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Iqaluit, Nunavut
Friday, September 15, 2017

Members Present:

Mr. Tony Akoak, Ms. Pat Angnakak, Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk, Mr. Joe Enook, Hon. George Hickee, Mr. David Joanasie, Hon. George Kuksuk, Hon. Johnny Mike, Mr. Simeon Mikkungwak, Mr. Paul Okalik, Hon. Keith Peterson, Mr. Emiliano Qirngnuq, Hon. Paul Quassa, Hon. George Qulaut, Mr. Allan Rumbolt, Mr. Alexander Sammurtok, Mr. Tom Sammurtok, Hon. Joe Savikataaq, Mr. Isaac Shooyook, Hon. Peter Taptuna.

>>*House commenced at 9:03*

Item 1: Opening Prayer

Speaker (Hon. George Qulaut) (interpretation): Mr. Mike, can you say the opening prayer, please.

>>*Prayer*

Speaker (interpretation): My fellow Nunavummiut, members, ministers, (interpretation ends) Premier, (interpretation) visitors in the gallery, and staff, welcome to the House.

Item 2. Ministers' Statements. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Minister for the Status of Women, Ms. Monica Ell-Kanayuk.

Item 2: Ministers' Statements

**Minister's Statement 361 – 4(3):
Inquiry on Missing and Murdered
Indigenous Women and Girls**

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) As

Minister responsible for the Status of Women, I would like to provide an update on the recent visit to Nunavut by the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls during the week of August 14, 2017.

Mr. Speaker, the commission travelled to Rankin Inlet to meet with the families and loved ones of missing and murdered Inuit women in Nunavut. The purpose of this visit was to do community outreach with families and community members before public hearings are held the week of December 11, 2017.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who initiated the commission's visit to Rankin Inlet and to Nunavummiut who attended this initial visit. I recognize them for their courage and strength in participating and sharing their experiences.

As the national inquiry takes place, we continue to support survivors of family violence and the families of missing and murdered Inuit women in Nunavut. It is my goal as co-lead to ensure that the national inquiry will build upon the important work already being done to address family violence in Nunavut and that the process will help us heal.

Mr. Speaker, Nunavummiut from Rankin Inlet and all Nunavut communities will have the next few months to register to provide testimony during those hearings, and I urge Nunavummiut to reach out to local support services should they need additional support during this time.

The Government of Nunavut is committed to working towards ending violence against women and girls in

Nunavut. We will continue to work together with local community groups, Inuit organizations, our federal, provincial and territorial counterparts, and the non-governmental sector to address violence against women and seek solutions to create safer homes, families, and communities for Nunavummiut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements. Minister of Education, Mr. Paul Quassa.

**Minister's Statement 362 – 4(3):
Nunavut Secondary Students
Eligible to Work General Election**

Hon. Paul Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good morning, my fellow residents of Igloolik, my colleagues, and Nunavummiut.

Mr. Speaker and fellow members, it is my pleasure to announce Elections Nunavut is hiring students over the age of 15 to work in polling stations as registration and polling clerks during the 2017 general election.

Mr. Speaker, through encouraging the participation of young Nunavummiut in opportunities such as these, we are providing students the chance to learn about democracy, electoral history, and civic participation in the general election. These positions will help develop the knowledge and awareness youth need to become active citizens with the hopes of building voting habits that will last a lifetime.

Mr. Speaker, my department is supporting Elections Nunavut in this

endeavour and encourages Nunavummiut students to participate in this excellent and exciting paid employment opportunity that we hope will foster the learning of Nunavut's unique political structure and distinct cultural identity while developing relationships within the territory.

Mr. Speaker, students in good standing enrolled in secondary school are encouraged to apply through seeking support from their principal. Mr. Speaker, applications will be posted by both schools and district education authorities with an application deadline of September 22. I encourage my fellow members to share this information and wonderful opportunity with your communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements. Minister of Health, Mr. George Hickes.

**Minister's Statement 363 – 4(3):
Iqaluit Surgical Services Reach a
Milestone**

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to take this opportunity to thank and commend the surgical team, nurses, and support staff at the Qikiqtani General Hospital (QGH) for achieving a milestone. The team triaged and eliminated the long-standing wait-list for colonoscopies.

Mr. Speaker, the significant task of triaging more than 360 referrals, many of whom have been on a wait-list for several years, and providing the needed assessments was accomplished through dedication and teamwork. The team

consisted of QGH staff and a surgical team led by Dr. Mike Saba, General Surgeon, with support from Dr. Chelsey Ricketts, GP Anesthetist.

Procedures were reviewed and changes implemented which resulted in the utilization of the hospital's two surgical theatres. This marks a first in the hospital's history and reflects real growth in QGH capacity.

In addition the surgery unit has made the transition from handwritten records to full implementation of the MEDITECH electronic recordkeeping system, saving time and resources.

Mr. Speaker, there were three components to eliminating the colonoscopy wait-list:

- 1) The commitment of surgeons, nurses, and support staff;
- 2) The support of the anesthetists; and
- 3) The role of the senior leadership team to institute operational change.

Mr. Speaker, the surgical team at the Qikiqtani General Hospital has accomplished something quite significant by eliminating the two- or three-year wait-list for colonoscopies.

Please join me in congratulating the staff at the Qikiqtani General Hospital for their commitment and success. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Premier of Nunavut, Mr. Taptuna.

Minister's Statement 364 – 4(3): Long-term Service Award Recipients 30+ Years

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation) Good morning, my colleagues, Nunavummiut, and Kuglukturmiut.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I rise in the House today to recognize and thank Government of Nunavut staff who have dedicated more than 30 years to the public service. These devoted employees will be honoured with long-term service awards at an event on September 16.

Mr. Speaker, these dedicated individuals represent many of our departments and public bodies, and come across throughout territory. Their long-term service is an example of their strong commitment to serving and providing for our communities.

Mr. Speaker, our government continues to invest in and support the employees of the public service to the benefit of all Nunavummiut. Through training and mentorship programs, as well as a positive and supportive work environment, I am confident that more of our workforce will continue to dedicate many years of valuable service to Nunavummiut.

Today I recognize the following employees with more than 30 years of service: Joapie Killiktee, Anne Mullin, and Apea Sowdluapik, all from Health; Leigh Clark from Nunavut Arctic College; Darlene Aknavigak and Irene Tanuyak from Family Services; Jeeteetah Kalluk and Jeannie Tautu from Education; and Adam Crout from the Qulliq Energy Corporation.

Mr. Speaker, I am also proud to recognize those employees with more than 35 years of service: Gail Redpath from Health; David Monteith from Environment; Saa Pitsiulak from Culture and Heritage; Allen Aglukkaq, Malaya Audlakiak, Peter Aulatjut, and Pasqualina Putulik, all from Education.

Mr. Speaker, with this next recognition, I'm going to try to keep a straight face. It is my special honour to recognize with great appreciation one employee with more than 45 years of dedicated service. It's my pleasure to congratulate Mr. John Quirke, who is the first employee to get an award for 45 years of service.

>>Applause

Mr. Speaker, for the last 18 years Mr. Quirke has been the Clerk of the Nunavut Legislative Assembly. As you can tell, Mr. Speaker, all members appreciate that.

Mr. Speaker, once again I extend a great appreciation to our dedicated workforce here in the Government of Nunavut. Congratulations to those long-term service award recipients. Colleagues, please join me in thanking all the long-term employees of Nunavut for their years of service. *Quyannaini*, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements. Minister of Finance, Mr. Keith Peterson.

**Minister's Statement 365 – 4(3):
Long-term Service Award
Recipients 20+ Years**

Hon. Keith Peterson: Mr. Speaker, on September 16 the Premier and colleagues from this House will join me to recognize a number of employees for their long-term service to our government. Today I would like to recognize those government employees in the Legislative Assembly. These employees have dedicated their careers to public service and have made enormous contributions to their communities and our territory over the decades of their employment.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognizing the following employees who have dedicated 20 years of public service to Nunavut: Geebowah Arreak, Rebecca Awa, Fiona Buchan-Corey, Grant Corey, Mary Etuangat, Margaret Evaloakjuk, Edward Flynn, Steven Inukshuk, Rosie Joamie, Bessie Joy, Maggie Kuniliusie, Vincent Maliki, Pitseolala Manning, Betsy Meeko, Gerard Nadrowski, Imoosie Nutaraqjuk, Ronda Ohokannoak, Ootoovah Palituq, Pia Qaqasiq, Larry Qilluniq, Janis Tagoona, Cecilia Taipana, and Jason Todd.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to extend congratulations to the following employees who have dedicated 25 years of public service to our government: Regilee Adla, Kango Akittirq, Charlotte Borg, Trudi Bruce, Maria Fraser, Susan Hillier, Lizzie Kavik-Mickiyuk, Jeannie Metuq, Agnes Panioyak, Andrea Sateana, Douglas Stenton, Joy Tilley, Elizabeth Tunnuq, Jenny Ussak, and John Vander Velde.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Government of Nunavut, we thank them for making a difference in their

communities and our territory. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements. Minister of Environment, Mr. Joe Savikataaq.

**Minister's Statement 366 – 4(3):
Environment's Contribution to
Capacity Building in the GN**

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

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to share with members today the outstanding work the Department of Environment has done over the past number of years in developing the capacity of staff.

The department has devoted significant attention to developing customized training courses for its enforcement officers in Nunavut. Three courses have been developed to date: a spill response course, an introduction to law enforcement and compliance course, and a firearms course. These courses have been instrumental in preparing our conservation officers to fulfill their duties and responsibilities in a highly professional manner.

Mr. Speaker, in partnership with Nunavut Arctic College, these three courses are now being delivered by Department of Environment staff as a part of the Environmental Technology Program. Students who take these courses will undergo the same experience as staff members at the Department of Environment and will

receive professional level certificates at the end of the course.

The Environmental Technology Program is a rewarding experience for its students, and the Department of Environment is always interested in graduates who are looking for work in the fields of conservation, environmental protection, parks management, and environmental research.

Mr. Speaker, I am extremely pleased to say that this year the spill response course will be taught in part by two of our staff officers that graduated from this program. I am sure I speak on behalf of all members in congratulating Environmental Protection Officers Terrance Milton and Daniel Inuarak, and wish them every success in their teaching roles this year. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements. Minister of Family Services, Mr. Johnny Mike.

**Minister's Statement 367 – 4(3):
Community Social Services
Worker Training**

Hon. Johnny Mike (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good morning, people of Nunavut and Pangnirtung.

Mr. Speaker, the Department of Family Services' community social services workers play an important role supporting and protecting Nunavummiut who may find themselves in vulnerable situations. These frontline staff have a responsibility to deliver child protection services under the *Child and Family*

Services Act. They are also responsible for a number of other services, including adoption services, support and referral services, family violence intervention, and protection services for vulnerable adults and elders.

As part of our commitments following the Auditor General's 2011 *Report on Children, Youth and Family Programs and Services in Nunavut*, my department delivers annual statutory training to its community social services workers. More recently my department revised the training to incorporate Inuit societal values.

I am pleased to report that the first delivery of this revised training will take place in Cambridge Bay from October 10 to 18, 2017. Approximately 15 community social services workers from across Nunavut will attend the training. The training will give frontline staff the opportunity to engage in meaningful discussions around Inuit societal values, strengthen the support network among themselves, and foster their ability to deliver quality and Inuit-specific services across here in Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my department, I would like to express my gratitude to the community social services workers for their continued dedication to children and families. We remain committed to supporting our frontline staff through training opportunities and professional development. The protection...

Speaker: Hon. Minister, your time is up. Hon. Government House Leader, Paul Quassa.

Hon. Paul Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I seek unanimous consent to extend the time allotted for Ministers' Statements. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The minister is seeking unanimous consent to extend the time allocated for Ministers' Statements. Are there any nays? There are none and we will continue with Ministers' Statements until all statements are delivered.

Please continue, Hon. Minister of Family Services, Mr. Johnny Mike.

Hon. Johnny Mike (interpretation): Thank you, my colleagues.

(interpretation ends) We remain committed to supporting our frontline staff through training opportunities and professional development. The protection of children, adults, and families is at the heart of the department's work, and it is because of their continued dedication that this work is possible. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements. Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation, Mr. George Kuksuk.

**Minister's Statement 368 – 4(3):
Update on Blueprint for Action on
Housing**

Hon. George Kuksuk (interpretation): Good morning, my colleagues, Nunavummiut, the people of Whale

Cove, and my fellow residents of Arviat. Have a wonderful day today.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, last fall I was pleased to table in the Legislative Assembly the *Blueprint for Action on Housing*, the implementation plan for the Government of Nunavut's *GN Comprehensive Housing and Homelessness Strategy*, as part of the *Igluliuqatigiilauqta – Let's Build a Home Together* initiative.

Mr. Speaker, the implementation of the blueprint for action officially began on April 1, 2017. The blueprint for action is a long-term plan intended to be rolled out over the next 10 years.

In June of 2017 the NHC hosted an interdepartmental workshop to ensure all departments were aware of their responsibilities and reporting requirements under the blueprint.

Mr. Speaker, the NHC has now collected quarterly updates on all actions. I am pleased to report that work is already underway on many of the actions and we are on track for a successful year.

Some of the updates on actions include work with the Qulliq Energy Corporation and the Government of Nunavut's Climate Change Secretariat to develop an energy conservation campaign to reduce energy use in homes. This "Energy Wise" campaign is an important step in achieving Action 52 in the blueprint, which identifies the need to encourage tenants to recognize their responsibilities and monitor, care for, and maintain their housing units.

Another major initiative that the NHC is co-leading with the Department of

Finance is the review of the Staff Housing Policy, as per Action 21 in the *Blueprint for Action on Housing*. This review is examining the Staff Housing Policy itself, as well as the viability of different alternatives to meeting the housing needs of GN employees.

Mr. Speaker, in response to Action 16 to support homeowners, the NHC has also conducted a review of the homeownership program process to determine barriers and issues that limit the impact of the programs for all Nunavummiut.

Mr. Speaker, work will continue on the blueprint for action, and next fall the first Annual Status of Housing Report will be tabled in the Legislative Assembly to report on the year's progress.

Mr. Speaker, with the ongoing cooperative work of this government, I am optimistic about the future as we continue to make progress to collaboratively address Nunavut's housing crisis. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Ministers' Statements. Hon. Minister of Justice, Hon. Keith Peterson.

Minister's Statement 369 – 4(3): Corrections Town Crew Programs

Hon. Keith Peterson: Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the efforts of a number of men who are trying to rehabilitate themselves and give back to the community. These men are residents of the Baffin Correctional Centre and the

Rankin Inlet Healing Facility who participate in the successful town crew programs for both Iqaluit and Rankin Inlet.

The Department of Justice's Corrections Division has a memorandum of understanding for both the City of Iqaluit and also with Nunavut Parks for Rankin Inlet to allow supervised inmates to provide services around those communities.

Through the summer residents of Iqaluit may have seen these men maintaining and repairing city roads, walkways and road signs, picking up garbage, doing roadside garbage collection, and even cleaning up around this building, the Legislative Assembly. While in Rankin Inlet, inmates in the program helped maintain park facilities under the guidance of a certified carpenter.

Mr. Speaker, these men were able to perform these services and learn some important lessons in teamwork and time management. Although these men are incarcerated, I want to acknowledge their efforts to get out there and give back to the community, and I would also like to recognize the City of Iqaluit and Nunavut Parks for providing this opportunity.

These programs help incarcerated Nunavummiut to rehabilitate and safely reintegrate them back into the community once they have served their sentences. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements. Minister

responsible for the Qulliq Energy Corporation, Mr. Johnny Mike.

**Minister's Statement 370 – 4(3): 2017
Laura Ulluriaq Gauthier
Scholarship Recipient**

Hon. Johnny Mike (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) It is with great pleasure that I rise in the House today to announce the Qulliq Energy Corporation's 2017 Laura Ulluriaq Gauthier Scholarship recipient.

(interpretation) The QEC's scholarship pays tribute to Laura Ulluriaq Gauthier who recognized the importance of a Nunavut-owned and operated utility. (interpretation ends) This scholarship honours Laura's role in advocating for an independent Nunavut energy utility and also celebrates her community work and giving spirit.

This year's successful applicant is Art Sateana from Rankin Inlet. Art is now entering his third year as a science student at the University of Manitoba. (interpretation) He is a determined youth whose ambition is to become a general physician and return to the territory to serve Nunavummiut.

(interpretation ends) *Uqaqtittijii*, Art's academic journey has been both admirable and inspirational. Despite the additional burden of taking extra classes to meet class prerequisites in conjunction with his university courses, Art has excelled and achieved an A plus average.

An Hon. Member: Wow!

Hon. Johnny Mike (interpretation): In addition to his outstanding academic

performance, Art's commendable volunteer work as a soccer and gymnastics coach in his community of Rankin Inlet, (interpretation ends) as well as his generosity in helping his fellow students in spite of his workload makes Art a worthy recipient of the QEC's scholarship.

(interpretation) As Art stated in his autobiographical essay, "I grew up with an understanding of the value of serving others, and the positive impact it can have on the lives we touch."

(interpretation ends) The late Laura Gauthier's community spirit is mirrored in Art's determination to help others.

Before I conclude, I would like to extend my thanks to the family members of Laura Ulluriaq Gauthier, especially to Stephane and Amanda Kilabuk for their ongoing commitment to the scholarship program through their volunteer work on the selection committee over the past decade.

(interpretation) I would also like to add that Laura was my niece and she has another brother named Chris Giroux and many relatives.

(interpretation ends) *Uqaqtittijii*, Art Sateana's diligence and aptitude has allowed him to rise above the challenges and excel in his chosen path.

(interpretation) I would like to invite the House to join me in wishing Art a successful journey to fulfilling his career goal and a bright future ahead. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements. Minister of

Economic Development and Transportation, Ms. Monica Ell-Kanayuk.

**Minister's Statement 371 – 4(3):
Alethea Arnaquq-Baril – Angry
Inuk**

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is my pleasure to congratulate Alethea Arnaquq-Baril for earning the Birks Diamond Tribute to the Year's Women in Film at the Toronto International Film Festival on September 12.

Ms. Arnaquq-Baril is one of 12 female film actors, directors, and screenwriters to achieve the distinction this year. Her documentary, *Angry Inuk*, played to audiences across the country in 2016. She has won a number of awards for the film, which outlines the adverse impacts of anti-sealing campaigns on the livelihood of Inuit.

The Birks Diamond Tribute aims to raise the profile of women directors, actors, and screenwriters. The success that Inuit producers like Alethea Arnaquq-Baril has achieved at the Toronto International Film Festival and on the world stage opens new avenues for our talented filmmakers.

I am sure that Ms. Arnaquq-Baril's distinction will help inspire other creative voices in Nunavut's film industry and encourage them to continue with their fine work. Support for these emerging filmmakers is available through the Nunavut Film Development Corporation, and I am proud that this year our government has increased its support for the important programs

delivered by Nunavut Film. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. I have no more names for Ministers' Statements. Moving on. Item 3. Members' Statements. Member for South Baffin, Mr. David Joanasié.

Item 3: Members' Statements

Member's Statement 632 – 4(3): Recognizing the Embassy of Imagination

Mr. Joanasié (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good morning, my colleagues, Nunavummiut, people of Kimmirut and Cape Dorset.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Embassy of Imagination.

Mr. Speaker, the Embassy of Imagination is an arts initiative for youth based in Cape Dorset. Led by Alexa Hatanaka and Patrick Thomson, the Embassy of Imagination provides workshops to youth and encourages self-empowerment through creating community projects across Canada.

Mr. Speaker, I have stood in the House on previous occasions to commemorate the achievements of this group, and it is with great pleasure that I stand again today to recognize their recent projects.

From May to July of this year Cape Dorset youth Harry Josephé, Kevin Qimirpik, Janice Qimirpik, Christin Adamie, and youth mentor Parr Josephé as well as Joseph Pinguartuk completed

a public mural in downtown Ottawa. That project, titled *Iluunnata*, was completed in partnership with the Ottawa School of Art in celebration of Canada 150. I was very pleased to see this mural for myself this summer and it's a great, big picture of a bowhead whale.

Mr. Speaker, in June the work of Lachaolasié Akasuk, Moe Kelly, David Pudlat, Christine Adamie, and my nephew Nathan Adla was displayed at the Art Gallery of Ontario. These individuals created models of snowmobiles out of playdough and metal for the gallery's new exhibit titled *Every.Now.Then: Reframing Nationhood*. At this exhibit, which was also opened in celebration of Canada 150, the artists' pieces were displayed around Group of Seven artist Lawren Harris' painting, *Grounded Iceberg*.

Mr. Speaker, it goes without saying that the Embassy of Imagination is making dreams come true for many Cape Dorset youth. To see the work of our youth proudly displayed across the building of a major city and displayed next to the work of a great Canadian painter is exciting and inspiring.

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

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. The Member for South Baffin is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statement. Are there any nays? There are none. Mr. Joanasié, please proceed.

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

Mr. Speaker, the community of Cape Dorset is very proud of each of these young artists and we look forward to seeing more of their artwork in the future.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to take this opportunity to once again thank the leaders of the Embassy of Imagination for their dedication and passion. Ms. Hatanaka and Mr. Thompson continue to make outstanding contributions to Cape Dorset that will foster resilience and well-being among youth and families in the community for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the (interpretation ends) Embassy of Imagination (interpretation) on their recent achievements. I appreciate the assistance they got when they were painting the mural. I would also like to thank Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami for their assistance in Ottawa when the mural was being made, as well as CTV in Ottawa for being able to present the mural.

Lastly, they just recently completed Cape Dorset's community hall external mural. They painted pleasant murals outside the whole of the community hall this year. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Hudson Bay, Mr. Allan Rumbolt.

Member's Statement 633 – 4(3): The Rise of Hockey in Sanikiluaq

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good morning, members, people from Sanikiluaq and the rest of Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to talk about one of Nunavut's favourite sports, which is hockey.

Mr. Speaker, Sanikiluaq's hockey is on the rise. This summer nearly 50 full sets of gear arrived in the community and will be available to boys between the ages of 11 and 18 to enable them to play hockey.

Michael Small, one of our teachers at Sanikiluaq's Nuiyak School, started the process by contacting Sami Jo Small of Canada's Olympic hockey team who put him in touch with the Canadian Tire Jumpstart program.

Last year the Jumpstart program helped to provide equipment for Sanikiluaq's girls' hockey program. In July, 12 of those girls participated in Sami Jo Small's hockey clinic in Winnipeg.

This year Longfields-Davidson Heights Secondary School in Ottawa helped collect almost 20 bags of gear and the Ottawa Senators Foundation donated a further 30 bags worth for the boys' program.

As I have mentioned a number of times in this House, participating in sports and the ability to compete with their peers across Nunavut provides our youth with opportunities to grow and develop into confident, healthy young adults.

Now even more Sanikiluaq youth, both boys and girls, will be able to join the hockey program to work on their skills and take part in one of Nunavut's most popular sports.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my thanks and appreciation to

Mr. Small and the many others who worked hard to bring this equipment to Sanikiluaq and to provide this wonderful opportunity for our youth. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Iqaluit-Niaqunngu, Ms. Pat Angnakak.

**Member's Statement 634 – 4(3):
Alassua Hanson's Adventure**

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good morning to everybody.

I, too, would like, before I begin my member's statement, just to offer my congratulations to Mr. Quirke. He is the Clerk and he's also a constituent of mine. Congratulations, John.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize another very talented constituent of mine, Alassua Hanson. She's actually paging for us today.

>>Applause

Alassua participated in a great adventure. This adventure took place this summer from August 1 to 25.

Mr. Speaker, Alassua's adventure consisted of sailing across the Atlantic as part of a 45-member crew on the tall ship, Gulden Leeuw, I think is how you pronounce it, which means golden lion in Dutch. It is a sturdy ice-class sailing ship built in 1937. This program was set up to encourage and help Canada's youth to think more about their own well-being and to look at becoming good

role models for making healthy lifestyle choices.

Mr. Speaker, Alassua left Halifax on August 1 and arrived in France on 25th. While sailing across the Atlantic, she experienced what it was like to work on the sails of the ship, how to safely climb the rigging, and even what it was like to sail through a transatlantic storm.

This adventure allowed Alassua to work in a team setting with other Inuit, First Nations, and Métis youth from across Canada. Alassua had the opportunity to share what life is like in Nunavut through her own personal life story and she, in turn, also learned more about the cultures of others who were on board.

Mr. Speaker, these types of programs provide youth like Alassua with the opportunity to travel and gain new perspectives of the world beyond their communities, to learn about different cultures, and to develop a stronger appreciation for their own culture.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to remind youth in Nunavut that there are many opportunities available to them such as this one. If you are a youth who would like to participate in programs like this one, talk to your teacher or to other youth like Alassua to find out more information on how you can take part in your own adventure.

Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to conclude my statement today.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. The member for Niaqunngu is seeking unanimous consent to conclude her statement. Are there any nays? There are

no nays. Ms. Angnakak, please proceed.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you to my colleagues.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to encourage our own government to look into supporting programs of this type so that our Nunavummiut youth can participate in programs that will empower them to be confident, motivated and skilled leaders of this territory.

I would also like to take this time to acknowledge and welcome Alassua's proud and very supportive mother, Kathy Hanson, to the House today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Aggu, Mr. Paul Quassa.

**Member's Statement 635 – 4(3):
Happy Birthday to Grandson**

Hon. Paul Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If you recall, yesterday one of my grandchildren celebrated their birthday, who I called my *irngutakuluk*. Now, her brother who I call my *irngutalaajjuaq* is now celebrating his birthday and his name is Chad Nuviya Thomas Leah Kattuk.

I wish my *irngutalaajjuaq* a very happy birthday as he is also slightly older than my *irngutakuluk*. I am sure my colleagues now know who all of my grandchildren are.

Tomorrow one of my daughters, Natasha Ashevak Angiliq, will celebrate her

birthday as well. I send happy birthday wishes to her, along with all Nunavummiut who are celebrating their birthdays today. I hope you all have a great day. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Kugluktuk, Mr. Peter Taptuna.

**Member's Statement 636 – 4(3):
Tribute to Noel Avadluk**

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have mentioned in this House previously about the early history of the land claims and discussions and petitions launched by the Inuit of Kugluktuk.

Mr. Speaker, in 1953 the Inuit of Kugluktuk petitioned the federal government for ownership of minerals in our area.

Today with the land claims completed, we're the largest private landholders with surface and subsurface mining rights in the western world.

Recently, with the opening of the Hope Bay gold mine, history again is being made. The greenstone belt, which Hope Bay is affiliated with, was first staked by an Inuk, Mr. Noel Avadluk. The world-renowned gold deposit known as Doris North was named after Mr. Avadluk's stepfather, Doris Kallak.

Mr. Speaker, I think it's important to note that Inuit like Mr. Avadluk began a long road on the land claims process over 60 years ago. He was an Inuk whose first stake was one of the largest gold fields in the world and the huge

Doris North gold site is named after that Inuk.

Mr. Speaker, very few Nunavummiut are aware of this. As Inuit, we should celebrate and acknowledge the important role Inuit played and continue to play in the exploration and development of our resources.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank TMAC Resources in celebrating and remembering the role that Noel Avadluk and his family played in the discovery and the history of Hope Bay and the greenstone mineral belt.

Mr. Speaker, unfortunately I was unable to retrieve the archived letters and petitions that the federal government had, but one of these days I would certainly love to table those letters coming from the Inuit of Kugluktuk in 1953. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Pangnirtung, Mr. Johnny Mike.

Member's Statement 637 – 4(3): Inuit Not Consulted on Proposed Federal Government's Bill C-55

Hon. Johnny Mike (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to speak about the federal government's proposed Bill C-55, which will change the current legislation for marine management, as well as the Canadian petroleum industry practices. The Minister of Fisheries and Oceans is responsible for this mandate, and he is also the Minister responsible for the

Canadian Coast Guard.

I harbour specific concerns on this bill that is currently proposed. The community of Pangnirtung has been involved in marine-related economies for many years. What we can say as Inuit from Pangnirtung is that we became involved in the early 1800s when the whaling era first began in our area, including beluga, ring seals, harp seals, and we now have the turbot and halibut fisheries.

Back in the 1960s when the sealskin prices remained fairly high, the Inuit of Pangnirtung sold over 16,000 sealskins in a period of one year. Last winter our community landed over 1 million lbs. of turbot that was then sold commercially. The bowhead whaling era also resulted in many harvests.

Also, the residents of Pangnirtung continue to work with the federal government after over 40 years related to the Auyuittuq National Park.

As I stated earlier, the federal government is proposing a new bill which is very important to the livelihoods of the people I represent. My constituents are not informed about the possible impacts, including myself. The purpose of this bill will be to protect marine areas. As I indicated, the people of Pangnirtung are deeply connected with marine economic initiatives.

At this time I seek unanimous consent to conclude my statement.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. The Member for Pangnirtung is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his

statement. Are there any nays? There are none. Mr. Mike, please proceed.

Hon. Johnny Mike (interpretation): Thank you, my colleagues, for allowing me to conclude my statement.

With respect to this proposed bill, they are seemingly fast-tracking this legislation. Given that the residents of Pangnirtung are heavily invested in marine economic development projects, this proposed bill for marine and petroleum management seems to turn its legislative back on the people of Pangnirtung.

I imagine this would apply to most Nunavummiut and perhaps all northerners who will be impacted but were never consulted. The federal government never consulted any northerners or my constituents on what concerns they may have about this proposed bill. This also applies to the deafening silence on the part of our Inuit organizations since there have been no consultations.

I wanted to raise these concerns in this House, that bodies representing Inuit should be making their positions known. I would urge everyone to keep Pangnirtung in consideration, which is why I have spoken to this issue. Clearly it is not just our community of Pangnirtung that will be impacted.

This is also in light of a specific provision, which is disconcerting to me as it applies to this bill, and that provision is 15.2.3 of the NLCA. It states that the Inuit do not have any right to own lands in any marine areas. It made me wonder if this provision was used as the reasoning for not consulting

Inuit for this bill. Is this bill being fast-tracked because of this provision's inclusion in our agreement? The way I see it is that this provision may be read to mean that Inuit won't be consulted or given opportunity to voice concerns about the marine areas. At least that is my perception.

This is becoming very alarming to the people of Pangnirtung for the reasons I listed earlier. Will this bill protect marine areas, will it stop all developments, or will it lead to more development? As Pangnirtung residents, we are well aware of the potential in our offshore areas, which is used today for economic opportunities by interests from outside of Nunavut.

To provide an example, I would mention Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Quebec, and BC in looking at outside interests. These jurisdictions have benefited from offshore benthic resources for many years while Pangnirtung is just starting to develop their fisheries. When such a bill is proposed that has potential impacts, especially in the protection of the offshore, this is absolutely a travesty to the people of Pangnirtung. This is the reason why I have risen in this House to speak to this issue.

The Liberal government has no consideration for Inuit, and I would ask the federal government to withdraw any iconic memorabilia from Inuit, which seems to show that Inuit are part of Canada. Alternatively the legislation shows how inconsiderate they are of Inuit. It's not right. It's not right to the people of Nunavut, to me, and the people of Pangnirtung. They are just using Inuit as icons, which should not be the case.

This is a very important bill and I wanted to bring that up in the House, Mr. Speaker. It is of a major concern to me. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. I have no more names on my list. Moving on. Item 4. Returns to Oral Questions. Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Item 6. Oral Questions. Member for South Baffin, Mr. David Joanasié.

Item 6: Oral Questions

Question 838 – 4(3): Suicide Prevention Practices

Mr. Joanasié (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister responsible for Suicide Prevention, who is also the Minister of Health.

Mr. Speaker, Sunday, September 10, was World Suicide Prevention Day and I was very pleased to hear of the many activities and resources being focused on addressing suicide prevention across Nunavut. It is important that we work harder to understand why someone may feel that suicide is their only way out when there are so many supports available.

Mr. Speaker, can the minister clearly describe what process is followed when a suicide occurs in Nunavut? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The member asked an interesting question and it's dealt with

more on a case-by-case basis. There's no general cookie-cutter approach when a suicide occurs in a community. There are differing levels of impacts. The initial response is obviously through our mental health team in the community that would help deal with community members, specifically the family.

In some cases where it may have a broader impact, there are additional supports that can be brought into the community to help people deal with a traumatic event, that being from clinical mental health workers or Inuit trained counsellors trained out of Clyde River. The Ilisaqsivik Society does a fantastic job and I know they have participated in a number of different events in different communities. The continual positive support, words, and feedback I get on their participation has had a real impact for Nunavummiut.

I can't answer the specifics because it is dealt with on a case-by-case basis, but in general at the request of a community or at the family's request, any additional supports that are needed would be utilized in the community. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Joanasié (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank the minister for his response. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate that suicide awareness and prevention can take many forms. Can the minister clarify whether any research has been conducted to determine how many suicides in Nunavut have occurred when the victim has been apprehensive about an upcoming court case? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Minister of Health, Hon. George Hickes.

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Unfortunately there are too many suicides that people follow through on, on their desire due to stressful situations. Upcoming legal challenges are and can be a trigger. I just want to encourage people that whatever is in front of them, whatever challenges that are facing them, they're not insurmountable.

There is continual tracking and data is being collected more and more on... I hate even using the word "successful suicides" because to me there is nothing successful about it. The research that is continuing to be gathered helps us determine and helps the community determine what type of wellness paths are available to them.

Through the Embrace Life Council, the Quality of Life Division has given over \$2.8 million in funding that can be community-led initiatives that the community wellness team and committee apply for funding. There are also supports for people to assist any applicants in their proposals.

I don't have the numbers *per se* for the reasons behind, but there's continually more data and more research that is being done to find and identify triggers so that we can get ahead of some of these issues. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Joanasié (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do recognize that

addressing suicide prevention is not the responsibility of any one department or organization. Can the minister indicate whether his department works with the departments of Justice and Family Services to identify individuals who may have been in trouble with the law and are at risk for attempting suicide? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We have a cabinet committee on Quality of Life where a number of my colleagues sit on a committee that I chair, and we meet to discuss different opportunities of how to address the issue of suicide as a concerted effort from different departments.

The member is very correct. It's not solely the government that can make headway into this issue. It's every resident, whether it be corporate, whether it be personal, whether it be individual, whether it be communities. We all can take a stand and contribute to the lowering of our statistics and the lowering of the impact that this issue has on Nunavummiut.

With regard to the member's specific question, there are discussions within our Quality of Life team with members of the RCMP. I don't know when the last time that specific topic was discussed. It's something I can ask my officials about. There are so many different things that we talk about interdepartmentally that I would have to look up the specifics on that topic and I would have to get back to the member on that. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Rankin Inlet South, Mr. Alexander Sammurtok.

Question 839 – 4(3): Full-time Dental Services for Rankin Inlet

Mr. Alexander Sammurtok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good morning to the people of Rankin Inlet and Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct my question to the (interpretation ends) Minister of Health.

Mr. Speaker, my colleague from Rankin Inlet North-Chesterfield Inlet and I have risen in this House to address the need for full-time dental services in the community of Rankin Inlet.

Can the minister provide an update on what steps, if any, have been taken to recruit or hire a full-time dentist to practise in the community of Rankin Inlet? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When we're talking about dental services across the territory, basically all communities other than Iqaluit, which has private dental services available, are done through contract. There are a specific amount of days where dentists have to be in communities.

I'm just looking at the specific information for Rankin Inlet, and I do know that the member has brought this to our attention. If I recall correctly, the amount of days for Rankin Inlet is

actually fairly substantial. We're looking at 200 days of service, which is almost equivalent to a full-time dentist. The dental services that are being provided in Rankin Inlet on a contract basis are one of the highest in the territory.

I do empathize with the members if they feel that maybe a full-time dentist available in the community may enhance services, but from the information that I have in front of me, the amount of sitting days that a dentist is in Rankin Inlet is very close to full time. It's definitely more than part time in the community. At this time that's the services that are offered in the community and we will continue to explore other options.

Again, I keep referring back to our model of care where we're looking at overall health care across the territory on how we can find efficiencies and how we can maximize the benefits and have appropriate staffing levels in our community. That would all be a part of that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Your first supplementary, Mr. Alexander Sammurtok.

Mr. Sammurtok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate that the Department of Health negotiates contracts to provide a certain number of dental service days for communities like Rankin Inlet. However, with the growth of the community and the disturbing number of cases involving children and youth with dental issues and who need to be flown out of the community to receive care, I feel a strong argument can be made to increase the level of dental service that is provided in the community.

Can the minister describe how his department evaluates the yearly levels of need for dental services in Nunavut's communities and how the number of service days for each year is determined? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for bringing up this issue, especially with children's oral health. This has been a concern of mine since I took over this portfolio. Like my minister's statement earlier today, there has been measured success with colonoscopies. We've had some success. I'm not going to stand here and say that we have been fully successful in our children's oral health, but it has been a continual progress. I will say that, Mr. Speaker.

When we're talking about the contracted amount, those are again the amount of days that are chosen to measure in a community. That's all the research that's done when an RFP goes out of how much dental need, but I do want to emphasize the fact that oral health promotional activities are, to me, a very important component of oral health.

Where the member is stating that Rankin Inlet has a high need for oral health services, preventative measures can have a dramatic impact on alleviating some of that need in a community. I encourage all members of all communities to talk to their local health centre about any dental prevention and promotion measures that they can explore.

Again, when I reiterate, when we talk about the model of care review that's

being done right now, it will give us even more information on exactly how to take a look at and evaluate it. These dental contracts are continually evaluated on the basis of what type of services they're providing.

Until the next RFP comes up, that's when we would again examine with our health professionals and leadership team on how to determine what level of contracted days would be needed per community. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Your final supplementary, Mr. Alexander Sammurtok.

Mr. Sammurtok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have noted that the community of Iqaluit has two private dental clinics which are open every working day of the week to provide dental services for the community.

Can the minister advise this House as to whether any consideration has been given to inviting and supporting independent dentists to open private clinics in Nunavut communities outside of Iqaluit? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If there are dentists out there that want to move to Nunavut and put up their shingle in any community in this territory, the Department of Health would be totally supportive of those endeavours.

When we're talking about private individuals or a private professional that wants to open up a health shop like in

Iqaluit, we have chiropractor services and we have dental services, I believe there are some physiotherapy services that are available outside within the private realm.

Again, I would strongly support any dental professional that would want to put their shingle up in Rankin Inlet to help alleviate some of the pressures on the Department of Health, so yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 840 – 4(3): Freshwater Supply for Nunavut Communities

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions are for the Minister of Community and Government Services.

As the minister is aware, there have been a number of media reports in recent months concerning the issue of securing freshwater sources for Nunavut communities in the long term.

Mr. Speaker, according to a recent study undertaken by a group of environmental researchers from York University, a number of Nunavut communities, including the city of Iqaluit, may experience freshwater shortages within the next decade if preventative measures are not taken in the meantime.

Can the minister tell us today how often his department analyzes each community's freshwater supply to ensure that it is sufficient to meet long-term demands? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Community and Government Services, Mr. Joe Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't think there's an actual process that is followed for monitoring water consumption and the amount of water available to communities.

That being said, in communities where we have a reservoir, that is very easily determined. We know what the reservoir size is and we know what the water consumption is. In those situations it is closely monitored and easily monitored. In communities where they use a lake as a reservoir, it's not as easy. We know what's being used, we know roughly what's in the lake, we know roughly what the recharge rate naturally is, and we can also look at the shoreline, whether it's going up or going down and being stable.

There are some concerns in some communities about water quantities, I guess is the word, the amount of water available, and we monitor them and we come up with plans as needed. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister. That kind of leads into my next question.

As the minister is aware, the City of Iqaluit currently sources its drinking water from Lake Geraldine. Academic researchers and officials from the city have noted that Lake Geraldine, in its current state, may not be sufficient to

meet the city's growing demand for fresh water in the long term.

Can the minister indicate if his department has had any specific discussions with the City of Iqaluit regarding any specific plans to secure a long-term freshwater source for the city? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Minister of Community and Government Services, Mr. Joe Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We work with all the communities, including Iqaluit, and the municipalities and the City of Iqaluit. The City of Iqaluit is responsible for the water delivery system and to make sure there's enough water, but we do work with them. I know there have been some talks and there have been several suggestions, I believe, brought up as to where there are water sources that can be used to replenish the natural reservoir that is used here in Iqaluit. As for specifics of where the water would be drawn from, my understanding is that that decision has not been made yet. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the minister will recall, in 2011 the Government of Nunavut published an integrated community sustainability plan for each community in Nunavut. These plans were developed with each municipality in the 2009-2010 fiscal year and include detailed information concerning each

community's goals, priorities, and needs as they relate to infrastructure, including water reservoirs and treatment plants.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that these plans will be instrumental in helping municipalities ensure that their communities continue to have safe and sufficient access to fresh water.

Can the minister tell us if the Government of Nunavut has any plans to prepare updated versions of the integrated community infrastructure sustainability plans? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Community and Government Services, Mr. Joe Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The 2011 report was slightly before my time, but I acknowledge that it must exist somewhere. I haven't seen it.

As for the community's sustainability plan, the information that is put in is put in by the hamlets and municipalities. We work with them to update it. It's a living document that is updated at the council's discretion. The municipalities update it and change it. It could be yearly. Sometimes it might be monthly. Their priorities for infrastructure may change. We work with them and we use it as a template as to how the communities want to go. We work with them. I can assure the member that it's like a living document. It does change periodically. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Hudson

Bay, Mr. Allan Rumbolt.

Question 841 – 4(3): Status of New Health Centre for Sanikiluaq

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

First off I would like to congratulate the minister and my colleague from Arctic Bay as well as all the others who worked hard towards the official opening of the new health centre in Arctic Bay.

Mr. Speaker, as you will be aware, the next new health centre project on the books is for the community of Sanikiluaq. Can the minister provide an update on the current status of this new health centre project for my community? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Health, Mr. George Hickey.

Hon. George Hickey: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for the note of congratulations from the Arctic Bay Health Centre. We have already moved on to his project in Sanikiluaq. Our team, working with Community and Government Services as of March 31, has awarded the contract for the architecture and engineering services. The project design phase is ongoing and anticipated to be completed in January of 2018 for construction to begin next summer. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate that a lot of time and effort and resources go into completing a

project such as building a new health centre in Sanikiluaq. It was brought to my attention that there were some concerns with the lot that was proposed for Sanikiluaq's new health centre. Can the minister clarify whether the lot selection has been finalized for this project? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Minister of Health, Hon. George Hickey.

Hon. George Hickey: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When the member hosted myself and some other members fairly recently in Sanikiluaq, I got a chance to see the proposed location and that is the site that the health centre will be located on. Final answer. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate that answer. Sometimes a slight delay in as simple as lot selections can delay a project in one or two years. It's good to see that it's moving forward.

My final question, I think, he has answered in part previously, but I'll see if he can add anything to it. I have noted that the process of getting a health centre built in one's community can be a long one. Can the minister tell us whether the new health centre project in Sanikiluaq is still on schedule and what that schedule is from start to finish? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Health, Mr. George Hickey.

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the member's diligence in advocating for a health centre in Sanikiluaq and for a number of reasons it was bumped up the list.

As I had mentioned, in this coming summer of 2018 construction will begin with an anticipated completion date of March 2020. It does take a couple of years to construct. We're looking at the spring of 2020 for turnover to the Department of Health for utilization. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Rankin Inlet and Chesterfield Inlet, Mr. Tom Sammurtok.

Question 842 – 4(3): No New Public and Staff Housing in Rankin Inlet

Mr. Tom Sammurtok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister responsible for the Housing Corporation.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, the residents of Rankin Inlet frequently raise the concern about a lack of housing in the community. As the minister is aware, no new public housing is planned for Rankin Inlet during 2017-18 and possibly 2018-19, although there may be housing units available from the private sector that the minister may want to explore.

For the record, can the minister clearly explain why Rankin Inlet is not receiving any new public or staff housing units during this fiscal year? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation, Hon. George Kuksuk.

Hon. George Kuksuk (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I also thank my colleague. For the units in the communities, which I have maintained since the time I became minister, the Nunavut Housing Corporation has continued their relationships with local housing associations and others whom we partner with.

Mr. Speaker, the community is viewed by the number of units irrespective of whether it is (interpretation ends) staff housing (interpretation) or if it is (interpretation ends) public housing (interpretation) units when we have to allocate units, or if we will be constructing units in a particular community. These are the factors we look at and it's based on the communities suffering the greatest housing shortages. We evaluate them based on their position within the number of housing units they are short of. This is done using a (interpretation ends) point rating (interpretation) system and using the points or the number of people on the waiting lists.

Mr. Speaker, I can make a concise response to my colleague that the communities are rated based on the most housing shortages in following our policies to that. The communities are rated based on their needs when we are looking to place new units. That is the process we use. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Your first supplementary, Mr. Tom Sammurtok.

Mr. Tom Sammurtok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) The Nunavut Housing Corporation's current housing allocation formula results in some communities receiving no new units. Is the minister open to changing the formula so that all communities receive a minimum number of units during each fiscal year? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. George Kuksuk (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Ever since Nunavut was created and we divided from the NWT, we've had a shortage of housing. With this housing shortage, I have been lobbying the federal government to get additional housing. The territorial governments are supporting each other in trying to obtain additional housing in the north. It's quite a dire situation in Nunavut because of this shortage.

I just want to supplement my response. Mr. Speaker, as I stated earlier, the process that I referred to is the process that we continue to use to allocate housing units to the communities that have the most need. That's the process we use. This continues to be the practice under this policy to look at which communities require the most units. That is the practice that has always been followed to date. We have not considered any other ways of rating the housing needs for the communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Your final supplementary, Mr. Tom Sammurtok.

Mr. Tom Sammurtok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) As the minister is aware, there have been a number of fires in Rankin Inlet in recent years that have damaged or destroyed housing units. Can the minister assure me that the Nunavut Housing Corporation is repairing or replacing all of these units? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. George Kuksuk (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I again thank the member. In response to his question about units damaged by fire, we usually have insurance to cover damages. If a unit suffers from fire damage, some units are too damaged and cannot be renovated while others can be easily repaired.

What I can say today is that if there are units that have been identified where the fire damages to the unit are significant enough that they can't be repaired, the replacement units have to be identified. This process is working well based on our current practices. According to the funding that is available for units damaged by fire, some units require minimal renovations while other units have to be replaced. This is ongoing. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 843 – 4(3): Repurposing Taloyoak’s Old Health Centre

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

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, during our fall sitting last year I had been informed by the minister that his department had designated the old health centre in Taloyoak as surplus property and as such the Department of Community and Government Services had been responsible for its disposal.

However, in response to my questions yesterday, the Minister of Community and Government Services informed me that the Department of Health has since then acquired that property.

Mr. Speaker, it would seem that these two departments have been playing ping-pong with the ownership of this building. Nevertheless, I hope that the building will be put to good use.

Can the minister tell me how his department will be using the old health centre building in Taloyoak? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess the ball is in my court now.

>> *Laughter*

And I apologize to the member for our previous response that there has been a bit of ping-pong, I guess, played. When the new health centre in Taloyoak was

built, we had started the process to surplus the building. It was recognized that there could be additional uses for the Department of Health, so we put a stop to the transfer or the surplus of that building.

One of the concerns we have is, as most communities have, office space to provide all the services needed. We’re exploring accessing preplanning dollars to be able to look at how exactly we could maximize the efficiency of health services in Taloyoak. One of the other concerns is we have the staff housing on the second floor for medical staff housing.

I can’t give a specific use of what we’re looking at the building right now. It’s going to depend upon, when we do the preplanning, what options are available to us from the existing infrastructure and how it can be utilized to best serve the Department of Health. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. He partially answered my next question. (interpretation ends) Can the minister indicate what changes, if any, his department is planning to make to the structure of the old health centre building? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the question from the member. He is correct, I partially

answered it, and maybe I'll just clarify a little bit more for the record.

Whenever preplanning dollars are allocated to a project such as a renovation to an existing structure such as a health centre that has been replaced, we take a look at the structural integrity or the structural options that are available to us. We work to find out with our friends at Community and Government Services on how effectively that space could be utilized.

At this specific moment there are no preplanning dollars allocated to this project, but it is something I would anticipate the Department of Health to bring forward in the next budget cycle or shortly thereafter. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) Will the minister commit his department to providing my community with ongoing updates regarding Taloyoak's old health centre? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Minister of Health, Hon. George Hickes.

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Whenever a budget is allocated to a project, it goes through the normal approval process of this House. Therefore any updates to that would be available to any member of the legislature. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Gjoa Haven, Mr. Tony Akoak.

Question 844 – 4(3): Public Service Recognition

Mr. Akoak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good morning, colleagues, the community of Gjoa Haven, and my family watching.

Mr. Speaker, my questions are for the Minister of Finance.

I want to very briefly take this opportunity to formally congratulate two of my constituents, Susan Hillier and Allen Aglukkaq, both of whom are being recognized with long-term service awards.

Earlier this week the Minister of Health made a statement about an award that his staff had received from the federal government for the good work that they had done on an important project.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that we should recognize not only the length of time that people are employed by the government, but also recognize their accomplishments.

Mr. Speaker, when I raised this idea during our spring sitting, the minister indicated that he would look into it. For the record, can he describe some of the ways that our government formally encourages and recognizes excellence in the public service? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Finance, Mr. Keith Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank all the hard-working GN employees across Nunavut who provide all the public services, delivering all the programs and making this government such a wonderful place to work.

The many ways we recognize our employees is, of course, we have the long-term service awards, the 5, 10, 15, and up. In the last several years we have been going around to the different communities in Nunavut to recognize employees in front of their peers and families. When you get up to the longer term service awards, we will bring you into a regional centre and have recognition there.

Usually, if the opportunity presents itself, the Premier and I will be there, with certainly some of our senior officials. We will provide them with gifts like a sled, a smaller model like that, with a little plaque, a drum plaque that recognizes them for their service, and other little gifts.

Also, we have a GN monthly newsletter where we recognize an employee of the month. We do quite a bit to support and encourage our employees and recognize their contributions to our public service, and we will continue to do so. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Akoak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. During our spring sitting I also noted that the current collective agreement with the Nunavut Employees Union provides that employees may be granted leave for, and I quote, “a period of up to

a maximum of fifteen (15) days per fiscal year to do public service work which is in the interest of the Employer or Nunavut.”

I believe that we should encourage our employees to contribute to their communities outside of the workplace. I was pleased that the minister indicated that he would look at reminding employees of this provision by way of sending out messages from the Help Desk. For the record, did he follow through with this idea? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Minister of Finance, Hon. Keith Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Help Desk certainly provides a valuable service to our government. We can reach most of our employees and advise them of important things that our government is working on or information.

I did discuss this with my deputy, but I can't confirm if a Help Desk message ever went out. Certainly the employees can view their collective agreement and discuss it with their supervisors or managers. If there's an opportunity where they want to volunteer and provide some service to the community or elsewhere, then they should discuss that with their bosses and put in the appropriate leave applications. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Akoak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's always a challenge to do more with

less, but I believe that we should always be encouraging our employees to generate and submit ideas for innovative ways in which to deliver programs and services. Mr. Speaker, can the minister describe how the government does this? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Minister of Finance, Hon. Keith Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have been a strong advocate for employees of the Government of Nunavut to make suggestions. After all, on a daily basis, they're on the frontlines. They see areas where the government can consider improvements and become more efficient and more effective in delivering our programs.

I believe they can, again, talk to their supervisor and make suggestions in their own workplace. There's a suggestion box. I think it's through the Department of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs. They can put a suggestion in. The Department of EIA will review it and make sure it goes to the appropriate department for consideration. Depending on how good it is, it will make it into committees like the Central Accountability Committee and the Deputy Ministers' Committee. There are various committees where they look at these things.

I myself have put in a couple of suggestions just to test it out and I have received responses. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 845 – 4(3): Nunavut's Justice of the Peace Program

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

Mr. Speaker, my questions are for the Minister of Justice.

Mr. Speaker, the Appointment and Remuneration Committee is responsible for reviewing the applications of Canadians who want to become Justices of the Peace.

As the minister will recall, during our recent spring sitting I asked him a number of questions concerning the activities of Nunavut's Justices of the Peace Appointment and Remuneration Committee. I was pleased to hear the minister confirm that the appointment and remuneration committee had been formed and was planning to meet for the first time in June this past summer.

Can the minister confirm that the Justices of the Peace Appointment and Remuneration Committee met this past summer and, if so, can he describe the outcomes of that first meeting? Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Justice, Mr. Keith Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I believe the first meeting they had was sometime in June. I just don't have the exact date. I think there's another meeting later this month. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Can the minister tell us how many times a year the Justices of the Peace Appointment and Remuneration Committee shall meet to review candidate applications? Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Minister of Justice, Hon. Keith Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't know how often they're going to meet, but the direction from me will be that they meet as often as they have to, to consider all important issues related to Justices of the Peace. We know there are a number of vacancies across Nunavut, so we want to make sure that when they do meet... They don't always have to meet in person. There's the conference calling and they can do that as well. They will work together to review the applications and make recommendations to the minister. If it has to be two or up to six or seven times a year, then I'm sure that's what will happen because we do need Justices of the Peace at different levels in our communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. On June 8, 2017, during our recent spring sitting, the minister stated that the communities of Baker Lake, Kimmirut,

Hall Beach, and Resolute Bay did not at the time have a Justice of the Peace in the community.

Mr. Speaker, Justices of the Peace perform a number of important quasi-judicial functions within a community, including issuing warrants and summons, conducting marriage ceremonies, and presiding over summary conviction matters.

Can the minister tell us how his department ensures that the residents continue to have access in the communities lacking a Justice of the Peace? How are they dealt with before they appoint a Justice of the Peace in the communities? Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Minister of Justice, Hon. Keith Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Where a community doesn't have a Justice of the Peace, there are JPs in other communities who can consider the requests. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Tununig, Mr. Joe Enook.

Question 846 – 4(3): Pond Inlet Marine Infrastructure

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good morning, people of Pond Inlet and our fellow Nunavummiut.

Mr. Speaker, my questions are for the Minister of Economic Development and Transportation.

I want to revisit the issue of Pond Inlet's new marine facility. The day before yesterday the minister informed the House, and I will be quoting from the *Blues* which I know is unedited and not the final *Hansard*. In the English *Blues* on page 35 the minister responded in part that "Our objective is still the same for project design to be completed around January." Also on page 36 her response is, and I quote, "the design will probably be completed by January 2018, but...the contract would be awarded in the springtime."

My question is: if the contract is not awarded until the spring of 2018, can she clarify what construction work will be able to go ahead in the summer of 2018? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Economic Development and Transportation, Ms. Monica Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for that question. Again, the design will be finalized in January 2018. As I have been saying, that is the case. The tendering is scheduled for late January 2018, but March 2018 is when CGS awards the construction contract. We're hoping that by August 2018 sealift, breakwater construction, blasting, and rock production begin. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I noted yesterday, the Government of Nunavut's formal submission to the Nunavut Impact

Review Board concerning the new Pond Inlet marine facility was dated August 8, 2017.

I want to make it very clear that I am not asking the minister to interfere with NIRB's work, so I will phrase my question very clearly. My question is: (interpretation ends) did the minister personally review and approve the government's comments regarding the project before they were submitted to NIRB, yes or no? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Economic Development and Transportation, Ms. Monica Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to say that we have staff that can do that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I know that you have staff that review those types of things. That wasn't my question though. My question was: did the minister personally review and approve the government's comments regarding the project before they were submitted? I wanted it to be very clear. I will try again with another question.

As I noted the day before yesterday, the Department of Culture and Heritage's comments regarding the Pond Inlet marine facility made a number of recommendations concerning the need to ensure that sensitive sites such as old sod houses in the vicinity are not damaged.

Let me ask the minister this question. (interpretation ends) For the record, can the minister advise the House how the project proponent has responded to these recommendations? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Minister of Economic Development and Transportation, Hon. Ms. Monica Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for that question. Just to reiterate, the project remains on schedule and construction is expected, as usual, to begin in 2018. We have to have anticipation that all the necessary approvals will be in place by the end of this year, 2017.

During the NIRB screening process, a comment was received from Culture and Heritage. A response to this comment has been submitted to NIRB. Culture and Heritage requested that a qualified archaeologist be hired to conduct an overview assessment as well as a field assessment. The registered archaeologist has been working on the project since the fall of 2016 and the overview of this assessment has been completed. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Ms. Pat Angnakak.

Motion 059 – 4(3): Extension of Question Period

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to Rule 39(7), I move, seconded by the Member for South Baffin, that the time allotted for Oral

Questions be extended. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) There is a motion on the floor to extend question period. The motion is in order and is not subject to debate. All those in favour. (interpretation) Thank you. (interpretation ends) Opposed. (interpretation) Thank you. (interpretation ends) The motion is carried and question period is extended for an additional 30 minutes.

(interpretation) Oral Questions. Member for Iqaluit-Sinaa, Mr. Paul Okalik.

Question 847 – 4(3): Homeownership Programs

Mr. Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I wish to ask a question of the Minister of Housing.

Today he made a minister's statement in relation to various projects that the department is working on in terms of policy towards supporting homeownership and staff housing.

I believe I have asked I don't know how many housing ministers the last few years on this one. Previous governments had introduced a \$400 allowance to promote homeownership in supporting employees of the government to encourage them to purchase their homes. This was put in place to support that initiative, along with supporting private tenancy. This allowance has never been increased since that time, although the cost of living and the cost of operating a home have gone up considerably.

Can the housing minister advise me if there's a review on this allowance for employees who choose to buy and invest in Nunavut? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation, Mr. George Kuksuk.

Hon. George Kuksuk (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. To put it briefly, we have a private contractor who is looking at the (interpretation ends) homeownership programs (interpretation) and it's going to encompass all the programs and services that are being made available. That's the only response I can give you at this time. All the programs are included in the review, including the benefits that are provided. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) In reading the statement of the minister, there is no reference to the allowance under review. I would like to ask again: is the minister going to allow the housing corporation to review this with the view of increasing the allowance to keep up with the cost of living and operating a home in our territory? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister responsible for the Housing Corporation, Mr. George Kuksuk.

Hon. George Kuksuk (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I

can't respond with just a yes or no. I will not provide a response today, but at a later date I will provide him with a written response prior to the end of this sitting, if I'm able to do so. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) The other topic that has been discussed over the years is the homeownership program that was in place prior to Nunavut which allowed for the purchase of materials and the prospective homeowner would construct the home. We have been asking the corporation to review this. Is this under review as well to allow it to occur for the next government? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation, Mr. George Kuksuk.

Hon. George Kuksuk (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. As I indicated earlier, we are going to be doing a review of all the programs that we provide, including the homeownership programs. All programs under the housing corporation, including the homeownership programs and the benefits provided, are going to be reviewed. All our programs are included in the review, including the homeownership program which the member referred to. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for South

Baffin, Mr. David Joanasie.

**Question 848 – 4(3): Alcohol
Distribution and Control**

Mr. Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Finance.

As the minister may recall, I was asking questions in the winter sitting regarding alcohol. We know that we just recently opened the beer and wine store here in Iqaluit. I would like to go back to my line of questioning to the minister.

My first question is: can the minister give us an estimate of how many people have registered since the beer and wine store opened and how many are from out of town? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Finance, Mr. Keith Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank Mr. Joanasie for that question. Mr. Speaker, I don't have the exact details because there are daily applications coming in plus we're transferring the records from the old system over to the new system. I think we have over 1,400 customer accounts opened. We do track. When you do fill in an application, you do have to present ID to complete the transaction and usually it's your home address.

I did look at the system yesterday. One of my officials was showing it to me. I looked up and I could see people listed on there by their home community. There were people from communities other than Iqaluit who have opened up customer accounts. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In order to purchase alcohol from the store, applicants must complete a customer account application. This form makes it clear that the government will, and I quote, "share information with law enforcement as a way to reduce illegal bootlegging." It also makes it clear that, and I quote, "Nunavut Liquor Commission staff may refuse service for any reason and may suspend or revoke my customer account."

Mr. Speaker, information should go both directions. Can the minister assure us that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the local by-law enforcement are providing information to the Nunavut Liquor Commission concerning the identities of individuals who are charged with serious offences that may invoke the use of alcohol, such as domestic assault or other violent crimes? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Finance, Mr. Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't know where to start on this. We're talking about a beer and wine store. We're not talking about an alcohol store. We're not selling 1.7 litres of spirits to an individual. They're not picking up two bottles or 12 bottles a day. We're talking about one case of beer and up to two bottles of wine, low content alcohol, and I think it's 5 percent for beer and 13 to 17 percent for wine.

We are in close communications with the RCMP. They have been talking to our officials and indicating how things

have been over the first week. I am very happy and proud to say to the people of Iqaluit “well done.” People have been drinking responsibly. We’ve had no indications from the RCMP that anything is unusual.

When people go in to purchase their beer or wine, up until partly yesterday’s operations, we have turned away 112 people for various reasons. They didn’t come with ID or they had already been in the same day. They had already come once. You can only go once a day to get your per daily one case and two bottles of wine.

So far so good, as I have said before. We have other mechanisms. As you know, I’m the Minister of Justice, so I work very closely with the RCMP. They work with the Nunavut Court of Justice and our department to gather that information to provide to me and the cabinet. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Your final supplementary, Mr. David Joanasié.

Mr. Joanasié: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Department of Finance provides support to alcohol education committees in those communities which have chosen to establish them through plebiscite under the *Liquor Act*, and both the communities I represent in South Baffin have AECs.

Can the minister indicate what information is provided to the alcohol education committees concerning over-the-counter customer purchases made at the Iqaluit Beer and Wine Store by residents from communities that have

alcohol education committees? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Minister of Finance, Hon. Keith Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. One thing we’re doing through the Nunavut Liquor Commission, we announced last March, was the Let’s Be Aware program. We allocate \$500,000 annually through the Liquor Revolving Fund to promote responsible drinking and education materials that we share with the alcohol education committees in other communities. With groups in the communities you will see posters on the bulletin boards. There will be radio announcements and information provided to establishments.

With respect to customer accounts, there’s nothing to stop or prevent an individual from a dry or prohibited community from... . If they come to Iqaluit or even if they’re in their own community, they can apply and get a customer account. If they’re from a prohibited community or a restricted community, they have to respect the local community. You can’t come to Iqaluit and buy a case of beer and two bottles of wine and take it back to your prohibited community or your restricted community. You have to respect that.

We do have an annual meeting with the alcohol education committees. When the chairmen, mayors, or whoever is on the alcohol education committees meet with our officials, I’m sure those things can be discussed with our officials, like what kind of information we share or what the concerns are, how the beer and wine store is operating, if there’s going to be

any impact on the community or not.
Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Question 849 – 4(3): Ministerial
Responsibilities**

Mr. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr.
Speaker. My questions are for the
Minister of Democratic Institutions,
whose appointment to this new position
was quietly published in last month's
edition of the *Nunavut Gazette*.

Mr. Speaker, this is the first question
that the minister will get concerning this
new portfolio and maybe it will be his
last.

Can the minister explain to the Members
of this House, which is a democratic
institution, exactly what his
responsibilities are in his new portfolio?
Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you.
(interpretation ends) The Hon. Minister
responsible for Democratic Institutions,
Hon. Keith Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr.
Speaker. I always have a good chuckle
when some people address letters to me;
Minister of Finance, chairman of this,
then they start listing, and then half the
letter is taken up with my titles.

In all seriousness, it was at the insistence
of the Government of Canada that we
have a Minister responsible for
Democratic Institutions because they
have a minister there who needed to
contact someone in each province and

territory. We looked closely and it was a
determination that the Minister of Justice
was the most closely related to whatever
the Minister of Democratic Institutions
in Ottawa wanted to discuss. I think
there's a meeting coming up in
November in Ottawa.

She has written to me, the minister, and
we have talked about things like how
governments work, how voting activities
would proceed, and things like that. It's
very early, Mr. Speaker. I don't really
have that much information. Thank you,
Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr.
Speaker. I think we will probably all
learn together here.

I understand and recognize that the
federal minister who holds this portfolio
has been responsible for such issues as
examining the possibility of changing
our country's electoral system and how
we vote for our Members of Parliament.

Mr. Speaker, I seem to recall that we
have an election of our own coming up
in a few weeks.

Can the minister indicate to the House
today what specific changes, if any, he
would like to see made to our
democratic institutions and processes in
Nunavut? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you.
(interpretation ends) The Hon. Minister
responsible for Democratic Institutions,
Hon. Keith Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The system is working fine so far. We're consensus.

It's going to be complex, I think, when the two territorial governments speak with our federal and provincial colleagues because we have a consensus government. Each and every individual who is elected, that's your riding. You're not representing a party. You are your own party, I guess. I'm the Keith Peterson party of Cambridge Bay. We all come together and work together, select the Premier, the Speaker, and the ministers and then we go forward.

Trying to explain that to federal and provincial ministers who have never heard of it before, they're just totally amazed that the government is a perpetual minority, but we work together. There has been some discussion over the years. I hear from people that maybe we should go to party politics or maybe the people of Nunavut should be able to directly elect the Premier of Nunavut.

We haven't discussed it as a cabinet, but as I said, it's early. When we get together with our federal and provincial colleagues, I'm sure we will have these kinds of discussions about what's going on in our provinces and territories. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 850 – 4(3): Status of General Rate Application

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

Minister responsible for the Qulliq Energy Corporation.

On March 6, 2017 I asked the minister a number of questions concerning the QEC's next general rate application. This is an issue which affects every resident of Nunavut given that it concerns the rates that individuals, businesses, and other customers pay for electricity.

In his responses to me, the minister stated that the QEC would be submitting its GRA to the Utility Rates Review Council in September of this year. Mr. Speaker, it's now the middle of the month. Can the minister update us today on the status of the general rate application? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister responsible for the Qulliq Energy Corporation, Mr. Johnny Mike.

Hon. Johnny Mike (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank my colleague for asking that question. In Nunavut the energy rates are handled through the general rate application following the regulations where the Utility Rates Review Council reviews the application. The general rate application will be coming up this month as to how the rates will be set up. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In 2014 the Qulliq Energy Corporation received instructions to provide "cost of service study options

for consideration in its next General Rate Application.”

Can the minister indicate what the QEC’s current position is on the issue of whether or not Nunavut should adopt a territorial rate structure? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Minister responsible for the Qulliq Energy Corporation, Hon. Johnny Mike.

Hon. Johnny Mike: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The general rate application is a request to change the overall level of rates and how rates are to be recovered from customers. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the minister will recall, the last significant change in power rates occurred in 2014, following the conclusion of the last general rate application process. At that time the QEC’s base rates increased by 7.1 percent for all customer classes and communities. Can the minister indicate today what increase the QEC will be seeking in its next general rate application? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister responsible for the Nunavut Energy Corporation, Mr. Johnny Mike.

Hon. Johnny Mike (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, the figures he quoted were from the year 2014 related to the costs of utilities

currently being studied by the cost of service study options committee that was mentioned as requiring start-up. Yes, this was included in our deliberations.

When considering the usage within Nunavut and how much electricity demand will result, this was identified as requiring further improvements, especially in setting a territorial rate to ensure it is in line with actual costs. It includes recommendations on how it would be managed.

Yes, the QEC has looked into the costs under this service study, following the rate options that they were asked to review. The recommendations will be included in the applications on how to determine the electrical rate and what rate would be used. This will be within the application. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Iqaluit-Sinaa, Mr. Paul Okalik.

Question 851 – 4(3): Funding for Disabled People

Mr. Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question today is for the Minister of Family Services.

People with disabilities used to receive assistance from a southern organization that was able to offer some programs to assist them to get employment training while also getting actual training as people with disabilities here in Nunavut.

Further, the program had various snacks and beverages such as coffee or tea which were sold. However, when they submitted their application, an error was made that led to the organization being

in a deficit, so it could no longer continue.

I would like to ask the minister if he can commit to providing more support to that organization as this is a worthwhile goal to have it continue in the future. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Family Services, Mr. Johnny Mike.

Hon. Johnny Mike (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, the people with disabilities in Nunavut are assisted through the Department of Family Services. The main question that the member is raising relates to the application of the Makinnasuaqtiit Society. Family Services has received the application from that society and the funding application submitted was approved, including the usage of the funds. According to the funding application, that is where it stands currently. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for South Baffin, Mr. David Joanasié.

Question 852 – 4(3): Net Metering Program

Mr. Joanasié (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) My questions are for the Minister responsible for the Qulliq Energy Corporation.

As the minister will recall, I have asked him a number of questions concerning the QEC's plan to introduce a net metering program for Nunavut. The stated purpose of a net metering program

is to, and I quote, “enable QEC customers who are interested in generating their own electricity supply with small-scale renewable energy systems to send excess power to the electricity grid.”

On July 13, 2017 the QEC announced that it had formally submitted its application to the Utility Rates Review Council for consideration. The QEC announced that the URRC was anticipated to submit its findings on the application by September of this year.

Can the minister update us today on what decision has been made regarding the QEC's request to start the new net metering program? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister responsible for the Qulliq Energy Corporation, Mr. Johnny Mike.

Hon. Johnny Mike (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank my colleague for asking that question. The net metering program speaks to power generation outside of the QEC power plants and it opens the possibility. I anticipate that it will be completed by this month and we think it will become usable after that time. We have submitted the application to the URRC as to how the QEC will plan out the work within each community and how it can be used properly.

Now, having one's own power generation abilities that would be connected to the QEC power lines is the most complicated part of this initiative. I want members to understand that it has to be set up very carefully. At this time I haven't been informed about the

possible rate that has been arrived at by the URRC and whether a decision was made. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Joanasié (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On July 13, 2017 the QEC announced that applications will be accepted from eligible customers starting on October 2, 2017. Can the minister confirm if this timetable is still in place? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister responsible for the Qulliq Energy Corporation, Mr. Johnny Mike.

Hon. Johnny Mike (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the Minister responsible for the QEC, I sent a letter addressed to all the mayors and MLAs within Nunavut on the plans to set up the net metering program with information on the planned work. This has already been completed.

With respect to the question of an October 2 start date, as is written there, as of today I am unable to report on it while it is under the review of the URRC. I cannot say what rate would be applied, although I am expecting an answer soon. I want it understood that my expectation of the program commencing on October 2 is dependent on the URRC announcing the rates as well as how the net metering initiative will function.

Only the URRC is able to provide this direction as they are reviewing the application we submitted. Once this review and set-up work has been completed, the QEC will then be able to

provide that information. I anticipate this initiative will proceed and once it does, it will become more important for these various reasons.

I want it understood that private power generation is not a part of the QEC's mandate. It is the individual's responsibility if they wish to purchase the various types of power generation, be it solar panels and so on. I know the majority of applications will be surrounding solar panels. I will provide the information once it is ready. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Joanasié: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the minister is very much aware, Cape Dorset's long-awaited new power plant is under construction. It has taken four years to get there, but nonetheless it's under construction.

With this net metering program potential, we do want to see Nunavummiut set up small-scale renewable energy systems. I think there's validity in numbers. If we encourage many Nunavummiut to do that, we would reduce our reliance on diesel. I look forward to the minister in that regard.

With that, my last question to the minister is: will residents of Cape Dorset as well as, I understand, one municipal corporation be eligible to take part in the QEC's net metering program when it opens up? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Minister

responsible for the Qulliq Energy Corporation, Hon. Johnny Mike.

Hon. Johnny Mike (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, we must be prudent in our approach. Although we anticipate we will receive quite a number of applications for this net metering program, especially with the costs of power generation through net metering expected to go down, we will still need to be very careful.

It will be possible, however, once the initiative has been completed with the local mayors and MLAs where we identified this initiative through correspondence, one building in each hamlet can be used for this purpose. What the communities must also understand is that if you look at the annual energy wattage, this program will be limited to 7 percent of the annual electrical consumption amounts of each community. The reason for this cap is because we must allocate certain percentages towards power generated from outside the QEC grid.

This is a very important component with this government having announced its commitment to lowering the use of fossil fuel and lowering our greenhouse gas emissions. We will have to be very diligent about this in order to proceed so that Nunavummiut can participate in this new initiative. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. I have no more names on my list and the time for question period has expired. Going back to the orders of the day. Member for Aggu, Mr. Paul Quassa.

Hon. Paul Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to go back to Item 5, Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): The Member for Aggu, Mr. Paul Quassa, would like to go back to Item 5, Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Are there any nays? There are none. Mr. Quassa, please proceed.

Revert to Item 5: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery

Hon. Paul Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to recognize an individual seated in the gallery who is now an elder. I believe many Inuit know Eugene Ipkarnak, especially if you listen to the radio. He can be heard reporting on the CBC radio about Igloolik events.

Eugene is still a very capable hunter. He is now 78 years old, yet he remains an active hunter. Further, he goes on the local radio every Saturday morning and the audience perks up with interest when he is reporting on events. As well, he is an active community member who is involved in various organizations and is currently the chairperson of the local housing association.

Our community is quite proud of Eugene as he is one of the original residents of Igloolik. He has remained on Igloolik Island since the time a community was being developed, as his family was one of the original Inuit of the community. He also has family members in the Kivalliq region.

I want to acknowledge Eugene Ipkarnak. If you have heard him on the radio, you can now put a face to the name you may have heard. He is sitting behind the members there. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Welcome to the gallery, my paternal uncle.

Going back to the orders of the day. Item 7. Written Questions. (interpretation ends) Item 8. Returns to Written Questions. Item 9. Replies to Opening Address. Item 10. Petitions. Item 11. Responses to Petitions. Item 12. Reports of Standing and Special Committees on Bills and Other Matters. Item 13. Tabling of Documents. The Hon. Minister of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, Hon. Peter Taptuna.

Item 13: Tabling of Documents

**Tabled Document 354 – 4(3):
Nunavummi Kiglisiniaqtiit 2015-
2016 Annual Report**

**Tabled Document 355 – 4(3): 2017
Council of the Federation Summer
Meeting**

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have two documents that I want to table today.

Mr. Speaker, I am tabling the Nunavummi Kiglisiniaqtiit Annual Report for the period of April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016.

Mr. Speaker, I am tabling the 2017 Council of the Federation Summer Meeting held in Edmonton, Alberta from

July 18 to 19, 2017. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Item 13. Tabling of Documents. The Hon. Minister responsible for the Nunavut Business Credit Corporation, Hon. Ms. Monica Ell-Kanayuk.

**Tabled Document 356 – 4(3): NBCC
2016-2017 Annual Report**

**Tabled Document 357 – 4(3): NDC
2016-2017 Annual Report**

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have two tabling items.

I am pleased to table today the 2016-17 Annual Report for the Nunavut Business Credit Corporation.

Mr. Speaker, as the Minister responsible for the Nunavut Development Corporation, I am pleased to table today the 2016-17 Annual Report for the Nunavut Development Corporation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Tabling of Documents. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Minister of Health, Hon. George Hickey.

**Tabled Document 358 – 4(3):
Department of Health's 2016-2017
Annual Report**

Hon. George Hickey: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am very pleased today to table the Department of Health's 2016-17 Annual Report. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Tabling of Documents. Minister of Education, Mr. Paul Quassa.

**Tabled Document 359 – 4(3):
Correspondence to Standing
Committee on Legislation
Regarding Bill 37**

Hon. Paul Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to table today the letter I wrote to the Chair of the Standing Committee on Legislation titled “Proposal for Concessions with Respect to Bill 37,” dated August 18, 2017. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Going back to the orders of the day. I have no more names on my list. Item 14. (interpretation ends) Notices of Motions. (interpretation) Item 15. (interpretation ends) Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. (interpretation) Item 16. Motions. (interpretation ends) Item 17. First Reading of Bills. Item 18. Second Reading of Bills. Item 19. (interpretation) Member for Tununiq, Mr. Joe Enook.

**Motion 060 – 4(3): Adjournment for
the Day**

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to Rule 46, I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Gjoa Haven, that the House adjourn for the day. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) There is a motion on the floor to adjourn for the day and the motion is not subject to debate. All those in favour. (interpretation) Thank you. Opposed. (interpretation ends) The

motion is carried and we will proceed to Item 22 on the order paper.

(interpretation) Item 22. *Orders of the Day*. (interpretation ends) Mr. Clerk.

Item 22: Orders of the Day

Clerk (Mr. Quirke): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just a reminder of the noontime function at the residence of the Commissioner of Nunavut.

Also a reminder that the Standing Committee on Legislation has a number of meetings starting this afternoon at two o'clock, and on Saturday commencing at nine o'clock in the morning and on Monday also commencing at nine o'clock in the morning. All meetings are in the Nanuq Boardroom.

Orders of the Day for September 18:

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
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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 27
 - Bill 53
20. Report of the Committee of the Whole
21. Third Reading of Bills
22. Orders of the Day

Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Before we adjourn, I would like to thank our pages, two of whom are from Kugluktuk, Calden Stirrett and Joe Ipakohak. I thank you very much. The two pages from Iqaluit are from the (interpretation ends) Iqaluit 79th Squadron Cadets, Alassua Hanson (interpretation) and Shawn Nauyuk. I thank you very much.

>>*Applause*

(interpretation ends) This House stands adjourned until Monday, September 18, at 1:30 p.m.

(interpretation) Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>*House adjourned at 11:47*

