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**Iqaluit, Nunavut
Wednesday May 12, 2004**

Members Present:

Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, Honourable Olayuk Akesuk, Mr. James Arreak, Mr. Levi Barnabas, Honourable Levinia Brown, Mr. Tagak Curley, Mr. Joe Allan Evyagotailak, Mr. Steve Mapsalak, Mr. Patterk Netser, Honourable Jobie Nutarak, Honourable Paul Okalik, Mr. Keith Peterson, Honourable Edward Picco, Honourable Louis Tapardjuk, Mr. Hunter Tootoo.

Item 1: Opening Prayer

Speaker: I would like to call on Mr. Curley to say the prayer.

>>*Prayer*

Speaker: Going to the orders of the day. Just before we go into the orders of the day I would like to recognize Paul Kaludjak, president of NTI. Also, from Nunavut Sivuniksavut: Tommy Akulukjuk, Davidee Joanasie and Pauloosie Akeegok; welcome as well.

Going back to the orders of the day; Item 2, Ministers' statements. Ms. Brown.

Item 2: Ministers' Statements

Minister's Statement 001 – 2(1): National Nursing Week

Hon. Levinia Brown: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. May 10 to 16 is National Nursing Week. This year's theme, Knowledge and Commitment at Work, is a fitting focus for Nunavut as we celebrate our first two nursing graduates. The two new nurses and the recent graduates of the Community Health Representative program represent our commitment to supporting health and social services career opportunities in Nunavut.

The graduation of new health professionals was followed by another exciting event. From April 29 to May 1, the Registered Nurses Association of the Northwest Territories and Nunavut held its annual general meeting and conference in Iqaluit. This is the first time the association has met outside of the Northwest Territories. The event, with the help of telehealth, was a huge success.

In Nunavut we all recognize the important role that nurses play in our communities. They work long hours in stressful situations. They are our public health educators, our emergency medical response teams, and our mentors for preventative care. They go beyond the call of duty so that our communities can be healthy.

In this special week I would like to take this opportunity to publicly acknowledge and thank all nurses for helping us bring care closer to our home. With their help and caring we will continue to strengthen healthy communities throughout Nunavut.

I would ask all members to join me in showing Nunavut nurses how much they are appreciated.

>>*Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Going back to the orders of the day, Item 2, Ministers' statements. Mr. Picco.

Minister's Statement 002 – 2(1): Teachers Trained to Work in Inclusive Education

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Welcome back to the capital, Iqaluit. I am very proud to announce the upcoming graduation of 17 teaching staff within Nunavut: a Nunavut Inclusive Education Student Support Certificate. On May 28 I will host a graduation ceremony and celebration for these graduates.

These teachers successfully completed five special education courses, a specialized professional development designed for the Nunavut context, with the help of Memorial University's education faculty. Through use of distance-education Web-based courses and a partnership with Memorial, we were able to have the teachers receive additional training to teach in an inclusive environment.

I am pleased to say that this initiative succeeded through partnership and cooperation between both the Department of Education and the Federation of Nunavut Teachers.

As a result, these courses offered to our teachers will equip them with the tools and knowledge they need to offer support to Nunavummiut students so that they will become successful in their future endeavours, and consequently leave this government to its goal of developing Nunavut's economy to its fullest. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Orders of the day, Item 2, Minister's statements. Ms. Aglukkaq.

Minister's Statement 003 – 2(1): Ministers Simailak and Kilabuk Absent from the House

Hon. Leona Aglukkaq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to advise members that the Hon. Peter Kilabuk and Hon. David Simialak will be absent from the House today.

Speaker: Item 2. Minister's statements. Orders of the day. Item 3. Members' statements. Mr. Peterson.

Item 3: Members' Statements

Member's Statement 018 – 2(1): National Mining Week

Mr. Peterson: “Quanaquti.” Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to be back in the House in order to provide support to mining in Nunavut. As members are aware, May 10 to 16 is National Mining Week.

Earlier this week, the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum held their mining industry conference and exhibition in Edmonton. This year's theme is Mining North: What's Happening?

The focus of the conference has been sustainability and defining sustainability with respect to mining in the north. There have been exciting things happening for the last month with respect to mining in the North.

Just days ago, the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development finally announced that a Part 5 review will be done of the Bathurst Inlet port and road project. This means that a local environmental review will be done rather than bringing in a federal agency.

Mr. Speaker, this infrastructure is extremely important for mining development in the Kitikmeot. The diamond industry's response to the National Diamond Strategy has indicated that all relevant levels of government can enhance the growth of the diamond mining sector by investing in northern infrastructure. This review brings the promise of development.

Earlier this year, the Tahera Corporation announced that it had received NIRB's final report associated with the environmental review for the Jericho Diamond Project. The report recommended that the Tahera Corporation's proposal to build a diamond mine at the Jericho site be approved. We can only hope that the federal government does not delay this important project.

Mr. Speaker, when we discuss diamonds, I believe that it's not enough to simply have diamond mines in Nunavut. I believe that it's important to sort, value, and market the

diamonds in Nunavut. It is important to design jewelry that incorporates diamonds in Nunavut.

It is no secret that the devolution of responsibility for natural resources is some time away. This means that the GN will see limited money from royalties that are paid by mining companies. However, there are many ways for Nunavummiut to be involved in and share the wealth associated with mining in Nunavut.

I believe that we have to work together to ensure that Nunavummiut benefit from mining, from exploration, to the sale of jewelry that is designed by Nunavummiut. I believe that the Government of Nunavut has a role to play in ensuring that this happens, by providing training for our constituents to take advantage of every opportunity.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Tootoo.

Member's Statement 019 – 2(1): Swim Team Meet in Yellowknife

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am very pleased that Minister Picco has indicated to welcome you and the other members of this House back to our beautiful capital city. I'm confident that we are looking forward to a productive session during our time here over the next two weeks.

I rise today to share with members the recent accomplishments of the young people who belong to Iqaluit's competitive swim team, the Breakers.

I know that when we think of arctic athletes, we tend to first envision hockey or kayaking and traditional games. However, thanks to the efforts of dedicated recreation staff, parents, volunteers, and donors, a number of youth from our city team were able to take part recently in an invitational territorial championship swim meet which was held in Yellowknife.

Team members Derek Apalialuk, Mary Apalialuk, Thomas Ford Rogers, Caleb Little, Terry Ell, Makki, Kimberly Smith, and Rocky Worchess competed in a variety of events.

Derek won a bronze medal and Caleb won a silver. All of the team placed well in their events. Recognition is due to coach Amy Agersma, pool coordinator Rob Smith, and to coach Ian Legary for their hard work and dedication.

I also understand that when the team was returning home from Yellowknife, they happened to be on the same flight as our premier. Apparently the young lobbyists on the team took advantage of their captive audience to impress upon him the need for Iqaluit to get a full-size swimming pool and other necessary improvements to our community's infrastructure.

As I have said many times in this House before, investments in infrastructure help to build healthy communities, and I look forward to more action on the part of the government in this area.

I would like to ask all members to join me in congratulating these young Iqaluit athletes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Mr. Barnabas.

Member's Statement 020 – 2(1): Constituency Issues and Concerns

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am very pleased to be back in the House and I look forward to working with all of the members to make life better for Nunavumiut. I am also anxious to start working on issues that are of concern to my constituents.

I rise today to talk about the needs of our elders. It is often said that we need to gather the knowledge of our elders before they pass on and before it is too late. We need to collect oral history from them for our children and for future educational purposes.

As a previous member once said, our elders are one of the most valuable resources we have in Nunavut. If we are to keep a link to our traditional past, we must talk to our elders. A quote by Jack Anawak.

Some of the elders in my constituency have expressed to me that the assistance provided to them is not enough. They can barely get by with a \$292 monthly food allowance because of the high cost of living in the High Arctic.

If I could ask, Mr. Speaker, permission to conclude my statement.

Speaker (interpretation): Mr. Barnabas is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statement. Are there any nays? There are no nays, Mr. Barnabas.

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, colleagues. Many of our elders are also widows; they were brought up on country food and prefer country food, but most widows have no one to hunt for them.

The quality of housing is also a concern, as so many homes are in need of extensive repair. We cannot expect our elders to be able to fix those problems on their own.

Another concern I have heard from my elders is how they are used by community justice committees but are not always getting compensated.

It is a thought that there are not enough facilities for elders in Nunavut. Although there are major facilities in the bigger communities, the smaller communities do not have enough.

Mr. Speaker, building elders' facilities should be a priority of this government. These facilities should be combined with youth where possible so that elders can teach youth culture and family values.

I am very pleased that the Premier employs an elder in the Department of Justice to provide advice; I commend him for this. We must utilize our elders in any way possible, as they are here to help us.

At the appropriate time, Mr. Speaker, I will be asking some questions. Thank you.

Speaker: Mr. Curley.

Member's Statement 021 – 2(1): Mother's Day

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I understand the reasons why David Simailak is not here: he has lost a relative and an elder has passed away. He was an uncle of my wife. We know that a lot of elders are dying and we have to get their wisdom while they are still alive. He was a family man. He was a hunter. I would like to say that he was always a very happy man. He had many children; one of them has passed away. David is the uncle.

I would like to say happy Mother's Day to all of Nunavut's mothers. It is not too late. Because they are the key: they are the home makers. They are not just homemakers but they are the ones that make the family stick together and teach them about our compassion.

Also, Father's Day will be coming very shortly. Mr. Speaker, I would like to say that here in Nunavut, there has to be a Family Day. It would be an ideal thing to have so that fathers and mothers will re-unite.

It is very difficult these days, when we are lacking in housing. We would like to go out to the land with our families. That is what we did in the past and today, when you need something... . There should be a Family Day in Nunavut so that we can have good, loving families, not broken up families.

Mr. Speaker, I would like your support on these. I will speak to you again on this issue.

Speaker: Mr. Evyagotailak.

Member's Statement 022 – 2(1): Lady of Lights Church Burned Down

Mr. Evyagotailak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would first like to thank my constituents. I am very happy to be here in the House. (Interpretation ends) I rise today to talk about our Lady of Lights, the church in Kugluktuk that burned to the ground on April 13, 2004.

It was indeed a tragedy for Kugluktuk, as it was one of the community's original buildings and therefore considered a historic site for our Kugluktukmiut. There were numerous irreplaceable items in the church. Those included the beautiful sealskin tapestry, *At the Last Supper*, and other priceless Inuit artifacts. Items such as those were handcrafted by elders who are passed away. Our artifacts are lost, Mr. Speaker. The church was indeed beautiful: when we entered, it was like being inside an igloo. The ceiling was all white.

We have to be strong in faith and united in spirit. We need to have a place to gather and to worship. I understand that it is not the place of the government to fund religious activities, however I can voice the concerns of my constituency as a member of this House. Mr. Speaker, the people of Kugluktuk are requesting donations from Nunavummiut to rebuild this church. All donations that are made will be tax deductible. Any assistance that can be provided to the rebuilding project will be extremely appreciated. As all members know, the cost of building materials in Nunavut is very expensive.

I would like to urge the Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth to look into this, preserving our historic legacy. We have many fine historic churches, such as the igloo-shaped cathedral here in Iqaluit and also churches in Kuugaruk, Igloodik and Ikaluktutiak. "Koanakkutit, Uqaqti."

Speaker: Item 3. Members' statements. Mr. Picco.

Member's Statement 023 – 2(1): Annual Nunavut Trade Show

Hon. Ed Picco: "Qujannamiik, Uqaqti." First of all, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all Nunavummiut a very happy Mother's Day. For many of us in the Assembly, it is not possible to do our work, I know that for myself, as a member of the Nunavut Assembly for a while, if we do not have the support at home. So, on behalf of myself and my family, I would like to wish my wife and indeed my Sakiq, Ningiuraapik Arnakkak in Kangirlugaapik, a very happy Mother's Day also.

Mr. Speaker, last week, Iqaluit hosted the annual Nunavut Trade Show. This event has been getting bigger and better every year. This year companies, organizations, as well as government departments had booths ranging from the sale of goods and services to IBC's wonderful display of new and upcoming TV programs. The well-known Ooleepeeka Veevee's new TV show, featuring outtakes in Inuktitut of people who are "qarittuk", like the Premier Paul Okalik, will be featured this fall, as well as, Mr. Speaker, my singing talent.

The highlight of the trade show every year is the annual banquet and charity auction. This year several works of Nunavummiut, carvings, prints, and products, were available for bids.

The delegations from southern Canada and Labrador were very impressed with the hospitality and professionalism shown during their visit to Nunavut by the organizers, staff, and the people of Iqaluit.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Steve Cook and his team for their excellent work in organizing the trade show and making it, again, a very successful year. “Qujannamiik, Uqaqti.”

Speaker: Item 3, Members' statements. Item 4. Returns to oral questions. Item 5. Recognition of visitors in the gallery. Mr. Akesuk.

Item 5: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery

Mr. Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize a Nunavut Sivuniksavut student who is in the second year: David Joanassie is here.

>>Applause

Speaker: Recognition of visitors in the gallery. Premier Okalik.

Mr. Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Although you have already recognized the newly elected president of Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated, Paul Qaludjak, and also Simon Kilabuk.

>>Applause

Speaker: Sergeant-at-arms.

Recognition of visitors in the gallery. Going to Item 6. Oral questions. Mr. Arreak.

Item 6: Oral Questions

Question 001 – 2(1): Cleanup of Contaminants in Nunavut

Mr. Arreak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to direct my first question of this Legislative Assembly to the Minister of Environment.

The issues of contaminated sites is a major concern for my community. There are three sites in particular that I am concerned about: Old Clyde River; Cape Christiansen; and Port Burwell. The March federal budget contained the welcome news that \$3.5 billion will be provided over ten years for major multi-site cleanups. Sixty percent of this is set aside for the North.

My question for the minister is: what is the Government of Nunavut doing to make sure that their priorities in this area are made as clear to the federal government as possible, as has been stated in the past.

Speaker: Minister of Environment, Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for your first question. I am the first minister to be addressed this in this second Assembly.

Yes, we are working on these issues. The funding that is available will be \$3.5 billion in Canada. We are going to be negotiating this in the very near future. And the concerns that you have about contaminants: we do have all that information within our government and this is one of our first priorities from 2003 when we started working on this.

We have all the files on this and for the contaminants, especially for the communities that have contaminants in them, or the old sites that you were talking about, places like Old Clyde River. Yes, we will be working on these issues and we will inform you as we proceed with the contaminants issues in the North. Also, we will be working with other land claims organizations about cleaning up the contaminated sites. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): The Member for Uqqurmiut, Mr. Arreak.

Mr. Arreak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I do have a second question. I would like to know, when will the clean up begin?

Speaker (interpretation): Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I apologize, I did not hear you right away. Yes, we do have these files, like I said. If you are talking about Old Clyde River, yes we are in preparation and working with them right now. The CGS will be a part of this and we may be able to begin discussions in the early fall on what we are going to do on this issue. There are two or three questions that you talked about. We have been working on this issue; like I said, we do have the files on this. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Mr. Arreak.

Mr. Arreak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The last question: I would like to know what is being done to make sure that Inuit have the opportunity to take part in the cleanup.

Speaker (interpretation): Minister of Environment, Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Right now they are working in the Qikiqtarjuaq DEW Line cleanup; there are Inuit that are employed. We are looking at getting more Inuit to work at the cleanup site. Yes, definitely we will be making sure that Inuit have an opportunity to take part in the cleanup. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Mr. Barnabas.

Question 002 – 2(1): Priorities for Elders

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask the Minister of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth what the first priorities will be for the elders of Nunavut. What are the first three priorities?

Speaker (interpretation): The Minister of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth, Minister Tapardjuk.

Hon. Louis Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you to the Quttittuq MLA. If I understand your question correctly, you are asking us what our first priorities will be for elders. Right now we are in preparations for the elders in Nunavut on how we can have better protection for them, so we can utilize elders and support them. It is called the Elders' Strategy that we are working on.

Also, we will be prioritizing the language of Inuktitut within Nunavut: it has to be legal. The Inuktitut language is one of our first priorities while we are here at the House. We will continue to work on this.

You asked me about the three priorities that we have for the elders. We are working on the elders' issues as I stated, and right now our first priorities will be the elders, to make sure that they are taped on traditional values. Right now we are. This year we will be continuing to work with certain communities where we will be taping the elders. We are trying to do our best to make sure that we keep our elders' knowledge. I hope that I have answered your questions.

Speaker: Mr. Barnabas.

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you for your answer.

In the smaller communities, as I stated, since we are lacking elders' facilities in most of the communities, I'm asking you if your department will be building elders' facilities in some of the communities in the near future..

Speaker: Mr. Tapardjuk

Hon. Louis Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For our elders and youth and heritage, facilitating elders, they are able to find buildings for the elders, this is already in place and it's already a regulation to get elders' and youth facilities.

Yes, Mr. Speaker, there is something like this available within the communities for the elders. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Mr. Barnabas

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My last question. A lot of elders do not really have any support, like hunters, and hunters do get help from the communities. Especially for the elders who do not have any equipment to go out hunting, that they do get help from the younger people and from your programs: is there any funding available for the elders to take out the youth to learn how to hunt and be out on the land?

Speaker: Mr. Tapardjuk.

Hon. Louis Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, there are a number of programs that we have. We are able to give grants and support. If we give them a contribution, they have to give us a report, especially on issues of traditions and values of Inuit, out on the land.

Also, we do go through every year that we are able to give funding if you apply for it. This fall will be a new time to get various funding available for the kinds of programs that you are talking about. I will direct my staff to give you more information. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Oral questions. In our Orders of the Day, Member for Iqaluit Center, Mr. Tootoo.

Question 003 – 2(1): Utility Rate Review Council Requests

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the minister responsible for the Utilities Rate Review Council.

Section 12(2) of the Utility Rate Review Council Act states that within fifteen days of receiving a request by a utility to impose a rate or tariff, the Utility Rate Review Council shall be asked to provide advice on the matter to the minister responsible

My question for the minister responsible for the Utility Rate Review Council is: since January 1 of this year, has the Utility Rate Review Council been formally asked under the provisions of the Utility Rate Review Council Act to provide advice on any request by a Nunavut utility to impose a rate or tariff? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Mr. Premier Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik: “Qujannamiik, Uqaqti.” I am not aware of any requests at this time.

Speaker (interpretation): Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am sure that you recall, and many of the public recall, and all members here probably recall, and as the ministers are probably quite familiar with and aware, last year there was a request brought forward by a utility and it was declined or rejected by the previous government.

I would like to ask the minister responsible for the Utility Rate Review Council if he plans on when anticipated requests will be coming forward to the Utility Rate Review Council. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik: “Qujannamiik, Uqaqti.” I think there are two processes in place currently, and there was the issue of the fuel rider which does not really relate to the general rate application. Hopefully, that process might come into play this fiscal year, but that will require hearings and reviews by the Utility Rate Review Council. So, I will make sure that members are well aware of any process that is put in place. “Qujannamiik, Uqaqti.”

Speaker (interpretation): Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Another section of the Act is 12(3): it is a notice to the officials of the minister responsible to be able to notify and provide the mayors and the members of the Legislative Assembly who represent the communities, with the decision or the advice on the request that has been indicated by the utility.

Will the minister commit to doing that as soon as possible? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik: “Qujannamiik, Uqaqti.” As required by the law, we will follow the necessary steps. As I have said there, the general rate review application has not started yet, and as soon as that process starts we will make sure that all members and the members of the public will be notified. “Qujannamiik, Uqaqti.”

Speaker (interpretation): Member for Rankin North, Mr. Curly.

Question 004 – 2(1): Nunavut Power Stabilization Rider

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question in support of the Member for Iqaluit Center.

As I understand, when we were dealing with this issue at the committee level, when we were dealing with the power corporation and the fuel rider, the cabinet approved last fall \$5 million for fuel and to be given to, fuel rider, and to be given to Qulliq Corporation.

This coming week, there is an additional \$10 million. There is a fuel stabilization; the allocation has been approved. The way we understood it, when the Power Corporation couldn't go through the rate review, they went through the cabinet and they changed it.

But we understand that they borrowed \$15 million. It will increase the prices for consumers. On that, I would like to ask the minister responsible if that's the case. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Premier Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is very close to the main estimates which we haven't dealt with yet, therefore I am not able to respond to that question. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Mr. Curley

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask the minister responsible about this \$5 million, last November, that was approved as fuel stabilization.

When we spoke with the prior corporation's president, when we asked him questions, because we have to take the money back... . Since the government borrowed that money it will have to be returned; that \$5 million is complete. Would you be able to make a briefing note or correspondence about if this is going to be paid for by the power consumer? That's the only way they could get the money back because they couldn't increase the power, so therefore the government already allocated the funds.

The estimates that we are going to see, they will be receiving \$10 million for the fuel rider. I would like to ask the minister to make a report especially when most of the communities have capital estimates, and this \$5 million was already approved in the November session. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Premier Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Last year, that was approved; that was for that year.

They were going to... . Limited funds, that's why we had helped financially the Nunavut Power Corporation. Therefore, I am unable to respond to his questions, but when we start dealing with the main estimates, then I will be able to respond at that time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Back to orders of the day. Oral questions. We'll move on to Item 7, Written Questions. Mr. Tootoo.

Item 7: Written Questions

Written Question 001 – 2(1): Regional Health Facilities

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Health and Social Services, and it has to do with the regional health facilities:

Part 1: Qikiqtani General Hospital

1. As of April 1, 2004, what is the total projected cost for the construction of the new Qikiqtani General Hospital?
2. As of April 1, 2004, what are the projected timelines for the construction and completion of the new Qikiqtani General Hospital?
3. As of April 1, 2004, what is the status of the hiring and training of Inuit by the contractors responsible for constructing the Qikiqtani General Hospital? Specifically:
 - a. What is the Inuit employment component of each contract for this project?
 - b. How is the Inuit employment component calculated and monitored?
 - c. How many Inuit employees are working for contractors on this project?
 - d. What training and apprenticeship initiatives have been provided by the contractors?
 - e. What further training and apprenticeship initiatives have been committed to by the contractors?
4. As of April 1, 2004, what are the projected yearly operation and maintenance costs for the new Qikiqtani General Hospital?
5. As of April 1, 2004, what are the projected new full and part-time staffing requirements for the new Qikiqtani General Hospital?
6. As of April 1, 2004, what are the projected Inuit Employment targets for the new Qikiqtani General Hospital?

Part 2: news of the Kivalliq health centre

7. As of April 1, 2004, what are the total project costs of the new Kivalliq health centre in Rankin Inlet?
8. As of April 1, 2004 what are the projected timelines for construction and completion of the new Kivalliq health centre in Rankin Inlet?
9. As of April 1, 2004 what is the status of the hiring and training of Inuit by contractors as possible for the construction of Kivalliq health centre in Rankin Inlet? And specifically:
 - a. What is the Inuit employment component of each contractor's project?
 - b. How is the Inuit employment component calculated and monitored?
 - c. How many Inuit employees are working for the contractors on this project?
 - d. What training and apprenticeship initiatives have been provided by the contractors?
 - e. What further training and apprenticeship initiatives have been committed to by the contractors?
10. As of April 1, 2004 what are the projected yearly operation and maintenance costs for the new Kivalliq health centre in Rankin Inlet?
11. As of April 1, 2004 what are the projected new full and part-time staffing requirements for the Kivalliq health centre in Rankin Inlet?
12. As of April 1, 2004 what are projected Inuit employment targets for the new Kivalliq health centre in Rankin Inlet?

Part 3 is for the Kitikmeot health centre:

13. As of April 1, 2004, what are the projected costs of the construction of the new health facility contract (the health facility in the Kitikmeot health centre in Cambridge Bay)?
14. As of April 1, 2004, what are the projected timelines for the construction and completion of the Kitikmeot health centre in Cambridge bay?
15. As of April 1, 2004 what is the status of hiring and training of Inuit by contractors responsible for constructing the Kitikmeot health centre in Cambridge Bay? And specifically:
 - a. What is the Inuit employment component for each contract of this project?
 - b. How is Inuit employment calculated and monitored?
 - c. How many Inuit employees are working for the contractors on this project?
 - d. What training and apprenticeship initiatives have been provided by the contractors?
 - e. What further training and apprenticeship have been committed to by the contractors?
16. As of April 1, 2004 what are the projected yearly operation and maintenance costs of the Kitikmeot health centre in Cambridge Bay?
17. As of April 1, 2004 what are the projected new full and part-time staffing requirements for the Kitikmeot health centre in Cambridge Bay?
18. As of April 1, 2004 what are the projected Inuit employment targets for the new Kitikmeot health centre in Cambridge Bay?

Speaker (interpretation): Written Questions. Item 7 in the orders of the day. The Member for Cambridge Bay, Mr. Petersen.

Written Question 002 – 2(1): Nunavut Payroll Tax

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My written question is for the Hon. Leona Aglukkaq, the Minister of Finance. It is regarding the Nunavut Payroll Tax.

1. For each of the following fiscal years, how much revenue was collected by the Government of Nunavut pursuant to the Payroll Tax Act, 1993, Nunavut, in:
 - a. 1999-2000; b. 2000-2001; c. 2001-2002; d. 2002-2003; e. 2003-2004?
2. For each of the following fiscal years, approximately how many individuals paid for the amount for the Nunavut Consolidated Revenue Fund pursuant to the Payroll Tax Act, 1993, Nunavut, a. 1999-2000; b. 2000-2001; c. 2001-2002; d. 2002-2003; e. 2003-2004?
3. With respect to the individuals who paid Nunavut's Payroll Tax for each of the following fiscal years, how many were deemed to be residents of Nunavut for federal income tax purposes; and how many were not residents of Nunavut: a. 1999-2000; b. 2000-2001; c. 2001-2002; d. 2002-2003; e. 2003-2004?

4. Are residents of Nunavut who received remunerations from the Government of Nunavut, boards, and or agencies, and or crown corporations on a contractual or consultancy basis liable to pay an amount under the Payroll Tax Act, 1993, Nunavut?
5. Are non-residents of Nunavut who received remunerations from the Government of Nunavut, boards, and or agencies, and or crown corporation on a contractual or consultancy basis liable to pay an amount under the Payroll Tax Act, 1993, Nunavut?
6. Is the Government of Nunavut 1% payroll tax applied to monies paid to persons who received settlement payment from the Government of Nunavut subsequent to the termination of employment as members of the public service?
7. What is the approximate annual cost to the Government of Nunavut for the administration of the Nunavut Payroll Tax?
8. What is the average annual cost to a private sector employer for complying to the provisions of the Payroll Tax Act, 1993, Nunavut?
9. In what circumstances can a resident of Nunavut receive a rebate pursuant to the Nunavut Payroll Tax Act, 1993, Nunavut?

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Item 7, Written Questions. Mr. Tootoo.

Written Question 003 – 2(1): Physician Services

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is a much shorter written question. It is again for the Minister of Health and Social Services, the Hon. Ms. Levinia Brown. The subject of this one is physician services.

1. Between April 1, 2003 and March 31, 2004, how many physicians were engaged on a full time contractual basis to provide services: a. within the Baffin region; b. within the Kitikmeot region; and c. within the Kivalliq region?
2. How many of those physicians hired between April 1, 2003 and March 31, 2004, are still employed a. within the Baffin region; b. within the Kitikmeot region; and c. within the Kivalliq region?
3. As of April 1, 2004, what percentage of physicians got compensated through a fee for service payment, and what percentage of physicians were compensated through a base pay contract a. within the Baffin region; b. within the Kitikmeot region; and c. within the Kivalliq region?

4. As of April 1, 2004, has the Department of Health and Social Services held any discussions with the Territorial Medical Association regarding contract terms for physicians in Nunavut?
5. Will the terms of the costs of compensation for full time physicians be reviewed in order to reduce the turnover rate of physicians in Nunavut?
6. What options are being considered in order to reduce the turnover rate of physicians in Nunavut and to promote longer terms of service?

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Written questions. Mr. Peterson.

Written Question 004 – 2(1): Kitikmeot Health Centre

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My written question is for the Hon. Levinia Brown, Minister of Health and Social Services, concerning the Cambridge Bay Health Centre.

1. What specific services will be often-provided by this facility?
2. What staff requirements will there be in able to offer these services, specifically: a. How many nursing staff will be required? b. How many positions will be required? c. How many support staff will be required? d. How many clerical staff will be required? e. How many interpreter/translator staff will be required?
3. What recruiting strategy will be employed to fill these staff positions?
4. What accommodations arrangements will be made to house individuals hired to fill these staff positions?
5. When will the construction on the health centre in Cambridge Bay be completed?
6. When will the health centre in Cambridge Bay be operational?

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Item 7, Written Questions. Mr. Peterson.

Written Question 005 – 2(1): Kitikmeot Health Centre

Mr. Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is again for the Hon. Levinia Brown, Minister of Health and Social Services. Again, concerning the Kitikmeot Health Centre.

1. What are the results of the Government of Nunavut's request for proposals issued on February 23, 2004 for design services for the medical boarding home in Cambridge Bay?
2. How many proposals were received in response to this RFP and from whom?
3. Has the contract from this RFP been awarded?
4. What entity received the contract for this RFP?
5. What is the value of this contract?
6. How many beds will be available for patients from out of town at the medical boarding home in Cambridge Bay?
7. When will the construction of the medical boarding home in Cambridge Bay be completed?
8. When will the medical boarding home in Cambridge Bay be operational?

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Written Questions. Going back to the orders of the day. Item 8, Returns to Written Questions. Item 9. Item 10, Petitions. Mr. Arreak.

Item 10: Petitions

Petition 001 – 2(1): Support to Construct a Youth Centre

Mr. Arreak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to present a petition from Broughton Island.

There are 103 signatures from the people of Qikiqtarjuaq; they would like some support from the Government of Nunavut for the youth facility in the community. I'm pleased today to support the petition from Qikiqtarjuaq and I expect that the Government of Nunavut will give us a very good response. I would like to get a response from the government within 60 days.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Item 10. Petitions. Ms. Aglukkark.

Petition 002 – 2(1): Support for More Training Courses for Taloyoak

Hon. Leona Aglukkark: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to submit to the House a petition I received from Taloyoak.

It contains 87 signatures; the residents of Taloyoak are requesting more training programs be offered in the community.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Item 10. Petitions. Item 11. Reports of Standing and Special Committees. Mr. Tootoo.

Item 11: Reports of Standing and Special Committees

Report 001 – 2(1): Report of the Striking Committee on Standing Committee Membership and Terms of Reference

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have the honour today of presenting the first report of the Striking Committee of the Legislative Assembly on the recommended structure of membership and terms of reference of the standing committees in the second Legislative Assembly of Nunavut.

As members of the House are aware, Rule 83 of the Rules of the Legislative Assembly requires that a striking committee be established to report and recommend to the House the membership of the standing committees of the Legislative Assembly.

On behalf of my Striking Committee colleagues, the Members for Cambridge Bay and for Rankin Inlet North, I am pleased to present today our recommendations on the structure of membership and terms of reference for the second Assembly's standing committees.

Section 17 of the Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act provides that the Legislative Assembly may establish such committees to aid and advise as it considers necessary.

The standing committees perform a number of important oversight functions on the activities of the government through the scrutiny of bills, the scrutiny of departmental business plans and proposed estimates, the review of annual reports of independent officers of the Legislative Assembly, and the study of specific public policy issues.

The standing committees allow for significant public and stakeholder input into the development of new legislation, public hearings. The standing committees' hold on such matters as the annual reports for the Auditor General, the information and privacy commissioner and the languages commissioner serves to enhance government transparency and accountability.

In developing its recommendations, the Striking Committee took into careful account a number of factors that are required for any legislature's committee system to be effective. We are confident that the recommended standing committee structure will provide

adequate oversight of the estimates, business plans and activities of the government departments, boards, and other entities, take into account the March 2004 Government of Nunavut reorganization, provide adequate opportunities for the review of bills, provide an adequate flexibility to undertake the specific assignments and to distribute workloads on a manageable basis, to fulfill ongoing mandates such as the review of annual reports of independent officers of the Legislative Assembly, the scrutiny of the public accounts, and to provide a forum for review of the Legislative Assembly's own rules and procedures.

The proposed terms of reference for the standing committees encompass a wide range of initiatives and responsibilities. I would also like to draw the attention of the House to the fact that the terms of reference explicitly provide for the scrutiny of regulations passed by the government. As members are aware, a significant number of important matters are dealt with through regulations, but the government has the prerogative to pass regulations without formal Legislative Assembly approval; committees can and should play their scrutiny. For example, during the first Assembly, the new Wildlife Act was passed by this House. The law provides that a number of important matters be addressed through regulations.

Mr. Speaker, your Striking Committee has recommended that five standing committees be established. The Standing Committee of Government Operations and Accountability will have oversight responsibility for the government's three central agency departments in addition to the Qulliq Energy Corporation, the Workers' Compensation Board and the Utility Rate Review Council. This committee will also undertake the annual examination of the government's public accounts, the report of the Auditor General, and the report of the information and privacy commissioner.

The Standing Committee on Health and Education will have oversight responsibility for the two largest departments of the government: Education and Health and Social Services. Almost half of the Government of Nunavut's total expenditures, or about 50 cents of every single dollar spent by the government go to these two critical departments.

The Standing Committee on Infrastructure, Housing, and Economic Development will have oversight responsibility for the Departments of Community and Government Services, Economic Development and Transportation, and the Nunavut Housing Corporation. These organizations deliver important services directly to our communities and our constituents.

The Standing Committee Ajautiit will have oversight responsibility for the Department of Justice, Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth, and Department of Environment. These departments play an important role with respect to the quality of life in our society as well as addressing the unique circumstances and needs of our majority Inuit population. This standing committee will also conduct the annual review of the reports of the languages commissioner and of the chief electoral officer. The committee will also recommend the appointment of statutory positions that are made by the

Legislative Assembly as a whole, as well as considering, from time to time, matters related to the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement.

The Standing Committee on Rules, Procedures and Privileges will consider matters referred by the House with respect to the operation of the rules of the Legislative Assembly.

That concludes my report and I would again like to thank my Striking Committee colleagues for the collaborative ways in which we approached our work.

Mr. Speaker, I recommend that the report of the Striking Committee be received by the House and adopted, and that the terms of references of the Striking Committee be entered into the record as read. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Terms of Reference

Standing Committee on Government Operations and Accountability

The mandate of the Standing Committee on Government Operations and Accountability is to:

- review legislative proposals, policy proposals, departmental business plans and estimates;
- review bills referred by the House after second reading, pursuant to the *Rules of the Legislative Assembly*;
- scrutinize regulations passed by the government;
- review departmental performance; and
- consider any other matter referred by the House.

The standing committee has oversight responsibility for the following:

- Department of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs;
- Department of Finance;
- Department of Human Resources;
- Workers' Compensation Board;
- Qulliq Energy Corporation;
- Utility Rates Review Council; and
- unless otherwise referred to in the terms of reference of any other standing committee, all boards, agencies and other entities and portfolio responsibilities that fall under the responsibility of the Minister of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Human Resources and the Minister of Energy.

The standing committee has additional responsibility for:

- examining the annual financial statements and public accounts of the Government of Nunavut and the reports of the Auditor General; and
- reviewing the reports of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Nunavut.

Standing Committee on Health and Education

The mandate of the Standing Committee on Health and Education is to:

- review legislative proposals, policy proposals, departmental business plans and estimates;
- review bills referred by the House after second reading, pursuant to the *Rules of the Legislative Assembly*;
- scrutinize regulations passed by the government;
- review departmental performance; and
- consider any other matter referred by the House.

The standing committee has oversight responsibility for the following:

- Department of Education;
- Department of Health and Social Services; and
- unless otherwise referred to in the terms of reference of any other standing committee, all boards, agencies and other entities and portfolio responsibilities that fall under the responsibility of the Minister of Health and Social Services and the Minister of Education.

Standing Committee on Infrastructure, Housing and Economic Development

The mandate of the Standing Committee on Infrastructure, Housing and Economic Development is to:

- review legislative proposals, policy proposals, departmental business plans and estimates;
- review bills referred by the House after second reading, pursuant to the *Rules of the Legislative Assembly*;
- scrutinize regulations passed by the government;
- review departmental performance; and
- consider any other matter referred by the House.

The standing committee has oversight responsibility for the following:

- Department of Economic Development and Transportation;
- Department of Community and Government Services;
- The Nunavut Housing Corporation; and
- unless otherwise referred to in the terms of reference of any other standing committee, all boards, agencies and other entities and portfolio responsibilities

that fall under the responsibility of the Minister of Economic Development and Transportation and the Minister of Community Government and Services.

Standing Committee Ajauqtiit

The mandate of the Standing Committee Ajauqtiit is to:

- review legislative proposals, policy proposals, departmental business plans and estimates;
- review bills referred by the House after second reading, pursuant to the *Rules of the Legislative Assembly*;
- scrutinize regulations passed by the government;
- review departmental performance;
- consider any other matter referred by the House;
- consider issues related to the Government of Nunavut's obligations with respect to the implementation of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA), including the activities of the Government of Nunavut in relation to the operations of the boards, commissions and other bodies established by the provisions of the NLCA;
- recommend the appointment of positions that, by statutory authority, are made by the Legislative Assembly; and
- consider any other matter referred by the House.

The standing committee has oversight responsibility for the following:

- Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth;
- Department of Justice;
- Department of Environment; and
- unless otherwise referred to in the terms of reference of any other standing committee, all boards, agencies and other entities and portfolio responsibilities that fall under the responsibility of the Minister of Justice, the Minister of the Environment and the Minister of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth.

The standing committee has additional responsibility for:

- reviewing the reports of the Languages Commissioner of Nunavut; and
- reviewing the reports of the Chief Electoral Officer of Nunavut.

Standing Committee on Rules, Procedures and Privileges

The mandate of the Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures is to:

- consider matters referred by the House with respect to the operation of the *Rules of the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut*; and
- consider any other matter referred by the House.

Speaker (interpretation): Do the members agree that these be entered into the records, and be adopted by the members of the Legislative Assembly as the terms of reference as read?

Some members: Agreed.

Speaker (interpretation): Item 11, Reports of Standing and Special Committees. Item 12, Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills. Item 13, Tabling of Documents. I would like to table two documents:

Item 13: Tabling of Documents

Tabled Document 002 – 2(1): List of New Members of the Second Assembly Participating in the Supplementary Allowances Plan

Pursuant to section 7(a) and 20(b) of the Supplementary Retiring Allowances Act, I wish to table a list of new members of the second Assembly who have elected to participate in a supplementary allowances plan.

Tabled Document 003 – 2(1): Statutory Requirements for Tabling of Reports and Other Documents in the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut

A second item for the tabling of documents: I would like to table *Statutory Tabling Requirements*. This list is regularly updated by the Legislative Assembly and tracks the status of legally required tabling requirements of the government's annual reports, financial statements, and other documents.

The correct version of this document indicates which documents have been tabled as of May 1, 2004. I trust that all members will find this useful in monitoring the timely production and tabling of legally required documents in this House.

Tabling of Documents. Item 14, Notices of motions. Mr. Tootoo.

Item 14: Notices of Motions

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Friday, May 14, I will move the following:

I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Cambridge Bay, that the Hon. Robert Strandbury be reappointed as integrity commissioner for a term of five years, effective of the day of passage of this motion.

Mr. Speaker, at the appropriate time I will seek unanimous consent to deal with my motion today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Item 14, Notices of Motions. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Friday, May 14, I will move the following:

I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Cambridge Bay, that the members of the second Assembly be appointed to the following five standing committees: Government Operations and Accountability; Ajauqtiit; Infrastructure, Housing and Economic Development; Health and Education; and Rules, Procedures and Privileges.

And further, that the appropriate members be appointed as alternates to the five standing committees, and further, that the terms of reference of the standing committees be adopted.

Mr. Speaker, I will be seeking unanimous consent to deal with my motion today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Item 14, Notices of Motions. Item 15, Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Ms. Aglukkaq.

Item 15: Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills

Bill 1 – Supplementary Appropriation Act, No 3, 2003–2004 —Notice

Hon. Leona Aglukkaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I give notice that on May 14, 2004, I shall move that Bill 1 – Supplementary Appropriation Act, Number 3, 2003–2004 be read for the first time.

Mr. Speaker, I will seek consent to deal with my motion today. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Item 15, Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Item 16, Motions. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to the rules, I would like to ask for consent to deal with my motion today.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Please continue.

Item 16: Motions

Motion 009 – 2(1): Re-Appointment of Integrity Commissioner of Nunavut

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My motion is on the re-appointment of the Integrity Commissioner of Nunavut.

Whereas the Integrity Act creates standards for members of the Legislative Assembly in performing their duties of office; and whereas Section 24(3) of the Integrity Act provides for the re-appointment of the present Integrity Commissioner of Nunavut, therefore, I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Cambridge Bay, that the Hon. Robert Standbury be re-appointed as the integrity commissioner for a term of five years, effective the day of passage of this motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Motions, Item 16. All those in favour? Are there any nays? Any opposed? The motion is carried. Item 16, Mr. Tootoo.

Motion 010 – 2(1): Appointments to Standing Committees

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again, pursuant to the rules, I would like to ask consent to deal with my second motion today.

Speaker (interpretation): Mr. Tootoo would like consent. Are there any nays? There are no nays, please continue, Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: “Uqaqti”. This motion is an appointment to the standing committees, whereas Section 17 of the Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act provides that the Legislative Assembly may establish such committees to aid and advise it as it considers necessary; and whereas the Striking Committee was formed by Motion 6-2(1) to recommend members to serve on standing committees; and whereas the Striking Committee has reported to the House:

Therefore, I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Cambridge Bay, that the following members be appointed to the Standing Committee on Government Operations and Accountability: Hunter Tootoo, Member for Iqaluit Centre —I did not do the order, Mr. Speaker, it was just here; Levi Barnabus, Member for Quttittuq; Keith Peterson, Member for Cambridge Bay; Tagak Curley, Member for Rankin Inlet North; and David Alagalak, Member for Arviat; and that the following members be appointed as alternates to the Standing Committee of Government Operations and Accountability: Patterk Netser, Member for Nanulik; James Arreak, Member for Uqqummiut, Peter Kattuk, Member for Hudson Bay.

And that the following members be appointed to the Standing Committee Ajauqtiit: James Arreak, Member for Uqqummiut; Patterk Netser, Member for Nanulik; Steven Mapsalak, Member for Akulliq; Joe Allen Evyagotailak, Member for Kugluktuk; Peter Kattuk, Member for Hudson Bay; and that the following members be appointed as alternates to the Standing Committee Ajauqtiit: Levi Barnabus, Member for Quttittuq; Hunter Tootoo, Member for Iqaluit Center; Keith Peterson, Member for Cambridge Bay.

And that the following members be appointed to the Standing Committee on Infrastructure, Housing and Economic Development: Tagak Curley, Member for Rankin Inlet North; Steven Mapsalak, Member for Akulliq; Keith Peterson, Member for Cambridge Bay; Peter Kattuk, Member for Hudson Bay; James Arreak, Member for Uqqummiut; and that the following members be appointed as alternates to the Standing Committee on Infrastructure, Housing and Economic Development: Joe Allen Evyagotailak, Member for Kugluktuk; Hunter Tootoo, Member for Iqaluit Centre; David Alagalak, Member for Arviat.

And that the following members be appointed to the Standing Committee on Health and Education: Hunter Tootoo, Member for Iqaluit Centre; Levi Barnabus, Member for Quttittuq; David Alagalak, Member for Arviat; Patterk Netser, Member for Nanulik; Joe Allen Evyagotailak, Member for Kugluktuk; and that the following members be appointed as alternates to the Standing Committee on Health and Education: Keith Peterson, Member for Cambridge Bay; James Arreak, Member for Uqqummiut; Steven Mapsalak, Member for Akulliq.

And that the following members be appointed to the Standing Committee on Rules, Procedures and Privileges: the Hon. Leona Aglukkaq, Member for Nattilik; James Arreak, Member for Uqqummiut; Tagak Curley, Member for Rankin Inlet North; Hunter Tootoo, Member for Iqaluit Centre; Levi Barnabus, Member for Quttittuq; Keith Peterson, Member for Cambridge Bay; and that the following members be appointed as the alternates to the Standing Committee on Rules, Procedures and Privileges: Peter Kattuk, Member for Hudson Bay; Joe Allen Evyagotailak, Member for Kugluktuk; and further, I move that the terms of reference for the standing committees as recommended by the Striking Committee be adopted. "Qujannamiik, Uqaqti."

Speaker (interpretation): The motion is in order. All those in favour? Opposed? The motion is carried. Going back to the orders of the day. Item 17, First Reading of Bills. Ms. Aglukkaq.

Hon. Leona Aglukkaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I seek the consent of the Assembly to waive the two day notice requirements for the first reading of Bill 1 – Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 3, 2003 - 2004. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker (interpretation): Minister Aglukkaq is seeking consent to waive Rule 62.1 so that the bill can have first reading today. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Please proceed, Minister Aglukkaq.

Item 17: First Reading of Bills

Bill 1 – Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 3, 2003-2004 – First Reading

Hon. Leona Aglukkaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Iqaluit West, that Bill 1 – Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 3, 2003–2004 be read for the first time.

Attached to this are also the two documents which will be tabled in the House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): The motion is in order. Questions? All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried.

Going back to our orders of the day: Bill 1 has had first reading. Item 18, Second Reading of Bills. Item 19, Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and other Matters. We will go to report of the Committee of Whole, Item 20. Third Reading of Bills.

Item 22: Orders of the Day

Mr. Clerk: Orders of the Day for Thursday, May 13.

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18. Second Reading of Bills
 - Bill 1
19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters
20. Report of Committee of the Whole

21. Third Reading of Bills

22. Orders of the Day

Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Before we adjourn, I will read a letter from the Commissioner addressed to Jobie Nutarak, Speaker of the House of the Nunavut Legislative Assembly.

I wish to advise that I recommend to the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut the passage of the following Bills during the first session of the second Legislative Assembly.

Bill 1 – Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 3, 2003-2004.

Bill 2 – Appropriations, Operations and Maintenance Act, 2004–2005.

Bill 3 – Supplementary Appropriation, Operations and Maintenance Act, No. 1, April 1–June 30, 2004–2005.

Bill 4 – Supplementary Appropriation Capital Act, No. 1, 2004–2005.

Thank you, signed by Peter Irniq, Commissioner of Nunavut.

We will adjourn until May 13, 2004, and will commence at 1:30 in the afternoon.
Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>*Applause*

Meeting adjourned 15:01

