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Iqaluit, Nunavut**Tuesday, October 23, 2012****Members Present:**

Honourable Eva Aariak, Honourable James Arreak, Mr. Moses Aupaluktuq, Mr. Tagak Curley, Honourable Monica Ell, Mr. Ron Elliott, Mr. Joe Enook, Honourable Lorne Kusugak, Mr. John Ningark, Mr. Johnny Ningeongan, Mr. Hezakiah Oshutapik, Honourable Keith Peterson, Mr. Allan Rumbolt, Honourable Fred Schell, Honourable Daniel Shewchuk, Mr. Louis Tapardjuk, Honourable Peter Taptuna, Honourable Hunter Tootoo, Ms. Jeannie Ugyuk.

>>*House commenced at 13:31*

Item 1: Opening Prayer

Speaker (Hon. Hunter Tootoo): *Qujannamiik*, Sergeant-at-Arms. Before we proceed, I would like to ask Mr. Curley if he could lead us off with a prayer, please.

>>*Prayer*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. (interpretation ends) Thank you. I welcome all members and the public back to our Chambers here today.

Before we proceed with the orders of the day, I would like to read the following communication from the Commissioner of Nunavut:

Money Message

Mr. Speaker, I wish to advise that I recommend to the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut the passage of the following bills during the Third Session of the Third Legislative Assembly:

Bill 41, *Appropriation (Capital) Act, 2013-2014*;

Bill 42, *Supplementary Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, No. 2, 2012-2013*; and

Bill 43, *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 3, 2012-2013*.

Signed by the Commissioner of Nunavut, Hon. Edna Elias.

We will move on in our orders of the day. Item 2. Ministers' Statements. Minister of Finance, Minister Peterson.

Item 2: Ministers' Statements**Minister's Statement 176 – 3(3): 2013-14 Fiscal Update**

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon to all Nunavummiut and colleagues. It's good to be back here in the fall.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to provide Nunavummiut with a fiscal update and to introduce the 2013-14 capital estimates and the five-year capital plan.

Mr. Speaker, our interim financial report was delivered to me on September 24 and later this session, I will table the report. Using the information contained in the interim report, our deficit will be about \$5.6 million, significantly less than the \$50 million deficit originally budgeted.

Prudent expenditure plans in our departments resulted in savings of about \$40 million. As of today, our surplus for 2012-13 is tracking at about \$50 million,

about \$12 million higher than our original projection.

>>*Applause*

This projection includes the items contained in the 2012-13 supplementary appropriations for O&M and capital that we will be debating this session, along with a \$50 million contingency.

Mr. Speaker, we are on track to return to balance this fiscal year. We have focused on addressing the pent up demand for capital funds in our plans for 2013-14 as opposed to introducing new capital initiatives. Moving forward, we will continue to deliver capital funding around \$110 million per year, not including the P3 airport project. Ongoing projects will receive \$112.4 million in funding. Small capital initiatives will receive \$23.4 million. New capital initiatives will receive \$17.1 million. Mr. Speaker, our total capital plan for 2013-14 will come in at \$152.9 million. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Peterson. Item 2. Ministers' Statements. Minister of Education, Minister Aariak.

**Minister's Statement 177 – 3(3):
Circumpolar Conference on
Education for Indigenous Peoples**

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to welcome you all.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to announce the Circumpolar Conference on Education for Indigenous People will be taking

place in Iqaluit from November 26 to 30, 2012. The conference will bring together more than 100 educators, researchers, aboriginal organization representatives, ministers, and decision-makers from seven countries, three Canadian territories and six provinces.

Mr. Speaker, in partnership with the Government of Greenland, our main goal is to combine the knowledge of our circumpolar neighbours, to share best practices, and to learn about current challenges and issues in order to determine education priorities.

The conference will focus on three main topics: family and community school engagement, early childhood education, and the delivery of quality education programs in all communities, including remote and small schools.

Mr. Speaker, this conference is a tremendous opportunity to share best practices, develop our knowledge, and build new relationships. Our partnerships within the circumpolar world have proven to be long-lasting and solid, and we share a common passion for finding solutions and successful outcomes in education.

I am very excited about the connections that we will make over the course of this conference and the long-term developments that will follow. I look forward to updating my fellow members on our progress in this area and our collaborations with circumpolar partners. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Aariak. Item 2. Ministers' Statements. Minister

responsible for Community and Government Services, Minister Kusugak.

**Minister's Statement 178 – 3(3):
Wastewater Research and
Capacity Building**

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Good day and thank you, Mr. Speaker. I say “good day” to Nunavummiut.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I rise today to inform my colleagues and Nunavummiut about the wastewater research and capacity building initiatives the Department of Community and Government Services is currently involved in.

In 2009, the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME) introduced the Municipal Wastewater Effluent Strategy. The strategy outlined minimum standards of effluent quality that need to be achieved by all wastewater systems. However, it is recognized by CCME that there was insufficient understanding of wastewater treatment in the north. Therefore, a five-year research window was provided in order to collect baseline information and help determine factors that influence northern wastewater treatment.

In July 2010, Dalhousie University was contracted by CG&S to undertake wastewater research in Nunavut. The mandate of this research study is ultimately to provide a better understanding of wastewater treatment and allow development of appropriate standards for wastewater regulation in the north.

Mr. Speaker, recognizing that an opportunity exists within the wastewater initiative to build capacity, CGS, in conjunction with Dalhousie University and Nunavut Arctic College, launched an initiative in 2011 to provide equipment and training for in-territory analyses of wastewater samples. This initiative has resulted in the development of a fully functional wastewater laboratory, with new equipment purchased by Dalhousie University. Upon completion of the wastewater study, the equipment will be donated to Nunavut Arctic College and will remain available for continued use in Nunavut.

In addition to providing the equipment, Dalhousie University has also agreed to provide annual training and lectures to students enrolled in the Environmental Technology Program as well as Nunavut Arctic College staff. This collaboration is giving students an opportunity to learn relevant laboratory skills from university professors and researchers, which will hopefully create a knowledge base in Nunavut to allow the creation of Nunavut’s first accredited lab.

Mr. Speaker, this will allow compliance monitoring to be done within the territory, reducing shipping delays that presently limit the ability for sample analyses within regulated hold times. This will also strengthen local capacity and provide Nunavut students opportunities for education and employment in technical sciences.

Science and water issues are becoming increasingly more important in Nunavut and worldwide. Conducting youth workshops, developing new laboratory space and equipment, and training future technologists on water analysis will help

Nunavut better prepare for the environmental challenges ahead. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Item 2. Ministers' Statements. Minister responsible for the Status of Women, Minister Ell.

**Minister's Statement 179 – 3(3):
International Day of the Girl**

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In December of 2011, the United Nations General Assembly officially adopted International Day of the Girl. This year, October 11, 2012 officially marked the first ever International Day of the Girl.

(interpretation ends) The Government of Canada has led the international community in establishing this day in order to champion girls' rights around the world. This year, Canada celebrated girls as significant agents of change and focused on ways to empower them to reach their full potential.

Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today as the Minister responsible for the Status of Women to celebrate the inauguration of the International Day of the Girl and to urge all Nunavummiut to continue to promote equal opportunity for all girls and young women in our territory. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Ell. Item 2. Ministers' Statements. Minister responsible for Culture and Heritage, Minister Arreak.

**Minister's Statement 180 – 3(3):
Approval of Official Geographic
Names – Cambridge Bay Area**

Hon. James Arreak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A very good afternoon to the people of Nunavut, Qikiqtarjuaq, and Clyde River.

Mr. Speaker, the Department of Culture and Heritage recognizes the strong relationship between Inuit and the land, and the importance of traditional place names to the language, culture, and history of Nunavut.

Through the department's Nunavut Toponymy Program, names are submitted to the Government of Nunavut for consideration as official names. It is my pleasure to announce the approval of 299 new official Inuinnaqtun place names in the Cambridge Bay area. The names were submitted by the Kitikmeot Heritage Society, which has been active in place name initiatives for many years and has received support through Culture and Heritage grants and contributions program. Two hundred and thirty-four of the approved names are new official names and 65 are official name changes.

Mr. Speaker, because of the importance of traditional names for geographic features to Inuit culture and heritage, the Department of Culture and Heritage will continue its efforts to support, through official recognition, the preservation and use of these names. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Arreak. Item 2. Ministers' Statements. Minister

responsible for Health and Social Services, Minister Peterson.

Minister's Statement 181 – 3(3): Patient Relations

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to inform members that the Department of Health and Social Services is revising our current patient/client complaints process. We have heard from Members of this Assembly and acknowledge that the patient relations process must better reflect the needs of Nunavummiut. Mr. Speaker, we are looking at ways to remap the current process and implement a standard procedure based on best practices.

We want to create an environment where Nunavummiut can be guided through a complaint process, share ideas on services they received, understand when a concern warrants an official complaint, or simply how a patient can officially express gratitude for health care they received. A standardized process serves as a key component in identifying gaps in the experience of care and managing patient expectations. Tracking the quality of our client experience also assists us in identifying opportunities for improvement.

Mr. Speaker, we know patient relations are all-encompassing, and we see this role as more than a territorial coordinator dealing with only complaints. Health and Social Services is committed to providing members with more information as we move along. Our target completion date is December, with a comprehensive communication campaign rollout early in the new year. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Peterson. Item 2. Ministers' Statements. Item 3. Members' Statements. Member for Rankin Inlet North, Mr. Curley.

Item 3: Members' Statements

Member's Statement 286 – 3(3): 2012 Franklin Expedition

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon to all Nunavutmiut, especially the people of Rankin Inlet, while they are watching the proceedings.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my strong opposition to the federal government's project to undertake a new search for the remains of the Franklin Expedition vessels that were lost about 150 years ago. Mr. Speaker, in August of this year, this past summer, the Prime Minister announced that Parks Canada would be leading a new search for the remains of HMS Erebus and HMS Terror.

The Prime Minister's announcement indicated that the expedition would cost approximately \$275,000. Mr. Speaker, although I have a passion for arctic history, I believe that this expedition is simply wrong for the people of Nunavut. Mr. Speaker, at a time when the federal government is cutting funds for numerous organizations and programs that benefit Canadians, I can think of 275,000 better uses for this funding and not look for lost ships.

Franklin was a foreigner. We should just keep him buried at that. Mr. Speaker, the events of 1845-46 are a part of our

national history. However, I believe that we should demonstrate respect and allow the remains of the expedition, wherever they may be, to rest in peace and lie undisturbed. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Curley. Item 3. Members' Statements. Member for Amittuq, Mr. Tapardjuk.

**Member's Statement 287 – 3(3):
Congratulations to Igloolik High
School Graduates**

Mr. Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also would like to send greetings to my constituents in Igloolik and Hall Beach. I say “good afternoon” to them.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate my colleagues who work very hard to make sure that education is very important and that the students graduate.

There were 19 students who graduated in Igloolik. I would like to congratulate the students, who will be role models to other students. The students are:

Linda Sheena Airut,
Rita Alaralak,
Roland Alorut,
Sippora Amarualik,
Amber Angutautok,
Chantal Arnatsiaq,
Mike-James Attagatalukutuk,
Trevor Evaluarjuk,
Maata Irgittuq,
Candie Issigaitok,
Tye Haulli Awa,
Dennis Kangok,
Louisa Kipsigak,
James Kripanik,

Jakob Kublu,
Samantha Mikki,
Jeffery Qanatsiaq, and
Isiah Patterk.

These students graduated and they celebrated their graduation last week. I'm sure that they will benefit the workforce. I urge them to stay in school and continue their education, even though they graduated. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Tapardjuk. I, too, wish them the best of luck in their future endeavours, whatever it may be.

Item 3. Members' Statements. Member for Quttiktuq, Mr. Elliott.

**Member's Statement 288 – 3(3): Food
Security**

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to address the issue of food security.

Mr. Speaker, as you will recall, it was a year ago this week that officials from the federal Department of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development and the Nutrition North Canada Advisory Board appeared in this Chamber on the occasion of the historic public meeting held by the Full Caucus to discuss the Nutrition North Canada Program.

Mr. Speaker, over the past year, awareness of the importance of food security has increased significantly, and I pay tribute to the many ordinary Nunavummiut who have made their concerns and views known on this issue.

Mr. Speaker, as you are aware, the Nutrition North Canada Program's revised food list came into effect on the first day of this month. Over the coming months, it will be critical that all stakeholders work closely together to evaluate the impact of the revised list on our constituents.

It is also essential that efforts are made to examine the extent to which retailers were able to successfully use the transitional period that was in effect between April 2011 and October 2012 to make improvements to their annual sealift ordering practices so that adequate supplies of non-subsidized products, such as essential non-food items, are available in our communities.

Mr. Speaker, earlier this year, I tabled copies of the correspondence that I exchanged with the Department of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development concerning last October's appearance before this Assembly.

I will continue to push for the greatest possible transparency with respect to the administration of this program and I again call on the federal government to publicly release the Nutrition North Canada Advisory Board's annual reports so that we in the north can be assured that the board's important work is being listened to in Ottawa.

Mr. Speaker, the federal government has recently released some important dollar figures for the first full fiscal year of activities under the Nutrition North Canada Program. These figures indicate that the Department of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development provided a total of \$54,155,221 to

subsidize the transportation of food during the 2011-12 fiscal year.

Mr. Speaker, every dollar that is invested to make nutritious, perishable food more affordable for our constituents is a dollar well spent.

Mr. Speaker, at this time, I would like to request unanimous consent to complete my Member's Statement today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott. The member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statement. Are there any nays? There being none. Please proceed, Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I guess that's why I find it saddening to note that the most recent set of federal public accounts reveals that the same federal department spends approximately \$112 million per year on general departmental legal services. In other words, for every dollar that the department spends to subsidize the transportation of food to the north, it spends two dollars on lawyers' fees and related costs.

I hope that we will see the next federal budget invest more resources into programs and initiatives that benefit ordinary northerners.

Mr. Speaker, I will continue to be a strong advocate for food security. Earlier this year, I worked closely with other northern legislators to jointly lobby the federal government for improvements to the program. I was very pleased to see that our Minister of Health and Social Services joined with his provincial and

territorial counterparts last month to work together on this issue.

Mr. Speaker, as I noted during our recent spring sitting, the issues of food security, poverty reduction, economic development, and education are closely linked. I look forward to continuing to push these issues. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Item 3. Members' Statements. Member for Nanulik, Mr. Ningeongan.

Member's Statement 289 – 3(3): Changing Approaches to Learning

Mr. Ningeongan: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to once again urge the government to take a good hard look at how our education system is preparing our youth for the future.

Mr. Speaker, as you know, I have expressed grave concerns that our grade 12 graduates are not always graduating with the academic skills that they need to continue following their dreams. I have expressed the doubt that Nunavut's grade 12 graduates have the same qualifications as grade 12 graduates in other jurisdictions.

Mr. Speaker, as I have focused more on this issue, I have realized that over the years, there has been a fundamental shift in the approach to teaching and learning. The root of the problem may not be in what our graduates end up with but in what our students are given to start with.

Mr. Speaker, at one time, schooling was said to focus on the three Rs: the R in

reading, the R in writing, and the R in arithmetic. The approach was somewhat rigid. Students learned the rules of spelling and grammar, applied the system of phonics to sound out new words, studied times tables by memory and rote, and repeatedly practised mathematical operations to solve equations. Yes, it was a rigid way of learning, but by the end of their schooling, most students who completed their K-12 could read, write, and do basic math. These basic skills created a foundation from which they could tackle many options in further education, training, or employment.

Mr. Speaker, approaches to learning have undergone an enormous shift in recent years. The curriculum, the means of assessing and evaluating the progress of our students, and even the objectives that we expect them to achieve have all been reformed to such an extent that it seems that we have lost sight of the need for basic skill sets.

Mr. Speaker, some of Nunavut's current grade 12 graduates struggle with basic spelling and writing tasks. Some of our graduates lack the basic skills in math and how to apply those principles to real-life situations.

At this time, Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to conclude my Member's Statement.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. The member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statement. Are there any nays? There being none. Please proceed, Mr. Ningeongan.

Mr. Ningeongan: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, members.

I do appreciate that the new approaches to learning attempt to allow young minds to work towards outcomes without being confined within rigid frameworks. However, somehow it seems we have lost the balance between reaching for the goals ahead while ensuring that we have a solid foundation beneath our feet.

Mr. Speaker, Nunavut's education system is once again in the middle of a reform. We finally have the opportunity to develop our own system using northern knowledge and examples. We are finally moving out from under the wing of the Alberta system in creating our own Nunavut curriculum.

Mr. Speaker, I urge the government to take this opportunity to truly evaluate what our young students need to survive and flourish in the future and to approach learning in a way that gives our youth a good balance of basic skills, as well as the thinking and analytical skills they will need to thrive in the northern environment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. Item 3. Members' Statements. Member for Rankin Inlet South and Whale Cove, Mr. Kusugak.

**Member's Statement 290 – 3(3):
Kivalliq Inuit Games in Whale
Cove**

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I say "good day" to the residents of Rankin Inlet and Whale Cove. Ipkornerk, I believe, is closely following the proceedings and I would like to say "good day."

I just came from Whale Cove last week where there were Inuit games being played. There were quite a few participants and it was quite a celebratory event. A lot of people enjoyed the events and all of the participants were billeted in the homes. I believe we can learn something from that. Even though a community may be small and have limited accommodations, it seems a lot of people open up their homes so you can visit them for larger meetings.

I am very proud of the people who participated. There were people who unfortunately who couldn't arrive from Coral Harbour and Repulse Bay. Even though that was the case, many elders and youth were competing. In the spirit of Inuit games, if their competitor kept missing, then they would encourage their competitor.

While we were there, we also recognized, based on the Diamond Jubilee recognition of people who have assisted Canada, Sam Arualak, an elder from Whale Cove, who has been on various boards in trying to provide assistance for his fellow citizens of Whale Cove, who also provides advice to youth in his community, and who fights for the preservation of the Inuit culture and their dialect in Whale Cove. He's a very important elder for the community. He was recognized during this event. So I would like to share our pride and let us be proud of Sam Arualak of Whale Cove. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Kusugak. Item 3. Members' Statements. Member for Arviat, Mr. Shewchuk.

**Member's Statement 291 – 3(3):
Arviat Nanisiniq Project**

Hon. Daniel Shewchuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, I would like to say “hello” to all of my constituents in Arviat.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge an incredible young man from my home community of Arviat. Curtis Konek is a young Inuk researcher working on the Nanisiniq Arviat History Project, a joint undertaking of the Sivulimiut Elders Society of Arviat and the School of Social Work, University of British Columbia. Frank Tester of UBC is the principal investigator on this project funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. Curtis has worked alongside Jordan Konek and Amy Owingayak in this very important project.

As a young researcher, Curtis brought to this project a desire to rediscover Inuit history and culture, recognizing the importance of both to his identity as an Inuk, and to a sense of pride, purpose, and belonging. Curtis is also a member of the Arctic Rangers.

Like many Inuit youth, Curtis has had to deal with and overcome problems and circumstances that can largely be explained by history involving, in many cases, catastrophic social and personal change. Inuit, in the last 10- to 15-year period, from 1955 to 1970, made the transition from land-based hunting camps to settlement living and everything that accompanied it.

The disruption in family relations, the impact on sense of purpose, social roles, norms, and cultural practices is hard to imagine. The effects have been transmitted from one generation to another and are relevant to understanding phenomenally higher rates of young Inuit suicides as a tragic reality for the current generation of Inuit youth and problems with substance abuse, domestic violence, and effects of poverty, of living in a world that promises much but which provides limited means for getting there.

By participating in the Nanisiniq project, he has had a chance not only to rediscover Inuit culture as a source of personal strength and pride, but to relate this knowledge to dealing with the contemporary issues of central importance to Inuit well-being.

Mr. Speaker, at this time, I would like to ask for unanimous consent to continue my statement, please.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Shewchuk. The member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statement. Are there any nays? There being none. Please proceed, Mr. Shewchuk.

Hon. Daniel Shewchuk: Curtis has listened to and filmed his elders. He has recorded their stories of going, sometimes in a matter of weeks, from tents and igloos on the land to working above and underground in the Rankin Inlet nickel mine that operated on the west coast of Hudson Bay from 1957 to 1962. He has filmed his elder, Peter Irniq, talking about the merits of traditional caribou skin clothing. He has listened intently to elders talking about climate change and, along with other

youth in the Nanisiniq team, taken their message to South Africa and the United Nations at the COP17 conference on climate change.

But more importantly, Curtis has developed himself. From a young man unsure of himself, his identity and ideas, having difficulty speaking to even a small group of his peers, Curtis has developed personal strengths and abilities that have enabled him to become an advocate for being Inuk, being proud of his culture, the history and struggles of his elders, and recognizing the strength and wisdom of a hunting culture that has much to offer the modern world as it grapples with problems that threaten human survival on the planet.

In Durban South Africa, Curtis shared his insights at press conferences attended by reporters and others from all over the world. He spoke with confidence, pride, and, with the knowledge gained through his participation in the Nanisiniq project, shared the experience with disabled residents of Lesotho and rallied with them in drawing attention to the ravages of HIV and AIDS in South Africa. Curtis' commitment is to helping other Inuit youth take pride in who they are, their history, culture, and what they have to offer to the world. Cutis' journey has been one of discovery in the interest of developing himself and his service to others.

Mr. Speaker, I again rise and am very pleased to honour, to recognize and congratulate a grade 12 student of John Arnalukjuaq School, a Nanisiniq Arviat History Project member, and a Canadian Ranger, Master Corporal Curtis Konek

on being named a national role model this year for global dignity in Canada.

Curtis, you have made your family, your teachers, your community, and especially our great territory of Nunavut all very proud of you. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Shewchuk. Item 3. Members' Statements. Member for Baker Lake, Mr. Aupaluktuq.

Member's Statement 292 – 3(3): In Support of Language Rights

Mr. Aupaluktuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I say "good day" to the people of Baker Lake and Nunavut. On behalf of the people of Baker Lake, I want to extend sharing in celebration of a wedding today in our family of Sasha Aupaluktuq-Hickes and Larren Nakoolak. Our thoughts are with you and I regret I am unable to attend.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address an issue which has been raised in my community of Baker Lake but which is an important one across Nunavut: the need to better support language rights at the community level.

Mr. Speaker, as we all know, the outstanding work of interpreters and translators across Nunavut ensures that Nunavummiut can hear and receive information in their own language. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our own interpreters in this House who make it possible for the words of the legislature to be shared in Inuktitut and English.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, in order for language rights to continue to be supported and protected in this way, it is critical that our government provide learning opportunities and training for individuals to enter the field of interpreting and translating.

I am confident that we have all heard the excuse, at one time or another, that an important document or report is not yet available because it has not yet been translated. We need to build our capacity in this area.

Mr. Speaker, every community has a community learning centre where courses are delivered to improve the educational status and employment opportunities of community residents. Wherever possible, efforts should be made so that residents do not have to travel and live outside of their community for education and training.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to call upon the Minister responsible for Nunavut Arctic College to give some consideration to providing Inuit language interpreting courses at Nunavut Arctic College's Community Learning Centre in Baker Lake.

Mr. Speaker, at this time, I seek unanimous consent from the House to continue my Member's Statement. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Aupaluktuq. The member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statement. Are there any nays? There being none. Please proceed, Mr. Aupaluktuq.

Mr. Aupaluktuq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank my colleagues as well.

Mr. Speaker, our language legislation mandates that Nunavummiut's language rights be respected at all levels of the public service. It is up to our government to provide the means and supports which will enable us to meet those requirements now and for the generations of Nunavummiut who will come after us. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Aupaluktuq. Item 3. Members' Statements. Member for Akulliq, Mr. Ningark.

**Member's Statement 293 – 3(3):
Firearm Safety in Nunavut
Communities**

Mr. Ningark: Thank you kindly, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to speak about the important issue of firearm safety in our communities.

Mr. Speaker, as a lifelong hunter, I am very aware of the importance of the safe storage and handling of firearms across the territory. Last month, the Government of Nunavut announced that it will be working with the RCMP, or the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, to conduct a door-to-door firearms safety awareness campaign across Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, I was pleased to note that local conservation officers will be partnering with the RCMP to visit homes. However, Mr. Speaker, I encourage the government to work closely with local hunters and trappers organizations on this campaign.

Mr. Speaker, it has been reported that the Maliiganik Tukisiiniakvik legal aid clinic had been providing information to

the public concerning this campaign. Members of the public should be aware that the purpose of this campaign is to provide information to the public, not to allow for random searches of private homes. I would like to underline that.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that it is important that households in Nunavut have a good understanding of their legal rights and that all stakeholders work together to ensure that this important firearms safety campaign is a success. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ningark. Item 3. Members' Statements. Member for Uqqummiut, Mr. Arreak.

**Member's Statement 294 – 3(3):
Happy Birthday to Peter
Iqalugjuaq**

Hon. James Arreak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to commemorate birthdays of people in my constituency, starting with our community. I wish all of you to have a wonderful birthday, starting with Peter Iqalukjuak, his wife, Annie, as well as their son, Raymond.

Mr. Peter Iqalukjuak is quite active in our community, offering video shows as well as audio feeds via the Internet. He uses this medium to inform his fellow citizens and to welcome visiting dignitaries attending meetings in Clyde River. He provides an essential service to our community.

Additionally, his wife, Annie, serves on the women's auxiliary board and has

served on women's group boards in Nunavut.

Their son is also celebrating a birthday today, so I also send a very happy birthday wish to him and to emulate his parents, who serve their fellow community members. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Arreak. Item 3. Members' Statements. Member for Nattilik, Ms. Ugyuk.

**Member's Statement 295 – 3(3):
Government Contracts**

Ms. Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish a good day to the residents of the Kitikmeot and people from Nattilik. I am also thankful that most of the MLAs are attending this session and I am grateful for the fact that my fellow Kitikmeot MLAs are also at this session.

Mr. Speaker, this spring, I also brought up the issue of the lack of garage space for the fuel trucks in our community. The government awards contracts in the communities with a contract to govern their agreement for services. As the government, they have a lot of power, and as residents, we often note this power since communities don't want to move backwards.

We don't want to be embarrassed by the level of service provided by contractors in our community. I have submitted a picture of the supposed garage and if you can recall having seen it, it is rather embarrassing. I will be directing questions to the Minister of CG&S at the

appropriate time, but I wanted him to note that I will be asking questions.

When the government awards contracts in the communities, they should be awarding them to businesses that can advance these services and not to drag a community's level of services down. It is embarrassing to see the service start all over again, especially in economic development activities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Ms. Ugyuk. Members will note that she pointed out that we do have a full House here today.

Item 3. Members' Statements. Moving on in our orders of the day. Item 4. Returns to Oral Questions. Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery.

I would like to recognize the individuals who are here in the Gallery, some are strangers and some are not. It's nice to have people joining us in the Gallery to pay attention to our proceedings.

Item 6. Oral Questions. Member for Hudson Bay, Mr. Rumbolt.

Item 6: Oral Questions

Question 405 – 3(3): Northern Employee Benefits Services Pension Plan

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon to the people of Sanikiluaq. Mr. Speaker, my questions are for the Minister of Community and Government Services.

As the minister will recall, the Legislative Assembly passed Bill 12, the *Northern Employee Benefits Services*

Pension Plan Protection Act, in December of 2009. At that time, the minister informed the Legislative Assembly that he would be, and I quote, "prepared to take further steps and introduce draft legislation in the next session of this legislature that will regulate the overall operation of the NEBS Pension Plan.

...I also see this draft legislation having provisions that would make participation in the NEBS Pension Plan mandatory for municipal employees in Nunavut..."

Mr. Speaker, that was three years ago. When will the minister be introducing new legislation on the NEBS Pension Plan? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Rumbolt. Minister responsible for Community and Government Services, Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for bringing up that question and for the notice. Mr. Speaker, in previous discussions and previous sessions, I pointed out that we had hoped that it was going to be just as simple as bringing it up at the time when we said we would. We have since found out that things like this just aren't that simple.

We are in the middle of working with the Government of the Northwest Territories. We actually have an MOU accompanying a work plan to deal with the matter. I assure my colleague that we will be bringing something up in the winter session. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Your first supplementary, Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for his response. As the minister just stated and yesterday, the Northwest Territories Minister of Finance tabled a memorandum of understanding between the GN and the Government of the Northwest Territories concerning legislation and regulation of the Northern Employees Benefits Services Pension Plan. Will the Minister of Community and Government Services commit to also tabling this information in our Legislative Assembly during the current sitting? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Rumbolt. Minister of Community and Government Services, Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will commit to tabling it as soon as I can table it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Your second supplementary, Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Earlier this month, the Nunavut Association of Municipal Administrators met here in Iqaluit. This important organization brings together senior administrative officers from across the territory. Can the minister update the House on what information his department provided to the Nunavut Association of [Municipal Administrators] concerning the NEBS pension plan? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Rumbolt. Minister of Community and Government Services, Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have been quite busy this month. I will get briefed eventually on what our department did present to the Nunavut Association of Municipal Administrators. When I have that information, I would be more than happy to share it with my colleague from Sanikiluaq. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Oral Questions. Member for Amittuq, Mr. Tapardjuk.

Question 406 – 3(3): Policing Services in Nunavut

Mr. Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions are for the Minister of Justice.

In recent years, the Department of Justice and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police have developed an annual shared directional statement concerning policing priorities in Nunavut for the RCMP's "V" Division. The 2010-11 shared directional statement was tabled in the Legislative Assembly in March of 2011. As the minister is aware, I have encouraged him to table a copy of the current shared directional statement in the Legislative Assembly. Can the minister tell me when he will do this? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Tapardjuk. Minister responsible for the Department of Justice, Minister Shewchuk.

Hon. Daniel Shewchuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank Mr. Tapardjuk for the question and his very important point about policing in communities and working together with communities to ensure their safe and

sound policing. With regard to his question about the tabling of the shared statement that he's talking about, I will be checking with my department and will table that document as soon as I can. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Shewchuk. Your first supplementary, Mr. Tapardjuk.

Mr. Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It seems quite obvious that the members will want to see a copy of the tabled document, especially as this issue is being raised throughout Nunavut relating to policing.

The minister recently met in Whitehorse with his counterparts from the Northwest Territories and Yukon to discuss northern policing issues. The official news release from this meeting indicated that one of the initiatives that ministers learned about was the new Yukon Police Council, which is a body that provides a forum for ordinary residents to, and I quote, "provide input into policing priorities" in that territory. I think that this is an idea worth looking at in Nunavut. What is the minister's position on this issue? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Tapardjuk. Minister responsible for the Department of Justice, Minister Shewchuk.

Hon. Daniel Shewchuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Mr. Tapardjuk. Very good and interesting comments. The member is absolutely correct. Recently, we did meet in Whitehorse, Yukon as northern ministers and northern police services. I think the main message coming out of both the meeting and the conference is what is unique

about the north is that we need to have more community involvement in policing.

Also what goes with that under our new contract we have with the RCMP in Nunavut is to ensure that there are community plans and the policing priorities that are set in communities involve the hamlet, the mayors, and the councils that are involved. So that is happening by the officers in charge in those communities and it will be part of their assessments to ensure that these plans are being put together with the community.

Mr. Tapardjuk brings up a very good point. In the police council that was established in the Yukon under circumstances that have taken place there and events, there needed to be an independent outside voice and communication with police and the Department of Justice in the Yukon. It's a very unique model. It has worked extremely well and yes, we would consider looking at establishing a body like that in Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Shewchuk. Your second supplementary, Mr. Tapardjuk.

Mr. Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank the minister for that response. We will be expecting an initiative of this type and I imagine that a lot of members will want to hear about any developments.

As the House is aware, there have recently been a number of tragic incidents in Igloolik involving shooting deaths. The minister has advised me that

work has been underway to formalize a memorandum of understanding with the Ottawa Police Service to allow for an “ongoing process for the independent investigation of this type of incident.” The minister did identify these issues to me personally as an MLA, but I’m wondering if the minister can indicate if this MOU has been finalized. Will he commit to tabling a copy of it in the Legislative Assembly? Unfortunately, the residents of our community still have many concerns about this issue. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Tapardjuk. Minister responsible for the Department of Justice, Minister Shewchuk.

Hon. Daniel Shewchuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member again for his question. First and foremost, my thoughts and condolences go out to the families in Igloolik who are affected by the tragic events that have taken place.

In both cases the member is referring to, the Ottawa Police Service was involved in the investigations. Yes, there is currently an MOU being reviewed and negotiated between the RCMP, the Government of Nunavut, and the Ottawa Police Service to use our services when needed when tragic events like this happen. That MOU has not been signed yet, but as soon as it is signed, I will commit to tabling it in the House and ensure that the members are aware of it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Shewchuk. Your final supplementary, Mr. Tapardjuk.

Mr. Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister

for that and we will now expect these details later on. As I indicated earlier, the minister recently attended a symposium on policing in northern and remote Canada. Can the minister advise the House what new initiatives his department will pursue with respect to policing services in Nunavut? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Tapardjuk. Minister responsible for the Department of Justice, Minister Shewchuk.

Hon. Daniel Shewchuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes and I will do that. I think, in the interest of time and information, so that I don’t miss anything out, that I can put down on paper what we discussed at those meetings that happened in the Yukon and I can provide that to every Member of the House so that they have a clear understanding of what we talked about.

There are some very unique initiatives that we talked about and that is involving the community more in policing than ever before, establishing priorities for each individual community, because they differ from one to another. There was discussion on our court services that are taking place and how to improve those, and lessen our time that we have our cases in court.

So there were all kinds of various initiatives and I think I can give all members an overview of that in a letter on paper. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Shewchuk. Oral Questions. Member for Tununiq, Mr. Enook.

Question 407 – 3(3): Status of Mary River Project

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to say “good afternoon” to the residents of Pond Inlet and my fellow Nunavummiut. My questions are for the Minister of Economic Development and Transportation.

Mr. Speaker, on September 14, 2012, the Nunavut Impact Review Board announced that it had completed its environmental impact review of the Mary River project near my home community of Pond Inlet.

NIRB’s final hearing report indicated that one of the board’s recommendations is that Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation and the Government of Nunavut “enter into discussions to negotiate a Development Partnership Agreement” following the issuance of the project certificate.

Can the minister update me today on whether the government has held any preliminary discussions with Baffinland that may lead to the negotiation of a formal development partnership agreement? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Enook. Minister responsible for Economic Development and Transportation, Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member from Tununiq for that excellent question. Mr. Speaker, we’re expecting a timely response from the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada. To that end, there were a

number of recommendations made by the Nunavut Impact Review Board and one of them was exactly that. At this time, Mr. Speaker, we’re encouraging the proponent to sit down and start preliminary negotiations on a DPA. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Your first supplementary, Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Mr. Minister. NIRB’s final hearing report indicated that a development partnership agreement between Baffinland and the GN could result in a number of benefits, including “organizational infrastructure, physical infrastructure and communications infrastructure.” Can the minister indicate what types of physical infrastructure could result from the successful negotiation of a development partnership agreement? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Enook. Minister of Economic Development and Transportation, Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again a very excellent question. Mr. Speaker, the process hasn’t really started yet with the negotiations, although we’re encouraging the proponents to sit down and start the preliminary negotiations. When we come to this point, we involve the socio-economic monitoring committees of the region to participate and advise us on the proponents that have to be negotiated into the DPA. We involve the community and all the departments of the government.

With that in mind, there is still preliminary work to do on what type of infrastructure and other various things that may be put on the table for negotiations. Once that becomes quite clear, I will keep my colleagues informed of the progress. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Your second supplementary, Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In July of this year, the Government of Nunavut submission to NIRB addressed the issue of regional socio-economic monitoring committees. The GN indicated that “a monitoring framework has been provisionally agreed to by Baffinland, the GN, the Qikiqtani Inuit Association and the federal Department of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development.” It also indicated that a draft terms of reference is pending approval. Can the minister update us today on the status of this work? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Enook. Minister of Economic Development and Transportation, Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again thank you for that very excellent question. Mr. Speaker, we await the decision from the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada. NIRB has submitted 184 recommendations and they’re under review now by the minister’s office and, pending the decision he makes, will come to the determination of the terms of reference and other various recommendations that may come out of his decision. Once that happens, I will ensure that the member

and the House have this information before them. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Your final supplementary, Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The final question I would like to ask the Minister of Economic Development and Transportation is: can he update the House today on the impact that the Mary River project will have on the designation of Pond Inlet as being the hub airport for the High Arctic? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Enook. Minister of Economic Development and Transportation, Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If the project does go ahead, pending the minister’s decision, once that happens, the proponent, that being Baffinland Iron, has to make the determination on whether to start construction as soon as a decision is made and that won’t happen until 2013.

The Nunavut Impact Review Board has taken a lot of our issues and key things that we have participated in during the environmental review and it has made their recommendations very clear. All departments within the government are participating and continue to participate in minimizing the impacts and monitoring the results once the mine starts construction.

Mr. Speaker, there is going to be a huge impact. The mine is going to be looking for 2,800 people for construction. Whenever it’s necessary under the negotiations of the DPA, we will try and

maximize the benefits for the affected communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Oral Questions. Member for Quttiktuq, Mr. Elliott.

Question 408 – 3(3): Update on Federal-Provincial-Territorial Meetings of Ministers of Health

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions are for the Minister of Health and Social Services.

On September 27, 2012, Canada's provincial and territorial ministers of health met in Halifax to discuss issues of concern. I was very pleased to note that the official communiqué from this meeting announced that all of the provincial and territorial ministers of health have joined together to, and I quote, "encourage the federal government to expand the Nutrition North Canada Program to ensure Canadians living in Northern and remote communities can benefit from improved access to healthy foods."

On September 28, 2012, our minister and his provincial and territorial colleagues met with the federal Minister of Health. Can the minister advise the House if he took this opportunity to directly raise the issue of the Nutrition North Canada Program during this meeting? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Minister responsible for the Department of Health and Social Services, Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank Mr. Elliott for that

excellent detective work, tracking my movements in Halifax. It was a very good FPT meeting. I am very encouraged by the support that the northern ministers had from the provinces. We did talk about Nutrition North.

I was able to enlighten my southern colleagues about the "Feeding My Family" Facebook page, which has well over 20,000 "friends." I enlightened them about some of the costs and challenges of getting food into Nunavut, standing in line at the stores and seeing the charges that people who are checking out have to pay.

It was very encouraging. It was very heartening that we received that support. Health ministers recognize that healthy and nutritious food is an important factor in the health of our citizens, especially our younger citizens. We talked about early childhood development and babies getting good sources of food early in their lives.

Mr. Speaker, in my meeting with the minister herself, there were three territorial ministers there and we did not discuss Nutrition North. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Peterson. Your first supplementary, Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the House will recall, I worked with a number of northern Parliamentarians earlier this year to write directly to the federal ministers of Health and Aboriginal Affairs concerning the Nutrition North Canada Program, so I am very pleased that we now have every provincial and territorial government

working together to advocate for improvements to this critical program. Can the Minister of Health and Social Services indicate how the Government of Nunavut will be pursuing this issue over the coming year? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Minister responsible for Health and Social Services, Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I again thank Mr. Elliott for his question. As we all and most Nunavummiut know, Mr. Elliott is a strong advocate for nutrition and inexpensive food into all of our communities in Nunavut. In fact, we had a recent briefing by Mr. Elliott, who continues to lobby. I encourage and support him to do that.

Mr. Speaker, I think there is recognition on this side of the House that we do have to continue to do all we can to assist our citizens. At this time, I can't tell Mr. Elliott specifically what we're doing. I know in my own department, we do have officials working with the communities.

Through some funding from [Health Canada], actually, we are educating Nunavummiut about nutritious foods, recipes, and this is working with the communities themselves. Through the health portfolio funding that the Government of Canada has provided, we have streamlined that process and communities have developed community wellness plans. I believe most communities are using some of their funds to provide breakfast programs in the communities.

We recognize that kids in particular, in the morning, they should have a good meal to help them get through the day at school. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

An Hon. Member: Hear, hear!

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Peterson. Your second supplementary, Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess I'll have to do some more investigative work to try and find out what the GN is doing.

The official communiqué from the September 27, 2012 meeting of provincial and territorial ministers of health also stated that, and I quote, "Ministers discussed how the shift in the federal government's approach on health issues is impacting Canadians. Ministers would like to discuss with Minister Aglukkaq decisions made by the federal government without consultation."

Mr. Speaker, our government was a signatory to this communiqué. Can our minister clarify which specific decisions made by the federal Minister of Health he is unhappy with? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Minister responsible for Health and Social Services, Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank Mr. Elliott for the question. Mr. Speaker, I had a double-whammy last December. I attended an FPT finance ministers' meeting in Victoria and that's when Minister Flaherty presented the funding letters to finance ministers. I happen to also be the

health minister. I got the finance shock and then I got the health shock.

The decision that we were unhappy with was that the Government of Canada didn't seem to want to negotiate the health accord and basically told us, "Here is the funding envelope and you have to work within it." They set some parameters with respect to growth on the Canada Health Transfer.

Those are bigger issues, really, for provincial health ministers because in certain provinces, depending on the demographics, it could affect them more seriously, particularly if you have an aging population and they're close to retirement. A lot of elders and seniors in our country do develop health issues and we have to look after them. That was a big concern for my provincial colleagues. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Peterson. Your final supplementary, Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As our minister is very much aware, the issue of federal support for essential health care infrastructure in Nunavut is a major concern for me and my constituents. Can the minister indicate if he raised this issue when he met with the federal Minister of Health on September 28 of this year? If not, why not? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Minister responsible for Health and Social Services, Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank Mr. Elliott again for the question. Mr. Speaker, I did not raise

that issue with the federal Minister of Health. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Peterson. Oral Questions. Member for Pangnirtung, Mr. Oshutapik.

Question 409 – 3(3): Status of Public Housing Rent Scale Review

Mr. Oshutapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation.

Mr. Speaker, the Members of this House all heard a question I previously raised to the minister as well as the minister's response related to the rent scale that was to be reviewed and adjusted in the near future. I would like to know what the status of this proposed rent scale review is and I would like to be provided a response as to where this initiative is and whether or not the minister is able to provide an update to the Members of this House on this matter. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Oshutapik. Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation, Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for that excellent question. Mr. Speaker, the rent scale review is still ongoing. It's nearing completion and there has been a lot of work put into it. At this time, we still haven't produced it for final revision. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Your first supplementary, Mr. Oshutapik.

Mr. Oshutapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank the minister for his response. Yes, not just in my community, but I imagine in all the communities of Nunavut, they are expecting progress on this matter as most of the public listens to the news and are aware that this review would be undertaken. This rental scale causes problems for people who have employment or who are starting work, especially when they need housing, since it is too expensive to pay current rates.

With respect to this review, part of the response was that it would be completed by the end of the year. My question is: which year-end are you referring to in the response? Is it the end of the calendar year or the end of the fiscal year? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Oshutapik. Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation, Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I have indicated, it does take a lot of work, a lot of departments and organizations out there to help us review the rent scale. I am hoping, at this time, for possible tabling in our spring session. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Your second supplementary, Mr. Oshutapik.

Mr. Oshutapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Can the minister indicate to the House which communities have been consulted or requested to provide assistance about these proposed changes? What exactly requires changes or, alternatively, what does your department have to undertake

to ensure that they make changes that can be applied to all of the communities in Nunavut? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Oshutapik. Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation, Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Throughout the review of the rent scale, we have contacted all the local housing organizations, Income Support, Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated, and other government departments, including two housing forums and a Nunavut round table through the poverty reduction file that we have been working on. At this time, I'm hoping that we would be able to produce something for the spring session. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Your final supplementary, Mr. Oshutapik.

Mr. Oshutapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank the minister for his responses. My final question is on the issue of rent scale and adjustment. Are we going to be increasing the prices or are you setting up a scale that is going to be incremental following your salary? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Oshutapik. Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation, Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. During the start of this rental scale review, we had indicated that we want to encourage more employment and more incentives for tenants of the public units to go out there and become

employed. We didn't want to create any disincentives. We wanted people going out there and actually looking for work and bring home a real salary that can help themselves, their families, and their communities. That was the purpose of the rent scale review that we had started in the early days there.

Having said that, the rent scale review intends to make sure that it's adjustable and fair to all the clients of the public units. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Oral Questions. Member for Rankin Inlet North, Mr. Curley.

Question 410 – 3(3): 2012 Franklin Expedition

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions are going to refer to the earlier Member's Statement I made. My questions are for the Minister of Culture and Heritage.

As I noted in my Member's Statement, I am disappointed and disturbed that the Government of Nunavut is cooperating with the new federal search for the remains of the lost Franklin Expedition. Can the minister justify why the Government of Nunavut is cooperating with this ill-conceived, expensive, and unnecessary scheme? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister responsible for the Department of Culture and Heritage, Minister Arreak.

Hon. James Arreak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank Mr. Curley for his question. The

Nunavut government is a partner in this summer's search project when they undertook this work. Furthermore, the research team has identified that they wish to conduct this search of the lost Franklin Expedition for another two years.

This project has benefits that we feel can assist with Nunavut's Heritage Division. The research team compiles a report on what they find and these reports can provide the Nunavut territory with further benefits. Additionally, the world knows about this centuries-long lost Franklin Expedition. Many parties have tried to compile the artefacts that they then try to sell to tourists afterwards.

With this project, we are advancing the Nunavut territory exposure and the reports are read by a worldwide audience as it is a matter of interest. Once the project has been completed or if they find the actual remains they are searching for or if they are no longer conducting a search, the government has identified a long-term plan, together with the local residents, to look at making the island a territorial park. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Arreak. Your first supplementary, Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The federal announcement in August of this year indicated that a memorandum of understanding with the Government of Nunavut would be signed concerning this expedition. In the interest of transparency, will the minister commit to tabling this MOU in the Legislative Assembly prior to the end of our fall sitting? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister responsible for Culture and Heritage, Minister Arreak.

Hon. James Arreak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The memorandum of understanding was signed because that area is part of our territory of Nunavut. That is the reason why the agreement was signed.

The federal government has identified a large pot of funds towards this goal. These three parties are collaborating together: the federal government, Parks Canada, and the Nunavut government. The Nunavut government is not going to expend a huge amount of funding for this because they will mostly be paying for the heritage coordinator's airfare, accommodation, and per diems. That's the only thing that we agreed to and we don't intend to spend a lot of money on this issue.

With respect to the member's request for this information, I doubt that we can provide that at this time and I don't know when this would become available. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Arreak. Your second supplementary, Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The minister will have to respond because what the government is doing today is for the benefit of the people of Nunavut, and we're talking about monies from this level of the government and from the federal government.

As I noted in my Member's Statement, the search has been estimated to cost approximately \$275,000. How much has

the Government of Nunavut spent to date on this scheme? Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister responsible for Culture and Heritage, Minister Arreak.

Hon. James Arreak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In Nunavut, we have a budget for each department that outlines their funding for each year. The funds towards this project come from the operational funds and they are identified for each year, without the need for supplementary appropriations. To date, we have spent approximately \$25,000. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Arreak. Your final supplementary, Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For your information, Mr. Minister, we do support this initiative, but the Nunavut government has been directed. For example, if they want to do an expedition here, it could be funded by private companies. I have clearly explained why this search is unnecessary. Will the minister commit to withdrawing the GN's support for this scheme starting today? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister responsible for the Department of Culture and Heritage, Minister Arreak.

Hon. James Arreak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will not agree to the member's request to withdraw from this project. We have to preserve the heritage artefacts in Nunavut, especially the archaeological sites of our ancestors. Additionally, here in Nunavut,

historical materials have been left behind on our lands and many of them are part of our legacy. If this was managed as a free-for-all, then we would lose all of these items. Nunavut would never see these items again if it were set up this way.

We have a dedicated heritage employee who monitors and takes part in these projects. For archaeological project requests or any projects involving the land, such as old sod hut sites and the like, we can review these sites and either approve or deny them.

This project that the member wishes our government to withdraw from is something that I cannot approve as the minister at this time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Arreak. Oral Questions. Member for Akulliq, Mr. Ningark.

Question 411 – 3(3): Firearms Safety in Nunavut Communities

Mr. Ningark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was speaking earlier about firearms and safety. Of course, I properly store my firearms because safety is a priority. We have to protect the people of Nunavut at our homes and also in our communities.

The hunters and trappers organizations in our communities have to be involved in the important issue of firearms safety. The people of Nunavut are waiting, who are afraid of when uniformed RCMP and conservation officers are going to be entering their houses.

I could direct this question to the Minister of Environment or the Minister of Justice. I think it would be more appropriate if I direct my question to the Premier. I would like to ask the Premier if the HTOs could take part in the issue of firearms safety and if the people are going to be kept properly informed during that week. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ningark. Madam Premier.

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank the member for asking that question because it is of concern to all the communities and it's also a very important issue. This issue has been under the Minister of Justice and I think it would be more appropriate if he should respond to that question. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Madam Premier. Minister responsible for the Department of Justice, Minister Shewchuk.

Hon. Daniel Shewchuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would very much like to thank the member for raising the concern about firearms safety. As all members are aware, it has been talked about in the media recently to quite some extent how firearm crimes have been on the rise in the last year in Nunavut and there have been many incidents involving firearms.

In partnership with my colleagues in the Department of Environment, the RCMP, the Department of Justice, and NTI, we have all been working together to promote firearms safety and storage awareness for all communities and all residents of Nunavut. We have put out a

press conference that we have done. There is going to be individual offering to specific and all communities in Nunavut. The first project started off in Clyde River and was very well accepted by the RCMP and conservation officers from Environment involved, going door to door and giving information and also deterrent locks to those who were interested in having them.

I must tell the member that we are very sensitive and aware of the fact that people may seem to be intimidated. They have no fear. They do not have to relay any information they do not want to the RCMP or the conservation officers. This is purely a safety and volunteer program that's taking place, but it is to ensure the safety and well-being of all our citizens and all our communities in Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Shewchuk. Your first supplementary, Mr. Ningark.

Mr. Ningark: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the hon. minister for the answer. Mr. Speaker, as we speak, my community expects to be visited by the service in uniform. Uniforms can be very intimidating at times and expectations are high. There is apprehension in the community.

I want to know if the hon. minister will tell the people who work for his department and Environment that the communities like the Hamlet of Repulse Bay and the Hamlet of Kugaaruk will be informed on the exact week when they expect to be visited by people from the RCMP and the Department of Environment to make sure that the

hunters and trappers associations are involved in this campaign. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ningark. Minister responsible for the Department of Justice, Minister Shewchuk.

Hon. Daniel Shewchuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I can assure the member and make him feel confident that when these initiatives are taking place, which they have in Clyde River, they will be shortly in Igloolik, I think they're ongoing in Baker Lake right now, and then Arviat is planned after that, and all 25 communities in Nunavut are planned on being visited, addressed, and provided this information by a period of one year. I can assure the member, though, that when this is taking place, there will be information on community radio, HTOs will be informed, hamlets will be informed, so that everybody is aware of when these events are taking place. I can assure him of that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Shewchuk. Oral Questions. Member for Nattilik, Ms. Ugyuk.

Question 412 – 3(3): Taloyoak Fuel Truck Garage

Ms. Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the (interpretation ends) Minister of CGS.

I tabled a picture in the last spring sitting of a garage made out of old fuel tanks with an added-on wooden structure. This garage is used for the new contract for a POL for Paleajook Co-op. The POL contract has two fuel trucks. I have been

told that this garage is not up to electrical code and the fire marshal deemed it unsafe.

Last winter, the two fuel trucks were out in the cold, plugged in, on all night. I made the minister aware of this in the summer. We're frustrated in Taloyoak, as we're set back for an important contract being left out in the cold. Is CGS or the minister going to provide new infrastructure for a new garage for Paleajook Co-op to [house] the two fuel trucks? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Ms. Ugyuk. Minister responsible for Community and Government Services, Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for the question. CGS will not be building any garages, but I understand that the contractor is building a facility in that community. The contractor is working with the Municipality of Taloyoak to try to secure land to build such a facility. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Your first supplementary, Ms. Ugyuk.

Ms. Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank the Minister of CGS for that response. Based on what I have been led to understand, the Co-op has purchased the old church building and is no longer constructing a new garage for their vehicles. However, the Co-op has two fuel trucks that they purchased. Will these trucks fit in the old church? Can both of them be housed in the old church? I would like that question answered, please, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Ms. Ugyuk. Minister responsible for Community and Government Services, Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As per your question, I cannot confirm that the old church was purchased by the Co-op specifically to house the vehicles and I have no idea if that is what they planned. I have never seen the old church, so I cannot ascertain whether this old church would be used for this purpose and whether it could house both of the vehicles. I can look into the situation to get more clarification and I will ensure that when I get the information, I will pass it along to the member from that constituency as to what they are planning to do. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Your final supplementary, Ms. Ugyuk.

Ms. Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank the Minister of CGS for that response. Based on my understanding as per what I was told, the Co-op would purchase the building that was to be a church and that they are no longer going to construct a garage for the trucks. That is my question. The Co-op believes that they can renovate the building to house them. Will this building be large enough to house two rather large vehicles? There are two trucks that require space, both of which are fuel trucks, one that refuels aircraft and one that refuels houses, the airlines, and the entire public infrastructure in our community. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Ms. Ugyuk. Sorry about that little mistake.

Minister responsible for Community and Government Services, Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank the member for raising that question. The fuel contractors in that community, for that matter, everywhere in Nunavut, fuel up local vehicles as well as all buildings requiring heating fuel, such as offices, workplaces, and other buildings throughout Nunavut.

Based on the information I have been provided, the contractor worked with the local hamlet on this issue. Land isn't available immediately throughout Nunavut, as any developer has to work with the local hamlet to obtain a lot. There are various types of lots available. Based on my understanding, the contractor requested the hamlet to make changes based on their plans and they were supposed to reach an agreement on where they could construct this building.

Now, with the matter you raised pertaining to the old church or whatever building they would use for that purpose, this is the first time I have heard of it. First, I will have to look into the matter to see if there are no problems or if there are issues to resolve. I have to first get further information before I can answer. I will provide the information on this matter. This is the first I have heard of it. However, I can only speak to the developments to date that I am aware of. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Kusugak. This time it's your final supplementary, Ms. Ugyuk.

Ms. Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my last question to the Minister of CGS. I am very pleased that the minister is committing to look into this and the garage that we would like to see.

Last winter, they thought that these fuel delivery trucks needed to be properly housed. The Co-op and hamlet council used to meet on that. It seems like sometimes they defer the matter. They're just waiting for a lot now. If they are just waiting for a lot and the foundations have not been built yet, I kind of doubt that they will have time to construct the garage because winter is upon us. I believe this is an urgent case and I would like the Minister of CGS to know about that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. I didn't hear a question there; it's just a comment. I believe after your comment, the minister is aware of it.

Members will note that the allotted time for Oral Questions has expired. We will move on in our orders of the day. Item 7. Written Questions. Item 8. Returns to Written Questions. Mr. Clerk.

Item 8: Returns to Written Questions*

Return to Written Question 017 – 3(3): Annual Fuel Purchases by the Government of Nunavut

Return to Written Question 018 – 3(3): Vacant Staff Housing Units

Clerk (Mr. Quirke): Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

*See Appendix for full text of Returns to Written Questions 17 – 3(3) and 18 – 3(3) filed with the Clerk.

I am tabling the returns to written questions no. 17 and 18 – 3(3) that were asked during the 2012 spring sitting. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Item 9. Replies to Opening Address. Item 10. Petitions. Mr. Curley.

Item 10: Petitions

Petition 003 – 3(3): Petition for Resignation

Mr. Curley: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I have a petition to table. It comes from the parents of Rankin Inlet, former students and students of MUI. They signed this petition demanding an immediate resignation of a certain individual, a teacher named in the petition.

Mr. Speaker, the petition is concerned that this particular individual has problems in interacting with students and a number of issues that are related to professional procedures required in the school. It contains 84 signatures, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Curley. Please send it up to the front.

Item 10. Petitions. Item 11. Responses to Petitions. Item 12. Reports of Standing and Special Committees on Bills and Other Matters. Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Minister responsible for Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, Madam Premier.

Item 13: Tabling of Documents

Tabled Document 223 – 3(3): Community and Government Services’ Action Plan in Response of the Auditor General of Canada’s Report on Procurement of Goods and Services

Tabled Document 224 – 3(3): Economic Development and Transportation’s Action Plan in Response of the Auditor General of Canada’s Report on Procurement of Goods and Services

Tabled Document 225 – 3(3): Qulliq Energy Corporation’s Action Plan in Response of the Auditor General of Canada’s Report on Procurement of Goods and Services

Tabled Document 226 – 3(3): Nunavut Housing Corporation’s Action Plan in Response of the Auditor General of Canada’s Report on Procurement of Goods and Services

Tabled Document 227 – 3(3): Government of Nunavut’s Response to the Standing Committee on Oversight of Government Operations and Public Accounts Recommendations on the Report on the Review of the 2012 Report of the Auditor General of Canada to the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut on Procurement of Goods and Services

Tabled Document 228 – 3(3):
Government of Nunavut’s Response to the Standing Committee on Oversight of Government Operations and Public Accounts
Recommendations on the Report on the Review of the 2010-2011 Report of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Nunavut

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation):
Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have three documents to table. The first one being: (interpretation ends) I am pleased to table the four action plans, as stated in the standing committee’s further recommendations on the Auditor General of Canada’s Report on Procurement of Goods and Services for the following departments and agencies:

- Community and Government Services
- Economic Development and Transportation
- Qulliq Energy Corporation
- Nunavut Housing Corporation

Another tabling is I am pleased to table the Government of Nunavut’s Response to the Standing Committee on Oversight of Government Operations and Public Accounts Recommendations on the Report on the Review of the 2012 Report of the Auditor General of Canada to the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut on Procurement of Goods and Services.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to table the Government of Nunavut’s Response to the Report of the Standing Committee on Oversight of Government Operations and Public Accounts on the Review of the 2010-11 Report of the Information

and Privacy Commissioner of Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Madam Premier. Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Member for Quttiktuq, Mr. Elliott.

Tabled Document 229 – 3(3):
Correspondence from the Inuit Heritage Trust Concerning Traditional Place Names

Tabled Document 230 – 3(3):
Presentation by the Department of National Defence on the Nanisivik Naval Facility Project

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have two items to table. Mr. Speaker, the first tabling seems fitting, considering the Minister of Culture and Heritage’s Minister’s Statement from today. I wish to table a copy of correspondence that I recently received from the Inuit Heritage Trust concerning the issue of traditional place names in Nunavut. As a courtesy to the Minister of Culture and Heritage, I wish to advise that I will have questions for him on this issue during our fall sitting.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to table a copy of a presentation that was recently delivered by officials from the Department of National Defence concerning the proposed Nanisivik Naval Facility project. The presentation is available in both Inuktitut and English. I encourage all members to review this document with care. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Send those documents up to the front.

Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Minister responsible for the Nunavut Business Credit Corporation, Minister Taptuna.

Tabled Document 231 – 3(3): Nunavut Business Credit Corporation’s Procurement Activity Report for the Period from April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011

Tabled Document 232 – 3(3): Nunavut Business Credit Corporation’s Annual Report for the Period 2011-2012

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to table the Nunavut Business Credit Corporation’s Procurement Activity Report for the Period from April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011.

Mr. Speaker, I also have a document here, the Nunavut Business Credit Corporation’s Annual Report for the Period 2011-12. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Moving on in our orders of the day. Item 14. Notices of Motions. Item 15. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Minister of Finance, Minister Peterson.

Item 15: Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills

Bill 41 – Appropriation (Capital) Act, 2013-2014 – Notice

Bill 42 – Supplementary Appropriation (Operations & Maintenance) Act, No. 2, 2012-2013 – Notice

Bill 43 – Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 3, 2012-2013 – Notice

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have three notices of motions for first reading of bills if I am permitted to read them.

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Thursday, October 25, 2012, that Bill 41, *Appropriation (Capital) Act, 2013-2014*, be read for the first time.

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Thursday, October 25, 2012, that Bill 42, *Supplementary Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, No. 2, 2012-2013*, be read for the first time.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Thursday, October 25, 2012, that Bill 43, *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 3, 2012-2013*, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Peterson. Item 15. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Minister of Justice, Minister Shewchuk.

Bill 44 – An Act to Amend the Justices of the Peace Act – Notice

Hon. Daniel Shewchuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Thursday, October 25, 2012, that Bill 44, *An Act to Amend the Justices of the Peace Act*, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Shewchuk. Item 15. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Item 16.

Motions. Item 17. First Reading of Bills.
Minister of Finance, Minister Peterson.

Item 17: First Reading of Bills

Hon. Keith Peterson: Mr. Speaker, I request consent of this Assembly to waive the two-day notice requirement to allow for the first reading of Bill 41, *Appropriation (Capital) Act, 2013-2014*. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Peterson. The minister is seeking consent to waive the two-day waiting rule so that Bill 41 can be read for the first time. Do members agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Speaker: Please proceed, Minister Peterson.

Bill 41 – Appropriation (Capital) Act, 2013-2014 – First Reading

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Rankin Inlet South and Whale Cove, that Bill 41, *Appropriation (Capital) Act, 2013-2014*, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Peterson. The motion is in order. Question has been called. All those in favour. Any opposed? The motion is carried.

Item 17. First Reading of Bills. Minister of Finance, Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I request consent of this Assembly to waive the two-day notice requirement to allow for the first reading of Bill 42, *Supplementary Appropriation*

(Operations and Maintenance) Act, No. 2, 2012-2013. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Peterson. The minister is seeking consent to waive the two-day waiting rule so that Bill 42 can be read for the first time today. Do members agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Speaker: Please proceed, Minister Peterson.

Bill 42 – Supplementary Appropriation (Operations & Maintenance) Act, No. 2, 2012-2013 – First Reading

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Rankin Inlet South and Whale Cove, that Bill 42, *Supplementary Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, No. 2, 2012-2013*, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Peterson. The motion is in order. All those in favour. Any opposed? The motion is carried and Bill 42 has been read for the first time.

Item 17. First Reading of Bills. Minister of Finance, Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I request consent of this Assembly to waive the two-day notice requirement to allow for the first reading of Bill 43, *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 3, 2012-2013*. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Peterson. The minister is seeking consent to waive the two-day waiting rule so that Bill 43 can be read today for the first time. Do members agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Speaker: It's a very consensual Assembly. Please go ahead, Minister of Finance, Minister Peterson.

Bill 43 – Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 3, 2012-2013 – First Reading

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Rankin Inlet South and Whale Cove, that Bill 43, *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 3, 2012-2013*, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Peterson. The motion is in order. All those in favour. Any opposed? The motion is carried and Bill 43 has been read for the first time.

Item 17. First Reading of Bills. Item 18. Second Reading of Bills. Minister of Finance, Minister Peterson.

Item 18: Second Reading of Bills

Bill 41 – Appropriation (Capital) Act, 2013-2014 – Second Reading

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Rankin Inlet South and Whale Cove, that Bill 41, *Appropriation (Capital) Act, 2013-2014*, be read for the second time.

Mr. Speaker, this bill authorizes the Government of Nunavut to make capital expenditures for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2014. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Peterson. The motion is in order. To the principle of the bill. Question has been called. All those in favour. Any opposed? The motion is carried and Bill 41 is referred to Committee of the Whole.

Item 18. Second Reading of Bills. Minister of Finance, Minister Peterson.

Bill 42 – Supplementary Appropriation (Operations & Maintenance) Act, No. 2, 2012-2013 – Second Reading

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Rankin Inlet South and Whale Cove, that Bill 42, *Supplementary Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, No. 2, 2012-2013*, be read for the second time.

Mr. Speaker, this bill makes supplementary appropriations to defray the operations and maintenance expenses of the Government of Nunavut for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2013. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Peterson. The motion is in order. To the principle of the bill. Question has been called. All those in favour. Any opposed? The motion is carried and Bill 42 is referred to Committee of the Whole.

Item 18. Second Reading of Bills. Minister of Finance, Minister Peterson.

**Bill 43 – Supplementary
Appropriation (Capital) Act, No.
3, 2012-2013 – Second Reading**

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Rankin Inlet South and Whale Cove, that Bill 43, *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 3, 2012-2013*, be read for the second time.

Mr. Speaker, this bill makes supplementary appropriations to defray the capital expenditures of the Government of Nunavut for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2013. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Peterson. The motion is in order. To the principle of the bill. Question has been called. All those in favour. Any opposed? The motion is carried and Bill 43 is referred to Committee of the Whole.

Item 18. Second Reading of Bills. Item 19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters. Bills 41, 42, and 43 with Mr. Tapardjuk in the Chair.

Before we proceed to the Committee of the Whole, we will take a 20-minute break.

Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>*House recessed at 15:38 and Committee resumed at 16:08*

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

Chairman (Mr. Tapardjuk)
(interpretation): Thank you. I would now

like to call the committee meeting to order and I welcome you. In Committee of the Whole, we have the following items to deal with: Bills 41, 42, and 43, which were read for the second time and we can now review them in Committee of the Whole. What is the wish of the committee? Mr. Aupaluktuq.

Mr. Aupaluktuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We wish to deal with Bill 41, *Appropriation (Capital) Act, 2013-2014*. We will begin with the Department of CGS and, if concluded, we wish to deal with the Department of Justice. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Aupaluktuq. Does the committee agree that we first deal with CG&S?

Some Members: Agreed.

**Bill 41 – Appropriation (Capital) Act,
2013-2014 – Community and
Government Services –
Consideration in Committee**

Chairman (interpretation): Minister Kusugak, if you can go to the witness table.

Thank you, Minister Kusugak. You can now make your opening comments. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you. I would like to thank you for the opportunity to update you on the 2014-18 Five-Year Capital Plan and in particular, the 2013-14 Capital Estimates for the Department of Community and Government Services.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Chairman, CGS provides a critical role in the capital

process for the benefit of all Nunavummiut. Our technical and project management staff continues to provide a wide range of services to all departments in developing their capital plans. The types of services and support range from initial project identification to final technical reviews and actual project management.

CGS is also responsible for securing funding for the annual capital needs in all of our municipalities. A large majority of the funding requested by CGS goes directly to infrastructure projects in our communities.

The department ensures community input into the decision-making process through the Nunavut Community Infrastructure Advisory Committee (NCIAC). This committee has a balanced government and hamlet membership, and provides recommendations of priority infrastructure projects for consideration in the GN capital planning process. The committee is also tasked with the development and implementation of the long-term integrated community sustainability plans, or ICSPs, for each community in Nunavut.

Mr. Chairman, the department is also updating and populating the RECAPP asset management software program, which will track current information on GN owned and municipal assets, providing data on replacement costs, life cycle condition analysis, and accurate planning data for current and future capital funding needs.

The information provided by both the ICSPs and RECAPP will allow communities and the GN to better

identify the infrastructure of each municipality and provide crucial information that will assist in long-term planning. This information will be helpful in the new capital planning process, which is meant to strengthen the decision-making that leads to the development of the GN capital plan.

The GN will continue to work closely with Infrastructure Canada to develop future federal infrastructure programs that cater to the unique infrastructure needs in Nunavut. With continued funding from federal programs, such as the Building Canada Fund, the extension of the Gas Tax Program, and other new federal funding initiatives, we are confident that we can continue to move towards building strong and sustainable communities in Nunavut.

Mr. Chairman, based on recommendations from the solid waste management study, modified landfills have been identified as the best practice for the majority of Nunavut communities. These facilities will be fenced and include lined cells for hazardous waste, bulky metals, land farms, and domestic garbage. These systems come at a considerable capital cost and the department is working on strategies to finance the construction of these facilities through various federal funding programs, public-private partnerships, and the GN capital planning process.

In addition, the department is collaborating with the Municipal Training Organization to deliver management and training programs to communities, which will provide training to encourage segregation of waste streams, controlled access, and

better management of solid waste facilities.

The department is also working closely with Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada, NAMA, and municipalities to establish daily procedures to assist communities in complying with their water licence requirements. A water monitoring working group has been established to ensure water samples are being taken regularly and water logs are being filed daily. In 2011, all 24 communities participating in the water monitoring committee submitted an annual report with the Nunavut Water Board.

In the Petroleum Products Division, we continue to try and modernize storage facilities to meet new and evolving regulations. Further, the demand for petroleum products in our communities has increased due to community and economic growth, requiring additional storage capacity. We are currently working to meet these demands within the resources available from the Government of Nunavut.

Mr. Chairman, the department is committed to supporting our communities and ensuring infrastructure needs are addressed for all Nunavummiut. We recognize that we will be facing many challenges over the next five years, including the need to address the aging infrastructure in our municipalities.

We understand that the timeline for repairs, renovations, retrofits, and replacements requested by the communities sometimes exceeds what can be accomplished in our individual yearly budgets, but through our

continued efforts in identifying infrastructure priorities, building better and more efficient facilities, and supporting our communities, we will continue to strive to meet the needs of all Nunavummiut to the best of our ability.

I greatly appreciate the opportunity to appear before you here today and I look forward to any questions that you may have. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Do you have witnesses that you would like to bring to the table? Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Yes, if it's possible, (interpretation ends) Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Do members agree to bring in the witnesses?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Sergeant-at-Arms, please escort the witnesses in.

Thank you. Minister Kusugak, for the record, please introduce your witnesses. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On my left is Roy Green, my Interim Deputy Minister, and on my right is Bu Lam, Director of Community Infrastructure. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Welcome, Mr. Green and Mr. Lam. Thank you for appearing before us. Does the chair of the standing committee have comments? Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, I do.

Chairman (interpretation): Please proceed, Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am pleased to provide opening comments on behalf of the Standing Committee on Community and Economic Development as the Committee of the Whole begins its consideration of the proposed 2013-14 Capital Estimates of the Department of Community and Government Services. Members note that the department is proposing to spend \$40,873,000 for the 2013-14 fiscal year. The department's capital budget was \$31,270,000 for the 2012-13 fiscal year and \$34,022,000 for the 2011-12 fiscal year.

Mr. Chairman, this department's operations have a significant impact on the success of the Government of Nunavut's overall capital planning process. On May 30, 2012, the Minister of Finance appeared before the Committee of the Whole on the occasion of its consideration of *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 2, 2012-2013*. In his opening comments, the minister indicated that \$102,386,000 would be allocated for departmental 2011-12 capital carryovers to 2012-13. Approximately 143 capital projects were carried over. Members continue to have concerns regarding the volume of capital carryovers.

Last month, members were provided a copy of the Government of Nunavut's new Capital Planning Process Handbook. It indicates that there are three primary criteria for ranking or rating projects, the first being Health and

Safety at 40 percent, the second being Mandated Programs and Services at 35 percent, and the third being Sustainability, Economic and Benefits at 25 percent.

Mr. Chairman, during the minister's recent appearance before the standing committee, he indicated in his opening comments that his department, and I quote, "ensures community input into the decision-making process through the Nunavut Community Infrastructure Advisory Committee" and that "the Nunavut Community Infrastructure Advisory Committee is also tasked with the development and implementation of long term Integrated Community Sustainability Plans for each community in Nunavut. These plans were completed and approved by all communities in the spring of 2012. The Nunavut Community Infrastructure Advisory Committee has also hired a sustainability coordinator that will work closely with Hamlets to update their Integrated Community Sustainability Plans on a regular basis and ensure these plans are reflective of their community's needs and include the community's environmental, cultural, social and economic goals." The standing committee looks forward to ongoing updates on the department's efforts concerning these important initiatives regarding capital planning for communities throughout the territory.

Mr. Chairman, the standing committee notes that additional funding has not been allocated in the department's proposed 2013-14 capital estimates towards planning for a new arena in Rankin Inlet. To date, the Legislative Assembly has approved \$700,000 towards this project. Members note that

information provided by the department for this project indicates that, and I quote, “the project is in the planning and design phase. It is not practical to determine the cost estimates until the feasibility study is completed and the scope of work is known.” Although the standing committee is supportive of new recreational facilities in the territory, it is essential that projects be reasonable and affordable. It is also important that all communities enjoy a basic level of recreational infrastructure. The standing committee will be considering these factors carefully as this project moves forward and its total costs become clear.

Mr. Chairman, members note that the department’s proposed 2013-14 capital estimates include \$2.5 million for a Kitikmeot granular project. This project is a continuation of the previously funded quarry development project, which was to be in Kugluktuk and Gjoa Haven. However, the information provided by the department indicates that this project will only be located in the community of Kugluktuk. Members look forward to receiving an update on the status of this pilot project and, if it’s successful, strongly encourage the department to expand the initiative to other regions. Members also encourage the government to look into increasing its funding for granular projects.

Members note that the department’s proposed 2013-14 capital estimates include funding for two water-related projects; \$1.25 million for the Cambridge Bay Water Treatment System and \$2.25 million for the Resolute Bay Water System.

The standing committee notes that the *Canada-Wide Strategy for the*

Management of Municipal Wastewater Effluent was endorsed by a number of jurisdictions in 2009. However, Nunavut and other northern jurisdictions were granted an opportunity to conduct research to determine which factors affect the performance of wastewater facilities in northern conditions. During the minister’s recent appearance before the standing committee, the minister indicated that the department, and I quote, “hired Dalhousie University to conduct long-term studies to better understand the capability of Nunavut’s wastewater facilities and how these systems can be better designed or managed to enhance their treatment effectiveness. The university started this research in 2010 and it will continue for a total of five years, studying five to seven representative systems in Nunavut.” Members urge the department to continue lobbying the federal government for funding to upgrade Nunavut’s wastewater facilities to meet the new federal regulations and look forward to ongoing updates on this important issue.

Mr. Chairman, during the minister’s recent appearance before the standing committee, he also indicated that his department is, and I quote, “working closely with Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada, Nunavut Association of Municipal Administrators and municipalities to establish daily procedures to assist communities in complying with their water licence requirements. A water monitoring working group has been established to ensure water samples are being taken regularly and water logs are being filed daily. In 2011, all twenty-four communities participating in the water monitoring committee submitted an

annual report with the Nunavut Water Board.” Members were pleased to note that progress is being made concerning municipal compliance with the water licensing and look forward to receiving updates on this issue.

On September 23, 2010, the Government of Nunavut issued a news release which indicated that the Department of Environment and the Department of Community and Government Services are, and I quote, “working together to examine Nunavut’s solid waste management practices as a whole. The Department of Community and Government Services will take the lead on establishing a Nunavut-Wide Solid Waste Strategy which will involve a comprehensive review of the current state of solid waste management in the territory. The strategy will examine a number of options for solid waste management for the territory, including recycling, incineration, and gasification.”

Mr. Chairman, during the minister’s recent appearance before the standing committee, the minister indicated in his opening comments that his department “had completed a solid waste management study which explored best practices for managing solid waste in the territory. Based on recommendations from the study, modified landfills have been identified as the best practice for the majority of Nunavut communities. These facilities will be fenced and include lined-cells for hazardous waste, bulky metals, land farms and domestic garbage.” The Minister of Community and Government Services also indicated that his department is “working on management and training plans for communities, which will provide

training to encourage segregation of waste streams, controlled access and better management of solid waste facilities.” The standing committee was pleased to note that the government is working on addressing the proper management of solid waste in the territory and look forward to ongoing updates on this important issue. This is an issue that I also note in my opening comments on the 2013-14 Capital Estimates for the Department of Environment.

Mr. Chairman, the department’s proposed 2013-14 capital estimates include \$3.4 million in funding for the City of Iqaluit Contribution Agreement. The information provided to members indicates that the current Government of Nunavut block funding contribution agreement with the City of Iqaluit expired on March 31 of this year and that the city requested approximately \$17 million to complete core infrastructure projects, such as water, sewer, sanitation, quarries, paving, and general operations. The department’s five-year capital plan indicates that approximately \$3.4 million will be allocated in each fiscal year, starting in the 2013-14 year and ending in the 2017-18 fiscal year.

Members note that the department’s proposed 2013-14 capital estimates include \$5 million in funding for small capital projects, which includes such items as mobile equipment repairs, community planning studies, block funding, future granular sources, and spill response equipment.

Mr. Chairman, members also note that the department’s proposed 2013-14 capital estimates include \$800,000 in

funding under its small capital projects budget for snow fencing. During the minister's recent appearance before the standing committee, members were advised that this proposed funding will be used for the design and construction of snow fencing in the communities of Chesterfield Inlet and Repulse Bay. The standing committee looks forward to receiving updates on the completion of these projects.

The department's proposed 2013-14 capital estimates include approximately \$19 million in funding for several bulk fuel storage capacity increase projects. Members recognize the need for the department to address the issue of bulk fuel storage in our communities. The growth of communities and more stringent federal regulations will require the department to modernize and expand existing storage facilities. Improvements in this area may, in the longer term, help to reduce the need to periodically resupply communities by air, as has been required in prior years.

Mr. Chairman, from time to time, all Members of the Legislative Assembly receive official correspondence from the government that outlines budget transfers between capital projects that have occurred during the course of the fiscal year. It is essential that members be kept informed of the exact status of capital projects that have been impacted by such transfers and encourage the government to provide clear and detailed information in these advisories concerning the reasons for why funds have been transferred.

Mr. Chairman, that concludes my opening comments on the proposed 2013-14 Capital Estimates of the

Department of Community and Government Services. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Rumbolt, Chair of the Standing Committee. Before we proceed, I would like to remind members of the following: according to Rule 77(1), you have 10 minutes to speak, and according to Rule 77(2), subject to the discretion of the Chair, a member may speak more than once to a matter under discussion but not until every member wishing to speak has spoken.

I suggest to members that wherever possible you ask your detailed questions during the page-by-page review of the departmental estimates. Do members have any general comments? Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you. Welcome, Mr. Minister and your officials. First of all, in your opening remarks, all the things that you talked about are expected by the people of Nunavut.

Mr. Chairman, I would like to first ask this question before I make my comment. In the minister's opening comments, there are no dollar amounts whatsoever, even though the chair of the committee said that there would be about \$40 million that the minister is requesting, but in the minister's opening remarks, we're not sure whether the department's budget is \$40 million. Is it true that \$40 million is requested by your department? Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Yes, it's true, (interpretation ends) Mr. Chairman. (interpretation) There is \$40,843,000. When we go through the items and costs that are identified, we will find out that that is true. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the minister for the information provided to us. I wasn't really sure exactly what the dollar amount was for the five-year capital plan for the department because it wasn't written in the minister's opening remarks. When we had a standing committee meeting, I think it was some time in September, there was nothing mentioned about what we discussed.

Here in Nunavut, many residents are becoming more concerned about construction projects, as people feel that employment opportunities should open to the locals since there are many locally unemployed people. If I were to ask the minister, he should respond. So I asked the question about the unemployment rate in Nunavut and what the rate was. If there were employment opportunities under the minister, I believe that the minister wouldn't have that information and I think that applies to the whole executive.

However, the number of unemployed people in our communities is too high. I believe that this issue has to be reiterated from time to time. We tend to follow the national average when it mentions crime rates, and that Nunavut suffers 100 times the national average. However, we don't do that for unemployed people, both

male and female. The numbers are way too high.

Additionally, where can you go to find employment opportunities? Who can we call to find jobs? We don't even have that type of resource anymore and most people have no idea where to go. I think the Government of Nunavut should try to provide information on the employment that is going to be provided because a lot more people should be employed by the government. It just seems like we forget about them. NNI is forgotten about.

Besides that, we could talk about how there are a lot of people who are unemployed out there. There should be a telephone whereby Nunavut should have their own unemployment telephone line or a department that they go to and try and look for employment. There doesn't seem to be one here in Nunavut. It's probably based in Newfoundland because they seem to be bringing people from Newfoundland to work here in Nunavut.

I think there should be an office set up where people can phone and say, "I would like to also work." If you're going to be using over \$40 million, I'm sure there could be jobs for the people of Nunavut too. I think we should have a telephone number or department. These are one of the things that I would like to put in the committee report. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Just to remind you, I'm giving members the opportunity to make general comments at this time. When we go page by page, you will have ample opportunity to ask questions. General comments. Mr. Ningark.

Mr. Ningark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I agree with my colleague, Mr. Curley. In the minister's opening remarks on such things like health and safety, something to do with incineration, gasification, and such things as landfills and (interpretation ends) hazardous waste. (interpretation) There are a lot of things that can be done with garbage. We know that today.

I think we have to think about the people in the communities that are starting to get sick from cancer. I think we have to start thinking that we have to deal with our garbage properly and we're now being assisted by the government properly on those types of things to do with waste. Even though the communities are trying to look after their garbage, there's not enough money given to the hamlets. There are not enough infrastructures as well to deal with the hazardous waste.

The minister said that these are being looked into at the present time. I would also like to thank the minister that Repulse Bay and Chesterfield Inlet are being looked at and I would also like to get the support from Mr. Ningeongan because for the next election, the communities will be involved as the planning is being done.

I know that it's going to cost a lot of money. It states here in English, (interpretation ends) these systems, systems meaning incineration, gasification, landfills, waste, metal waste, bulk waste, and so on, these systems come at a considerable capital cost. (interpretation) It's going to be expensive, I'm sure.

He said that the federal government will be able to assist in those types of facilities and that they will have various federal funding programs. Also, public-private partnerships, that's good. I hope this process goes through.

Mr. Chairman, if I can ask a question, I would like to ask a question in this process that I'm talking about. If not, I can wait until later on. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Ningark. You will have the opportunity to ask questions when we go page by page. We are now on opening comments right now. I will allow you to ask questions at the appropriate time. Mr. Ningark.

Mr. Ningark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The incineration, gasification, and the hazardous waste is there nothing at this present time that we could deal with garbage, such as hazardous waste, because we don't want the public to get sick from a lot of garbage in their communities. Is there anything like that at the present time? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Ningark. Minister Kusugak, if you wish to respond to that question, I will give you the opportunity.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Curley and Mr. Ningark for asking those questions. At the present time, we don't have those incinerators in the communities. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Kusugak. I would like to

recognize Mr. Elliott at this time for general comments.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am very pleased to have the opportunity to provide some general comments as we begin our consideration of the 2013-14 Capital Estimates of the Department of Community and Government Services.

Mr. Chairman, the Department of Community and Government Services takes on a huge responsibility in assisting all government departments in developing a wide range of infrastructure for the benefit of all Nunavummiut.

The Department of Community and Government Services is also responsible for assessing and helps to secure funding for the annual capital needs for all of our communities. This is a huge undertaking.

Mr. Chairman, with an increase in capital expenditures for the 2013-14 fiscal year of 60 percent, I'm a little concerned about the department's ability to keep up with the demand put on it to deliver programs.

In June of 2011, the Legislative Assembly approved *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 1, 2011-2012*. The bill included approximately \$77 million in capital carryovers. Approximately 120 projects were carried forward.

In June of 2012, the Legislative Assembly approved *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 2, 2012-2013*. This bill included approximately \$102 million in capital

carryovers and approximately 143 projects were carried forward.

On June 7, 2010, the Minister of Finance appeared before the Committee of the Whole on the occasion of its consideration of *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 1, 2010-2011*. In his opening comments, the minister stated that "The 2009-2010 departmental capital carryover request of \$96.5 million represents an increase for the second year in a row and is \$13.8 million higher than the prior year. A total of 123 capital projects are being requested for carry forward to 2010-11. This is 24 more than last year.

Human resource capacity and the requirement to appropriate 100 percent of Building Canada Fund projects upfront are contributing factors towards the increased capital carryovers. In order to reduce capital carryovers, the government needs to be conservative with upcoming capital plans, thus allowing for the backlog of projects to be completed." That was what was said at the time, Mr. Chairman.

Again, Mr. Chairman, with an increase of 60 percent in capital spending for the 2013-14 fiscal year, I don't see this as our government being conservative in its spending. We have been told over the years that the government is working towards exercising prudent judgment in how it spends its money. I'm not sure annual increases in the capital budget, coupled with increases in capital carryover, are prudent choices.

Mr. Chairman, each year since 2010, there has been an increase. I would like to make it clear that this is not a concern on the ability of the departments and the

good work that they do. It is a comment on over-commitment, of which we are all too familiar with. We have seen this happen with the Nunavut Housing Trust; an over-commitment which cost this government \$150 million.

Mr. Chairman, during the page-by-page consideration of the capital estimates for the Department of Community and Government Services, I will be asking questions regarding the departmental capital planning process and ongoing construction of projects in Quttiktuq.

In conclusion, the communities which I represent, Grise Fiord, Resolute Bay, and Arctic Bay, are very pleased with the amount of Government of Nunavut funding and federal government funding that has been committed. Of course, we will always push for more, but that is human nature. The Building Canada Fund and the gas tax provided from the federal government has aided in much needed infrastructure in the High Arctic.

In the past four years, we have seen a large investment at both levels of government to provide the needed infrastructure. We have seen the completion and the commissioning of Nunavut's first airport in Arctic Bay. I wish to thank the Premier, Minister Taptuna and his officials for taking the time to come and participate in the opening ceremonies. Minister Kusugak, his staff, and officials from the federal government have travelled to Resolute Bay and Arctic Bay to open a new arena, announce the construction of a new utilidor project, and open a community hall. This summer, the Hamlet of Arctic Bay commissioned a new sewage lagoon. Grise Fiord and Resolute Bay both have been working with the

Department of Community and Government Services to deal with water, sewage, and solid waste issues. This year saw the groundbreaking for the new hamlet complex in Grise Fiord and Arctic Bay anticipates the construction of its replacement health centre in the coming years.

Mr. Chairman, all of my constituents look forward to the completion of these projects over the next few years, and I would like to thank the department and the federal government for their financial commitments to the High Arctic. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Elliott. There is one more member on my list for general comments. Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If you will allow me, if you think it's not appropriate at this time, you can tell me. Under the minister's speaking notes, it states that I think in Inuktitut, it's got something to do with the term "project management." I would like to ask about that project management. Mr. Chairman, if you will give me the opportunity, I would like to ask a question.

Chairman (interpretation): On the first page of the capital planning book, you can ask that question when we get to H-3. At this time we are under general comments, but I will give you the opportunity to ask questions when we go page by page. Anything else? I don't have any other names. Maybe the ministers would like to ask some questions.

>>*Laughter*

We're on H-3. Capital Planning. Mr. Enook, please proceed.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just for clarification regarding the planning process and I believe that I'm in the right direction, there are capital planning and capital projects. I believe there's a similarity in there, one is planning and the other one is the planning process. For clarity, I would like to.... It says here that they are responsible for the planning process. They are solely responsible for dealing with the capital projects. Could I have some clarification before I ask my question? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Enook. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I can say and there can be a supplement by the deputy, we help the departments when they ask for assistance. This is just an example. If there's a school required, a hospital, or a nursing station, our department assists the other government departments when it's required. My deputy can supplement my comments, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Mr. Green, if you would like to make a supplement.

Mr. Green: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. During the capital planning process, CGS, the Technical Services Division, part of our technical support is to provide facility planning to departments when they want to introduce new capital planning infrastructure into the capital planning.

The minister is correct. If the Department of Education requires a new school, then the facility planners would work with the Department of Education's capital planning staff to develop those plans to bring forward for consideration in the five-year capital planning process. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Green. Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. For further clarity, Pond Inlet is one of the regional centres in Nunavut. In Pond Inlet, we have CGS staff based there and they are responsible for dealing with infrastructure issues. Usually what happens is that even though the staff in Pond Inlet is responsible for those projects, the employees based here in Iqaluit end up doing it. In those decentralized communities, it seems that the work that they're supposed to do is being done in Iqaluit, even though it's the responsibility of the decentralized communities. Why is that the case? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Enook. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. From our understanding, and I know that he's using Pond Inlet as an example, we're not trying to take over the jobs or the responsibilities of those decentralized communities. There are a lot of projects that have to be dealt with and when they're overloaded, the overflow is handed over to the employees here in Iqaluit. I hope you understand me. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to thank the minister. Even though that's the case, I don't quite agree with the minister. The project people are in the decentralized communities and their job descriptions are specific about what kind of duties they are responsible for. For example, maybe the reason why the duties end up here is because they don't believe that they are capable of doing that kind of job in Pond Inlet. If there is an overload, why not add additional PYs to be based out of Pond Inlet?

I think we all know that decentralization is very important to the communities and it creates employment. Those of us in decentralized communities see those types of discrepancies. Sometimes the positions are moved from decentralized communities to the headquarters. There have been such instances. The projects that should be done in Pond Inlet end up being done here in Iqaluit. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Enook. We are dealing with capital planning. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Enook, I hear your concerns and I know where you are coming from as it's understandable. We don't want to see this situation develop like that, and I don't think it is structured that way.

However, I will look into this and conduct a review of the member's concerns. As soon as I have the information, I will visit the member to

review the issues he has raised in his comments.

The member is truthful. We don't want employees who are on payroll with nothing to do. That wasn't the intent. I know for a fact that all the positions have a role, at least in the department I oversee as the minister. I know that many employees conduct themselves professionally and that they aren't just there as token employees to fill the void. I know that they are involved in many projects, but I will commit to looking into the matter that the member just raised as I heard what he stated. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Kusugak. We're on page H-3. Capital Planning. Mr. Ningeongan.

Mr. Ningeongan (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This matter, I believe, is under H-3, so I would like further clarification on the NCIAAC committee referred to. As we can also speak to this matter, you stated in your opening comments that the NCIAAC has members. Can you provide further information as to who sits on the NCIAAC, which mayors or government representatives are in this committee? I would like to hear about the mayors who are involved in this committee, so if you can identify them first.

The reason why I raise that question relates to the NAM crisis which has been ongoing for some time as they are apparently in a deficit situation. The executive director position has been vacant for quite a while and that was why I wanted further clarification on this matter. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you. I also thank the member for that question. As the member is aware from his past role as a mayor, NAM is a constant source of concern to mayors, especially with regard to its operations. It is a pleasure to hear members raise these concerns, as our department also shares their concerns.

With respect to the people sitting on the NCIAC from the communities, one member who is currently the chair of NAM, Mr. Paul Haulli, sits in on their meetings. Another member is Percy Kabloona, who sits on NCIAC from Whale Cove. Paul Haulli is from Hall Beach and Jeannie Egaluk from Cambridge Bay. These people sit on the NCIAC, representing the hamlets and their fellow mayors. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Do you have any further questions? Mr. Ningeongan.

Mr. Ningeongan (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also thank the minister for identifying the mayors who sit on the committee, as it helps me and my fellow legislators understand as to who sits on the NCIAC to set the priorities for capital projects requested by the communities as well as setting their direction. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The same

people on NCIAC are involved in making the recommendations. Are you talking about another entity? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Could you rephrase that question, please, Mr. Ningeongan.

Mr. Ningeongan (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just wanted information on who sits representing the government. You already indicated who was sitting from the hamlet membership. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): I'm sorry. I misunderstood you, Mr. Ningeongan. From the government side, there is Darren Flynn from our office, and my Interim Deputy Minister, Roy Green, and also from the Department of Finance, we have Jamie Matthews. During those meetings, they get support from the NCIAC director. (interpretation ends) *Qujannamiik*, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Mr. Ningeongan.

Mr. Ningeongan (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Kusugak, for your response. I will have a better understanding of how this committee is set up. For my last question, you didn't make any indications in your opening comments, but the chair of the standing committee mentioned something about snow fencing in Chesterfield Inlet and Repulse Bay. Could the minister indicate to me if this project is going to go ahead this year? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It's in the works right now and they should be going ahead next year, as was written. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Before I go to my question, I would like to make a preamble. I think it was last year when we were talking about the capital estimates. It seemed like the government was making an exercise on how they can reduce the costs, including CGS and their contracting system. I believe they were exercising that last year and looking at how they can cut back. In the standing committee records, the deputy minister stated that they should include freight hauling and to give that to the contractors instead in order to reduce costs. That was one of the options. I'm sure there were many options.

With the businesses that operate heavy equipment, they are businesses and they are owned by the communities. There's a company here that has been here for many years. If what they do in their business is taken over by the government, then the business would fall through. There were some concerns voiced about those types of situations from Sanikiluaq and Repulse Bay. If the governments take the dump truck, loaders, and so on, it will bring down the businesses.

My first question, Mr. Chairman, is: exactly what kind of government policy

does CGS have on local freight and sealift hauling? Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think it would be better if I refer this question to my deputy minister. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. Mr. Green.

Mr. Green: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. During the construction phase for all of the GN capital projects right now, the current process, as part of the construction contracts that are awarded, the responsibility of the contractors is to localize the equipment if it's not available in Nunavut.

In terms of a transportation company, they're supposed to use the company that was approached with tendering packages. I think it's...(inaudible)...right now, but I'm not certain. Once we put those shipping contracts out through RFP, the contractors are supposed to use those shipping lines to mobilize their equipment. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Green. Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley (interpretation): I understand that, but my question was in regard to policies. There has to be a policy. If there's a policy, (interpretation ends) that policy should be transparent. (interpretation) It seems like there has been a change. We're gong to lose the local freight haulers. That's a major

concern and there are those company owners who are scared that they might go bankrupt. (interpretation ends) These are important businesses. (interpretation) We have to support our local businesses, even if they increase their rates.

Mr. Green, I'm just making an example. The government doesn't need a contract. If the local business is going to be doing the freight and hauling, and so on, then they have to put a ship in Montreal that they would utilize if it's a supplier ship kind of contract. When did that policy change? It seems like the policy has been amended. It was a requirement for the contractor, if they're going to be hauling, to use the local companies. We would see more flourishing companies at the community level. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. When we put out the RFP, we look at ships that are going to be going up to Nunavut and carrying the annual supply items, construction material, and so on. I don't think there is a policy for such, but if there is one, then I will make it available to the Assembly. If there is none, I will also make an indication as such. I will look into it and see. If there is a policy, I will table it in the House. I think that was his question. From what I understand, when the ship comes, the local companies usually are the ones who are hauling the freight, and so on. If there is such a policy, I will table it in the House. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Mr. Curley, do you have additional questions?

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am very pleased and it's not the only one. I was asking if there was a policy in regard to this hauling from the land. The contracts are huge. Also, whether that's supply, ship, and erect; if the property belongs to the government, the property is shipped from Montreal to Nunavut. That's totally up to the government. It's not up to the government as to which freighter that they will use, but if there was no policy, perhaps if the minister can commit to reviewing this to make sure that it benefits Nunavutmiut. Could you commit to considering this? Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you. That's a very good suggestion. If there was no policy, we will be able to work on a policy for when the supply is landed and hauled to the people who own them. If there was no policy, then we will look into it. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Do you have any further questions, Mr. Curley?

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Mr. Chairman, yes. Thank you, Mr. Minister. Yes, we do need to deal with them because I know that we're going to be using freight for a very long time. What we're talking about at this time is the cost is close to \$40 million for freight and the material is worth over \$20 million and they have to be hauled.

The reason why I alluded to that is because of what I noted last year could be one of your considerations. I am

sorry, but I have never taken it. I was hoping that this does occur. For that reason, I just wanted to make that comment in regard to freight hauling. It's very important to the local businesses. The comments I made were discussed during NAM meeting in Gjoa Haven. The community had received a dump truck. There is a construction there in Repulse Bay, but I'm not going to mention it.

Maybe the minister could provide some assistance in regard to that. I would appreciate it if you can keep us updated on the position of your department in regard to this policy. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you. The private businesses in Nunavut, whether it's a small or huge community, the private businesses run their business whether it's for hauling or for carting, and I know that they face difficult situations and I feel for them.

We all try to work to support the local businesses because Nunavummiut depend on local businesses and we have to provide adequate support to the local businesses. Your comments are taken and I will look into that if possible before the session is over, but if it's impossible, I will be able to provide that information to you as soon as I am able to do that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for the opportunity to respond.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Kusugak. I still have names on my list. Mr. Ningark, I believe you have comments to make. Do you have any questions? Mr. Ningark.

Mr. Ningark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On H-3, Capital Planning, this issue is worldwide as well as in Canada and here in Nunavut as it relates to infrastructure development, which means jobs and jobs equal employment opportunities.

Mr. Chairman, this issue has been recognized within the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms related to mobility. Whether it is in a province or a territory, if there aren't enough employment opportunities available, they can prioritize hiring of their residents, even though the charter speaks to our right to mobility to search for employment. Even though it states that right, if a province or territory doesn't have enough employment opportunities, their government can justify hiring their residents, which is a right of self-governance.

In thinking of this issue, I was informed recently that the funding was released; the construction project went ahead with employment opportunities opening up locally. Locals, indigenous to the community, approached the company with their resumés since the project has commenced and they are looking for a position. The project, being financed by the GN, through the capital plan, was thought to have openings. However, the person's resumé was ripped up and thrown into the garbage.

Additionally, in our communities, as per our governmental practices, people on income support are given job search forms, which ask the person if they are looking for employment. The person replies in the affirmative that they are looking for a job, but these contractors have no interest in local hires, so it

seems our government is just throwing up barriers.

When a person is looking for employment and government funded contractors are sloughing off local job searchers, it is completely unacceptable and an injustice. We have to remember that everyone has to start somewhere. With no income, many residents are below the poverty line. It is as if we take their hope away. Although as a government, if we followed the Constitution, we should be providing assistance to our people.

As a government, we know that our people are experiencing this, that they are serious about getting employment, but through our poor selection of contracts through the capital planning process.... As MLAs, we approve these projects. So in essence, we are approving the continual degradation of our people. We all know that Nunavummiut are amongst the poorest citizens of Canada, yet we don't protect our people. Let us then provide assistance to our people who are looking for jobs, our fellow Inuit, since we have to ensure that we give them a start. I have been informed that even when a local person attempts to hire out their vehicle for rent to these companies, they never rent as they are bringing in their vehicles via sealift. This is robbing the poor to pay the rich.

Article 24 should be our teeth, but it is far too weak in terms of implementation, although it has strong wording. Perhaps the members as well as this government don't respect this article enough to implement the measures meant to help our people. We need to enforce this and push for it. Mr. Curley spoke to this issue that we need to implement the

provisions and enforce them. I just wanted to comment on this matter while we are debating the capital plan details.

(interpretation ends) Infrastructure development; jobs. Jobs for whom? (interpretation) It is probably not jobs for Nunavummiut. We need to place our priority on Nunavummiut, who actually live in our territory and call it home. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Ningark. I didn't really hear any questions regarding capital planning. I would prefer that the members raise questions. However, if you want to comment, that is fine. Mr. Ningeongan.

Mr. Ningeongan (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will have a question when we get to page H-4 and I think we're still on page H-3, if I'm not mistaken. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. For your information, H-3 and H-4 are related items. Hold on a second. Mr. Curley, I believe, is itching to ask a question, so I would like to recognize him first. If you want to raise your question on H-4, I will allow you to do so since the pages are related. Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to add this as a supplementary to the previous questions with respect to the procurement policies which apply to the Department of CG&S, as they are responsible for all departmental requests. These policies are quite stringent and onerous.

I have heard in the past that many vehicles have been purchased for the GN departments, all departments actually, for their usage. All the departments, agencies, and Crown corporations have their own vehicles. When vehicles are purchased, they set out an RFP to make these purchases which are then bid upon by various companies. Does the government choose the cheapest bid or does the government follow its procurement policy, with allowances for local bidders even if it isn't the cheapest? Is this something the government can review when vehicles are being purchased through the RFP? If that is the case, if the RFP is going to go through the NNI Policy....

I was informed by a businessman whom I was chatting with that the NNI Policy is no longer applicable for certain bids. If the government were to follow the NNI Policy, this company would qualify and is a registered Inuit company. However, a bidder with no employees, consisting of only a phone number based in Ottawa, is able to bid for vehicles since they can purchase the vehicles cheaper in the south. This business owner has vehicles just sitting there, with no rentals, and is quite concerned. They can't hire any more people in Nunavut due to these types of decisions. This business is in Nunavut. So I believe we need to clarify our procurement policies following our legal obligations, and I am not just referring to the NNI Policy.

The person who made the complaint informed me that the winning bidder wasn't even an Inuit firm. However, since their business is a large corporation, they won while this local business that hires local people did not.

Local people prefer to work for this company because it treats them right.

What I'm trying to state here is that we need to clearly define our policies. The purchase of vehicles is just procurement of the assets, while the servicing of the GN vehicles is undertaken by local companies. Can the minister provide further details with respect to vehicle procurement as well as what kind of policies apply to this process? Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you. I want people to understand that we have procurement policies. It's all set out and defined properly. If they set out tenders, we provide all the policy information and we provide all the policies to the proponents or whoever wants to make a proposal to RFPs. As an individual person, for non-companies, they don't really understand the process, such as selling their services through the GN. They're not just policies. They follow the legislation that is set and it's all clearly defined. I just want everyone to understand that there is procurement laws that we need to abide by.

With regard to the process for purchasing vehicles, I'll have Mr. Green respond through you, (interpretation ends) Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Mr. Green, would you like to make a supplementary response?

Mr. Green: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The current practices for buying GN

owned vehicles are through our procurement department at CGS. They do follow the NNI guidelines when we issue the RFP to purchase GN vehicles. I'm not sure what your exact question is, but we do follow the strict guidelines through NNI.

The NNI Policy is currently being under review to look at some ways to strengthen it to make sure that the beneficiaries get as much as the business they can from the contracts that we award both for purchasing vehicles and the other goods and services. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Green. Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley: Thank you. I appreciate it. I know it sounds complex, but in some ways, I think it is not all that complex to make the policy clear, whether it be procurement. That's a preference policy. Regardless of what they are or who they are, whether it be NTI, GN, or a Crown corporation, guidelines, our preference policy should support local businesses somehow.

Yes, it's a competitive process, but they always have a waiver that says, "Lowest price not necessarily awarded the contract." There's always a waiver in that to allow the government to consider evaluations and whatnot. What I'm trying to say is this: there are businesses that have been shorthanded because of the way in which so many Inuit owned companies have been going on. They may be reviewed by the federal group or bureaucracy. I don't know what it is. I don't know how effective it is.

What I'm trying to say is that when you're actually the procurement manager or procurement policy official, there has to be, I think, responsibility and obligation to ensure whatever is being considered is legal and proper. I know that in the NNI process, getting registration has not always been proper and legal in my mind.

There are some southern companies, non-Inuit companies that have literally, indeed there is more than one story on it, that has given under the table thousands of dollars to individuals and say, "Will you become my partner?" So the agreement is, yes, shake hands. It becomes an Inuit firm. If you don't see it through the balance sheet as to what shares are going or what proportion of benefits are going to the Inuit owned partner, it's done under the table. I would say that these should be made illegal and there should be an investigation, I believe, warranted that are not looked into by government agencies.

Yes, we should have to prove and say that there is evidence, but unless there is a process crafted to use how it should be properly set up so that the managers can have a clear idea, they will likely never be investigated. I think there are enough questionable companies that are out there that really should be handed over to some agency that can investigate or establish a proper commission to look into it. Is that something that the government could consider or would you need some other evidence to do it to proceed in that fashion?

Right now, there are so many Inuit owned and non-Inuit [owned] companies in Nunavut that are really having a

difficult time because the rules are not all that clear. I don't know who is responsible for clarifying the rules, but I think many of the government departments probably all fit into that category somehow. So I know my question is quite large, but what I'm trying to say is that I think we need to look deeper in order to get our rules clarified. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. We're on capital planning. Would you like to comment on that, Minister Kusugak?

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Mr. Chairman, thank you. Unfortunately, I'm not the minister responsible for the NNI Policy. I believe the appropriate department would be Economic Development. All we do is follow the policy. Our department just follows the NNI Policy and I believe that's under review at this time.

As for deciding who is a beneficiary company and who qualifies for NNI preference, from what I understand and spite me if I'm wrong, that is NTI. As for deciding, it's not for our procurement department to say, "This is not an Inuit owned company" or "This is an Inuit owned company." Our procurement [department] doesn't do that. Our procurement department just follows the policies, guidelines, and all the proper contracting procedures in order to let the contracts and tenders, and so forth. Our department just strictly follows guidelines, laws, and policies.

As for the NNI Policy, how it should be rewritten, or who fits in the NNI Policy, our department doesn't deal with that. I

hope I'm clear on that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Are you finished? Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley: Thank you. Yes, I appreciate that. What I did indicate was I think most of the departments have certain rules in applying and actually evaluating what really is the....

You know, we can go back and look at some of the actual evidence of work, including the NNI appeal that recommended a certain government contract was given to a questionable company and the process that was used was not correctly applied. The NNI appeals board recommended that the contract should be cancelled and not be given. That had to do with the medevac contract, I believe, in the Kitikmeot. The rules may have been followed, which the minister indicated is all you do, but the NNI appeals board recommended that it wasn't properly done based on these principles, clear-cut and dry. The government said, "We're not obligated to follow it," but that doesn't mean the NNI appeals board was wrong.

So what I'm saying to you, Mr. Chairman, is I think the government has to have a procedure that is clearly defined, transparent, and clear so that we don't get into those kinds of things again. I believe it was the Department of CG&S or the cabinet that ultimately did not agree with the appeal recommendation. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Would you like to make a comment, Minister Kusugak?

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I don't want to get into that debate; I believe we've had that discussion before. I cannot talk about what was discussed in the cabinet as per that or any other discussions we had in cabinet, but I appreciate Mr. Curley's comments. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Ningeongan, I believe you have a question under H-3 and H-4. The two pages are related. The only name that I have is your name, Mr. Ningeongan. I'm wrong. There's going to be more.

>>*Laughter*

Mr. Ningeongan.

Mr. Ningeongan (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thought I was the only one. That was good, but unfortunately it isn't.

>>*Laughter*

I would like to ask a question about small capital. In 2012-13, there was \$1.5 million in block funding. It seems to have decreased to \$883,000 in 2013-14. What was the reasoning for that? The budget decreased because the number became smaller. What was the reason for that in 2013-14? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The block funding that you are talking about in 2013-14, perhaps you can give us your question and what page it is so we can

answer properly. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Mr. Ningeongan.

Mr. Ningeongan (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It's the yellows that I'm following that we dealt with in the committee. It's on page 8 of the yellow materials that we were provided as a committee. Perhaps Mr. Rumbolt can help me out. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. I think they're looking for the information. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Maybe if I can tell Mr. Ningeongan, in 2013-14, the amount of funding that we would like to use for the communities is for minor capital repairs and renovations, a little over \$2 million. For snow fencing in the Baffin region, \$800,000; in the Kivalliq, Baffin, and Kitikmeot regions, the funding is \$260,000 to \$300,000. For small capital for vehicle projects and for spills, there's about \$250,000. For planning in the Kivalliq, Baffin, and Kitikmeot regions, there is \$120,000 in total. These are just the numbers that I'm saying, but they might change. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I hope that is clear.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also am grateful that you have made me the last person to speak to this issue. I just wish to get further clarification on this matter within the capital planning process. I believe

we are still on H-3 in English. If we are still on this page, I would like to ask the minister to elaborate on the process used to undertake capital planning. It is written here that the local governments are assisted by the department in the capital planning process. Additionally, it states another entity that looks at large buildings for communities, which I believe is an advisory committee comprised of experts.

If it is possible, Mr. Chairman, I would like further details. Does it mean that the local government that requires a building for community use has to go through this process or does it go through another process? How exactly is this set up? That is all I want clarified. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Enook. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you. That's a very good question. The hamlets all have their priority projects within this capital planning process that they identify. The Nunavut Community Infrastructure Advisory Committee has been set up, as per my response to Mr. Ningeongan's question about mayors sitting on the committee comprised of six members. The projects are placed before the committee, encompassing all of the hamlets' wishes outlining their preferred projects. This committee then meets and identifies priorities that will be funded, such as a possible docking facility in Pond Inlet or some other capital project. That is the kind of detail they review. Once the project has been approved, it is prioritized with projects notarized as to which is first.

That is how the process runs at this time. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also thank the minister for using such a pertinent example in his clarification. I want to ask a further question, Mr. Chairman. Does this committee deal with all community requests in Nunavut? As an example, in CG&S, which is under your ministerial direction, do you have leeway to accept the advice from the advisory committee? I am unsure of the Inuktitut term, but I can't recall it currently. I apologize for that. However, when the committee meets, since your department works with all the communities, if they identify a priority project to the head of the list, what kind of weight do you attach to the recommendation? An example is, "No, since Pond Inlet needs that infrastructure first." Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Enook. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. They have the same decision-making authority. For instance, even if this guy tells me this community has to be a priority, this priority community should be left behind and then this one be the first one. What they do is they look at.... Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Mr. Ningark.

Mr. Ningark (interpretation): If it's okay, Mr. Chairman, I would like to go to H-4. Can we ask questions on H-4?

Chairman (interpretation): H-4 is part of H-3. H-4 is just a breakdown. Mr. Ningark.

Mr. Ningark (interpretation): On H-4, under Kitikmeot - various, Granular, in 2013-14, \$2.5 million, does the minister have a breakdown of these funds? I would like to know how much is being appropriated for Kugaaruk. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Ningark. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It's got to do with the granular project in Kugluktuk, although it says, "Kitikmeot - various, Granular." Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Anything else, Mr. Ningark? We're on H-3 and I have no more names on my list. Capital Planning. Jeannie Ugyuk.

Ms. Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Under H-4, Kitikmeot - various, Granular is for the project in Kugluktuk. Wouldn't it be better to just put Kugluktuk on there instead of "various"? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Ugyuk. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It's for Kugluktuk, but if you look at the Kitikmeot - various, there were also Gjoa Haven and Kugaaruk. The others have been done. There were so many communities in the Kitikmeot region, so Kugluktuk was the only that is left. I

hope you get where I'm going. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Ms. Ugyuk.

Ms. Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Under Taloyoak Community Hall Renovations, they have been doing the renovations in the community hall from the beginning in 2009 and I think you want to do renovations on the community hall. The community hall was built 25 years ago and it's getting pretty old. We haven't had an arena for four years now. When will we be seeing an arena in Taloyoak? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Ugyuk. Minister Kusugak, if you would like to respond.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If you can put ice in the arena, then it can be used by the people of Taloyoak. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Ms. Ugyuk.

Ms. Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It has been about four years and they told us that it was under renovations and the renovations are not completed yet. The boilers aren't completed and the entrance doors haven't been repaired yet. That is why the facility hasn't opened for an upcoming fourth year. The building is used for meetings and local gatherings, at least the community hall side, but the arena side hasn't opened at all. When will our arena finally be available for use? Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Ugyuk. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As I stated earlier, when ice starts forming, the community ought to be able to utilize it. I informed the mayor and council during the Kitikmeot mayors' meeting that if the community wants to use it, then they can install ice and start using the facility. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Do you have any more questions? Ms. Ugyuk.

Ms. Ugyuk (interpretation): Yes, funding was made available for renovations. The contractors, I believe, have stated that the funding is too low for completing the renovations. At that time, I imagine the funding was adequate with the prices in those days. Was this aspect of the project already completed? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Ugyuk. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Perhaps Roy Green can respond to the question through you. (interpretation ends) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Green, I believe you would like to respond.

Mr. Green: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The current scope of work in the complex in Taloyoak right now is for some structural and mechanical upgrades to the building and doing some repairs to the exterior walls. At this point in time,

there is no money in the budget to install a concrete slab or the thermosiphon. So what we're doing now is just minor repairs to the complex. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Green. Ms. Ugyuk.

Ms. Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The hamlet provides the information to me wherein they state that their funding requests have continually been denied to complete the renovations for the arena. That is why it hasn't been opened in all of those years. We then get comments from the minister stating that once the arena has been iced, it can then be used by the hamlet. I ask: are your department and the Hamlet of Taloyoak even on the same page with respect to this matter of funding the arena renovations? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Ugyuk. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, of course, we understand each other. When I met with both the council and mayor of Taloyoak last week in Cambridge Bay, I told them the same thing. Yes, we are aware of this matter and we understand each other. I'm not sure if there is any misunderstanding between the mayor and our department.

Currently, based on what we know, the local arena can be used once the ice has been set and people can play hockey in the facility. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In recognition of the clock, I would like to move a motion to report progress at this time. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Rumbolt. There is a motion on the floor to report progress to the Speaker and the motion is not debatable. All those in favour of the motion to report progress. Thank you. I will now rise to report progress.

Minister, you probably thought we were going to complete our review of your department, but it's obvious that you will have to appear before us again at our next meeting. I thank you very much. I also thank your officials for being welcoming. We will see you again as we're not done with your department yet. Thank you, Minister Kusugak.

Sergeant-at-Arms, please escort the witnesses out before we proceed.

Speaker: *Qujannamiik*, Sergeant-at-Arms. Moving right along with our orders of the day. Item 20. Report of the Committee of the Whole. Mr. Tapardjuk.

Item 20: Report of the Committee of the Whole

Mr. Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Your committee has been considering Bill 41 and the capital estimates and would like to report progress. Also, Mr. Speaker, I move that the Report of the Committee of the Whole be agreed to. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Tapardjuk. There is a motion on the floor. Is there a

seconder? Thank you, Mr. Rumbolt. The motion is in order. All those in favour. Any opposed? The motion is carried.

Item 21 in the *Orders of the Day*. Third Reading of Bills. Item 22. *Orders of the Day*. Mr. Clerk.

Item 22: Orders of the Day

Clerk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A reminder that there is a meeting of the Regular Caucus at ten o'clock in the Tuktu Room.

Orders of the Day for October 24:

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

17. First Reading of Bills
18. Second Reading of Bills
19. Consideration in Committee of
the Whole of Bills and Other
Matters
 - Bill 41
 - Bill 42
 - Bill 43
20. Report of the Committee of the
Whole
21. Third Reading of Bills
22. Orders of the Day

Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you very much, Mr. Clerk. Moving on then, this House stands adjourned until Wednesday, October 24, at 1:30 p.m.

Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>*House adjourned at 18:03*

Appendix – October 23, 2012

Return to Written Question 017 – 3(3): Annual Fuel Purchases by the Government of Nunavut

Asked by: Allan Rumbolt, MLA (Hudson Bay)

Asked of: Hon. Lorne Kusugak, Minister of Community and Government Services

Date: May 31, 2012

Question:

- Expressing the data in the same format as that which the Government of Nunavut provided in the Return to Written Question 3-3(2), which was tabled in the House on June 1, 2010, what quantities of fuel were purchased and delivered in 2010 and 2011?

Response:

**PETROLEUM PRODUCTS DIVISION
FUEL DELIVERY BY COMMUNITY
2010**

COMMUNITY	Diesel	Gasoline	Jet A
BAFFIN			
Arctic Bay	2,400,000	550,000	400,000
Cape Dorset	3,060,000	650,000	100,000
Clyde River		350,000	1,300,000
Clyde River- NPC	650,000		
Grise Fiord	750,000	50,000	50,000
Hall Beach	1,040,000	200,000	1,100,000
Igloolik	4,000,000	600,000	650,000
Iqaluit	25,000,000	6,200,000	23,000,000
Iqaluit-NPC	7,000,000		
Kimmirut	1,000,000	275,000	
Kugaaruk	1,525,000	300,000	100,000
Pangnirtung	5,160,000	1,400,000	
Pond Inlet	4,020,000	400,000	1,000,000
Qikiqtarjuaq	1,840,000	300,000	100,000
Resolute Bay	2,500,000	100,000	1,700,000
TOTAL BAFFIN	59,945,000	11,375,000	29,500,000
KIVALLIQ			
Arviat	2,700,000	650,000	
Arviat-NPC	1,800,000		
Baker Lake	4,870,000	900,000	
Chesterfield Inlet	1,690,000	300,000	
Chesterfield Inlet-NPC	150,000		
Coral Harbour	2,125,000	800,000	900,000

Rankin Inlet	5,200,000	1,700,000	3,700,000
Rankin Inlet-NPC	3,800,000		
Repulse Bay	2,850,000	425,000	
Repulse Bay-NPC	150,000		
Sanikiluaq		400,000	2,400,000
Whale Cove	1,150,000	100,000	
TOTAL KIVALLIQ	26,485,000	5,275,000	7,000,000
KITIKMEOT			
Cambridge Bay	4,700,000	975,000	1,800,000
Cambridge Bay-NPC	2,650,000		
Bathurst Inlet	50,000		
Gjoa Haven	3,600,000	750,000	600,000
Kugluktuk	4,060,000	400,000	500,000
Taloyoak	1,620,000	450,000	250,000
Taloyoak-NPC	880,000		
Umingmaktok		40,000	
TOTAL KITIKMEOT	17,560,000	2,615,000	3,150,000
TOTAL	103,990,000	19,265,000	39,650,000

**PETROLEUM PRODUCTS DIVISION
FUEL DELIVERY BY COMMUNITY
2011**

COMMUNITY	Diesel	Gasoline	Jet A
BAFFIN			
Arctic Bay	2,900,000	625,000	400,000
Cape Dorset	4,500,000	600,000	500,000
Clyde River		575,000	4,100,000
Clyde River- NPC	640,000		
Grise Fiord	850,000	75,000	50,000
Hall Beach	4,000,000	250,000	1,400,000
Igloolik	4,000,000	600,000	1,100,000
Iqaluit	26,000,000	6,200,000	25,000,000
Iqaluit-NPC	7,000,000		
Kimmirut	1,600,000	350,000	
Kugaaruk	1,800,000	450,000	1,200,000
Pangnirtung (including airlift)	4,452,000	800,000	
Pond Inlet	4,600,000	700,000	900,000
Qikiqtarjuaq	200,000	350,000	100,000
Resolute Bay (including airlift)	5,307,953	610,490	4,000,000
TOTAL BAFFIN	67,849,953	12,185,490	38,750,000
KIVALLIQ			
Arviat	4,200,000	1,100,000	
Arviat-NPC	1,800,000		
Baker Lake	8,200,000	1,600,000	

Chesterfield Inlet	1,400,000	250,000	
Chesterfield Inlet-NPC	150,000		
Coral Harbour	2,500,000	400,000	1,100,000
Rankin Inlet	16,000,000	2,500,000	9,500,000
Rankin Inlet-NPC	3,800,000		
Repulse Bay	1,500,000	450,000	
Repulse Bay-NPC	150,000		
Sanikiluaq		300,000	2,700,000
Whale Cove	1,400,000	200,000	
TOTAL KIVALLIQ	41,100,000	6,800,000	13,300,000
KITIKMEOT			
Cambridge Bay	4,400,000	1,100,000	1,700,000
Cambridge Bay-NPC	2,700,000		
Bathurst Inlet	50,000		
Gjoa Haven	3,300,000	450,000	1,000,000
Kugluktuk	3,630,000	750,000	1,500,000
Taloyoak	1,400,000	300,000	350,000
Taloyoak-NPC	880,000		
Umingmaktok		70,000	
TOTAL KITIKMEOT	16,360,000	2,670,000	4,550,000
TOTAL	125,309,953	21,655,450	56,600,000

Question:

2. As of May 30, 2012, what is the current bulk fuel storage capacity in each of Nunavut's communities?

Response:

<u>Bulk Fuel Storage Capacity by Community – Baffin Region</u>		
<u>Community</u>	<u>Fuel Type</u>	<u>Capacity (litres)</u>
<u>Igloolik</u>	Total Diesel	5,482,740.0
	Total Gasoline	1,381,492.0
	Total Jet A-1	1,386,491.6
<u>Hall Beach</u>	Total Diesel	4,629,133.0
	Total Gasoline	1,511,168.0
	Total Jet A-1	1,608,470.0
<u>Pond Inlet</u>	Total Diesel	6,008,784.0
	Emergency Total Volume	369,105.0
	Total Gasoline	950,658.0

<u>Clyde River</u>	Total Jet A-1	2,008,200.0
	Total Jet A-1	5,054,756.0
	Total Diesel	641,028.0
	Emergency Total Volume	377,640.0
	Total Gasoline	1,115,311.0
<u>Arctic Bay</u>	Total Diesel	3,188,704.0
	Total Gasoline	824,756.0
	Total Jet A-1	1,376,516.0
<u>Kimmirut</u>	Total Diesel	2,331,286.0
	Total Gasoline	419,779.0
<u>Cape Dorset</u>	Total Diesel	5,099,315.0
	Emergency Total Volume	334,592.0
	Total Gasoline	986,890.0
	Total Jet A-1	498,817.0
<u>Pangnirtung</u>	Total Diesel	5,392,149.0
	Total Gasoline	1,231,705.0
	Total Jet A-1	2,392,735.0
<u>Qikiqtarjuag</u>	Total Diesel	4,007,843.0
	Total Gasoline	1,035,011.0
	Total Jet A-1	751,433.0
<u>Iqaluit</u>	Total Diesel	26,979,196.0
	Total Gasoline	6,128,377.0
	Total Jet A-1	44,929,190.0
	Total Avgas	912,223.0
<u>Sanikiluaq</u>	Total Diesel	2,667,068
	Emergency Total Volume	91,170
	Total Gasoline	478,795

Bulk Fuel Storage Capacity by Community – Kivalliq Region

<u>Community</u>	<u>Fuel Type</u>	<u>Capacity(litres)</u>
<u>Rankin Inlet</u>		
	Total Diesel	17,341,339
	Emergency Total Volume	411,865
	Total Gasoline	2,990,757
	Total Jet A-1	9,033,698
<u>Arviat</u>		
	Total Diesel	4,527,929
	Emergency Total Volume	551,474
	Total Gasoline	1,345,363
<u>Chesterfield Inlet</u>		
	Total Diesel	1,749,520
	Total Gasoline	371,051
<u>Baker Lake</u>		
	Total Diesel	7,816,011
	Total Gasoline	1,688,462
<u>Coral Harbour</u>		
	Total Diesel	3,013,183
	Total Gasoline	1,348,962
	Emergency Total Volume	205,334
	Total Jet A-1	1,000,109
<u>Repulse Bay</u>		
	Total Diesel	4,178,896
	Diesel (NPC)	180,802
	Total Gasoline	941,254
<u>Whale Cove</u>		
	Total Diesel	2,015,560
	Emergency Total Volume	182,654
	Total Gasoline	421,246

Bulk Fuel Storage Capacity by Community – Kitikmeot Region

<u>Community</u>	<u>Fuel Type</u>	<u>Capacity(litres)</u>
<u>Kugluktuk</u>		
	Total Diesel	4,736,693.0
	Total Gasoline	1,413,663
	Emergency Total Volume	638,394.0
	Total Avgas	27,592.0
	Total Jet A-1	1,604,558.0
<u>Bathurst Inlet</u>		
	Emergency Total Volume	84,716.0
	Total Diesel	55,954.0

<u>Gjoa Haven</u>	Total Diesel	4,427,926.0
	Total Gasoline	1,759,164.0
	Total Jet A-1	1,796,795.0
<u>Taloyoak</u>	Total Diesel	3,549,415.0
	Total Gasoline	691,842.0
	Total Jet A-1	1,367,292.0
<u>Kugaaruk</u>	Total Diesel	2,749,738.0
	Total Gasoline	923,082.0
	Total Jet A-1	1,638,196.0
<u>Umingmaktok</u>	Total Diesel	131,752.0
	Emergency Total Volume	263,280.0
	Total Gasoline	85,501.0
<u>Grise Fiord</u>	Total Diesel	1,289,828.0
	Total Gasoline	274,439.0
	Total Jet A-1	274,275.5
<u>Resolute Bay</u>	Total Diesel	13,663,313.0
	Total Gasoline	4,332,584.0
	Total Jet A-1	13,987,634.0
<u>Cambridge Bay</u>	Total Diesel	4,955,524.0
	Total Gasoline	1,017,870.0
	Total Jet A-1	3,578,351.0

Question:

3. From January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010, which communities in Nunavut received fuel deliveries by airlift?

Response:

**PETROLEUM PRODUCTS DIVISION
AIRLIFTS -2010
NUNAVUT TERRITORY**

Community	Product	Volume (litres)
Pangnirtung	Diesel	251,957

Question:

4. From January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011, which communities in Nunavut received fuel deliveries by airlift?

Response:

**PETROLEUM PRODUCTS DIVISION
AIRLIFTS -2011
NUNAVUT TERRITORY**

Community	Product	Volume (litres)
Resolute Bay	Gasoline	22,508
Resolute Bay	Gasoline	48,422
Resolute Bay	Diesel	307,953
Resolute Bay	Gasoline	39,560.2
Rankin Inlet	Jet A	83,212

Question:

5. What policies and/or procedures does the Government of Nunavut follow with respect to the rationing of fuel supplies in communities in circumstances where shortages exist?

Response:

The Government of Nunavut follows the following policies and/or procedures with respect to the rationing of fuel supplies in communities in circumstances where shortages exist:

The GN/PPD reviews the sales and inventory on hand each month, compares it to historical sales and trends to best estimate the sales in future months prior to the actual resupply dates that are expected for a community. By monitoring these trends PPD can determine if the inventory on hand will be sufficient to sustain sales until the resupply arrives and prepare our order volumes required for the upcoming resupply season.

In the exceptional case where trends or sales have increased sharply enough to consume more fuel than normal, and consume the safety stock which is generally on hand then the projections that are done monthly will enable us to plan accordingly. Where there is a potential shortage PPD does the following:

Diesel shortage expected

In a case where there is diesel shortage expected we have three choices depending on the location.

- If we have Jet A-1 fuel in that particular community we are able to sustain heating sales by supplementing Jet A-1 fuel in place of diesel for heating customers.
- Depending on dates for possible run out it is possible to schedule an early arrival for this location to deliver diesel before the normal resupply date for this location.
- If we have NO Jet A-1 fuel for this purpose then we are forced to plan for an airlift as necessary.

Gasoline shortage expected

Generally gas trends are very consistent and don't often spike, however in a case where gasoline inventories where we expect a shortfall we have two choices.

- Depending on run-out date we can schedule a sealift arrival to avoid the shortage.
- If adjustment to sealift is unable to work we would be left with little choice but to coordinate an airlift of gasoline to ensure the community is not left short.
- With the volatility of gasoline and the logistics of an airlift we work very diligently to avoid such a shortage.

Jet A-1 shortage expected

In a case where we expect a Jet A-1 fuel shortage we have similar options to a gasoline shortage.

- Either reschedule an early sealift if that is possible for dates and location
- Coordinate an airlift to sustain sales (very difficult with huge volumes).
- We have also had excellent results by working closely with the active airlines in the area to limit their fueling operations to necessary volumes instead of tankering fuel for convenience. Airlines are the first to be affected and are often very willing to limit their fueling to sustain sales instead of a shortage in a community.

Naphtha shortage expected

The most difficult product for PPD to manage is the smallest volume product we deal with. Naphtha is ordered through our CGS Purchasing Division almost a year before it is delivered to the community. This means that our projections are unreliable with the heavy use months far ahead in the projections. The trends of naphtha sales are very inconsistent which only compounds the problem. The only solutions to a Naphtha shortage are to either rely on the Northern Stores or local Co-op stores inventory until resupply, or to arrange an airlift of product to enable sales until the sealift arrives.

Return to Written Question 018 – 3(3): Vacant Staff Housing Units

Asked by: Joe Enook, MLA (Tununiq)

Asked of: Hon. Peter Taptuna, Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation

Date: June 4, 2012

Question:

1. Broken down by community and type of unit, how many Government of Nunavut staff housing units were vacant for a period of three or more consecutive months during the 2009-2010, 2010-11, and 2011-12 fiscal years?

Response:

A number of units are vacant at any given time in most decentralized communities while awaiting the completion of staffing competitions. The NHC and GN HR have been working with success to ensure vacant units are only tied to staffing competitions nearing completion. All communities have vacant GN positions; therefore units must remain available to allow for staffing to occur.

The NHC does not have property management software capable of easily providing such analysis as has been requested. Considering that the NHC manages 1,392 GN staff housing units, undertaking such an exercise to manually verify data for each unit would be onerous and costly. As such, I cannot justify the expense and time which would be taken away from running the GN staff housing portfolio.

Question:

2. Broken down by type of unit and category of expenditure, what is the average monthly cost of maintaining a vacant staff housing unit?

Response:

The NHC leases 1,057 units and owns 335 units as GN staff housing. For all units, tenants do not pay heat directly, but in most cases, they do pay for electricity and water/sewer/garbage. In the case of vacant units, the additional cost to the NHC/GN is to perform vacant units checks and to pay the minimal amount of electricity (approximately \$30/month) consumed by a vacant unit.

The GN staff housing portfolio consists of many types of nits: single family detached 2-, 3-, and 4-bedroom units; duplexes; triplexes; four-plexes; and many variations of apartment and multi-family dwellings. Most are leased and the remainder is owned.

Many leases are gross leases and include heat and water, while in others these utilities are billed separately to the NHC. In the case of gross leases, it is not possible to extract the various components as the lease agreement is for an all-inclusive rate.

Overall operating costs by housing unit are reduced when multiple units are on common services. As such, multi-unit buildings are not just less costly per unit to build; they are also less costly per unit to maintain and operate.

The NHC is working with all utility providers to convert to electronic billing for GN staff housing. Billing is currently done manually for GN staff housing by all service providers. As such, the analysis being requested would involve manual review of monthly billings from up to three utilities for three years for 1,392 housing units. This totals potentially 150,000 separate invoices. Again, undertaking such an exercise would be onerous and costly.

Question:

3. In circumstances where a staff housing unit has remained vacant for a period of 12 or more consecutive months, what is the Nunavut Housing Corporation's policy concerning the temporary allocation of such units for other purposes, including but not limited to the provision of public housing?

Response:

The NHC and GN HR have been working with success to ensure vacant units are only tied to staffing competitions nearing completion. This has reduced the number of units being held vacant. Typically, there is one vacant unit held for every two active staffing competitions. Provision of GN staff housing as public housing would reduce the housing available to the GN for its recruitment efforts. Temporary allocations have proven problematic in some cases in the past whereby the process to vacate a unit when a tenant is unwilling can require up to a year.

In accordance with the provisions of the GN Staff Housing Policy, through the sponsorship of a deputy head of a government department or agency, and the support of the Allocation Committee, temporary allocations can be made to non-GN individuals for government purposes. These types of sponsorships are for purposes essential to the delivery of GN services and typically involve housing GN consultants and other contractors in cases where commercial accommodations are not available. These have also been used to temporarily house interns as part of work experience programs through partnerships with learning institutions.