statement 235 – 5(2): Inquiry on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls**

**Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik** (interpretation): Good morning, Mr. Speaker. Good morning to everyone in the gallery and in Nunavut.

(interpretation ends) *Uqaqtitsijii*, as Minister responsible for the Status of Women, I would like to provide an update on the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Nunavummiut who attended the hearings and spoke. I recognize them for their courage and strength in participating and sharing their experiences.

Mr. Speaker, on Monday, June 3 the inquiry will be presenting its final report to the federal, provincial and territorial governments at a public closing ceremony in Gatineau, Quebec. The final report will include the truths of close to 1,500 family members and survivors of violence and 83 knowledge-keepers, experts, and officials who have provided testimony throughout this process. The event will be live-streamed on the national inquiry's website. It marks the dawn of a new day to honour the missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls and foster our healing.

Mr. Speaker, I will be attending, along with MLA Adam Lightstone, the release of the final report, and look forward to hearing from the commission on recommendations for change to build a safer future for Inuit women and girls across Nunavut.

*Uqaqtitsijii*, Nunavummiut who participated in the hearings have access to longer term aftercare services available through Indigenous Services Canada. Indigenous Services Canada will cover counselling and cultural support services for survivors, family members, and those affected by the issue of missing and murdered indigenous women and girls from now until 2020.

For Nunavummiut interested in this service, you can contact 1-866-509-1769. For anyone requiring immediate support, you can contact the toll-free, which is available 24 hours, seven days a week, support line at 1-844-413-6649 to speak to a counsellor. Services are available in Inuktitut.

I urge Nunavummiut to access this support or to reach out to their local support services should they need assistance now or into the future. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Ministers' Statements. Minister of Education, Minister Joanasié.

**Minister's Statement 236 – 5(2): 2019 Tunngaviliurniq Conference**

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

Mr. Speaker, I would like to inform my colleagues about the Tunngaviliurniq Conference that took place this past March in Pangnirtung, which was organized by the Department of Education's Student Achievement Division.

Mr. Speaker, working in collaboration with elders from the Department of Culture and Heritage's Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Katimajit, the goal of the conference was for these elders to provide their input on education policy development.

More specifically, the elders were asked to share their knowledge to gain a better understanding about the best practices relating to inclusive education, the Safe and Caring Schools Initiative, and overall student success.

Mr. Speaker, my department staff and I firmly believe that elders play an important role as co-instructors and specialists in Nunavut education. Elders are already involved in cultural activities, traditional skill building, language promotion, safe and caring schools, and are role models of lifelong learning.

Moreover, the Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Katimajit elders who attended the conference are recognized as experts in *Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit* and their wisdom has been used throughout our government and public agencies.

With *Turaaqtavut* guiding our work, my department is making sure the relationship between elders and schools continues to be strong so that our students graduate with a firm identity and contribute positively to society. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker:** Ministers' Statements. Minister responsible for the Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission, Minister Hickeys.

**Minister's Statement 237 – 5(2): 62nd Annual Mine Rescue Competition**

**Hon. George Hickeys:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This weekend marks the 62nd Annual Mine Rescue Competition, where teams come together from mines across Nunavut and the Northwest Territories to test their skills in simulations of dangers.

Mr. Speaker, there are six teams competing this year: Diavik Diamond Mine (Rio Tinto Ltd.); Gahcho Kué Diamond Mine (De Beers Canada Inc.); Hope Bay Gold Mine

(TMAC Resources Inc.); Meadowbank Gold Mine (Agnico Eagle Mines); Meliadine Gold Project (Agnico Eagle Mines); and Baffinland Iron Mine (Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation).

Mr. Speaker, in the competition, teams respond to a series of emergency incidents. They will be testing their skills in firefighting, rope rescue, and First Aid, among several other events. The events will take place May 31 and June 1, 2019 in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories.

Mr. Speaker, the Mine Rescue Competition has a strong history in Nunavut and the Northwest Territories. The first event took place in 1957 and the competition has been growing every year.

Mr. Speaker, as Minister responsible for the Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission, I invite you all to join me in wishing good luck to the men and women travelling from Nunavut to compete. By volunteering their time and testing their skills for the safety of others, we know that our friends and families at the mine sites are in the hands of safe, skilled, and tested leaders. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Ministers' Statements. Acting Minister responsible for the Qulliq Energy Corporation, Minister Sheutiapik.

### **Minister's Statement 238 – 5(2): QEC Earns Safety and Health Award for Eighth Consecutive Year**

**Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) It my pleasure to announce that the Qulliq Energy Corporation has earned the 2018 Employer Recognition award for the eighth year in a row.

Given to a Nunavut employer with 51 workers or more by the Canadian Society of Safety Engineers North of 60 Chapter and the Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission, this award celebrates the Qulliq Energy Corporation's innovative efforts and active participation during Safety and Health Week.

Every year the Qulliq Energy Corporation makes safety a top priority. I am happy to report that the corporation recently hosted a series of meaningful health and safety activities from May 5 to 11 to promote Safety and Health Week 2019. The Qulliq Energy Corporation's health and safety team focused on injury and illness prevention in the workplace and the community.

The department hosted midday learning sessions for employees on topics as diverse as Internet safety, traditional on-the-land safety, and positive mental health strategies. This approach to overall wellness is proven to reduce injuries and illnesses in the workplace and the community.

The Qulliq Energy Corporation also engaged the public during the 2019 Safety and Health Week. Free coffee-time sessions explained basic safety rules while working on or playing near power lines and newly published power line safety brochures were shared. A social media campaign shared a series of messages and links designed to share safety knowledge and resources.

Public events like these solidify the Qulliq Energy Corporation's position as a health and safety leader, both in workplace safety and in fostering safe communities.

The Qulliq Energy Corporation's Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee held their annual general meeting to coincide with Safety and Health Week. The Qulliq Energy Corporation worker and management representatives from across the territory met to discuss and learn about a variety of topics, including electrical safety, conducting hazard assessments, and the role of the committee in promoting safety in the workplace. This year Nunavut's Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission and Embrace Life Council made presentations.

*Uqaqtitsijii*, this wide-range approach to safety and wellness contributes to the Qulliq Energy Corporation's award-winning culture of safety in the workplace. I applaud the corporation's ongoing efforts to prioritize the well-being of Nunavummiut at work and at home. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker:** Ministers' Statements. Item 3. Members' Statements. (interpretation) Member for Kugluktuk, Member Kamingoak.

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

#### **Member's Statement 360 – 5(2): Staffing Education Positions in Kugluktuk**

**Ms. Kamingoak:** *Koana*, Mr. Speaker. Good morning, colleagues and Nunavummiut.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address an issue that has been an ongoing concern to many of my constituents in Kugluktuk with respect to the future staffing at our local schools.

As the minister will be aware from the correspondence and concerns that I have been forwarding his way, a number of Kugluktuk community residents were very upset to note that the high school principal position was recently advertised.

Many residents felt strongly that the current principal should stay in the job. Following that, it became common knowledge that a number of teachers would be leaving the community at the end of the school year, prompting more concern.

Mr. Speaker, community district education authorities are the elected representatives of the community and it is that body which is involved in decisions relating to education

staffing in the community's schools and the appointment of such positions as principals and vice-principals.

However, as the elected Member of the Legislative Assembly, it also falls to me to listen to my constituents and represent their concerns. I can tell you that finding myself caught in the middle of heated discourse between my constituents and the DEA was a bit of a sticky situation, difficult rather.

Mr. Speaker, at the appropriate time I will be asking the Minister of Education for an update on the Kugluktuk staffing situation in schools.

Looking to the future, I anticipate that upcoming discussions regarding Nunavut's education system and the legislation which governs it will bring greater clarity regarding the roles, responsibilities, and expectations of community district education authorities with respect to staffing in our schools. *Koana*, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Members' Statements. Member for Rankin Inlet North-Chesterfield Inlet, Member Towtongie.

### **Member's Statement 361 – 5(2): 2019 Rankin Inlet Fishing Derby**

**Ms. Towtongie** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to acknowledge the organizers of the annual Rankin Inlet Fishing Derby, with the top prize for lake trout at \$10,000 as well as \$10,000 for cod fishing.

The organizers continue to prepare for this derby every year, and I want to recognize them: Susan Hickes, Amy Kaludjak, Qovik Inukshuk-Netser, Loren Kaludjak, and Dana Ussak. The top prize is quite large, with the prizes going from \$10,000 to \$9,000 and \$8,000, all the way down where prizes are provided.

On Friday, which is today, the search and rescue group will switch to holding a fishing derby for (interpretation ends) landlocked char, (interpretation) as I forgot the Inuktitut term for them.

Just recently I was in Chesterfield Inlet and it was a joyous occasion, and I am thankful to the residents of Chesterfield Inlet as they had a local snowmobile race. The prize was donated by the (interpretation ends) Chesterfield Inlet Development Corporation (interpretation) totalling \$30,000.

Marc Ippiak, Nancy Ippiak, Calm Air, and the KIA also provide assistance for this event. The organizers included Lillian Simik, Johnny Putulik, and several Rankin Inlet residents also provided assistance: Emiline Sammurtok and her older sister, Qovik Inukshuk-Netser, and Kayla Kaludjak Kattagatsiak, who worked tirelessly to organize the snowmobile race.

A person who always takes part is Steven Inukshuk, who is now a respected elder. He was tasked with telling a story about how the snowmobile racing started and how they would work with the snowmobiles and that one must never give up. His grandson who we call Tuugaaq, Joel Netser, came first. His grandfather gave him a hug and that was a special occasion.

Thank you, people of Chesterfield Inlet and Rankin Inlet. I wanted to recognize them for doing their work very well every year. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Members' Statements. Member for Aggu, Member Quassa.

**Member's Statement 362 – 5(2): Appreciation of Local Search and Rescue Volunteers**

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

The reason I rise today is to speak about our search and rescue group who I want to acknowledge and to share my pride with my colleagues in the House, as throughout Nunavut, search and rescue societies work really hard to rescue fellow hunters.

Further, when they are searching for missing people or people stuck on the land, they never give up searching for the missing persons, and they don't worry about the number of hours spent searching or let bad weather stop them. We have to express our deep gratitude to our volunteers who perform this invaluable service irrespective of the weather to search for the missing persons.

At this time I want to publicly thank the Cambridge Bay search and rescue group, as they too didn't give up searching since last Sunday. Ivan Uvilluk and his search partner, Ron, spent all of Sunday searching for the missing people. These two men are originally from Igloolik. I am appreciative that they were about to find the missing party early in the morning at five o'clock and the people were fine.

>>Applause

Yes, they had been searching continuously for five days, and it included aircraft as well as ground searching. I share in the joy of the spouse Marie-Lucie Uvilluk and her children, as well as the people of Cambridge Bay.

I thank all the searchers who were resolute in searching and who were able to find the missing people. I urge them to always be resilient and that the SAR groups will search for them, as it is possible as an Inuk to succeed in something if you persevere.

I thank the Cambridge Bay SAR group as well as the other parties who searched for our fellow Igloolik residents as they found the missing party. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

**Speaker** (interpretation): Members' Statements. Member for Arviat North-Whale Cove, Member Main.

**Member's Statement 363 – 5(2): Working with the Executive Council**

**Mr. Main** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good morning, my colleagues, (interpretation ends) Premier, and ministers.

(interpretation) Mr. Speaker, (interpretation ends) over the past few days the Premier and I have exchanged letters through the tabling of documents here in this House, and I wish to say a few words on this.

On behalf of the Regular Members' Caucus, I tabled the letter of expectation and first of all, I would like to thank the Premier for his very prompt reply to our letter. I would also like to thank the Premier for including a mention of an open-door policy in his letter. I would like to communicate to the Executive Council that that policy also applies to the Regular Members' Caucus. Our doors are open to you.

>>*Applause*

However, open-door policies being what they are, some conversations are better had in this House. I feel that the issue of ministerial performance is one of those conversations, Mr. Speaker.

Now, there is a healthy tension that needs to exist between the Regular Members' Caucus and the Executive Council. I think that if we do not disagree on some issues, then we are doing a disservice to our constituents and to the territory as a whole. This is how government works, Mr. Speaker.

(interpretation) We are all elected as Members of the Legislative Assembly, and you as ministers were also elected. You have been elected. As your electors, we will urge you to work well.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, in the media there have been some different interpretations of the letter of expectation. The word "threat" has been out there. There are different ways to interpret our letter, but I would like to clarify that it was not intended as a threat. I don't think that's consistent with the spirit of our consensus model. We don't issue threats and we don't heckle each other.

Mr. Speaker, (interpretation) I seek unanimous consent to conclude my statement. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): The member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statement. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Please proceed with your statement, Member Main.

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

(interpretation ends) I'll continue on. (interpretation) We didn't mean to make any threats with this letter. There was no intention of making any threats, but we just wanted to set things right. I think it makes sense.

Within our government, these letters of expectations are used all over the place. Yes, this was the first one that came from the Regular Members' Caucus to the ministers. However, in the future we can do this annually. A letter like this can be produced annually. I don't know if that will occur. I don't have much more to add to this comment. I wanted the ministers and our Premier to have the letter and make sure they have a good understanding. That is why I wrote it. Whenever confusion happens, we have to work together.

Please be aware that we will always be open to you. Only by working together can we work with *Turaaqtavut*. All the things that need to be done can be done. It's only by working together, by working together properly within the House and outside the House. I thank our Premier for responding to our letter promptly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker** (interpretation): Members' Statements. Member for Quttiktuq, Member Akeeagok.

### **Member's Statement 364 – 5(2): High Arctic Residents Represent Canada**

**Hon. David Akeeagok** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I say "good morning" to the people of Quttiktuq, especially in Grise Fiord.

Today, May 31, I remember when we were living in Grise Fiord and there were a whole bunch of birthdays. Ann Akeeagok and Johnny Flaherty, I say "happy birthday" to you. It was great to celebrate birthdays in that community.

In Resolute Bay and Grise Fiord this week, Junior Rangers have been on a training course program on the land. I would like to express my pride about that and all the good work that they are doing. They are very visible up there. Those of us in the High Arctic are sort of like the flag of Canada and so the red uniforms are very visible up there. I'm always proud of the Junior Rangers and I would like them to keep on doing what they are doing because they take very good care of our land and sea. Please continue with what you are doing and learn everything properly.

In Resolute Bay there is a Junior Ranger that I met taking part, Debbie Iqaluk. I would like to express my pride about her. She's always involved. During the fishing derby in Resolute Bay, she won first and second prize. I'm very proud of you, Debbie, and your classmates, and all the Junior Rangers that are up there. I am very proud of you all. Please continue with what you are doing. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

### **Member's Statement 365 – 5(2): Recognizing Rita Claire Mike-Murphy of Pangnirtung**

**Ms. Nakashuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good morning to my colleagues.

I rise this morning to express my pride in a resident of Pangnirtung who was recently recognized in Toronto, Ontario on May 23.

Rita Claire Mike-Murphy hosts a show on TV via Taqqut Productions. She has a show called *Anaana's Tent* which is shown on CBC television and she is the host, announcer, and singer in the show. She was recently recognized for her work and I am extremely proud of her success.

I will speak in English for the actual award, (interpretation ends) the Emerging Talent Award for the Youth Media Alliance Excellence Gala in Toronto. (interpretation) I wanted to mention her award and acknowledge her success. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Members' Statements. Member for Aivilik, Member Netser.

### **Member's Statement 366 – 5(2): Celebrating Birthdays**

**Hon. Patterk Netser** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today, or actually this month, there are many Inuit celebrating their birthdates and with quite a few celebrating their birthdays this week.

Today I want to first acknowledge our grandson who is celebrating his 20th birthday. Although I still feel like I am 35, he has already reached 20 years. We love him deeply, as well our younger brother, Jackie Netser, is also celebrating his birthday today and so we wish him a happy birthday.

Additionally, a person who I grew up with in my childhood celebrated his birthday recently. He is working as an interpreter here, although he may not be present this

morning. Abraham Tagalik is actually much older than I am, but we grew up together and we are now becoming elderly, so I wish him a (interpretation ends) happy belated birthday. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Members' Statements. Member for Iqaluit-Sinaa, Member Sheutiapik.

#### **Member's Statement 367 – 5(2): Recognizing Former Speaker, Joe Enook**

**Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to share with my colleagues that our late Speaker was recognized through the (interpretation ends) Canadian parliamentary awards (interpretation) and acknowledged. I wanted all Nunavummiut to know this acknowledgement, as our late Speaker was noted not just here in Nunavut but in other places as well. I just wanted to acknowledge this award. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Thank you very much for presenting that.

Members' Statements. Item 4 in the *Orders of the Day*. Returns to Oral Questions. Item 5. Minister of Health, Minister Hickes.

#### **Item 4: Returns to Oral Questions**

##### **Return to Oral Question 430 – 5(2): Management of the Tammaativvik Boarding Home**

**Hon. George Hickes**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a return to oral question that I would like to read out asked by the Member for Uqqummiut on March 11, 2019 numbered 430 – 5(2).

Mr. Speaker, on March 11, 2019 the Member for Uqqummiut asked an oral question in the legislature regarding the management of the Tammaativvik Boarding Home. The questions were clearly as follows:

Can the Department of Health work with the current contractor and push for frontline employees to be Inuit, as many medical patients are still unilingual Inuit and should be serviced in their own language?

He also asked, "Could you include in your review that post-surgical patients and the elderly are to be prioritized?"

My response is I sincerely thank the minister for raising this question. The Department of Health recognizes our obligations under Nunavut's *Official Languages Act*, and we are committed to providing health care services to Nunavummiut in all the official languages.

At Tammaativvik over 60 percent of staff are bilingual, with 30 out of a total 49 employees being bilingual in Inuktitut and English. Additionally, the Nova Group carefully plans its staffing schedule to ensure that there are always Inuktitut-speaking employees available to support guests as necessary. For example, during the daytime operating hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Tammaativvik will have a minimum of 16 bilingual staff on shift at a time. During the evening hours of 4:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m., there are at least ten bilingual staff on shift, and for the last shift between 12:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m., there are a minimum of two bilingual staff on shift. Nova Group also ensures that their contracted security provider, Aurora, has bilingual Inuktitut-speaking security guards at the boarding home.

With respect to the member's question on providing support to elders and high-need clients, the boarding home does prioritize these clients to ensure they have suitable and appropriate accommodations. I believe I mentioned yesterday that there are rooms that are specifically geared to supporting individuals with mobility issues, and Tammaativvik staff work very hard to ensure rooms are allocated to people who need that extra level of service.

The boarding home will reserve specific rooms in advance for elders and high-needs clients when possible. If, however, due to capacity challenges, another guest is occupying a room that is best suited for an elder or a high-needs client, the boarding home often offers alternative accommodations to that guest to make the room available. As I mentioned yesterday, it is ultimately up to the guest occupying that room to decide if they want to move, and most often they will choose to do so.

Health staff meet regularly with the Nova Group and this topic of elder and high-need client support will be added to the next agenda to see if there are any additional ways we can improve the services provided.

Once again I thank the member for your question and attention to this important issue. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. (interpretation) Member for Iqaluit-Niaqunngu, Member Angnakak.

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

**Ms. Angnakak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wanted to be first and I know the minister will be recognizing some people, but my older sister is here, Susan Gardener. I would like to welcome her and my constituents, Rhoda and John Maurice, Pauloosie Suvega, and I am their MLA and I would like to welcome them. I don't want to forget. I

know Minister Akeegok mentioned the individual, but my older sister in Grise Fiord is having a birthday too, so happy birthday, Ann. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker:** Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. (interpretation) Premier of Nunavut, Premier Savikataaq.

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

I would like to recognize people from Arviat that I represent that are here for meetings right now. Once in a while people from Arviat will arrive here. Elizabeth Karetak and Sue Ball, I would like to welcome them to the House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker:** Welcome to the gallery. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Hon. Minister Patterk Netser.

**Hon. Patterk Netser:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It’s my pleasure today to recognize the Nunavut Arctic College Board of Governors in the House this morning. Our hard-working board members are in Iqaluit this week and will attend the grand opening of the new building at the college tomorrow commencing at twelve o’clock. I invite everyone to come over.

Please welcome Ms. Sue Ball, who is our chairperson; Elizabeth Karetak from Arviat; Agnes Olowokere, I hope I pronounced it right; Susan Gardener, (interpretation) who was already recognize, but I wanted to recognize her again; Mr. Paul Murphy; Margaret Sullivan; and our president, Mr. Suvega. We work very closely together about Arctic College.

Dr. Thompson is also here. I would like to recognize him. As well, (interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, Dr. Thompson is working with the college on board governance, and Dr. Thompson is recognized throughout this world for his unyielding clarity of vision for governance and policy throughout the world. Mr. Speaker, I think we’re in good hands.

I’m also pleased to recognize Dr. Robert Shea, who I met for the first time this morning, who currently serves as the vice-president of academic and student affairs for the Marine Institute of the Memorial University of Newfoundland. Dr. Shea specializes in post-secondary and adult education and led Memorial University in their negotiations with Arctic College. Dr. Shea is here today to mark the beginning of the official partnership between Memorial University of Newfoundland and Nunavut Arctic College.

Last but not least, (interpretation) I would like to recognize Rhoda Ungalaq. She is one of our leaders. Our grandparents were related, so she is my dear relative. I would like to

welcome her. For six years now she has been on the board of Arctic College, and I have met her husband for the very first time. Welcome to the House this morning. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker:** Welcome to the gallery. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. I have no more names. Item 6. Oral Questions. (interpretation) Member for Iqaluit-Niaqunngu, Member Angnakak.

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

#### **Question 492 – 5(2): Medical Care at Embassy West**

**Ms. Angnakak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Health.

Mr. Speaker, it is well known that a number of Nunavut elders who require a high level of care are receiving services at the Embassy West facility in Ottawa. One of my constituents is the official guardian of one of these elders and recently became aware that his relative was being given a new medication without informing him.

Can the minister clarify what his department's policy is with respect to consulting the family members and guardians about [administering] new and potentially dangerous drugs to residents in care? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Hon. George Hickes:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It would depend on the cognitive abilities of the patient on how they're informed and whether family would need to be informed or not.

Mr. Speaker, I have said it many times in this House. If there are one-off issues that people need to get answers or look to solutions for, I can't talk about a lot of these one-off issues here in the House, Mr. Speaker. I would be more than happy to sit down with the member to look at this specific case on how the prescription was prescribed and how the medication was handled. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Your first supplementary, Member Angnakak.

**Ms. Angnakak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I believe that if there's any change to anybody's medication, they should be consulting the family regardless. It is something that I did bring up with you during Committee of the Whole, but I felt like maybe it's important enough that we should be bringing it up again because it is an issue.

Mr. Speaker, it seems to me that even if health care professionals must occasionally make treatment decisions without seeking the consent of the people involved, they should at least make the effort to inform family members and guardians that they have done so. It can be quite a shock to go and visit an elderly relative and find that their behaviour is very different as a result of a strong, new medication that they have been given.

Can the minister clarify what processes are in place to keep family members and guardians informed and up to date regarding the care and services being provided to Nunavut elders at Embassy West? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Prior to the minister responding to the question, I want to remind all members and colleagues that you have to be cognizant of our interpreters whenever you talk. Some members speak very fast and our interpreters have to try to keep up, so please keep that in mind. Minister of Health, Minister Hickes.

**Hon. George Hickes:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Like I said, it does vary case by case. It depends on the cognitive ability of the patient. If they can understand the medications and how they're being prescribed to them, that is the level of responsibility that any health care provider would have.

We have to be very cognizant as well for privacy issues. If somebody is not the legal guardian or the trustee of that individual, the doctors cannot share information with family members without consent, either of the patient, if they're able, or the Public Guardian or the trustee. It's a case-by-case basis.

The member is trying to get me to talk about a policy that is basically, if the patient has the cognitive ability to understand the prescription they're giving, that's the obligation of the health care provider to inform them. If their cognitive abilities are impaired, there is an obligation to provide some information to whoever is responsible for them.

If that case did not happen, let me know about it. I can't do anything unless I know about it. Bringing it up in the House on a one-off case out of the hundreds of people who are being cared for across the territory, or thousands of people, just let me know about it and we will work together to resolve the issue. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Your final supplementary, Member Angnakak.

**Ms. Angnakak:** Thank you. I do apologize. I do tend to go fast, so I'll try to slow down.

I think the real issue is about the guardians and the family not being told and I think it's not just happening to this one person that is the most recent one that has come forward.

Mr. Speaker, one of the reasons my constituent is so disturbed about the new medication being given to his relative is that he discovered that this specific drug, I'm going to try to...the name is this long. It's called Quetiapine. It's actually designed to treat schizophrenia but is often used in an "off label" manner to treat individuals with

dementia in long-term care facilities. Quite understandably, he was concerned about the possible adverse health effects and other complications as a result of such atypical use of the drug.

Will the minister commit to looking into this issue and providing an update on the policies for administering medication to Nunavut elders who are receiving care in the long-term facilities? I know you made reference to those people who are cognizant, who can understand, but what about the rest of the families? They're not always there. When they go and visit their elders, all of a sudden there's something really different about them. This is where the concern is coming up. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Hon. George Hickes:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the member's concern. Whenever there's a loved one who is acting differently than we see, especially with out-of-territory care, we're not able to be with them every day, I would say that anytime any family member has any question about any of their loved ones in a facility, there are processes to follow to issue a complaint or to get further information.

In the specific incident or with the circumstances of this incident, I will speak to my officials, I'm sure they're listening right now, on working with Embassy West to make sure that communication protocols are followed. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Oral Questions. Member for Kugluktuk, Member Kamingoak.

#### **Question 493 – 5(2): Staffing Education Positions in Kugluktuk**

**Ms. Kamingoak:** *Koana*, Mr. Speaker. Before I forget, I would like to wish my mother-in-law, Ann Akeeagok, a happy birthday.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Education.

Mr. Speaker, as the minister will be well aware, the staffing of education positions in Kugluktuk has been of great concern to my constituents.

Can the minister provide an update on the current status of filling the high school principal position for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year? *Koana*, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Minister of Education, Minister Joanasie.

**Hon. David Joanasie:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for her question. Mr. Speaker, the principal position in Kugluktuk is typically a three-year term that principals' contracts are held for and it will be naturally ending June 9 of this year, 2019. The Kugluktuk DEA had made a motion to post this position for competition and this is in line with the *Education Act* protocols. At this point I'll have to check back with further details on exactly where this competition stands. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Your first supplementary, Member Kamingoak.

**Ms. Kamingoak:** *Koana*, Mr. Speaker. As I noted in my statement, it has become common knowledge in the community that a number of teachers will be leaving at the end of the school year.

Can the minister provide an update on his department's progress in ensuring that all the educator positions in Kugluktuk's schools will be filled for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year? *Koana*, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister Joanasié.

**Hon. David Joanasié:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for the question. We do have a number of positions for Kugluktuk that have been posted for competition. For further understanding, I believe there are a number of teachers that are couples that, for one reason or another, have left Kugluktuk. These are some reasons why we are having a recruitment drive across the territory and in the south. We are making efforts to fill as many positions leading up to the next school year. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Your final supplementary, Member Kamingoak.

**Ms. Kamingoak:** *Koana*, Mr. Speaker. As I indicated in my member's statement, there was a bit of discontent among some of my constituents regarding the Kugluktuk District Education Authority's role in the process of staffing the school principal position for the upcoming school year.

For the benefit of the listening public, can the minister clearly explain how his department works with district education authorities to ensure that the positions of the principals and vice-principals in Nunavut's schools are selected in accordance with the wishes of the community? *Koana*, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister Joanasié.

**Hon. David Joanasié:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This situation in Kugluktuk is a case where we do want to clarify our roles between the DEAs and the department on the reappointment of principals or vice-principals.

Currently under the Act, section 107 speaks to appointments and reappointments where it states, "An appointment or reappointment of a principal or vice-principal may only be made on the recommendation of a panel appointed by the district education authority that has jurisdiction over the principal or vice-principal."

Based on that, it was recommended to the regional school operations to go with the competition of this position, and we went with that and this is in line with our current legislation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Question 494 – 5(2): Improvements to FANS Computer System**

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

I submitted this as a written question to which the minister responded, specifically Written Question 29 – 5(2). It relates to the funding assistance provided to students from Nunavut, or (interpretation ends) Financial Assistance for Nunavut Students, (interpretation) which was the subject of my question.

I asked about this funding to ascertain if students from Nunavut attending institutions outside of the territory or who are taking courses throughout Nunavut are being provided with adequate funding from our government for their education.

Further, some of my constituents also work at the FANS office in Arviat, or (interpretation ends) Financial Assistance for Nunavut Students, or FANS, (interpretation) as it is commonly known as.

Within my written question, number 6 spoke to computer obsolescence as the computers are having difficulty with, and I will read it in English, (interpretation ends) “Workload and data entry is duplicated, and in some cases tripled due to database systems being separate.”

Another thing from the response...I’m jumping around here, Mr. Speaker. “The FANS database and loans manager systems are both outdated and run on a version of Windows that is no longer supported. There are several glitches which cause issues with student profiles as well as payment issues.”

(interpretation) Mr. Speaker, this is causing problems, which seems quite obvious, so I would now like to ask when Family Services plans to purchase new computers for the offices in Arviat. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) Thank you for the question. As you know, Family Services has been trying to improve the workings within our department. We have a new system for other areas. Certainly when we deal with FANS, we’re recognizing the issues and they definitely will be reviewing on how to fix this. We are actually doing two different surveys for FANS recipients to also assist us in how to better serve FANS recipients. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Your first supplementary, Member Main.

**Mr. Main** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) The solution seems clear. The department needs to replace this system.

My understanding is one of these systems dates back to pre-Nunavut. That's ridiculous, Mr. Speaker. Here we stand in this House and we say, "Yes, our youth are the future. Go to school. Finish school. Go to university or go to college." But at the same time, when they do go to college or they go to university, we sit here as a government and we try to offer them services based on a pre-Nunavut computer system. It's funny, but really it's more sad than it is funny, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to hear specifics from the minister: when will this computer system be replaced? I would like a specific timeline for the replacement/upgrading of this computer system for the betterment of our students. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker:** Minister Sheutiapik.

**Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for that question. I can't specify a date. However, today we know as the government that we need to prioritize that, but it isn't just our department that faces this challenge. Perhaps when we are reviewing more appropriations, we can identify this need and work to update the systems. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Your final supplementary, Member Main.

**Mr. Main** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to understand now why the minister is unable to state a timeline for when the computers would be replaced with updated software. It seems the Department of Family Services is aware of this issue and the problems it causes. Nonetheless, it doesn't look like they are prioritizing the replacement systems.

What is the problem? Is it too expensive or is there no program like this in the world? Are they short in the world of these kinds of programs? What is the obstacle here? Why is the department sitting on its hands and not moving this forward? I want to find out what's causing the delay. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister Sheutiapik.

**Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) As you stated, this system has been around since NWT days. It's not a surprise. In this House I'm always asked about needs of Family Services. I only have so much budget for my department. It's about setting priorities. As a government, there's also trying to be a coordinated effort when it comes to information technology. It's not just my department that works with it; it's government services. IT is a challenge within our government and

we have heard that before. I can't stand here and promise that I hope to have it ready for the next budget process. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Question 495 – 5(2): Wastewater and Solid Waste Management**

**Mr. Qirngnuq** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I say “good morning” to my fellow residents of Kugaaruk and the people of Taloyoak, as well as my colleagues here in the House.

Mr. Speaker, my questions this morning are for the Minister of Community and Government Services, and they concern the issue of wastewater and solid waste management in Taloyoak.

During my recent constituency visit to the community of Taloyoak, concerns were brought to my attention about problems with the community's sewage lagoon, including raw sewage flowing to the sea ice.

Mr. Speaker, as the minister will recall, his department's 2018-19 capital estimates indicated that \$3.5 million had been budgeted for a sewage lagoon project in the community of Taloyoak. Can the minister confirm if this work was fully completed and can he indicate if his department has been made aware of current problems with the sewage lagoon? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Minister of Community and Government Services, Minister Kusugak.

**Hon. Lorne Kusugak** (interpretation): Good morning, Mr. Speaker and the residents of my community. I thank my colleague for that question. Yes, the sewage lagoon in Taloyoak is experiencing problems and they have been noted by the government. The work that was planned for Taloyoak has now been delayed due to that reason. We currently have (interpretation ends) Dalhousie University (interpretation) studying our territorial sewage lagoons. Based on their assessment and reports, it will include recommended actions and proposed changes. The assessment is scheduled to be completed by January 2020, this upcoming winter when the year begins. It will outline what repairs are required and what needs to be improved. Once the report is submitted, we will then plan the repair work after Dalhousie has completed the assessment. We are waiting for that report. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Your first supplementary, Member Qirngnuq.

**Mr. Qirngnuq** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank the minister for that response. Can the minister indicate how the Department of Community and Government Services works with the Department of Environment to assess and minimize

the risk of environmental damage caused by discharges of raw sewage? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister Kusugak.

**Hon. Lorne Kusugak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I apologize. This is currently under review to determine if it is becoming unsafe. We are assessing the drainage basin below the sewage lagoon. This will be the basis of the study. Prior to it becoming an emergency situation, this work would be undertaken. However, at this time it is being assessed, and based on the melting of the snow, it will be clearer what the problems are. I can inform the member that the Dalhousie review is underway and when they submit their report, it will include designs and blueprints on how to resolve the problems, and then the work would commence to repair the lagoon in Taloyoak. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Your final supplementary, Member Qirngnuq.

**Mr. Qirngnuq** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank you for starting to work on the sewage lagoon in Taloyoak.

I'll ask my final question in English. (interpretation ends) The Department of Community and Government Services issued a request for proposals in July of 2018 for a solid waste management feasibility study for the community of Taloyoak. The final report from this study was scheduled to have been completed in early January 11 of this year, 2019. Can the minister confirm if this report has been completed? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister Kusugak.

**Hon. Lorne Kusugak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm just trying to go over the details as to the timelines of the Taloyoak planning and design study. They are in the bundle 2. It's bundled in the bundle 2, Mr. Speaker. I understand that the completion of the Taloyoak feasibility study is scheduled for October 2019 and it should be on schedule. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Oral Questions. Member for Gjoa Haven, Member Akoak.

#### **Question 496 – 5(2): Fisheries**

**Mr. Akoak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good morning. Good morning, colleagues. Uqhuqtuurmiut, good morning. Sorry for my voice. It's not too good today.

Mr. Speaker, my questions today are for the Minister of Environment.

As the minister will recall, I paid tribute to the Gjoa Haven Hunters and Trappers Organization during our recent winter sitting for the important work that it is doing to

develop a commercial fishery for the community. Mr. Speaker, a commercial fishery would create jobs, stimulate economic activity, and improve security for the community.

Mr. Speaker, the hunters and trappers organization does help people out and give people food. In this House, we're able to have breakfast in the morning, we have lunch in the afternoons, and we're able to eat supper, and most people in Nunavut do not have that luxury.

Mr. Speaker, can the minister describe what support his department is providing to the HTO to make this dream a reality? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Hon. Joe Savikataaq:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I agree with the member that the hunters and trappers organization in all of our communities play an important role in terms of speaking on behalf of the people, giving advice to the Department of Environment and other entities on wildlife-related issues.

As for the commercial fisheries, there are several ways that we can start commercial fisheries. If there is no commercial quota available, then experimental commercial fishing can be done. It's called exploratory fishing to see if there's potential for commercial fishing there. There are funding sources available to do those exploratory studies.

If you already have a commercial quota there that is viable, then the next barrier or challenge would be whether there's a market. If there is a market, then we can work with Economic Development and [Transportation] so that we can make sure that it's a viable industry for that community, Taloyoak. I'm not familiar enough to say whether it's viable or not, but we can work with the hunters and trappers organization and with an economic development officer to see if there's a viable fishery and if it's possible to start one. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Your first supplementary, Member Akoak.

**Mr. Akoak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm asking about Gjoa Haven, not Taloyoak.

Mr. Speaker, the Gjoa Haven Hunters and Trappers Organization is currently located in a building that was originally constructed over half a century ago. It's older than me. I'm 60 years old and it's older than me. As part of its goal of developing a fishery, the hunters and trappers organization would like to expand and modernize its facility. For a building to be that old, you cannot do it. It's not specific.

Can the minister clarify which department funds these types of projects: the Department of Economic Development, the Department of Environment, or the Department of Economic Development and Transportation? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister Savikataaq.

**Hon. Joe Savikataaq:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I apologize for saying the wrong community. I guess my mind was still on the last question about Taloyoak there, as I pay attention to all the questions that are asked.

Mr. Speaker, the funding for office space, an office and the workers for the HTO, their management comes through the Nunavut Secretariat. If there's a commercial venture that the hunters and trappers organization wants to do, then Economic Development is involved and we're involved and it exactly depends on what that commercial venture would be.

If they would like to expand their facility, and I'm not sure exactly what they want to do with their facility, if it's to do with the char business, then that's more into economic development in terms of a commercial venture. The HTO can write a letter or proposal to our department and we will help them in terms of assisting them where they should go for funding for what they want to do. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Your final supplementary, Member Akoak.

**Mr. Akoak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The fisheries study is done this year and you know that; I think you do, and we do need a new building. We cannot work with an old-fashioned building, and we need to improve and we need to help the community.

Mr. Speaker, as the minister will recall, I have also raised the issue of whether the government's Fisheries Division should be located in the Department of Environment or the Department of Economic Development and Transportation. Can the minister update me on the government's current position on this issue? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister Savikataaq.

**Hon. Joe Savikataaq:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The member is correct in terms of the fisheries has many divisions. At times it has been with the Department of Environment or another name that they've had in the past, and sometimes it has been with Economic Development. Back then it was Tourism and now it's Transportation. We're still looking at that and seeing where the best fit is. It kind of fits in both areas, so we are looking at that to see where the best fit is. In the very near future we will be coming out with a position on exactly where we feel it has a better fit. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Oral Questions. Member for Uqqummiut, Mr. Keyootak.

#### **Question 497 – 5(2): Reasons for Unused Housing Units**

**Mr. Keyootak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I say “good mid-morning” to the people who are watching the proceedings in Qikiqtarjuaq and Clyde River, as well as those who are listening to the radio and my colleagues.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct my question to the Minister responsible for the Housing Corporation.

Mr. Speaker, we all know that we are facing a severe housing shortage in all of our communities within Nunavut. We also know that there are quite a number of vacant houses in every community that are just boarded up, and the number of boarded up units is increasing.

You can see boarded up units in every community, as we travel to other communities, and now you can see examples in every community of empty units that are sitting vacant. Even though our community is a smaller community, we also have quite a number of boarded up units that are no longer used. It is becoming an eyesore to see all of these boarded-up units.

I would like to hear what plans the housing corporation has towards these units. Can the minister elaborate on what the plans are, or are the units too deteriorated to be renovated or they are no longer inhabitable? Why are there so many boarded-up units in our communities? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Hon. Patterk Netser** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank our colleague for asking that question. With regard to these units, we do have many units that are past their useful lives throughout our territory of Nunavut, with some units that are too mouldy, with some units no longer inhabitable due to their age while others can't be renovated due to the lack of funds, so they end up being boarded up.

We keep requesting funding from the federal government for housing, but to date, although we get a small amount annually, it isn't enough to renovate the number of units requiring renovation, so many units end up being boarded up. We do apologize, but it is due to the lack of funds that we have to close up these units. It is unfortunate to see this occurring. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Your first supplementary, Member Keyootak.

**Mr. Keyootak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank the minister for his response. Mr. Speaker, we know the units and in our community I am aware of the situation. Today there are units that aren't that old which are closed up while some units that were constructed in the 1970s are still in use. Many of them are still useful and are occupied. However, it is some of the newer units built after the 1970s that are being boarded up.

Mr. Speaker, I wonder if this has ever been considered, as I brought it up previously in the House about the different construction techniques or practices within Nunavut, and should be specific to each community as we all have different landscapes.

For example, our community is situated on the tundra with no bedrock with mostly sand, and the level ground is composed mainly of sandy soils while the steeper areas have bedrock but are not level. We know here in Iqaluit that there isn't much level ground, but this building is on level ground and we have been informed that this building continues to sink because it is built on top of the ground.

I wonder if the foundations or piles are even considered for the new units. I believe they shouldn't be all the same design, as the tundra without bedrock is constantly changing. When the foundations are that small, it causes shifting. We're using those piles in all of the communities and we know that the permafrost is starting to melt and it's shifting the house. There have to be different sets of bases used depending on the ground, whether it's on bedrock or not. Have you ever considered not using only piles but other means depending on the ground? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister Netser.

**Hon. Patterk Netser** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to return back to his first question, as it touches upon his second question, so I will try to respond.

Mr. Speaker, I have done some tours of communities and we are aware that many units are quite old, but some tenants are very conscientious and maintain their units. Even though their units are quite old, the interior of the units are quite nice.

Sometimes when you go into a newly constructed unit, it doesn't take very long for the units to become damaged. We have to work with our tenants to look after our units, as we always face financial limitations. We are always working extra hard on these housing issues, but it cannot happen without the cooperation of the public housing tenants. We should be carefully maintaining our units. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

With respect to his question about the piles and foundations, it is noticeable that in the past years, for those of us who go fishing and hunting, many lakes are becoming shallower. It seems apparent that this is due to the permafrost melting underneath, and perhaps this is why the units are shifting, or rather the foundation shifts due to the permafrost melting.

Mr. Speaker, we continue to search for best practices and solutions when contemplating construction piles and foundations. What I can state here is that in Coral Harbour we have very nice gravel and most units have a gravel foundation and those units have not shifted. As well, when units are built on bedrock with piles drilled into the bedrock, in some years when the drilled holes melt, then the pile starts to sink. That is why the piles or foundations become a problem. Due to the shifting, our doors won't close properly.

We continue to look for solutions with the LHOs to determine what the community requires with respect to their foundations where our units are constructed upon. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Your final supplementary, Member Keyootak.

**Mr. Keyootak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Indeed, with that being the case and in light of the NHC being aware of the challenges, but these days with the same kind of foundation being used, we are seeing more units shifting as a result.

In the 1970s they used to always insulate the ground by adding a layer of gravel and they had actual foundations sitting on the ground if the unit was to be built on even ground, but today they always use those pilings drilled into the earth.

I, too, have a unit built that way, and there are cracks emanating from the top and shifting causing these cracks which then cause more problems. It is due to having the piles, and the units are being damaged from the top down, and the windows can no longer open as well as the doors. This is due to the foundation, as usually houses don't start deteriorating from the top down.

I believe this requires more consideration by the NHC for the multiplexes that are constructed. If you are going to build on level ground, you should be using the older foundations that lie on top of the ground as the unit could last much longer as long as it isn't on sandy soil or on uneven ground.

Perhaps we should go back to using gravel to insulate the ground and have the foundations sitting on the gravel to have the units last longer. We should look at the 1970s foundations previously used as they still work. We have to look at different solutions for today's housing construction practices. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister Netser.

**Hon. Patterk Netser** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As per my previous statement, when construction designing begins, the community lots are examined to determine which would be better, either drilled pilings or the foundations we use today, called (interpretation ends) space frames (interpretation) that look like pipes but are quite difficult to complete. They are a better foundation than the others.

Mr. Speaker, when we allocate units to a community, the community zones and lots are examined to determine which lots would best suit the units, including the type of foundations to be used. I am thankful the member is asking about this matter, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) Thank you.

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

#### **Question 498 – 5(2): Sanikiluaq Water Supply**

**Mr. Rumbolt:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and good morning. Mr. Speaker, my questions today are for the Minister of Community and Government Services.

Shortly before yesterday's sitting of the Legislative Assembly got underway, the Department of Health issued yet another water advisory for Sanikiluaq as a consequence of the community's ongoing issues with our current water supply.

When I last raised this issue with the Minister of Community and Government Services during our winter sitting, I asked him about the status of the department's plan to issue a request for proposals to determine long-term options for the community in relation its drinking water source. Can the minister update me to today on the status of this work? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister of Community and Government Services, Minister Kusugak.

**Hon. Lorne Kusugak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank my colleague for the question. I would be more than happy to update my colleague on the status. First, I apologize that there is a lot of work to be done in that community. It's a sad day when Nunavummiut have to have boil water advisories when I think we have the most pristine water anywhere on this planet.

Mr. Speaker, in response to my colleague's question, the feasibility study is just in its final stages and we will be sharing it with my colleague and the municipality this summer. In saying that, the report confirms that the best option for the community is a desalination plant and we are working on that with our consultant to try to find out "Okay, if it's a desalination plant, do we have sufficient power generation in the community to bring that forward and what next steps should we do?" If that's the best option and that's the way we're going to go, what are the next steps then, Mr. Speaker?

We will be working with my colleague and the municipality in keeping sure that they are fully updated and informed on the progress from here. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Your first supplementary question, Mr. Rumbolt.

**Mr. Rumbolt:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for his update. Mr. Speaker, having safe drinking water in our communities is extremely important. The issue with Sanikiluaq's water source has been going on now for two years, yet this government is slow to get in a position where we're making some headway. When this RFP is concluded, what is the department's timeline to have the water issue in my community dealt with once and for all? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister Kusugak.

**Hon. Lorne Kusugak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank my colleague for the question. We are working on that timeline. As I said, we are working with the consultant. Now that we know the best option for this with the desalination plant, as soon as they come back to us with details, such as "Does the current power plant in Sanikiluaq have the adequate power to supply the facility?" If it does, it speeds things up. If it doesn't, do we need an alternate power source of some sort? Once these details are worked out this summer, we

will be able to get a very tight timeline in terms of “Okay, these are the next steps.” We’re just a couple of minor details away from that and again, when we go to Sanikiluaq this summer to share that information with the municipality and my colleague, hopefully those details will be fleshed out. The department couldn’t agree more with my colleague and the people of Sanikiluaq that it needs to be done immediately, and we’re trying to get to “immediately” as immediately as possible, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Your second and final supplementary question, Mr. Rumbolt.

**Mr. Rumbolt:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again I thank the minister for the information. Mr. Speaker, two years ago the government was quick to install reverse osmosis filters in every house in the community, which was much appreciated.

Yesterday’s public health advisory from the government reminded my constituents that they should only drink water that goes through the reverse osmosis filters that have been installed in each household.

Can the minister indicate if there have been any issues with replacing these filters on a regular basis and, if so, what issues are they facing? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister Kusugak.

**Hon. Lorne Kusugak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We have been working very well with the Nunavut Housing Corporation, the Qarmaq Housing Association in Sanikiluaq, and our department to best keep updated the filtration system for Sanikiluaq.

To date we have 257 reverse osmosis machines installed in residences and public places in the community. Just in the last year we had to install another 26 new units and new houses, and we are working on another RFP for the community so that private homeowners could get assistance in replacing and repairing their reverse osmosis machines.

To date we haven’t had any real issues other than ensuring that we do have replacements ready in the community so that we’re not waiting to replace the filtration system. We don’t have any significant issues on that front, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

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

#### **Question 499 – 5(2): Inuktitut in the Private Sector**

**Ms. Nakashuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question this morning is for the Minister of Culture and Heritage.

During our last session, an announcement was made regarding the private sector, specifically (interpretation ends) small businesses or private businesses (interpretation)

would be eligible to receive a grant up to \$5,000 to meet their linguistic obligations under the *Inuit Language Protection Act* to provide services or documents in Inuktitut.

My first question to the minister is: can the minister provide an update on how many businesses, especially in the capital city of Iqaluit, have received funding for building Inuktitut signage? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Minister of Culture and Heritage, Minister Joanasié.

**Hon. David Joanasié** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank her for the question. Yes, we do have a grant program that is offered through the Department of Culture and Heritage up to \$5,000 annually.

With respect to the actual numbers of private businesses that have applied for this grant, I don't have that level of detail or the actual numbers, but I can provide the information at a later date, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Your first supplementary, Member Nakashuk.

**Ms. Nakashuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank the minister for being able to respond. Nonetheless, this is something I deliberate on and it continues to be a source of consternation, especially here in Iqaluit, where there aren't enough Inuktitut signage and language services available, including private businesses. This is visible everywhere, when you arrive to Iqaluit or even in an airplane, we rarely hear Inuktitut being spoken or have bilingual workers. When I enter the terminal building, the first language I hear is English, although I feel Inuktitut should be the first language spoken.

If I enter a taxi, most drivers can't speak Inuktitut, and when I go to a hotel, there is no Inuk receptionist (interpretation ends) most of the time (interpretation) and including myself, even though I am trying to speak in Inuktitut, I still use English terminology for some words.

When we look at our signage in Inuktitut, many of them have spelling errors and government is helping to deteriorate the language, as there seems to be no commitment to providing services in the Inuit language. Has the government ever thought or the Department of Culture ever considered private businesses that are non-compliant and to fine these businesses? Inuktitut should be first, and private businesses that can't provide services in Inuktitut, can't the government charge them a fine? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker** (interpretation): Minister of Culture and Heritage, Minister Joanasié.

**Hon. David Joanasié** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank her for the question. For example, the *Inuit Language Protection Act* was put in effect and it is

affecting private businesses and it was enacted on Nunavut Day. If they don't follow the legislation, the Languages Commissioner can investigate as long as you inform the Languages Commissioner. If Nunavummiut have a concern for the lack of Inuktitut language, they can approach the commissioner's office. I would like to point that out, Mr. Speaker.

Also, if they need to be fined, then the business owner, I know I have to look into this carefully, whether it is in legislation or not. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Your final supplementary, Member Nakashuk.

**Ms. Nakashuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for explaining that Inuit can approach the Languages Commissioner if they don't receive adequate service in Inuktitut in their community. I am now asking: will the government not be trying to promote Inuktitut more, either through written material or oral? Is it only the commissioner that can deal with that, not the government? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Minister Joanasie.

**Hon. David Joanasie** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. No, we are dealing with it on an ongoing basis with respect to my colleague's question. We tabled *Uqausivut 2.0*. It says inside in the department or within the schools, the people of Nunavut on how the plan can be implemented and you can use it through the languages. We have the authority that Nunavummiut should understand this properly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

### **Question 500 – 5(2): Inuktitut Signage Priority in GN Buildings**

**Mr. Quassa** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will direct my question to the same minister on languages also. That will be my question. My colleague and I had the same thoughts this morning.

We know in Nunavut, and I know the minister believes and perhaps all the ministers believe that the Inuktitut language is used by the majority. We are all aware that and I keep going back to... . That was the reasoning behind Nunavut because we didn't want to lose the language. This was the reason for fighting for Nunavut.

With regard to the Inuktitut writing system, it is very important and members keep speaking to the need to preserve Inuktitut and to push for its inclusion because we don't want to lose our language. In light of this continual commitment to preserve the language, we should carefully vet existing signage, as my colleague alluded to earlier.

I, too, have seen examples of signage that is wrong. I am not denigrating any other language, but we are in Nunavut and Inuktitut must always be first. It really has to be the first language. Now, with this in mind, we should look at signage in our government

offices, as up to now, English continues to be the dominant language when Inuktitut should be first.

My question to the minister is: within the government, does he believe all the written material should be placed as a priority in Inuktitut? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Minister of Culture and Heritage, Minister Joanasie.

**Hon. David Joanasie** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank the Member for Aggu for the question. Our department considers languages to be critically important. Under the *Inuit Language Protection Act*, there is a section specifically, section 3(1)(c) that states that all organizations have to follow this legislation and other regulations, if available. It states that all public signage will have Inuktitut and any public documents and items for sale shall have visible Inuktitut signage that is different and plainly visible and separate from the other languages used. This is what that section states, that for public signage, the different languages will not be different sizes, and that wherever and whenever we can use Inuktitut, we should be using our language in our schools and in our workplaces. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Your first supplementary, Member Quassa.

**Mr. Quassa** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We are referencing written signage that is publicly available, and I imagine the minister knows that within the majority of government offices, although I already spoke to this matter, the signage always has the English first, and then Inuktitut or French comes next, as if these buildings weren't even in Nunavut. We see these examples when Inuktitut should be the placed first, and this is desperately required.

I now ask the minister this question: in other jurisdictions such as Quebec, in every instance the French language is always placed first, then English is below that. That is what we need to do here in Nunavut because Inuit fought for Nunavut through their land claim. This is what Inuit wanted. I wonder if the minister can direct all government signage to have the Inuktitut signage placed at the top of the signs. Can the minister do that? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Minister Joanasie.

**Hon. David Joanasie** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank him for the question. There are numerous documents that emanate from the government and, to use this example, we produce newsletters from various departments outlining their mandates and such and these documents are available in all languages, and additionally, this can be looked into. Perhaps we can direct that Inuktitut always be placed on top, and we will look into the Quebec signage the member referenced and how they operate their linguistic publications. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Your final supplementary, Member Quassa.

**Mr. Quassa** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Now, we all know that Nunavut is now 20 years old. Does this mean we have to wait for another 20 years before we start enacting changes? That is how I see it.

Nonetheless, with regard to this issue, I strongly encourage the minister to undertake that as we live in Nunavut, the homeland of Inuit and this is our difference from the rest of Canada. Our language is what differentiates us.

I want to return to the grant that was mentioned, where \$5,000 is provided annually to private businesses upon application to the grant. I would like to see more businesses use this fund so that more services in Inuktitut can be offered, and more Inuit would start purchasing their services.

When can we expect to see this? I know it's going to cost money, but when can we expect to see this enacted, having the Inuktitut language on top and considered first in signage? When we go into the communities, we see road signs and other signage in Inuktitut, like stop signs in Inuktitut. These are great to see.

The government has to adhere to its own legislation and has to follow these requirements. When can we expect to see this? We've had Nunavut now for 20 years. When can we see this? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister Joanasie.

**Hon. David Joanasie** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank the Member for Aggu. We are still using that today. As an example, I always put Inuktitut first whenever I have the opportunity to use our language, whether it is in this House or outside. Perhaps if we had more opportunity to speak Inuktitut, for those of us who are bilingual and we want to encourage our employees and residents of Nunavut to use your language if that is your preference, to keep speaking in Inuktitut. We are always dealing with this on a daily basis, and I know that my colleague is pushing for this on behalf of Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Members, please note that the time for question period has expired. Member Angnakak.

### **Motion 037 – 5(2): Extension of Question Period**

**Ms. Angnakak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to Rule 39(7), I move, seconded by the member from Hudson Bay, that the time allotted for oral questions be extended. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I forgot to stand up. Sorry.

**Speaker:** The motion is in order and is not subject to debate. All those in favour. Opposed. The motion is carried and question period is extended for an additional 30 minutes.

(interpretation) Oral Questions. Member for Iqaluit-Manirajak, Member Lightstone.

### **Question 501 – 5(2): Contract Employees**

**Mr. Lightstone:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions are for the Minister of Community and Government Services. My questions are in follow-up to the information contained in the response to my written question on the use of contractors to perform the work intended for employees.

As I previously stated, I'm concerned about the practice of using contractors as this removes full-time jobs from our constituencies. Further, I'm worried that the government will continue to award these high-value contracts.

Mr. Speaker, we're all grateful for the opportunity to represent our constituents, but I'm afraid we may have gotten into the wrong profession. For example, in 2016 CGS awarded a project manager contract for a three-month period for the value of \$82,000, which equates to over \$300,000 a year. Further, CGS awarded several back-to-back contracts for senior project managers for over \$400,000 a year. Lastly, CGS also awarded several back-to-back contracts for senior database administrators for over \$430,000 a year.

Mr. Speaker, these contractors are being paid more than the ministers themselves or any of our deputy ministers, the highest employees in the government.

Mr. Speaker, this type of work is not unique to Nunavut. Every province and territory requires these similar job functions, yet in the response, CGS has indicated that it has never advertised these positions for the purpose of filling it with full-time employees.

Mr. Speaker, with that being said, I would like to ask the Minister of Community and Government Services: what specific factors prevent his department from having this work done by employees rather than contractors? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Minister of Community and Government Services, Minister Kusugak.

**Hon. Lorne Kusugak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to start with the statement that we do not prefer to have contractors over full-time employees, and we would always prefer to have full-time employees to employ Nunavummiut. It's not the goal of our government and definitely not the goal of Community and Government Services to hire contractors in lieu of employees that can do the job here.

Mr. Speaker, I don't know in detail which jobs my colleague is talking about, but we do have standing offer agreements that we put out through the proper protocol to invite

people out there who would be able to do some work. These standing offer agreements are also known as “as and when” requirements. In some of the work that we require, it’s not necessary to be filled by a full-time employee. Some of this work is very detailed, very particular, requiring people with very high toolsets and toolboxes to be able to do some of the work that is required.

All of this work that is required, unfortunately, is not available in Nunavut. Those people who can do that job are gainfully employed elsewhere and all of the contractors that we have to get in terms of IT work are very specialized and so therefore we have to look for work to do that. A lot of this work is very short term where it can be completed in the short term and not requiring a full-time employee, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Your first supplementary, Member Lightstone.

**Mr. Lightstone:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I understand that some of these contracts might be for short-term projects, yet we see many of these job descriptions such as senior network engineers, senior database analysts, they’re not unique to the 2016-17 *Procurement Activity Report* and they appear to be ongoing, which to me means that it’s not typically short term. This work is being pretty much done on a day-to-day basis. I would like to ask the minister if and when this type of IT work will be put out for full-time employees to fill. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister Kusugak.

**Hon. Lorne Kusugak:** I thank my colleague for the question. Mr. Speaker, I believe there have been postings of some of these positions and nobody was able to screen in. These positions that we’re talking about are positions that require more than entry-level computer training that is provided through some colleges. It requires more knowledge than your six-month or one-year training. We’re looking for people who have five- to ten-year training. It would be the equivalent of hiring someone with St. John Ambulance training to work in the hospital as a doctor. You need a lot more training than that for some of these very particular positions that we’re looking for.

I would like to also let my colleague know that one of the issues we’ve had is trying to do the paperwork so that the job requirement and the details and particular details needed in the job description to put that salary scale in such a position where people with that qualification would like to apply for the job and screen in. We’ve had issues with that in the past, and I’m working very closely with the Minister of Human Resources to try to alleviate some of those issues. A lot of it, as you would know, Mr. Lightstone, is with job descriptions and trying to make sure that they fit in that salary scale.

We’re trying to work some of those issues out so that it can attract a higher pay level and attract those people qualified to do those jobs. I’m sure there are some in Nunavut. Unfortunately they’re not applying for those jobs when they were put out the first time. We’re trying to alleviate that issue and trying to ensure that where we can, we will put

these jobs out with the proper job category and proper pay scale so we could attract those people qualified to do that work. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Your final supplementary, Member Lightstone.

**Mr. Lightstone:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for that response as it leads up into my final supplementary question. I understand that our current job evaluation system may not provide an adequate salary for this type of work, which is specialized, yet our northern neighbours in the other territories and even Greenland have been able to fill these positions.

With that being said, I would like to ask if... . As I'm sure the minister is aware, the Government of Nunavut pays employers according to a separate salary pay grid other than that used for typical Nunavut Employees Union grids. I would like to enquire if the Minister of CGS would be willing to commit to discussing this idea with the Minister of Human Resources to come up with an alternative strategy to fill these highly specialized, hard to fill IT positions. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister Kusugak.

**Hon. Lorne Kusugak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank my colleague for the question. IT positions aren't the only ones that the government has some challenges in trying to fill. There are many very highly skilled positions throughout the government that we find ourselves sometimes challenged to fill. We're not just trying to fill them; we want to have them filled with qualified and, wherever possible, fill them with qualified Nunavummiut for those positions. We will continue to look for ways to do that and if my colleagues have some ideas, I would be more than happy to hear about them. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

### **Question 502 – 5(2): Caribou Management**

**Ms. Towtongie** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Firstly, while we are discussing language, the Inuinnaqtun has only one interpreter working, who is Allan Makhagak, and I am grateful you are working although you are alone.

Now, I want to direct my question, Mr. Speaker, to the Department of Environment as there was an announcement about a meeting in Kugluktuk about their caribou herds. It seems caribou everywhere are becoming a concern to indigenous peoples, not just in Nunavut but in Labrador, Nunavik, and here in Nunavut.

All of you have seen advertisements on social media where hunters are selling caribou meat and this isn't being overseen at all. We were informed that hunters have the right under the land claim to harvest up to their needs levels.

However, the caribou population by 2018 dropped down to 105,000 drastically from a previous population level of 276,000 caribou. This summer the caribou will be crossing the river at Iqalugaarjuk, and I want more oversight from the conservation officers and I am thankful you tasked them last year. I was informed that Inuit didn't kill as many caribou and there were less carcasses abandoned.

However, I want to ask about this matter as it isn't just caribou harvesting, and I think it should be termed (interpretation ends) cultural economics (interpretation) where our culture is being used to provide an income. If we are just using our culture to benefit economically, we need to revisit (interpretation ends) cultural planning approach (interpretation) and to ensure our culture is properly founded on our ethics. During that meeting held in Kugluktuk, was this matter brought up? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Hon. Joe Savikataaq** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. With respect to the caribou population figures she quoted, she didn't identify which caribou herd she was referencing when she said 276,000 and that it dropped down to 105,000 animals. If it is the Qamanirjuaq herd, that herd stands at 260,000 caribou currently.

The meeting held in Kugluktuk was dealing with the western caribou herds, such as the (interpretation ends) Bathurst caribou and Bluenose-East caribou, (interpretation) as these caribou straddle the NWT/Nunavut border, and they go back and forth between the territories, where both the First Nations in the NWT and Inuit in Nunavut harvest the caribou. These were the main issues discussed at that meeting as it revolved around their region.

Now they only discussed Bluenose-East and Bathurst herds, and with respect to that term (interpretation ends) cultural economics, (interpretation) it wasn't brought up at that meeting, as we mainly discussed the caribou population figures and which communities harvested from those two herds. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Your first supplementary, Member Towtongie.

**Ms. Towtongie** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was referencing the figures the Minister of Environment announced regarding the Beverly caribou herd, and around 1994 the population stood around 276,000 animals. Currently it stands at 105,000 as of 2018, as per your announcement, so you know exactly which herd I was talking about.

However, it seems all caribou herds are being mismanaged by Inuit because our culture seemed to do a 180-degree turnaround where hunters started selling the harvested meat. This is the biggest change in the Inuit culture that is having an impact and that we must carefully take note of, and to ensure that it is carefully managed and not to harvest wantonly, as our ancestors only harvested what they needed and didn't sell the catch in the past.

Further, there seems to be no limitation at this time as to the price of the caribou. Yes, I have been informed that caribou herds migrate and sometimes use different migration routes and that their populations are cyclical in nature. This is also changing now, especially with the development of several mines. Our caribou are still being impacted by many factors.

Now I want to ask about this matter. We have heard that NTI will be meeting about this matter, and they put up barriers when controls are discussed for caribou management, using the right listed in the agreement that hunters have the right to sell their legally harvested meat. That is fine. However, without any controls on the harvesting and with no quota or (interpretation ends) commercial quota, (interpretation) this is a big problem.

My question to the Department of Environment is: are they going to meet with NTI regarding caribou issues? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister Savikataaq.

**Hon. Joe Savikataaq** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Usually in the month of May the NTI has a (interpretation ends) wildlife advisory board. (interpretation) and they met recently here in Iqaluit. I went to that meeting and discussed issues with them, where they stated they will be holding a summit on caribou using (interpretation) regional meetings (interpretation) which they are preparing, and eventually to have a territory-wide meeting at the end. NTI will be deliberating on the regional meetings, determining the dates. I can't respond on behalf of NTI, but they did state that they are thinking of preparing a summit on caribou issues. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Your final supplementary, Member Towtongie.

**Ms. Towtongie** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank you for that adequate response. However, I believe we have to direct this work as the government. The government has legislative rights, as you are aware, under the (interpretation) *Wildlife Act* (interpretation) where anyone abandoning meat can be fined or incarcerated as the severity depends on the wasted meat.

However, we would prefer that people not be fined or charged, especially as caribou is becoming a commercial commodity. Although we may have rights, it will be useless when our caribou herds vanish, where Inuit will have rights that are useless. Some animals are unable to replenish their populations when they are harvested too rapidly and don't return to their original populations from the past, and I mean (interpretation ends) recovery.

(interpretation) I am now asking with my last question: as you are the minister responsible for the environment, will you be providing a directive to look at ideas, such as (interpretation ends) cultural economics, (interpretation) and what is the source of income now based on Inuit cultural traditions, and to perhaps look at (interpretation ends)

cultural planning approaches (interpretation) due to the changes in our culture? I think we should be looking into that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister Savikataaq.

**Hon. Joe Savikataaq** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. During that meeting of NTI that I attended, I mentioned that communities are becoming more concerned about the marketing of caribou meats. They stated that the local HTOs have the authority to manage the harvests of their membership and that they should be the ones providing the management, and to direct members not to sell their harvests. The HTOs have that authority to enforce harvesting amongst their membership.

As well, during that meeting I also informed NTI and the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board that they should look at changing the agreement to look at curtailing the sale of caribou meat. If the agreement was renegotiated to deal with that concern, then it would help, but we as the government cannot ask for this renegotiation. This right is an Inuit right under the land claim, and it applies to caribou or any other legally harvested animal, where they have the right to sell their harvested meat. Until the agreement is renegotiated to change that right, it will remain as a constitutional right.

I did send correspondence on this concern to NTI stating that some residents were concerned about this right. The response I received was that the government has management tools such as setting a quota. However, I wrote back stating that before a quota could be placed on the Qamanirjuaq caribou, we have to review our options to deal with the concern.

We as the government, NTI, and the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board should be debating the caribou management controls as commercial sales are becoming a concern to some residents. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Oral Questions. Member for Kugluktuk, Member Kamingoak.

### **Question 503 – 5(2): Kitikmeot Sealift**

**Ms. Kamingoak:** *Koana*, Mr. Speaker. My questions today are for the Minister of Economic Development and Transportation.

With the summer shipping season approaching rapidly, I want to focus today on the issue of sealift. As the minister will recall, I asked him questions last fall about the severe disruptions that took place last year with the Government of the Northwest Territories' Marine Transportation Services sealift to the Kitikmeot, which resulted in major hardships for residents and small businesses both in Kugluktuk and Cambridge Bay.

Can the minister indicate what discussions he has had over the past year with his NWT counterpart to ensure that we do not experience a repeat of last year's problems? *Koana*, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister of Economic Development and Transportation, Minister Akeeagok.

**Hon. David Akeeagok** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) Thank you for the question. With my counterpart with the GNWT, when I do meet with him, I continue to raise this and it is still a concern for our private residents in the western part of our territory. I continue to remind him of that and also, he reminds me that this is a sealift business and sometimes Mother Nature does decide to do what happens. For this particular case, I think he is quite committed in terms of delivering what they didn't deliver last year and try to improve it as much as possible. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Your first supplementary question, Ms. Kamingoak.

**Ms. Kamingoak:** *Koana*, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for your response. I want to take this opportunity to thank a number of my constituents, including Nadene McMenemy, for raising the issue of how the high cost of living in Kugluktuk and other Nunavut communities is impacted by such factors as the high cost of transporting goods to the north. I will have more questions on this in the fall.

Mr. Speaker, having a choice of sealift providers can help keep down the cost of transporting essential goods for our residents, including non-perishable foods. Can the minister confirm how many sealift carriers will be serving the Kitikmeot region this summer? *Koana*, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister Akeeagok.

**Hon. David Akeeagok** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) As a government, we contract out the sealift and that rests with our Department of Community and Government Services.

With the new contracts there still are going to be two carriers that are servicing the territory. A very limited part of it is going to come from NEAS, Nunavut Eastern Arctic Shipping. Most of the communities in Kitikmeot will be serviced by NSSI, Nunavut Sealink...I am just so used to their acronyms, so I apologize to the interpreters for this. Those are the two main carriers that our government is in support of.

We view that the Government of the Northwest Territories' barges, as a private entity, not government sponsored or government contractual obligations, so those are two very distinct. I want to give that an opportunity for the residents of Nunavut to consider when you are making an economic decision or a livelihood decision in terms of which sealift do we go to.

I think, with our government, through our contracts, that is not just dedicated for the departments, but it gives assurance to the residents some level of certainty. That is something that my colleague for Community and Government Services leads and something that we as a government support when it comes to this. I encourage, especially

the residents of the Kitikmeot, to weigh your options if you're purchasing from a private industry or from a government-sponsored sealift. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Your second and final supplementary, (interpretation) Member Kamingoak.

**Ms. Kamingoak:** *Koana*, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for his response. Can the minister describe how his department monitors and evaluates the performance of sealift carriers that serve the north? *Koana*, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister Akeeagok.

**Hon. David Akeeagok:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When it comes to the safety and operations of marine vessels, it's under federal legislation, which the Department of Fisheries and Oceans or Coast Guard monitors. When it comes to our sealift and for our territorial sealift, it falls under Community and Government Services' contracts.

As the Department of Transportation, we have a very close working relationship with each of the departments and to go through this. After every sealift, there is an annual meeting amongst the contractors and the government in terms of how you can do better or what worked and what didn't, and I think it's an interagency that goes through this.

Also, my department attends federal-provincial-territorial meetings that are related to marine safety and arctic sovereignty. Through those efforts, we signal a number of efforts that are taking place. There are a number of initiatives that our government oversees this and for sealift and for marine safety, so I'm very happy.

For any of the marine vessels, our government is not the regulatory body; that rests with the federal government. I have a very close working relationship with my counterparts too in and we continue to arrange these. I think one of the big factors that we're seeing is through climate change in terms of disruptions it is, especially in the barge system. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

#### **Question 504 – 5(2): Nunavut Arts and Crafts Association**

**Ms. Angnakak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That was kind of close. Mr. Speaker, my questions are also for the Minister of Economic Development and Transportation.

As the minister will recall, the Legislative Assembly approved over \$24 million in grants and contributions funding for his department to distribute to individuals and organizations during the 2019-2020 fiscal year, including \$550,000 in core funding for the Nunavut Arts and Crafts Association. Mr. Speaker, this amount represented a \$150,000 increase from the funding that it received during the 2017-18 fiscal year.

Can the minister confirm if this funding is being provided under a signed contribution agreement that requires the association to provide financial reports and audited statements to the department? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Minister of Economic Development and Transportation, Minister Akeeagok.

**Hon. David Akeeagok** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) Thank you for the question. In terms of whether the contribution has been signed, I will have to get back to the member. That is signed at the administrative level. I'm trying to quickly confirm whether that has taken place, but thanks to the support from this House, we were able to secure, as the member mentioned, over \$500,000 towards this association. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Your first supplementary, Member Angnakak.

**Ms. Angnakak**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I did ask if the funding is being provided under a signed contribution agreement and whether or not they require the association to provide financial reports and audited statements. I didn't get an answer, really, to that, but I'm going to go on to my second.

The \$550,000 that the Legislative Assembly approved in core funding for the Nunavut Arts and Crafts Association during the 2019-2020 fiscal year represented an increase of almost 40 percent from the amount that was approved during the 2017-18 fiscal year.

Can the minister confirm whether or not the organization or the association is currently in a deficit position and, if it is, can he describe what actions his department is taking to help the association to strengthen its position? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Minister Akeeagok.

**Hon. David Akeeagok**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For the first question, yes, it is through a contribution agreement, and yes, any of our contribution agreements, there are a number of conditions, terms of conditions that we put in. One of them is to have financial statements. I don't know whether they have done that to date.

I do know and I do get a regular update in terms of each of our associations. For this particular one, the Nunavut Arts and Crafts Association, yes, they have been in a deficit position. They are in a deficit position and my staff are monitoring it very closely and working with the new executive director in terms of how to get back into non-deficits. My staff are working very closely with the association and another association to see how we can help each other.

I think, as I mentioned earlier in my minister's statement, arts and crafts and those that are doing it are becoming globally known. I think this association needs the right

supports and needs to get their feet on the ground and move forward. (interpretation)  
Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Your final supplementary, Member Angnakak.

**Ms. Angnakak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I agree, arts and crafts are very important and that's why it's so important that this association that functions to provide that support for people who are in that kind of field is operating properly and has the proper support.

The Nunavut Arts and Crafts Association is a non-profit body. It was established under the *Societies Act*. Can the minister describe how his department helps the association to provide governance training and orientation to newly appointed members of its board of directors? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Minister Akeeagok.

**Hon. David Akeeagok:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for asking on this. Yes, when it comes to governance training and/or board training, I don't know the exact details of when that takes place, but typically when we hold summits or functions like trade shows or whether if it's NACA's annual meeting, we try to support in terms of governance.

I don't have specifics on this, but I do want to assure this House that we do have a recovery plan, and also in that recovery plan is the governance piece to it. I have full confidence in the interdepartmental workings that are taking place and working very closely with that association. I view, too, that this association is very important and here to help our arts and crafts throughout the territory. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Members, please note that the time for question period has expired. Going to the orders of the day. Minister Kusugak.

### Point of Privilege

**Hon. Lorne Kusugak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today on a point of privilege as per Rule 20(1) of our Legislative Assembly to address an unfortunate article that was published in *Nunatsiaq News* on Tuesday, May 28, by Mr. Thomas Rohner. The article was titled *Nunavut government's contracting practices to see more scrutiny*, and it contains an inaccurate statement that I would like to correct, specifically the Member for Iqaluit-Manirajak states "It's quite easy to manipulate specifications and requirements of RFPs to basically write it so that one pre-selected vendor could qualify for it."

Accusing Community and Government Services' employees of wrongdoing in their procurement practices is a very serious accusation, Mr. Speaker, and it calls into question my credibility as the minister responsible. There has been no evidence provided of such fraudulent activity happening in the department and, if anyone is aware that there is, it is

critical for them to make either myself, this legislature, or the appropriate policing authorities aware of it.

Mr. Speaker, I want all members to know that it is also important for the public to know that any standing offer agreements, so called SOAs, that the government has are done through competitive requests for proposals, processes where all eligible companies are able to provide bids in order to supply services to the Government of Nunavut. There is an open tender program advertised on our website and, if potential bidders raise questions or concerns about specific aspects of the work required as described in the request for proposal, we produce an addendum that is available on the website for all interested parties to see. Every proponent gets the same information. In some cases we even extend the closing dates for bids to ensure that all proponents have the ability to adjust their proposals in response to the addendums.

Mr. Speaker, I want this Assembly to know that I, as the Minister of Community and Government Services, have full confidence in my department and the Procurement Division to ensure that policy and procedures are followed for each and every contract, tender, request for proposals, and standing offer agreements that we do issue.

The article in *Nunatsiaq News* suggested that Community and Government Services is writing RFPs so that one pre-selected vendor can qualify for information management and technology services. In fact our standing offer agreement list for prequalified information technology support currently includes five vendors, four of which are being utilized to date. Currently there are 322 vendors listed under the GN's 38 standing offer agreement categories, offering a variety of services, such as policy writing, strategic planning, human resource consulting, transportation planning and engineering services, and so on.

In previous procurement activity reports it is clear that varied vendors are utilized by the GN. The most recent report to be tabled is no different. Standing offer agreements are a legitimate tool for the GN to use when it requires short-term specialized support. We are a large and growing territory, with a number of exciting and important projects on the go for the benefit of Nunavummiut. Surely no one would prefer that we stop the development of our major infrastructure projects such as the Qikiqtani Correctional Healing Facility, the current marine infrastructure projects, schools, nursing stations, and so on, nor to have skilled people to make sure the computers in our schools are functional because we don't have enough local people to undertake this work at this time.

The article in *Nunatsiaq News* also suggested that because CGS' 2017-18 annual procurement report wasn't tabled in the fall session, the government is operating on reduced accountability and transparency. However, I indicated in the last session that we would be tabling these reports in the spring session as we had a holdup with translations, and I am following through on that commitment. In fact I am tabling the annual CAR-PAR-LAR reports on Monday.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank my staff who have worked incredibly hard to ensure that these reports are available to us annually. I am very proud of all their hard work and commend them for diligently ensuring that the Government of Nunavut has a fair and equitable procurement process with the appropriate checks and balances along the way. Their efforts are critical to helping us to build the infrastructure and deliver the services that will take Nunavut successfully to the future. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Members, Mr. Kusugak did inform me, in accordance with our rules, section 20(1), that he would be raising this point of privilege. In accordance with that rule, no debate is allowed.

I will now move on to the next item on the order paper. Item 7. Written Questions. Item 8. Returns to Written Questions. Item 9. Replies to Opening Address. Item 10. Petitions. Item 11. Responses to Petitions. Item 12. Reports of Standing and Special Committees on Bills and Other Matters. We have none. Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Acting Minister of Justice, Minister Akeeagok.

### **Item 13: Tabling of Documents**

#### **Tabled Document 169 – 5(2): Family Abuse Intervention Act 2017-2018 Annual Report**

**Hon. David Akeeagok** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today (interpretation ends) I am tabling the *Family Abuse Intervention Act 2017-18 Annual Report*. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Written Questions. Sorry. Tabling of Documents, as we have Friday morning. Tabling of Documents. (interpretation) Member for Kugluktuk, Member Kamingoak.

#### **Tabled Document 170 – 5(2): Petition on Contract of Kugluktuk High School Principal**

**Ms. Kamingoak:** *Koana*, Mr. Speaker. As I noted in my member's statement, many of my constituents have expressed concerns regarding the staffing of the Kugluktuk High School Principal position.

I wish to table a document with the names and signatures of 129 Kugluktuk residents in support of a contract renewal of the current Kugluktuk High School Principal.

Although this document does not strictly conform to a formal petition under Rule 43, it clearly demonstrates the position of many Kugluktuk residents on this issue. *Koana*, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Tabling of Documents. Item 14. Notices of Motions. Item 15. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Item 16. Motions. Item 17. First Reading of Bills. Item 18. Second Reading of Bills. Item 19. Committee of the Whole on Bills and Other

Matters. There are no items before the Committee of the Whole. Item 20. Report of the Committee of the Whole. There are none. Item 21. Third Reading of Bills. Item 22. *Orders of the Day*. Mr. Clerk.

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

**Clerk** (Mr. Quirke): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just a reminder that there's a meeting of the Standing Committee on Oversight at half past one, and then tomorrow there's a meeting of the Full Caucus at nine o'clock, followed by a meeting of the Standing Committee on Legislation at half past one, and all meetings are in the Nanuq Boardroom.

*Orders of the Day* for June 3:

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
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17. First Reading of Bills
18. Second Reading of Bills
19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters
20. Report of the Committee of the Whole
21. Third Reading of Bills
22. Orders of the Day

Thank you.

>>*Applause*

**Speaker:** This House stands adjourned until Monday, June 3, at 1:30 p.m.

(interpretation) Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>*House adjourned at 11:45*

