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R E L E A S E

**Nutrition North Canada Officials and Other Witnesses
to be Invited to Appear before the Legislative Assembly**

IQALUIT, Nunavut (February 23, 2011) - Ron Elliott, MLA for Quttiktuq, today gave notice of two motions to formally invite witnesses to appear before the Legislative Assembly's Committee of the Whole to respond to questions from Members concerning the federal Nutrition North Canada Program.

The motions will be considered by the Legislative Assembly at its sitting of Friday, February 25, 2011. The motions are being seconded by the Honourable Tagak Curley, MLA for Rankin Inlet North.

“All Members of the Legislative Assembly have an interest in ensuring that the new Nutrition North Canada Program works well for our constituents,” said Mr. Elliott. “The meeting that I had last week with federal officials was very productive and I am confident that they will also welcome the opportunity to respond to questions from my colleagues.”

In the fall of 2010, a number of witnesses from the North West Company, Arctic Co-Operatives Limited, First Air and other entities appeared before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development on the occasion of its review of the new Nutrition North Canada Program.

“The Government of Nunavut is committed to reducing poverty in our communities,” said Mr. Curley. “Helping to ensure that Nunavummiut have access to affordable food and essential non-food items is a fundamental goal of this government, which is why I support my colleague's motion to facilitate dialogue on this important issue.”

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