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**Iqaluit, Nunavut
Friday, September 6, 2013**

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, Mr. Fred Schell, Honourable Daniel Shewchuk, Mr. Louis Tapardjuk, Honourable Peter Taptuna, Honourable Hunter Tootoo, Ms. Jeannie Ugyuk.

>>*House commenced at 9:00*

Item 1: Opening Prayer

Speaker (Hon. Hunter Tootoo): I would like to ask Mr. Curley to lead us off in a prayer, please.

Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you. Sorry.

>>*Prayer*

Speaker: Thank you. We will move on in our orders of the day. Item 2 in our *Orders of the Day*. Ministers' Statements. Minister of Community Government and Services, Minister Kusugak.

Item 2: Ministers' Statements**Minister's Statement 309 – 3(3):
Firefighter Competitions**

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: *Ullaakut*, Mr. Speaker. I rise in the House today to congratulate the participants of the recent firefighting competitions that took

place in Rankin Inlet and Ontario this August.

Eleven of Nunavut's most skilled firefighters competed at the Nunavut Firefighters Competition held in Rankin Inlet from August 13 to 18. The Nunavut Firefighters Competition is hosted in partnership by the Department of Community and Government Services and the Municipal Training Organization.

Mr. Speaker, the firefighters trained and competed in obstacle courses, skills exercises, and time trials that simulated the actual conditions of fighting a fire.

The participants at the Nunavut Firefighters Competition were:

Iqaluk Toonoo from Cape Dorset, Pauloosie Kowmageak from Cape Dorset, Steven Iqalukjuak from Clyde River, Jerome Nutarakittuq from Igloodik, Atsaina Eeyeivadluk from Kimmirut, Pitsiula Michael from Kimmirut, Jonathan Ningark Jr. from Kugaaruk, Jollie Enoogoo from Pond Inlet, George Aksadjuak from Rankin Inlet, Troy Innuksuk from Rankin Inlet, and Abel Kingatook from Taloyoak.

Six firefighters were chosen by their peers to continue on to the National Aboriginal Firefighter Competition in Walpole Island, Ontario from August 21 to 24. Atsaina Eeyeivadluk, Troy Innuksuk, Steven Iqalukjuak, Jollie Enoogoo, Iqaluk Toonoo, and Pauloosie Kowmageak were the six chosen.

Mr. Speaker, for the third consecutive year and sixth time overall, the firefighting team for Nunavut were

awarded the Max McNeil Award for Most Sportsmanlike Team.

Mr. Speaker, I would like my colleagues to join me in congratulating all of the firefighters who competed in this year's events. We appreciate their dedication and commitment to excellence in fire safety services. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Item 3 in our *Orders of the Day*. Members' Statements. Member for Akulliq, Mr. Ningark.

Item 3: Members' Statements

Member's Statement 528 – 3(3): Overcrowded Housing in Repulse Bay

Mr. Ningark (interpretation): Thank you. I extend good morning greetings to the residents of Repulse Bay and Kugaaruk. I was recently in Repulse Bay, albeit for only one night, on September 2 and left the following day on September 3 to go to Iqaluit.

I went to inspect a unit which illustrates overcrowding as it exists in Repulse Bay and this is an issue well known to the Repulse Bay Housing Association. Further, Mr. Speaker, I spoke to a social worker who was aware of the situation in this unit. The unit has four bedrooms and those four bedrooms house 21 individuals. Additionally, I was told it reached 24 at one time. This is a four-bedroom unit. The unit has 13 children.

Furthermore, we heard and perhaps my colleagues may have heard about a young person committing suicide this

summer in Repulse Bay. This youth came from this vastly overcrowded house. That tweaks one's heart.

Also, the family who lives in this unit, although I will not mention the unit number, the local housing association and social worker are aware of this situation. The overcrowding is so prevalent that the porch has been converted to a bedroom. This highlights the need for government assistance needed by Repulse Bay. The housing association can be a partner, but I personally would like this family provided immediate assistance. Let's proceed then.

(interpretation ends) Four bedrooms, 21 people are living in those bedrooms, of which 13 are children, and couples sleep in the porch. That's extreme overcrowding. Later today, at the appropriate time, I will be asking the lead Minister for the Nunavut Housing Corporation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ningark. Item 3. Members' Statements. Member for Pangnirtung, Mr. Oshutapik.

Member's Statement 529 – 3(3): Successful Bowhead Whale Hunt in Pangnirtung

Mr. Oshutapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good morning to my community and to the people of Nunavut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the many residents of Pangnirtung who took part in this summer's successful bowhead whale hunt.

Mr. Speaker, this summer's bowhead whale hunt was the first to be held in 15 years.

Several dozen residents took part in the hunt, which was led by co-captains Simeonie Keenainak, who is well known across Nunavut, and Charlie Qumuatuq. If it wasn't for these two people, this bowhead hunt would not have been successful.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, this historic hunt would not have been possible without the efforts of the Pangnirtung HTO and the Sarpigait Planning Committee.

Mr. Speaker, the bowhead whale that was harvested on August 6 was almost 12 metres in length. On August 9, the community held a feast to celebrate the successful hunt. This event brought together all generations in the community. I am confident that the experience of the hunt provided many valuable lessons for our youth.

Mr. Speaker, a number of Nunavut communities have held successful bowhead hunts in recent years. I am very proud that Pangnirtung was able to have one this summer.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all members to join me in paying tribute to the many residents of Pangnirtung who made this year's bowhead hunt successful. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Oshutapik. Item 3. Members' Statements. Member for Quttiktuq, Mr. Elliott.

**Member's Statement 530 – 3(3):
Measuring the Success of Nutrition
North Canada Program**

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to give credit where credit is due and reflect on some of the changes brought about by the Nutrition North Canada Program.

Mr. Speaker, as you and many of my colleagues will know, I have paid particular attention to the implementation of the Nutrition North Canada Program over the past couple of years. I have monitored the changes of products in the communities in my constituency and provided input whenever I could.

Mr. Speaker, cost information collected in 2011 for a fixed list of items established by the GN's Niqittivak Committee compared to the costs of those same items in 2013 does show a decrease in costs for some meat, dairy, fruit, vegetable, and grain products. However, for other items, there are substantial increases. Of particular note, Mr. Speaker, the costs for non-food essentials, such as toilet paper, shampoo, and laundry detergent, to name a few, have increased substantially.

Mr. Speaker, the Nutrition North Canada Program does seem to have brought about some positive changes, but we still need to work together to improve how the program is being implemented and bring down the high cost of living in our northern communities.

Mr. Speaker, this August, Nunavut's Bureau of Statistics released the results of the Pilot Nunavut Food Price Survey. The results of this survey are interesting

and informative, but most interestingly, they show that the Nutrition North Canada Program still needs some work. At the very least, community-based subsidy rates need to be reviewed and modified. For example, of the communities surveyed, the community of Gjoa Haven had the highest cost of a sample food basket, 18 percent higher than the cost of the same basket in Iqaluit, with the communities of Pangnirtung and Arctic Bay close behind.

Mr. Speaker, at the appropriate time, I will table some informational items so that you and my other colleagues can have an opportunity to review the food price statistics for yourselves.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, when we look at the changes that have been brought about by the Nutrition North Canada Program, one cannot overlook the fact that this one program has, in many ways, shifted our transportation system. For years, Ottawa has been the leaving point for products coming north. Through Nutrition North Canada, there has been a shift in movement of goods leaving Ottawa to having them now leave from Winnipeg.

Mr. Speaker, we were told by federal government officials in this House that Nutrition North Canada is a market-driven program, and it is interesting to see how the market is correcting itself. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Item 3. Members' Statements. Member for Tununig, Mr. Enook.

**Member's Statement 531 – 3(3):
Marine Infrastructure Crisis in
Pond Inlet**

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good morning to the residents of Pond Inlet and Nunavummiut. (interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I rise today to again address the ongoing marine infrastructure crisis in Pond Inlet.

An Hon. Member: Hear, hear!

Mr. Enook: Mr. Speaker, as you will recall, I tabled a number of shocking photographs in the House yesterday that clearly depict the extensive damage that occurred in Pond Inlet this summer.

Mr. Speaker, the devastating windstorms that hit Pond Inlet last summer resulted in the destruction of tens of thousands of dollars worth of my constituents' boats and other property. In many cases, the equipment was owned by hunters who work hard to put food on the tables of Pond Inlet families.

Mr. Speaker, as you know, I have been raising concerns about the lack of adequate marine infrastructure in Pond Inlet since the day that I was elected to serve the people of Tununig in this House.

Mr. Speaker, I have made it perfectly clear that Pond Inlet does not expect the federal government to build a major port that costs tens of millions of dollars.

The current federal policy that restricts small craft harbour funding to projects that are related to large-scale economic activity is not appropriate for our circumstances, and I again publicly call

on our government to work with our federal Member of Parliament to change this approach.

Mr. Speaker, the people of Pond Inlet have been praying for help to construct appropriate marine infrastructure that will protect lives and property. In our case, it is clear that while a floating dock would not be appropriate, I again emphasize that the community wants to work with the GN and the federal government to identify a practical and affordable solution.

Mr. Speaker, I want to seek permission to conclude my statement. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank my colleagues.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I have also made it clear that if federal dollars are not forthcoming, the Government of Nunavut has a moral obligation to resolve this situation.

Mr. Speaker, if we're willing to commit to a quarter-billion dollar airport project for Iqaluit, we should also be willing to commit to protecting lives and property in our smaller communities.

An Hon. Member: Hear, hear!

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Mr. Speaker, I will be asking questions to the Minister of Economic Development and Transportation on this issue later today.

Mr. Speaker, I will also have questions and comments for the Minister of Environment during this sitting concerning the government's policies respecting compensation for hunters who have lost equipment due to natural disasters.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all members to join me in expressing support for the people of Pond Inlet who have had to endure so much suffering as a result of years of neglect. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Enook. Item 3. Members' Statements. Member for Rankin Inlet North, Mr. Curley.

Member's Statement 532 – 3(3): Theft of Motor Vehicles in Rankin Inlet

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Good morning, residents of Rankin Inlet. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to initiate discussions on this matter. I'm specifically referring to our elders as well as Inuit who don't hold regular positions, as they are becoming inundated with hardships. They try their utmost to accrue some savings in order to purchase equipment that will allow them to hunt for their food.

Some of the equipment is used for hunting. Here in Iqaluit, they are called ATVs, but in the Kivalliq region, we call them Hondas or four-wheelers for use on the land. Most of us now utilize them to go hunting in the summer months.

Currently, in our community, the upsurge in theft and vandalism is becoming obvious. I am not stating that

this or that person is a thief. Theft of personal property has increased substantially, particularly in the wee hours of the night. Joyriding of stolen ATVs during the night is becoming aggravating, as it is quite loud when they pass by at full throttle. Some vehicles are even being hot-wired, as well as our ATVs. They hot-wire the equipment and take off. Apparently, the enforcement workers know the main perpetrators and who they are.

What I want to speak to is about our elders and their need to feel welcome and safe in their communities. Our local councillors, RCMP, and the various enforcement officers have to collaborate on this matter and to have regular meetings to brainstorm on possible solutions. I believe this discussion can take place anywhere. However, if we are to resolve this issue, it requires further discussion in our community and to have more alternative solutions to combat this dilemma we face.

Further, our vehicles, including ATVs, require expensive insurance to operate them on roads. Even if you have insurance on the vehicle, it doesn't include repairs if your vehicle breaks down. There are not enough vehicle repair services available in our community and many vehicles can't be repaired. We often hear on the local radio about a stolen vehicle that was broken down and it can't run anymore. They are insured, but it's only for collision coverage.

Mr. Speaker, I will ask questions on this matter at the appropriate time. Thank you.

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

Member's Statement 533 – 3(3): High School Graduates of Rankin Inlet

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good morning. Yesterday, I was at the high school graduation. There were a lot of grade 12 graduates in Rankin Inlet, 23 of them, and they are:

Sam Adams,
Ernest Akerolik,
Candace Anawak,
Brent Ford,
Colton Graham,
Joseph Hamilton,
Loren Kaludjak,
Wendel Kaludjak,
Maria Kasaluak,
Arnaujuq Kowmuk,
Jamie Maley,
Angela Misheralak,
Lee Jordan Nauya,
Shelley Nichol,
Brandon Oolooyuk,
Sheena Panika,
Mason Putulik,
Ian Sammurtok,
Lewis Sammurtok,
Joshua Tartak,
Lisa Tatty,
Melissa Tatty, and
Gail Wallace.

We are very proud of these youth. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Kusugak. Item 3. Members' Statements. We will move

on in our orders of the day. Item 4.
Returns to Oral Questions. Item 5.
Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery.
Madam Premier.

Item 5: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation):
Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good morning to my constituents in the riding of Iqaluit East along with the people of Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, every year, there is an annual award presented by the executive members of the Council of the Federation Literacy through nominations. (interpretation ends) Every year, Council of the Federation Literacy awards are given to deserving individuals in each province and territory by nomination.

Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to recognize Catherine Hoyt of Iqaluit to the Gallery.

Mr. Speaker, today, I will be presenting Catherine Hoyt with a special award to recognize her achievements in increasing literacy in the city of Iqaluit, I invite all MLAs and my colleagues here to join us in the lobby after the morning sitting for a short presentation.

Welcome to the Gallery, Catherine.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you. Welcome to the Gallery. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Pangnirtung, Mr. Oshutapik.

Mr. Oshutapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This morning, as I

welcome a person to the Gallery, I want my colleagues to share in this acknowledgement of a person from my constituency community.

Let me first provide some background. I have worked with this person for a number of years, as I used to be a maintenance worker for the local housing authority, and I worked with this individual prior to being elected to this position. Previously, I was also elected the same year as he was to our local hamlet council.

Currently, this individual has his hands in many places, and like myself, he is an oil burner mechanic and he provides services to locals who are having furnace issues and keeps them from suffering cold nights by repairing their furnaces. This sometimes means emergency night repairs. He is still working in this field.

He has also worked on other things. Even though most of you are aware of his obvious talents, I would like to further publicize his tremendous photographic abilities. He is a talented photographer and if you want portraits, you can go and see him.

Please welcome David Kilabuk from Pangnirtung. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Oshutapik. Welcome to the Gallery. Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. We will move on in our orders of the day. Item 6. Oral Questions. Member for Baker Lake, Mr. Aupaluktuq.

Item 6: Oral Questions

Question 688 – 3(3): Kivalliq Mayors' Meeting

Mr. Aupaluktuq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions are for the Minister of Community and Government Services, the Hon. Lorne Kusugak.

Next week, mayors from across the Kivalliq will gather together for a meeting in Rankin Inlet. Can the Minister of CGS confirm that the Government of Nunavut will have a presence at this meeting? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Aupaluktuq. Minister responsible for the Department of Community and Government Services, Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank my colleague for the question. Mr. Speaker, I can't speak for other departments that may or will be attending the conference of the Kivalliq mayors, but I could assure my colleague that we will have a full contingent of employees from Community and Government Services that will be able to field any of the questions and concerns that they may have. We will have all our staff there from Community and Government Services. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Aupaluktuq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the response as well. As the minister is aware, he also attended a meeting with the hamlet in Baker Lake. I applaud the minister for informing the mayor as well as the

hamlet on their infrastructure needs as well as the process. I just want to ask that for the record as well to confirm that the Baker Lake issues are being addressed.

Mr. Speaker, a major issue in the Kivalliq has been the concept of building a road to Manitoba. During the spring sitting of this House, the minister responded to questions concerning the question of whether this will be an "all-weather road" or a "winter road." Can the minister update this House today on the status of the Nunavut-Manitoba road project? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As my colleague is aware, I am not the Minister responsible for Transportation, which would be the appropriate minister to deal with the question of whether it's an all-weather road or the progress of it. My colleague, I'm sure, knows that I'm very keen on the progress of the road. At this point, I'm not aware of any progress from the last session. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Your final supplementary, Mr. Aupaluktuq.

Mr. Aupaluktuq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The question that I did ask as well was in regard to the Nunavut-Manitoba road because it is a big concern for all Kivallirmiut who want to have better access to resources as well as to enhance quality of life by having access to infrastructure. The road would

be dynamic as well and that's why I had asked that question in regard to infrastructure.

In relation to this, I want to ask as well, during this Legislative Assembly, I have raised a number of issues concerning the need for new infrastructure in Baker Lake. Can the minister indicate if the issue of capital planning will be on the agenda at next week's meeting? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have explained the whole issue of infrastructure needs and capital planning in this House many times and the procedures that are taken in trying to deal with the issue of infrastructure requirements in municipalities.

As my colleague knows, the infrastructure community sustainability plans have been completed and it's through that process and through the Community Infrastructure Advisory Committee and so on that they may begin to deal with the infrastructure requirements in each municipality.

As for whether it will be discussed at the Kivalliq mayors' meeting, I am not aware. Our department does not set the agenda. It is the municipalities of the Kivalliq Mayors Association that deal with the agenda, set it, and do their priorities. I personally have not seen the agenda and, therefore, cannot respond as to what, if any, will be discussed on that agenda. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Oral Questions. Member for Natilik, Ms. Ugyuk.

Question 689 – 3(3): Fuel Distribution Services in Taloyoak

Ms. Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I say "good day" to the people of Natilik. I wish the students a good day. (interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, my questions are for the Minister of Community and Government Services.

As the minister will recall, I asked him questions on October 26 of last year concerning his department's contract for fuel distribution services in Taloyoak.

At that time, I indicated that concerns had been raised with me by the community with respect to the ability of the new provider to fulfill the terms of its contract with the government.

In his response to me, the minister indicated that his department was "reviewing that particular file and checking to ensure that the contract is being followed through properly and that the party is following through on their obligations..."

Can the minister update me today on the status of his department's efforts to monitor the fuel delivery contract in Taloyoak? 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 my colleague for the

question. (interpretation) Mr. Speaker, our staff has been working on this in regard to fuel contracts. We had written a letter to them saying that they have to follow through with their fuel contract and we have told them as well. We haven't had any response to the letter that we sent in the middle of August. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) As the minister will recall from his correspondence to me of September 6, 2012, the contractor in Taloyoak is required to "provide and maintain a heated garage, constructed to GN standards, for the proper storage and maintenance of the fuel delivery vehicles, including a back-up fuel delivery vehicle, to the full satisfaction of the GN." Can the minister inform me today if his department is, in fact, fully satisfied that these conditions are being met by the contractor? 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. Again, as per the initial answer I responded previously in Inuktitut, our department has responded with a demand letter to the contractor asking for answers as to exactly how they're going to deal with the concern. We are awaiting a response on that demand letter we have written them. I anticipate a response on that issue in the very near future and we will take the next steps

that would be adequate as per the response we get from the contractor. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for his response. I am awaiting the reply from the contractor. We have to make sure that this is clear to the public in Taloyoak.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, it has now been a full year since the minister wrote to me on this issue. What actions will his department be taking in the next few weeks to ensure that the residents of Taloyoak are being served by a fuel delivery contractor that is fully meeting the terms and conditions of its contract with the government? 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 my colleague for the question. Again, Mr. Speaker, our department is very committed to ensuring that all the communities are served adequately in terms of their needs in petroleum products.

Again, we can't get ahead of ourselves. We will await the response and depending on what kind of response we get, we will do a follow-up. I assure my colleague and the people of her constituency that we will do our best to ensure that their petroleum product requirements in that community are met

to the same standards as every other community. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 690 – 3(3): Law Enforcement Issues in Rankin Inlet

Mr. Curley: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. With respect to the statement I made earlier, I have some questions to the Minister of Justice.

Serious concerns have been raised with me by constituents in Rankin Inlet concerning the epidemic of vandalism and theft that is occurring on almost a nightly basis. Stolen ATVs are being driven loudly throughout the streets of Rankin Inlet at all hours, and current law enforcement efforts are unsatisfactory.

Can the minister indicate if his department has formally raised this concern with the RCMP and by-law enforcement in Rankin Inlet? Thank you.

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

Hon. Daniel Shewchuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank Mr. Curley for the question. Well, this is the first that I have been made aware of the situation in Rankin Inlet and the chronic vandalism and theft of ATVs, but it is very much a concern to us and I'm sure it's very much a concern to the community of Rankin Inlet and the RCMP there.

If something like this is happening in a community, I think it's prudent that the

community meet with the RCMP and work together with by-law to ensure that there are proper steps and actions taken to try and prevent as much as they can of this and it be dealt with. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Curley: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the response and I think that's exactly what should happen. I'm also able to indicate that there was an elder who chased around a vandal when he noticed that his Honda had been stolen. He chased him for three hours until daybreak.

I am concerned that residents are frustrated to the point where they are thinking of taking the law into their own hands. As the minister is aware, Kivalliq mayors are meeting in Rankin Inlet as well soon. Will he commit to ensuring that this issue is addressed at next week's meeting? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Daniel Shewchuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do know that the mayors are meeting in Rankin Inlet next week. I will say that I think it's up to the community. We will be there and I'm sure the RCMP will be there too, but I think it's up to the community to bring forward these situations and their concerns. I think it's very important that everybody works together to deter this type of activity that's happening. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Curley: Thank you. I appreciate the response, but I also want to advise the minister that the RCMP is part of the community and they are responsible for ensuring that safety matters are dealt within the community as well as the region.

I recognize that the issue of motor vehicles insurance falls under the jurisdiction of the Department of Economic Development and Transportation. Will the Minister of Justice ensure that his department works with ED&T to review the legal issues surrounding the issues for ATVs in view of the fact that vandalism does impact or perhaps increases the cost of insuring these properties? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Daniel Shewchuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, I would like to comment on a statement the member said in his last question and, that is, I encourage all people not to take the law into their own hands and get involved and chase people who are involved in damaging or stealing their ATVs or vehicles, and report that to the RCMP so that they can do that work.

I do commit to work with Minister Taptuna on reviewing insurance for ATVs. It's my understanding that's precisely why you would have insurance for an ATV if it does get vandalized or stolen, that you can put a claim in to

recover your cost in that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 691 – 3(3): Update on Federal-Territorial Relations

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions are for the Premier.

Last month, the Premier hosted the Prime Minister of Canada on the occasion of his annual northern tour. Can the Premier update the House today on what issues she raised with the Prime Minister during his visit? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Minister responsible for Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, Madam Premier.

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let me start off by stating that I am quite pleased that the Prime Minister of Canada visits Nunavut annually as this is an important event, especially when the sitting Prime Minister sees with his own eyes the existing condition of our communities, which leads to better understanding of our situation.

Some of the various issues I discussed with him were all quite important to Nunavut as a whole, particularly our need for devolution as a territory. I continue to bring up this topic at every opportunity. Another topic we have discussed is the need for cheaper energy alternatives, particularly in light of Iqaluit's wish to get hydro power

generation. I have brought it up to see how we can access funding and how we can work together to resolve this challenge. Additionally, another topic usually brought up is our housing shortage here and we continue to try to provide information on this issue. Another topic was emergency preparedness.

We had a productive meeting. It is quite important to meet with our federal representatives, especially the leadership of the Canadian government, so that they are fully aware of the state of Nunavut as well as what infrastructure is required. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Madam Premier. Your first supplementary, Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In regard to safety, an issue that I and many other members have been raising for a number of years is the need for the federal government to station search and rescue assets in the north on a permanent basis. Can the Premier indicate if this issue was addressed during the Prime Minister's visit? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Minister responsible for Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, Madam Premier.

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. With respect to emergencies, safety is very important here in Nunavut. We talked about it being important for the people of Nunavut to have emergency aircraft that can be based in Nunavut rather than being stationed in the south.

There are a lot of ships that are coming to the Arctic because of global warming. We are starting to have ships in the High Arctic. If there were to be an emergency, the people of Canada have to have a plan in place to respond to emergency situations, which is very important here in the Arctic and in Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Madam Premier. Your final supplementary, Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In the reply to my earlier question, the Premier mentioned the issue of devolution and she had said that it was discussed during the Prime Minister's visit. Can the Premier indicate what the new timetable is for the start of formal devolution negotiation? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Minister responsible for Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, Madam Premier.

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for his question. In regard to devolution, we always want to talk about the issues of devolution. I can say that we don't exactly have a date set for formal devolution negotiations, but the Prime Minister and the Minister of INAC have stated that they believe and they have provided that they have to appoint a negotiator first. We expect that the formal devolution negotiations would probably start before Christmas. That's the expectation that we were given by the federal government. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Madam Premier. Oral Questions. Member for South Baffin, Mr. Schell.

Question 692 – 3(3): Collection of Fines

Mr. Schell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Justice.

It has been brought to my attention that approximately 50 percent of the fines that are issued by the Nunavut court system are never collected and apparently there is no mechanism in place to collect these. Can the minister indicate if this is actually the case? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Daniel Shewchuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank Mr. Schell for the question. Mr. Schell's statement is correct. There are fines levied in the court for the Territory of Nunavut. In 2011, I think it was \$220,000 and approximately half of those fines were collected. It's very difficult for the territory. We do not have the legislation in place to collect those fines properly.

I should say that the fines include federal offences, municipal offences, and territorial offences, and each one is responsible for the collection of their own fines. There are attempts made through the Department of Justice with letter writing campaigns, but there are very little warrants for arrest issued and actually confinement in lieu of fines that come back to our justice system.

It is a problem and we know it's a problem. I have instructed my department to look in and developing legislation that is more common throughout other jurisdictions to deal with this issue, but it is a challenge and we need to move forward on it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Shewchuk. Your first supplementary, Mr. Schell.

Mr. Schell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You have also been informed by some RCMP that they're not even issuing any fines anymore because the odds of collecting are very slim. With the new *Liquor Act*, they're planning on increasing the fines for bootlegging, which obviously won't have an effect on it if bootleggers don't have to pay the fines. I would suggest that the minister get this rectified as soon as possible. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: There's no question there, just a comment. You have any further supplementary questions, Mr. Schell? No? Okay. Moving on. Oral Questions. Member for Tununiq, Mr. Enook.

Question 693 – 3(3): Marine Infrastructure Crisis in Pond Inlet

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions are for the Minister of Economic Development and Transportation.

As the minister will recall, I asked him questions in February of this year concerning the status of his department's initiative to provide approximately \$19,000 from its small craft harbours budget for the "preliminary design of a boat launch" in Pond Inlet.

As the minister knows very well, the disaster that hit Pond Inlet this summer has again demonstrated the urgent need to provide adequate marine infrastructure in Pond Inlet.

My question is: can the minister tell me today what his department is doing to address the issue of marine infrastructure and safety in Pond Inlet? 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 my colleague for that question. It is one of those serious issues that arise constantly. We lack infrastructure in Nunavut, basically in all of our communities, except Pangnirtung, of course, where the small craft harbour has been completed.

Like the member's statement indicating that it is the responsibility of this government, it is the responsibility of the federal government. There have been studies done on a certain number of communities for breakwaters and proper marine infrastructures to be put in place.

Mr. Speaker, last summer, we initiated with our own funds within the department to put in a boat launch to alleviate some of the safety concerns to protect the equipment that's out there. One of the things that are happening now is that the equipment for the boat launch is being delivered to Pond Inlet at this time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank the minister. The residents of Pond Inlet are very appreciative of the boat launch that will be delivered this summer, but as you well know, a fact we all know is that this is an inadequate solution. Further, our expectations are that this is only the beginning towards the construction of a real small craft harbour or docking facility, which is the end goal.

Mr. Speaker, in my Member's Statement today, I called on the minister to work with our Member of Parliament to change the federal government's approach to funding marine infrastructure projects in Nunavut. Can the minister inform this House about his discussions with his federal counterparts of the obstacles Nunavut faces in trying to get this funding?

Can the minister tell me if the federal government has shown any willingness whatsoever to take a more flexible approach to our situation and circumstances? Does it appear that they still haven't grasped the gravity of this situation and that Nunavut needs to have different rules applied to it so that we can resolve a lot of our difficulties? The way it stands now, Nunavummiut can't abide with the regulations meant to provide safe boating in our southern latitudes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank my colleague for that question. Absolutely, in just about every federal-provincial-territorial conference that I have attended, the lack of

infrastructure in Nunavut is brought up constantly. The ministers in Ottawa are aware that we lack marine infrastructure, road infrastructure, and a number of different things, including housing, of course.

Mr. Speaker, studies have been done with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans in the past and Pond Inlet was identified for a breakwater. We continue to work with the federal government to try and figure out ways to fund it. The P3 project here for the Iqaluit airport is a totally different matter that he indicated during his Member's Statement. It is done through a P3 route. We managed to access \$77 million from [the Government of] Canada, so that project is going ahead.

For marine infrastructure, it has been a real challenge to get funding to build breakwaters and marine infrastructures within the communities because this government does not have the funds for \$60 million to \$70 million for that type of infrastructure. Again, Mr. Speaker, we continue to push that and inform our colleagues down in Ottawa about that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Enook: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation) In my Member's Statement today, I indicated that if the federal government won't help us, we need to be ready to help ourselves. Will the minister commit to taking whatever steps are necessary to ensure that Pond Inlet is protected from the kind of disaster that occurred this summer? Can we, as a group in this House, work together to try to deal with the

challenges we face here in Nunavut? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

An Hon. Member: Hear, hear!

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

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again I thank my colleague for that question. Mr. Speaker, with the limited funds we do have in our department, it's a real challenge, but we managed this summer to assist 22 communities in improving and extending some of the breakwaters to a limited degree. Again, I've got to say, with the \$1.6 million of limited funding, we managed to assist 22 communities throughout the summer.

Mr. Speaker, this is one of the things that as a department with limited funding, that's all that we are able to do. We continue to talk to our colleagues in Ottawa to get the real infrastructure for safety of our boaters and hunters and for resupplying the communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Question 694 – 3(3): Severe
Overcrowding in Repulse Bay
Public Housing**

Mr. Ningark: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In my Member's Statement, I stated that there are 21 people, of which 13 are children, who are living in a Repulse Bay home. This situation leads to overcrowding in dangerous, hazardous

living conditions, which are unacceptable living standards. I cannot even begin to put this into words. When a child takes his or her own life, there is a serious call for help. When couples live and sleep in the porch of their home because of overcrowding, there is a serious call for help.

Mr. Speaker, my question to the Hon. Minister of the Nunavut Housing Corporation is, and I do not want to dwell on this issue forever: will the hon. minister direct his officials to work with the Repulse Bay Housing Authority to resolve the issue now? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank my colleague for that question. Mr. Speaker, there is a major housing shortage in Nunavut, and I feel for the family of Repulse Bay. There are 21 family members in the unit. That is one of those things that we see too often in our communities. In Nunavut, we need over 3,500 units desperately to alleviate the overcrowding we have in Nunavut. Mr. Speaker, I'll consult with my staff there to see if we can alleviate the problem that the member brings up. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Ningark: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the hon. minister. The minister indicated that he will be consulting with his officials to try and work out a deal with Repulse Bay.

As you know, Mr. Speaker, the emergency we have, when I received correspondence, when I visited the home, I could not put the situation into words. I want to know if the hon. minister is saying to me and the family in Repulse Bay that he will deal with this issue through his officials today with the Repulse Bay housing corporation. Thank you.

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

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. With 21 people in a unit, which is, in my opinion, rather dangerous, I will ask my officials to look into that and talk to the LHO there about the immediate situation of that family.

Mr. Speaker, Repulse Bay is receiving 20 new units through the new initiative that the federal government had put out for the \$100 million and we appreciate that. Mr. Speaker, over the years, through the Nunavut Housing Trust and Canada's Economic Action Plan, Repulse Bay has received almost \$13.5 million and 37 units to the community, but again, that just goes to show the drastic shortage of units we need in Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Ningark: Thank you. I thank the hon. minister. For my second and final supplementary question, is the hon. minister committing to 20 units for Repulse Bay? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That allocation was done previously at the last sitting, and Repulse Bay is receiving 20 units from the new initiative from CMHC and the government of Ottawa. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Oral Questions. Member for Nanulik, Mr. Ningeongan.

Question 695 – 3(3): Equipment Shelter for Chesterfield Inlet Airport

Mr. Ningeongan (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, I would like to say “good morning” to the people of Coral Harbour and Chesterfield Inlet and Nunavummiut. My question is directed to the Minister of Economic Development and Transportation.

It has been almost three years now since the garage at the airport in Chesterfield Inlet was going to be built. It has been an ongoing issue for a very long time. From what I understand, there are three other communities in the same situation in Nunavut. Why is it that these projects are taking a long time to be built in these communities? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank my colleague for that question. Mr. Speaker, yes, I tend to

agree that it has been a while. It seems like a simple project, but over the years, we have learned that it’s not as simple as that. Mr. Speaker, the shelter in Chesterfield Inlet and the two other communities will be completed and used this winter. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Ningeongan (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank the Minister of Economic Development and Transportation for his response. I have heard that statement on more than one occasion. We have always been told that it’s going to be completed at a certain date, but I would like to get a definite response if those buildings are going to be built before the end of this government. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank my colleague for that question. Mr. Speaker, at times, unforeseen circumstances do arrive. I have been informed this time by my officials in the Transportation Division that the units will be complete for the four communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 696 – 3(3): Implementing IQ in Child and Family Services Act

Mr. Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good morning to the people of Igloolik. They can see the picture, but there is no audio coming out, as long as the people of Hall Beach can hear us. My questions are for the Minister of Family Services, the Hon. Minister Ell.

Yesterday, I asked the minister some questions about the coming into force of Nunavut's newly amended *Child and Family Services Act*. Unfortunately, because it wasn't clear and I am sure that the people of Nunavut didn't understand it clearly when the minister replied, I felt that it's important for the public and all Nunavummiut to get the right information on the record.

Mr. Speaker, on May 16, 2013, *An Act to Amend the Child and Family Services Act* received assent. Section 8 states that the Act will come into force eight months after the date it receives assent, which will be on January 16, 2014. I would like to ask the minister to clearly explain how her department plans to implement section 2, subsection 1, and administer Inuit societal values as specified under the newly amended *Child and Family Services Act*. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Tapardjuk. Minister responsible for the Department of Family Services, Minister Ell.

Hon. Monica Ell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will take that question as notice. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Madam Minister. Your question has been taken as notice. Oral Questions. Member for Pangnirtung, Mr. Oshutapik.

Question 697 – 3(3): Employment Opportunities for High School Graduates

Mr. Oshutapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This morning, I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Education.

To date, the parents of students have to wake up their children to go to school. There are still parents who are waking up their children all the way from kindergarten to grade 12 so that they can have better opportunities in the future after graduation. We would like them to be contributing to their communities when they're adults. To date, we are proud to commend the students who complete high school. It's a proud day when graduates celebrate and we think that they're going to have better opportunities and employment available to them after having graduated.

My question to the Minister of Education is: what opportunities are made available to graduating students of Nunavut? We see children playing with their cellphones and iPods and doing nothing because there are no job opportunities. How are the departments of Human Resources and Education working together so that more employment opportunities are made available? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Oshutapik. Minister responsible for the Department of Education, Minister Aariak.

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank the member for asking that question. Graduation is very important and we ensure our children and grandchildren are fed properly and go to school for a better future.

To date, we see an increasing number of graduates from Nunavut. For myself, when I attend graduation ceremonies, I see it as a beginning of their future. Graduating from grade 12 is not the end of your education. They can further their education at Arctic College, at universities and trade schools, and so on. They can take on different trades that are available to them out there.

From grade 7 on, they're provided with the best support so that the students will have options for their career paths. That is the kind of support provided to them starting in grade 7 to grade 12, whether they would like to pursue a medical career or a trades program like electrician or perhaps an accountant.

I would like to urge students to talk to their parents to gain their support in identifying their career paths. Not all students can focus on a career path right at that time, but today, we make career options so that career paths and opportunities are made available to the students. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Oshutapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Madam Minister, for that response. To date, how is the Department of Education working with Human Resources so that there will

be better career opportunities for students who did not complete their grade 12? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Oshutapik. Minister of Education, Minister Aariak.

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't have the paperwork in front of me, but the Department of Human Resources puts out job opportunities and advertises them, including the qualifications required.

Mr. Speaker, as I indicated earlier, the jobs that are available in their community or outside of their community are announced so that the students will have a better idea of what career path they would like to take.

With regard to the member's question on how the departments of Education and Human Resources work together, I don't have the papers in front of me. I would just like to urge the people to pursue the many job opportunities that are advertised out there and I urge students to keep up with their attendance and be persistent because those are qualities that make them attractive to potential employers.

The Department of Human Resources doesn't go around guaranteeing job placement. They only make the job opportunities available and the type of candidates they're looking for. I would just like to add that in the high schools, there are career counsellors available to the students to help them in identifying what career they would like to take after they graduate. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Oshutapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Madam Minister, for your response. In Nunavut, we have seen students who graduated from grade 12 with no jobs available to them and face barriers in continuing further education. That was the basis of my question.

What kind of programs or strategies do you have for those students who had graduated from grade 12, but have not had the opportunity to find a job or who, for one reason or another, cannot further their education, either in or outside of their community? What kind of programs do you have for those particular students? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Oshutapik. Minister responsible for the Department of Education, Minister Aariak.

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank the member for that question. For those who have not graduated grade 12 or had not furthered their education beyond grade 12, there are still a large number of those students.

We do have Arctic College where they can do upgrades in math, English, or other subjects. We used to call it GED, but there is another name. It is now called PASS. There are not enough job opportunities available in the communities. There is only the hamlet council, the government, and so on. They have to move to another community because of the limited job opportunities, but there are options

available for the students who would like to further their education or go into an upgrade program. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 698 – 3(3): HTO Compensation for Taloyoak

Ms. Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In our community, they are undertaking traditional fall activities. Since it is Friday today, many residents will be heading on the land to conduct these fall activities. I wish my fellow residents a safe weekend, along with the residents of Gjoa Haven.

I have a question to the Minister of Environment regarding the McClintock Channel and the closure of the polar bear harvest in that zone. I have been a member of the HTO board, along with Anaoyok Alookey, the late Pat Lyall, Aipeelie and Sam Tularialik, but I have forgotten some of the past members.

However, I recall distinctly that when the government made the decision to close this area to hunting, they identified funds that were supposed to be allocated to the affected communities. They are still expecting this financial assistance. Based on our understanding, the other affected communities of Cambridge Bay and Gjoa Haven have received funding, yet the Taloyoak HTO never received any funds. This is apparently due to the parties being unable to agree on an amount.

To date, the Taloyoak HTO hasn't received any funding assistance for this

closure. The NWMB has already approved this closure of that zone to hunting. Why is it that this agreement isn't being followed by this government and the NWMB? (interpretation ends) Will the GN compensate the local HTO in Taloyoak the sum of \$250,000 that was offered, plus 25 percent for each year that it didn't compensate for the moratorium on the polar bear quotas in the McClintock Channel? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Ms. Ugyuk. Minister responsible for the Department of Environment, Minister Arreak.

Hon. James Arreak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will have to take the question as notice. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Arreak. The question has been taken as notice. Oral Questions. Member for South Baffin, Mr. Schell.

Question 699 – 3(3): Airport Infrastructure in Nunavut

Mr. Schell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions are for the Minister of Economic Development and Transportation.

Last month, the Government of Nunavut issued a formal public update on the status of the new Iqaluit International Airport, which is being funded through a public-private partnership. The update stated in part that the use of a P3 approach “allows the GN to deliver other capital projects while this larger one is being undertaken.”

As the minister is well aware, a number of our smaller Baffin communities,

including Kimmirut and Pangnirtung, are also urgently in need of new airport facilities. Can the minister indicate if the P3 approach for the Iqaluit airport will permit capital dollars to be freed up for new airport in Kimmirut? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank my colleague for that question. Mr. Speaker, the P3 process alleviates some of the funding issues that we do have within this government.

Through that process, we were able to access \$77 million from P3 Canada, which, in turn, in renovating and rebuilding the Iqaluit International Airport, we have taken the majority of the capital infrastructure money that we do put up from this government.

Doing it in that manner, through that process, saves our funds for doing other projects and infrastructure buildings within the smaller communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Schell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The government's recent public update on the Iqaluit International Airport project indicated that it is currently involved in a confidential negotiation to finalize the contract for this project and that the signing is scheduled to take place in mid-September.

As the minister will be aware, the Government of Ontario recently had to pay tens of millions of dollars in cancellation penalties when it decided not to proceed with the construction of new gas plants in the province.

Can the minister indicate if the contract for the new Iqaluit International Airport will contain cancellation penalties that will make it impossible for any new government to substantially change the scope of the project? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for that question. Mr. Speaker, the member is well aware that we work collaboratively with P3 Canada, P3 partnerships, and the other two departments within the government here, the Department of Finance and the Department of Community and Government Services.

Mr. Speaker, I do not get involved with contract negotiations. That is done through the departments. Mr. Speaker, the signing ceremonies are on schedule. They are about to take place within a week or so. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Schell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The government's recent public update on the Iqaluit International Airport also indicated that it has "worked with Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated (NTI) and larger Inuit firms on the

development of an alternative to the NNI Policy" with respect to this project.

Can the minister clarify whether the government has a formal agreement with NTI on this subject and, if it does, will he be willing to table a copy of it in the Legislative Assembly? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There were a lot of consultations that took place before an agreement was signed with Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated. I'll check with my officials and I'll have them communicate this to our partners to see if that is possible. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Members will note that the time allotted for question period has expired. We will move on in our orders of the day. Item 7. Written Questions. Item 8. Returns to Written Questions. Item 9. Replies to Opening Address. Item 10. Petitions. Item 11. Responses to Petitions. Item 12. Reports of Standing and Special Committee on Bills and Other Matters. Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Minister of Health, Minister Peterson.

Item 13: Tabling of Documents

Tabled Document 385 – 3(3): 2012-2013 Annual Report on the Operation of the Medical Care Plan

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to table the 2012-13 Annual Report on the Operation of the Medical Care Plan. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Peterson. Tabling of Documents. Member for Quttiktuq, Mr. Elliott.

Tabled Document 386 – 3(3): Article from Hill Times: Three Arctic Ports Needed

Tabled Document 387 – 3(3): Food Price Statistics

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have two separate documents to table.

I am pleased to table a copy of an article from the *Hill Times* newspaper titled “Three Arctic Ports Needed.” This article was written by Retired Colonel Pierre Leblanc. The article addresses a number of important issues, including search and rescue in the north. I urge all members to review it with care.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to table some statistics relating to food pricing. In August, Nunavut’s Bureau of Statistics released its “Pilot Nunavut Food Price Survey,” the results of an 11-community survey comparing the costs of 28 food items.

For a snapshot of food price changes over time, I am also tabling data collected in 2011 and in 2013 showing changes in the cost of certain food items.

I am confident members will find this information interesting and informative in considering the effectiveness of the Nutrition North Canada Program. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Minister responsible for Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, Madam Premier.

Tabled Document 388 – 3(3): 2012-2013 Annual Report on the Administration of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act

Tabled Document 389 – 3(3): Response to the Standing Committee on Oversight of Government Operations and Public Accounts’ Report on the Review of the 2011-2012 Annual Report of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Nunavut

Hon. Eva Aariak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have two tabling items.

First, Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to table the 2012-13 Annual Report on the Administration of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

The other one is, Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to table the Government of Nunavut’s Response to the Standing Committee on Oversight of Government Operations and Public Accounts’ Report on the Review of the 2011-12 Annual Report of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Madam Premier. Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Minister responsible for the Utility Rates Review Council, Minister Arreak.

**Tabled Document 390 – 3(3): 2013
Annual Report Utility Rates
Review Council of Nunavut**

Hon. James Arreak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to table the 2013 Annual Report for the Utility Rates Review Council. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Arreak. Item 13. Tabling of Documents.

**Tabled Document 391 – 3(3): Report
of Members' Absences from
Sitting of the House and Meetings
of Committees and Caucuses to the
Members of the Legislative
Assembly of Nunavut for the
Period April 1, 2013 to June 30,
2013**

**Tabled Document 392 – 3(3): Report
to the Legislative Assembly of
Nunavut Office of the Legislative
Assembly Contracts with a value
of \$5,000 and Greater for the
Period April 1, 2012 to March 31,
2013**

**Tabled Document 393 – 3(3): Pension
Administration Report – Retiring
Allowances Act and
Supplementary Retiring
Allowances Act March 31, 2013**

Members, I have a number of items to table today.

The first item is the Interim Report of Members' Absences from Sittings of the

House and Meetings of Committees and Caucuses for the Period of April 1 to June 30, 2013.

The second item is the Report to the Management and Services Board on Procurement and Contracting Activities for the Legislative Assembly for the year 2012-13.

The third and final one that I'm going to table today is the Pension Administration Report for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2013.

Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to Rule 46, I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Rankin Inlet South-Whale Cove, that the House adjourn for the day. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Rumbolt. It appears the seconder is not in the Chamber at this moment, so can we get a volunteer to reread your motion?

>> *Laughter*

Mr. Rumbolt.

Item 16: Motions

**Motion 053 – 3(3): Early
Adjournment**

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess I should have looked around the room before I read my... I'll try again, Mr. Speaker.

Pursuant to Rule 46, I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Cambridge

Bay, who is in the House, that we adjourn for the day. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Laughter*

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Rumbolt. The motion is in order. All those in favour. Any opposed? The motion is carried. As such, we will proceed directly to Item 22. There's a little note here that says, "My favourite number." I don't know why. In our orders of the day, *Orders of the Day*. Mr. Clerk.

Item 22: Orders of the Day

Clerk (Mr. Quirke): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just a reminder that at half past one this afternoon, there's a meeting of the Standing Committee on Legislation in the Tuktu Room.

Orders of the Day for Monday, September 9:

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 32
- Bill 40
- Bill 68
- Bill 69
- Minister's Statement 299 – 3(3)

20. Report of the Committee of the Whole

21. Third Reading of Bills

22. Orders of the Day

Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. This House stands adjourned until Monday, September 9, at 1:30 p.m.

Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>*House adjourned at 10:36*

