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**Iqaluit, Nunavut
Wednesday, March 6, 2019**

Members Present:

Hon. David Akeeagok, Mr. Tony Akoak, Ms. Pat Angnakak, Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak, Hon. Joe Enook, Hon. George Hickes, Hon. David Joanasié, Mr. Joëlie Kaernerck, Mr. Pauloosie Keyootak, Hon. Lorne Kusugak, Mr. Adam Lightstone, Mr. John Main, Mr. Simeon Mikkungwak, Hon. Patterk Netser, Mr. Emiliano Qirngnuq, Mr. Paul Quassa, Mr. Allan Rumbolt, Hon. Joe Savikataaq, Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik, Ms. Cathy Towtongie.

>>House commenced at 10:00

Item 1: Opening Prayer

Speaker (Hon. Joe Enook)

(interpretation): Ms. Towtongie, can you say the opening prayer, please.

>>Prayer

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Towtongie. (interpretation ends) Premier (interpretation) and my colleagues, good morning. Nunavummiut, good morning.

Speaker's Statement

Prior to moving on to the orders of the day, I want to start off with an announcement as yesterday Nunavummiut had a very difficult day with several communities suffering losses on the same day.

To the residents, at least in my case, my fellow residents of Pond Inlet, my paternal cousins especially, my dear relatives are deeply in my thoughts, and others will keep you in their thoughts

and prayers.

To other residents of Nunavut who aren't my fellow community residents, you will be kept in other people's minds and prayers. Let us never become downtrodden as we are Nunavummiut, a resilient, cooperative and sympathetic bunch who take time to assist others who may need our assistance.

Going to the orders of the day. Ministers' Statements. Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation, Minister Netser.

Item 2: Ministers' Statements**Minister's Statement 189 – 5(2):
Homeownership Review**

Hon. Patterk Netser (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We say "good morning" to the ones who have lost a loved one, and we feel profound love for your loss. My mother used to say that as long as we are on this earth, the cycle of life will always continue, and eventually time will heal your losses and life will continue, Mr. Speaker.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, the benefits of homeownership are clear. This is why the Nunavut Housing Corporation (NHC) is working to make this a reality in a territory that has relatively few homeowners.

Mr. Speaker, the housing corporation is committed to eliminating barriers to homeownership and would like to thank the members for their interest in the Nunavut Housing Corporation homeownership programs and member questions that they have been posing.

Within our public housing units are many tenants who crave home ownership, and who wish the rent they currently pay could go toward equity in their home. Unfortunately some are kept from this dream because they cannot afford the high cost of repairs. It is for that reason the housing corporation has conducted a review of its homeownership programs and a homeownership feasibility report. The knowledge gained from the review and report will allow us to help more homeowners while continuing to work through the Government of Nunavut's *Blueprint for Action on Housing*.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to update the House. In response to the recent written questions on homeownership, the Nunavut Housing Corporation will be revising the planned release date of the homeownership programs review and homeownership feasibility study. This will ensure that both reports provide appropriate answers to the members' questions whilst also avoiding redundancies.

Due to limited resources and the time-consuming nature of conducting program reviews, such as the homeownership review and feasibility study, the corporation plans to table the comprehensive reports during the fall session. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

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

Minister's Statement 190 – 5(2): Territorial Orientation Program for Community Health Nurses

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Department of Health continues its commitment to the delivery of quality health care services. This includes putting in place safe and systematic processes to support the integration of highly skilled, culturally competent nurses into our health care workforce.

Mr. Speaker and members, community health nurses are often the first and main point of contact for Nunavummiut within the health care system. I am happy to announce that we have implemented a new territorial nursing orientation program.

Health partnered with Medic North Nunavut, a subsidiary of Kitikmeot Inuit Association, to develop a program that is not only unique to Nunavut but to the north. The goal of any orientation program is to enable participants to consolidate their skills and knowledge, acquire practical experience, and increase their confidence in health care delivery in a variety of clinical settings.

Mr. Speaker and members, the curriculum for this program was created with a Nunavut lens, with input from Inuit cultural advisors from Medic North Nunavut, and is based on Nunavut community health nursing competencies. The program uses simulation training equipment, allowing the nurses to work through real-life scenarios and develop competencies at a quicker pace.

Mr. Speaker, we successfully delivered

our first territorial community health nurse orientation here in Iqaluit to 12 nurses from across the territory in October 2018. The Department of Health delivered the second orientation program to nine nurses in January 2019, which I was proud to attend as minister.

Please join me in recognizing the efforts of our dedicated nursing staff and congratulate them on their participation in the Community Health Nurse Orientation Program. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

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

Minister's Statement 191 – 5(2): 2019 EnergyWise Campaign

Hon. Joe Savikataaq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the people of Arviat, I say "good morning" to you. It's not too cold over there.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to say today that the Department of Environment Climate Change Secretariat is continuing the EnergyWise campaign as part of an ongoing partnership with the Qulliq Energy Corporation and the Nunavut Housing Corporation.

Mr. Speaker, we have used many avenues to promote this campaign, including on television through APTN and CBC, at the Astro Theatre, via social media outlets and YouTube, and in posters distributed to all Nunavut communities.

The EnergyWise campaign aims to encourage Nunavummiut to become better aware of their energy usage and the impact it has on our environment. By reducing our energy consumption, we can reduce our territory's reliance on diesel and decrease the amount of greenhouse gases we release into the atmosphere. Furthermore, this will help lessen our environmental footprint and our contribution to our changing climate.

On top of helping our environment, saving energy at home and in our offices means saving money. Being conscious of our actions results in significant savings across the territory.

Mr. Speaker, we are constantly looking for ways we can contribute to the well-being of our wildlife, land, and the quality of our environment. Being EnergyWise is one way we can all participate.

Mr. Speaker, I invite Nunavummiut to visit EnergyWise on social media and our website to learn more about ways to save energy, save money, and to help Nunavut's environment. Remember to power down, head outside, and enjoy our territory. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

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

Minister's Statement 192 – 5(2): Supporting Parents

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good morning, Nunavummiut and everyone.

(interpretation ends) *Uqaqtitsijii*, the Department of Family Services recognizes that our parents and caregivers are our children's first and most important teachers. In this, we remain guided by Inuusivut as we work towards strengthening the well-being of families across the territory.

Since 2016 my department has provided funding to support the delivery of the [Qaujigiartiit] Health Research Centre [Inunnguiniq] parenting facilitator training program. This parenting program has three goals:

- Revitalizing the wisdom and practices of [Inunnguiniq] in our lives;
- Supporting healing for participants and their families; and
- Strengthening the roles of extended family and community in child rearing.

[Inunnguiniq] has also been consistently raised during roundtable gatherings as a critical way to reduce poverty in Nunavut. Roundtable members have agreed that strengthening [Inunnguiniq] and early childhood development is one of the most important steps we can take to reduce poverty for the next generation.

Uqaqtitsijii, I am pleased to report that to date the [Inunnguiniq] parenting facilitator training has been provided to 169 community members and departmental staff from over 20 communities across Nunavut and the Ottawa Inuit Children Centre.

Building on this work, my department

also started funding community-based parenting workshops in 2017-18. To date workshops have been funded in Arviat, Naujaat, Taloyoak, and Gjoa Haven. The department is working to expand this program and work with communities to offer more workshops.

Uqaqtitsijii, healthy, strong and resilient parents are a key foundation to healthy, strong and resilient families and communities. By continuing to encourage and support our parents, we are building a strong future for our children and families in Nunavut. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

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

**Minister's Statement 193 – 5(2):
Celebrating French Language and
Culture in Nunavut: Les Rendez-
vous de la Francophonie 2019**

Hon. David Joanasie (French interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to celebrate the 21st edition of Les Rendez-vous de la Francophonie that takes place every year at the end of March.

>> *Applause*

(interpretation) Mr. Speaker, the lessons learned from francophones with respect to language rights have been a source of inspiration for Nunavut. Our government recognized this when it adopted its first mandate in 1999 to promote a fully bilingual society in Inuktitut and English or French. This continues to be our priority today under *Turaaqtavut*.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to share with my colleagues that 270 Inuit reported an ability to speak French in 2016, representing nearly one out of five of the 1,525 persons who reported speaking French in our territory. In our territorial capital, 13 percent of people are French-speaking.

Mr. Speaker, the Nunavut francophonie contributes to the diversity of our capital city and of our territory. This is reflected in the many activities organized by local francophone organizations. For instance, l'Association des francophones du Nunavut will be hosting several cultural and community events this month, open to francophones and francophiles of all walks of life.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to further commend the Association des francophones du Nunavut for updating and including Inuktitut on their signs this year. It shows respect to our community and helps to create a welcoming place for all.

(interpretation) In closing, Mr. Speaker, I am excited to inform my colleagues that I will co-host the Ministerial Conference of the Canadian Francophonie with my federal counterpart in June. In 25 years it will be the first time that the conference will be held in Nunavut. (French interpretation) It will be a remarkable opportunity to showcase our unique and distinct linguistic reality to all Canadian jurisdictions. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) *Qujannamiik*.

>> *Laughter*

>> *Applause*

Speaker: *Merci*.

>> *Laughter*

(interpretation) Thank you. Ministers' Statements. Minister of Economic Development and Transportation, Minister Akeegok.

**Minister's Statement 194 – 5(2):
Improvements to Motor Vehicles
Services in Nunavut**

Hon. David Akeegok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank you for speaking about the loss suffered in your community, as I have a relative from your community in my thoughts today. In particular I am thinking of my cousin in Pond Inlet, whom we are keeping in our thoughts and prayers, and we share your pain.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I welcome this opportunity to rise today before the Members of this House to update them on the progress that has been made on the delivery of motor vehicle services in Nunavut.

As you are aware, significant issues held up the timely delivery of motor vehicles testing and licensing and the generation of general Nunavut identification cards. Many of you have been helpful in providing insight on this issue and rightfully pushing for improvements.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to report progress to this House. In light of the decision of the RCMP to stop administering written and practical testing services for class 7 and class 5 licences in our communities, our department undertook a project where local municipal employees were trained

to provide testing services.

Initially this project was conducted with the Hamlet of Arviat, where local examiners were trained in the summer of 2018. I can report to this House that thanks to our partnership with the Hamlet of Arviat, this project was deemed successful and local examiners have been providing testing services for the past six months.

Following the success of this project, we are taking it to other communities. We have trained local examiners in Kugluktuk and beautiful Pond Inlet...

An Hon. Member: Thank you.

Hon. David Akeeagok: ...and will shortly do so in Sanikiluaq as well.

In addition to this important initiative, upgrades to our Motor Vehicles Information System in conjunction with changes to data-sharing between government liaison officers and our motor vehicles offices will lead to quicker completion of licences and identification cards.

(interpretation) Mr. Speaker, I am pleased with this progress and I would like to recognize the tremendous role the hamlets of Arviat, Kugluktuk and Pond Inlet have played in helping to make improvements to our programs. I have written to all other municipalities offering similar training and I look forward to continuing to work with our hamlets to improve service for our residents. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you.

Ministers' Statements. Minister of Justice, Minister Ehaloak. Ministers' Statements. Members' Statements. Member for Netsilik, Mr. Qirngnuq.

Item 3: Members' Statements

Member's Statement 289 – 5(2): New District Heating System

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, to the residents who just suffered the loss of a loved one, we will keep you in our thoughts and prayers, and ask for loving kindness from Our Father.

Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning to speak about this misunderstanding from yesterday where I was querying the minister and I would like to correct the error I made when I asked the question regarding the Qulliq Energy Corporation. I will quote the error I made.

(interpretation ends) As the minister will recall, the federal government announced funding in September of last year for a new district heating system. (interpretation) This was the source of my error and I apologize to the Minister responsible for the Qulliq Energy Corporation for the error, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Arviat North-Whale Cove, Mr. Main.

Member's Statement 290 – 5(2): Garren Tiktaalaaq Voisey of Whale Cove

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good morning. Our

meeting lasted late into the night, so we should have just slept over here.

>> *Laughter*

I am thinking and sending my condolences to our fellow Nunavummiut who are going through a hard time.

Even though we go through challenging times, good events also happen in Nunavut and it's joyous to talk about them.

>> *Applause*

There's a young person from Whale Cove who is 15 years old, Garren Voisey, Tiktaalaaq in Inuktitut, who is in Ontario to further his training and is now living down there. (interpretation ends) Garren Voisey is currently attending Ontario Hockey Academy in Cornwall, Ontario.

It's important to note and I know that the Minister of Education is here, the schooling part of the hockey academy is also very high quality along with the hockey. He's accessing some great resources when it comes to schooling and also to developing his skills as a hockey player.

Garren has been away from home since he was 13. He has been going away and he has shown huge potential as a player. In fact he was part of Nunavut's first-ever team at the Canada Winter Games. He does come home whenever he can, to Whale Cove, and when he is home in Whale Cove, he is a great role model.

He's always joking around. He's fun to be around. (interpretation) He is a sociable fellow, well versed in

traditional social rules, and I wanted to express my pride in Garren along with his parents as well as his grandparents, who provide tremendous support and encouragement to their young grandson.

He has a very bright future and might very possibly play professional hockey. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good morning.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Rankin Inlet North-Chesterfield Inlet, Ms. Towtongie.

Member's Statement 291 – 5(2): Elder Abuse in Nunavut

Ms. Towtongie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My fellow residents of Rankin Inlet are in my thoughts and I empathize with them, and I wish a good morning to the residents of Chesterfield Inlet.

I rise today to talk about our elders. Although our elders are not numerous in number, they sometimes are mistreated or face (interpretation ends) elder abuse. (interpretation) This is seemingly never discussed as an issue in Nunavut because it isn't very visible. When some of our elders receive their pension cheques, their children take their cheques.

Our elders are mostly unilingual without the ability to write or speak in English, and the public information that would assist them is useless and they have nobody to turn to. This occurs in Nunavut. We tend to discuss our youth, which is fine, when we talk about sexual abuse. Nonetheless, our elders are facing abuse over their money, are being

bullied by their young relations, and we as a government have to feel their distress.

An Hon. Member: Hear, hear!

Ms. Towtongie: Along with that, the senior elders benefit from the federal government is called the Senior Citizen Supplementary Benefit. Low-income seniors in Nunavut qualify for the federal Guaranteed Income Supplement. This co-management payment program with the federal government should be looked at and have an analysis to see, at the end of the month, it's keeping up with the cost of living in Nunavut.

I encourage the Government of Nunavut and Canada to look at the Old Age Security cheque, which comes at the end of each month, to see if it reflects the high cost of living in Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

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

**Member's Statement 292 – 5(2):
Igloolik Team at Terence Tootoo
Memorial Hockey Tournament**

Mr. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good morning. I also wish good morning to my fellow residents. During the middle of the week, we rarely ever meet in the morning, so we don't say good morning often, but I am thankful we can say good morning as I believe this is our first morning session.

Yes, this morning I rose...actually I got up and also stood, so I rose.

>> *Laughter*

I usually don't mention hockey very often, but today I am quite proud to state that there will be a major hockey tournament in Rankin Inlet, and for the first time, Igloolik is sending a hockey team.

>> *Applause*

I take great pride in the team travelling to the (interpretation ends) Terrence Tootoo Memorial Tournament. (interpretation) This has become an annual tournament in Rankin Inlet. Further, Terrence was my maternal nephew and I reminisce about him occasionally.

Now, to the hockey team from Igloolik, I wish them success and to play their best to try to win their games, especially as this is their first tournament. There will be many communities sending teams to the tournament. Tournaments such as this are enjoyed by our young people, who also garner experience, and it is something to take pride in.

I thank the residents of Rankin Inlet for hosting the hockey tournament that offers opportunity to our young people. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

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

**Member's Statement 293 – 5(2):
Correctional Centres in Nunavut**

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address a situation that has been the subject of extensive public attention in recent months.

Mr. Speaker, over the past couple of months a number of Members of the Legislative Assembly, including myself, have been copied on various exchanges of correspondence between the Minister of Justice and a number of national organizations regarding her department's decision to prohibit a local journalist from visiting and interviewing inmates in person at any of our territorial correctional facilities.

Mr. Speaker, later today at the appropriate time I will be tabling copies of these exchanges of correspondence for the benefit of all Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, I have been accused of many things during my career, but a lack of passion is not one of them.

When this issue first came to my attention, my first reaction was along the lines of "How could we have allowed a situation like this to have gotten to this point?"

Mr. Speaker, I passionately believe in open and transparent government, and taking an action like this struck me as something you would see in a place like Venezuela or Russia, not here in Canada. It doesn't reflect well on us and it makes us look like we have something to hide.

Mr. Speaker, as an Iqaluit MLA, I know many people who work at or who have worked at one of our territorial correctional facilities. These are important, difficult, incredibly stressful

jobs and I pay tribute to those who are doing them every day.

I also want to say that I am sure that every one of us in this House knows someone who has gone through the justice system as a victim or an offender, and we must acknowledge that the issues in this area are very complex.

Mr. Speaker, as you will recall, both of us participated in three days of televised hearings in this Chamber back in 2015 when the Auditor General of Canada presented his report to our Legislative Assembly on corrections in Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to seek unanimous consent to finish my member's statement today. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. The member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude her statement today. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Ms. Angnakak, please proceed.

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

That report was a real eye-opener for all of us and drew attention to the critical need for improvements to our correctional system and facilities.

Mr. Speaker, one of our great strengths as a country is our democracy's acceptance of the legitimacy and value of asking difficult questions on uncomfortable issues.

I genuinely believe that in the absence of compelling evidence to the contrary, the actions taken in this recent case were heavy-handed and could have been avoided.

However, I also want to be clear that nobody should feel that he or she has the right to unfettered access to such facilities at any time, and I also want to be clear that reasonable rules must be followed.

Mr. Speaker, I was encouraged to note that the minister has indicated in one of her letters that she “expects this issue will be resolved...in the very near future.”

Let us hope that this will be the last time that a situation like this occurs. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members’ Statements. Member for Iqaluit-Sinaa, Ms. Sheutiapik.

**Member’s Statement 294 – 5(2):
Condolences to Grieving Families**

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In thinking of Nunavummiut and especially Iqalummiut, we have more than one funeral happening today here in Iqaluit, so I send condolences to those who have lost relatives yesterday.

(interpretation ends) I’m also proud to say OHA, the Ontario Hockey Academy; my son was the first to attend.

(interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members’ Statements. Member for Quttiktuq, Mr. Akeagok.

**Member’s Statement 295 – 5(2):
Nunavut’s Flag-bearer at Canada
Winter Games**

Hon. David Akeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This past Saturday I took great pride when a resident of Grise Fiord, who is my paternal nephew...actually all members of our family were very impressed when he was chosen during the (interpretation ends) Canada Winter Games (interpretation) as the territorial flag-bearer during the closing ceremonies of these games.

We observed the ceremonies on television where we reminisced about our parents who would have been doubly proud, as it was touching to see him in the role of a flag-bearer. I wish to thank the organizers and coordinators who allow our youth to attend tournaments.

Young people take great pride in the events which also raises their self-esteem. I think everyone feels their own esteem rise a little higher. I am very grateful to the officials who work diligently to allow our athletes to attend. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members’ Statements. I have no more names on my list. Returns to Oral Questions. Minister of Justice, Minister Ehaloak.

Item 4: Returns to Oral Questions

**Return to Oral Question 340 – 5(2):
Unlawful Property Forfeiture
Office**

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) Good morning to my constituents of Cambridge Bay and Nunavummiut, and especially good morning to my granddaughter, Bridgette, who is watching this morning as she is getting ready to go on vacation.

Mr. Speaker, on February 26, 2019 a question was asked by Mr. Emiliano Qirngnuq, MLA for Netsilik, asked of the Minister of Justice.

“The current business plan of the Department of Justice indicates that it has ‘...worked with other Government of Nunavut departments on allocating the funding for the new office.’

The question was:

Can the minister clarify what the office’s actual budget is for the upcoming 2019-2020 fiscal year?

Mr. Speaker, the answer is:

The budget for the *Unlawful Property Forfeiture Act* is \$254,000 for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Returns to Oral Questions. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Let me go first.

**Item 5: Recognition of Visitors in the
Gallery**

Thank you. I am pleased to welcome a

resident of my community, Agnowyak Kilukishak. Welcome to the gallery.

>> *Applause*

She’s chaperoning two students from Pond Inlet. We have two pages here and she’s their chaperone. Thank you and please feel welcome here, Agnowyak.

>> *Applause*

Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery.
Member for Rankin Inlet North-
Chesterfield Inlet, Ms. Towtongie.

>> *Laughter*

Ms. Towtongie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize a long-time Nunavut reporter who sometimes reports on not so good news in Nunavut and Nunavik. I recognize the individual who is sitting right behind me, Jane George. Welcome.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Welcome to the gallery. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Oral Questions. Member for Baker Lake, Mr. Mikkungwak.

Item 6: Oral Questions

**Question 402 – 5(2): Baker Lake
Economic Development**

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

(interpretation ends) As the minister may

be aware, the hunters and trappers organization of Baker Lake has had a long-standing interest in starting a meat processing facility to take advantage of the muskox population and caribou in our region; long-term growth prospects for the export of our healthy organic meat products.

The budget for the Department of Economic Development and Transportation's Strategic Investments Program is over \$3.4 million per year. Can the minister confirm if projects of this nature are eligible for consideration under this program? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Economic Development and Transportation, Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) For the meat processing project, we have meat processing that is administered by the Nunavut... I keep forgetting the name; the Nunavut Development Corporation, sorry, one of the agencies that I oversee. That is the corporation that we have assigned to conduct for any meat processing plants. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think the minister got a glance of my first supplementary here.

>> *Laughter*

The Minister of Economic Development and Transportation is also, as the

minister indicated, responsible for the Nunavut Development Corporation and the Nunavut Business Credit Corporation. Can the minister indicate if ventures of the type that I have just described are eligible for support from either or both of these entities? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For a proposal for that, what I would encourage the community is to submit preferably a business plan to our department, which would lead us to determine which way we would go because there are a lot of different programs that our department is doing; as you mentioned in your first question, the Strategic Investments Program. There are various ways of doing it, so I would encourage receiving a proposal from your community. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The department is currently working on renewing its overall economic development strategy for Nunavut. Can the minister indicate the extent to which the strategy will focus on developing potential in the food processing and export sectors? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation

ends) As it is being developed and it's drafted, I haven't seen the details of it, but with what you just raised, I'll commit to see if that's part of it and I can report back to this House.
(interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 403 – 5(2): School Food Programs

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

Mr. Speaker, it is clear from recent discussions in this House that food security, especially for our children and youth, is a concern across the territory.

Following his appearance before the Standing Committee on Social Wellness to discuss the Department of Health's proposed budget, the minister provided a very comprehensive set of information to committee members on information that is currently provided for breakfast programs through the community wellness plans. This list includes 44 schools across Nunavut and the Cambridge Bay Wellness Centre.

Can the minister clarify how the Cambridge Bay Wellness Centre qualifies for school food program funding and how other institutions like the Iqaluit soup kitchen could also apply and qualify for breakfast program funding? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. George Hickee: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This funding is available for any entity that wants to help provide service to their community. Simply submit a proposal. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I hope there are a lot of people out there listening that what they have to do is provide a proposal.

Mr. Speaker, a number of my colleagues have addressed the need for lunch programs in our schools. In the community of Iqaluit not only would providing lunch to our school students be another positive step towards addressing food insecurity; it would also alleviate busing needs as students are currently shuttled home and then back to school over the lunch period.

Can the minister describe what consideration has been given to providing funding for lunch programs through the community wellness plans? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Hickee.

Hon. George Hickee: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I talked about during my appearance during Committee of the Whole when this topic came up, this funding is provided to schools in anticipation of a breakfast program, but some schools do utilize these funds to provide some lunch programming as well too.

If any schools wanted to use that funding for lunch programming as well, that's their prerogative. We have provided some of the core funding to get this program going. There are other sources and avenues for schools to raise funds to provide food, but one of the considerations that typically come up during these conversations is who to run them. It has been often said that teachers are there to teach. We need communities to be engaged. We need community ownership; people that come forward and help offer to provide programming.

The high school here in Iqaluit is a perfect example. Not only do they provide a lunch service a few days a week, but they also provide teaching opportunities for students during the food preparation, the shopping. I visited the cafeteria myself and I have spoken to some of the students. One young lady that I was speaking to not that long ago said it has even changed their habits at home on what type of foods they prepare. She helps her mom shop now to make sure that there are healthy foods in the house.

There are a number of different avenues that people can access that type of program. Thank you.

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

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the response I got back from the minister.

I know that there is also a lot of work done in the preparation by the teachers. When I visited the Nanook School, it was the same kind of thing. There are

different options that could be considered like even hiring somebody to come and do the work.

Even though I appreciate it might be a little bit awkward for the Department of Health to be coordinating funding of programs that actually enhance our education system, however, we know that improving literacy has a positive impact on health status, so it seems like a fair trade.

Will the minister commit to working with his colleague, the Minister of Education, to find even more ways where you can enhance food programs at our school-age populations? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Hickes.

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When these issues arise, I know it's not always apparent and I'm sure most members know that there is communication that goes on amongst all of us in here, not just cabinet members but regular members as well. We're always trying to meet the needs of our community with the resources that we have available and I'll continue to work with all of my colleagues, including the Minister of Education, on how to make our programs more impactful. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 404 – 5(2): Gjoa Haven Economic Development

Mr. Akoak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Good morning, (interpretation) my colleagues. I say “good morning” to all the people of Gjoa Haven who are watching the proceedings. I say “good morning” to my family and children.

Further, the people who have lost loved ones in Pond Inlet and Iqaluit are in our thoughts.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, my questions are for the Minister of Economic Development and Transportation and they concern the issue of economic development for the community of Gjoa Haven.

Mr. Speaker, as the minister is well aware, the discovery of the lost ships of the Franklin Expedition has created great excitement in the community and we are hopeful for long-term economic and job-creation benefits in the area of tourism.

Mr. Speaker, can the minister describe what support his department is providing to the Franklin Interim Advisory Committee which has been coordinating a number of community initiatives in relation to the discovery? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Economic Development and Transportation, Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I don’t have specifics in terms of what support our government has done for that particular committee, but I had a wonderful opportunity to meet with your hamlet mayor and yourself. I’m trying to see if we can explore a lot more activities to that community as a result of finding the Franklin. I think there are

a number of good initiatives that we can do.

During my recent trip, I also had an opportunity to talk to the president for the Kitikmeot Inuit Association who is in the middle of their Inuit impact benefit negotiations. I’m optimistic that there will be good economic opportunities for the community as a result of those findings. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Akoak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Department of Economic Development and Transportation’s 2019-2020 budget includes just over \$1.3 million in funding in contributions under its Community, Tourism and Cultural Industries Program.

Given the international exposure that the discovery of the lost ships of the Franklin Expedition has had, I think that it makes sense for the department to work closely with the community in this area.

Mr. Speaker, can the minister indicate how much funding under this program has been provided to Gjoa Haven projects during the current 2018-19 fiscal year? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don’t have the details in terms of which projects have been approved under that particular proposal-based grants and contributions program. I could commit to going back to the

member. If they have submitted a proposal and the member would like to share that with me, I would like to follow up with my department for this. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Akoak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you to the minister for the response. I know that there are residents of Gjoa Haven who are interested in gaining employment in the tourism sector. Can the minister indicate how his department works with Nunavut Arctic College to identify training needs and courses in such tourism-related areas as guide training and hospitality management? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the Department of Economic Development and Transportation, we provide training programs sometimes through Arctic College or our own department does the training. For people who are interested, we provide for training and we will always provide for training in my department. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Uqqummiut, Mr. Keyootak.

Question 405 – 5(2): Fisheries Development

Mr. Keyootak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good morning to the people of Qikiqtarjuaq and Clyde River who are watching the proceedings, as

well as to my colleagues here.

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

As the minister will recall, in May 2018 the Department of Economic Development and Transportation contributed \$369,720 to a project to develop the inshore turbot fishery in Qikiqtarjuaq. The federal Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency contributed \$526,130 and the Hamlet of Qikiqtarjuaq contributed \$23,300.

Mr. Speaker, I represent two non-decentralized communities and investments like this are critical for economic development and job creation. Can the minister provide an update on the status of this project to date? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Economic Development and Transportation, Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank members for their queries today, and I want to provide adequate responses when it's possible to do so.

The project our colleague mentioned is one where I don't have the details here. However, we will speak to the benefits of the project and to cooperatively work on the details. With that being the case, I will have to look into this project to determine what the details are and what the history is, and when I have been briefed, I can then provide the information to my colleague.

I want to further state that we do our utmost to try to provide opportunities to our non-decentralized communities using different funding programs. There are economic development officers in every community, and I encourage everyone to approach their local officers. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Keyootak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Can the minister indicate if similar projects are being looked at for Clyde River? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I urge anyone who wishes to start new projects to propose the work. Additionally, we should be in constant communication as there are different pots of funds that aren't fully used. There are many projects and proposals, and it is good to hear of developments with new businesses and initiatives, as well as the project our colleague mentioned where delicacies are produced through our food processing plants that can be sold in Nunavut and globally. I urge you to tackle these types of projects as my fellow Nunavummiut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Keyootak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank the minister for his adequate response. The

Qikiqtarjuaq project is being funded by the Department of Economic Development and Transportation. However, the Department of Environment has a fisheries and sealing division. Can the minister clarify why the Department of Environment has responsibility for fisheries and sealing and not the Department of Economic Development and Transportation? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It can be in either of the departments, whether it is within the Department of Environment or the Department of Transportation. They usually collaborate on files they share.

In terms of the choice, either would work as that is how it was set up. However, our collaborative efforts should be promoted further, especially when it comes to fisheries as that is one of our priorities in the Department of Economic Development. As well, it is also a priority for the Department of Environment. It is the same on that front. Sometimes our work overlaps and this is where we collaborate closely on files that originate from either department.

We don't concern ourselves with where the project originated from as long as benefits can be realized here in Nunavut, especially when the project is funded by our government, which is useful in these situations. Our departments sometimes work on the same files, but it is done hand in hand with the other department. That's our approach. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Arviat North-Whale Cove, Mr. Main.

Question 406 – 5(2): Awareness Programs on Alcohol and Cannabis Consumption

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to direct my question to the Minister responsible for the Liquor and Cannabis Commission.

The government issued a news release regarding liquor and it identified to Nunavummiut the six communities that have liquor prohibitions, including Arviat.

Prohibition against alcohol has existed in our community of Arviat throughout all of my childhood years, starting from the 1970s, which was when communities first passed these alcohol prohibitions.

In looking at these six communities, it is quite obvious that alcohol is already present and being consumed. We all know that even though alcohol is prohibited in the community, many residents disobey the legislation by breaking the law and consuming alcohol.

What is obvious to many citizens when it comes to alcohol is the need to have a forum or a sounding board locally to provide information on the responsible consumption of alcohol, the addictive qualities, and how it can destroy your body.

It is as if a barrier exists locally where residents could discuss these issues to resolve them. A systemic barrier seems to be there, as if it is too humiliating to admit that alcohol consumption occurs

in the prohibited communities.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, there is a very unhealthy culture around drinking alcohol in dry communities, such as Arviat, and it's contributing to great social harms. My first question for the minister is: in the prohibited, dry communities of Nunavut, who provides awareness and education about the harmful effects of alcohol?

(interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister responsible for the Nunavut Liquor and Cannabis Commission, Minister Hickers.

Hon. George Hickers: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for raising this issue. It is complicated. Like the member states, in dry communities it's very difficult to put on promotional or educational activities with the perception that you are okaying something that's illegal, but we all know it is happening.

We do work very closely with the "Let's Be Aware" campaign through the Department of Finance. We work very closely with community wellness coordinators through the Department of Health. An example in Arviat, last October, just after the middle of the month, the 17th, 18th, 19th, there was a team from our "Let's Be Aware" staff that went into community, went to a couple of the schools, met with the health care team, met with hamlet council, and did a radio call-in show to promote healthier activities with regard to alcohol.

That being said, it is difficult. When people are drinking in a dry community, they tend to hide, as the member stated.

To make sure that people are aware, our health centre staff are trained to help intervention, to help people deal with their issues. Our addictions strategy that was just tabled last fall clearly outlined the availability of resources that we want to... . This new budget is going to be bringing additional resources at the community and regional levels. We want to make sure that all communities have access to alcohol education activities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, minister. (interpretation ends) This is a very complicated issue and just by raising this in the House, I may be perceived as advocating for a change from prohibition. I'll make it very clear that that's not my decision. I don't have a position on the issue. It's the communities' decision through the plebiscite process whether or not the communities remain dry.

My understanding is that in the restricted and unrestricted communities, alcohol education committees are set up. I'm talking about the awareness and education function of those committees that I think has some value in terms of tracking local use of these substances. Is it currently possible to set up an alcohol education committee in a prohibited community? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Hickes.

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The member is very correct.

With alcohol education committees the focus is where alcohol is permitted. That being said, there can be requests for further discussion on developing alcohol education committees in dry communities. That is an option.

One of the things, through our community wellness committee, we're still in the process of trying to work with the Hamlet of Arviat to develop that committee in Arviat. All communities in the territory other than Rankin Inlet and Arviat are established with the community wellness committees. We are currently working to help the communities of Arviat and Rankin Inlet to develop theirs. Thank you.

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

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's good to hear that type proactive work.

Based on my understanding of the language used, cannabis is being sold by the federal government through an online vendor and we now have legislation to this effect. Now, with respect to the commission, they are no longer just a liquor commission as they now administer the cannabis sales within the territory. I also understand that prohibition does not work in stopping the consumption of cannabis.

(interpretation ends) There is no option to prohibit the use of cannabis in our communities. Considering that this is allowed in all our communities, will the minister commit to starting a conversation with the six prohibited communities across Nunavut to set up alcohol and cannabis related education

committees? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Hickee.

Hon. George Hickee: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In a nutshell, yes. With the alcohol education committees that we have right now and with the recent legalization of cannabis, we're still figuring out all the intricacies, if you want to call it that, on how to mesh those two topics together and with the issue that cannabis is now legal in all communities where alcohol isn't. There is a little bit more complexity to it, but I can assure the member that we are working on that. Thank you.

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

Question 407 – 5(2): Cannabis

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I say “good morning” to my colleagues, as well as to my fellow residents of Kugaaruk and the residents of Taloyoak.

Mr. Speaker, my question will be similar to the question posed by my colleague representing Arviat, as he spoke about the challenges faced in his community and this matter is in the same vein, as well as being part of the same problem.

This change was initiated by the Members of the Legislative Assembly to legislate the proposed legalization and some residents disagreed on the legislation, but as members we have to work to resolve the problems we face within our communities. We try to voice

the concerns and questions especially on solutions where we query our government on, Mr. Speaker.

(interpretation ends) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions today are for the Minister responsible for the Nunavut Liquor and Cannabis Commission.

Cannabis has been legal in Canada since October of last year. I believe that it is important to remind Nunavummiut that this decision was made by the federal government. Information contained in the minister's recent budget indicates that “Sales data from the first few months of legalization suggests government revenues will be modest.”

Mr. Speaker, one of the reasons why cannabis was legalized was to take its sales out of the hands of criminals and provide a new source of revenue for federal, provincial and territorial governments. Can the minister explain why revenues appear to be lower than expected? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister responsible for the Nunavut Liquor and Cannabis Commission, Minister Hickee.

Hon. George Hickee: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just to be blunt, revenues are lower than expected because of the supply issues that have been going on all across the country.

With the suppliers that we have on contract here in Nunavut, they haven't been able to keep up with the demand or the selection that people desire. People have been looking at alternative ways of getting the cannabis into the community.

It's something that we have been working very closely with our suppliers to make sure that they're being able to meet the needs for people to legally purchase and so that the taxes that would be accumulated from that are going to Nunavut.

We want to make sure that people are one, purchasing legal cannabis so that they know the contents in it, that they know that there's no additives. I can't say it's a healthy product because it's something that's very contentious, but at least to make sure that it doesn't have any impurities in it that are added. There are all kinds of other drugs out there that people do add to cannabis in black market areas, and one of the purposes of legalization is to make sure there is a controlled product.

I would have to say the main issue with the lack of revenue that we have anticipated is due to the lack of supply and we have been getting more and more assurances from suppliers that they're slowly figuring this thing out. We're not the only jurisdiction dealing with this, but because of our population, you can see the impacts a lot more. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank the minister. For my supplementary question, although he partially touched upon the subject, I want to ensure this matter is crystal clear in my understanding, so I will be asking questions about it.

Our residents want to hear publicly

answers to their questions from this House that apply to our community since we are elected to represent our communities to raise these questions.

(interpretation ends) At present the only way for Nunavummiut to legally purchase cannabis is by purchasing it over the Internet from a single supply agent, which is a company named Tweed. In November of last year the government issued a request for expressions of interest for businesses that are considering selling cannabis to Nunavummiut.

Can the minister clarify if and when over-the-counter sales of cannabis will be allowed in Nunavut communities?
(interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Hicke.

Hon. George Hicke: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again I appreciate the member's questions on this line. We did recently sign another agreement with another service provider, AgMedica, which will be coming online, if it isn't already. I haven't had a chance to check. We have been busy the last couple of weeks.

That being said, with regard to storefront sales, maybe to supplement the member's first question, that's another issue that we're finding of why we're seeing a decrease in revenue than our estimates because people can't just walk in and buy it. You have to order online, wait for the mail and everything. If people want it, they want it now. It is something we're working on the regulations.

As we passed the legislation last June, we started then working on the regulations to allow storefront sales. I can't give a definite timeline, but I know my officials were meeting on this topic, I believe, about a week and a half ago. I have had a number of people who have approached me on when we're going to be able to offer that service. My preference would be sooner than later because it would make an impact on the black market sales, so the sooner the better, in my opinion, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank the minister for his response. With regard to my colleague's earlier question on alcohol sales, I just wanted to add to the question about our commission that sells cannabis products as some of our residents use this substance for medical purposes. I personally don't know of anyone who uses medical marijuana, only what I have been apprised of about medical marijuana used in cancer treatment. I am only speaking to what I have heard.

(interpretation ends) Last week the minister announced the establishment of a beer and wine store monitoring working group. Can the minister clarify how the government is evaluating the impacts that legalized cannabis is having on Nunavut residents and communities? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Hickes.

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr.

Speaker. With the resources, it's the same people that would be working on that that are working on the regulations to make sure that we're in line with our projections and with our work according to legislation. There hasn't been a lot of progress on that front and I wouldn't be able to give a timeline.

I will say that anecdotally, probably more than proof, we're not aware of many people that have newly started smoking cannabis or consuming cannabis. It's mainly people that have already. It's just they do have access to legal cannabis now. We're not seeing a spike in usage, again, because we can't track all the sales in the territory yet, but again, anecdotally we're not seeing a spike in usage. It's the same people that were smoking cannabis before that are smoking cannabis now; just they are able to do it legally.

It is something that we will have to adapt and we will have to adjust as time goes on and as more data gets collected. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Iqaluit-Manirajak, Mr. Lightstone.

Question 408 – 5(2): Alcohol-related Harm Reduction

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions today are also for the Minister responsible for the Nunavut Liquor and Cannabis Commission.

I would like to follow up on my colleague Ms. Nakashuk's questions on the 2016 strategy titled "Taking Steps to Reduce Alcohol-Related Harm in Nunavut."

Mr. Speaker, the action plan sets out steps that the Government of Nunavut will take in reducing harm while recognizing the necessity for departments to work together and specifically the departments of Finance, Health, Family Services, as well as Justice.

Mr. Speaker, a number of initiatives were identified, but a few that I would like to ask about are how the government will explore ways to support the RCMP and support court ordered restrictions on alcohol.

Mr. Speaker, the government has indicated that it will explore ways to better support the RCMP efforts in reducing harms of alcohol by improving information sharing and communication between the government and the RCMP, and will also explore ways of how to support court ordered restrictions on alcohol by considering whether the permitting system could help reduce alcohol-related harm by supporting court ordered restrictions on alcohol, and exploring ways to increase communication between the courts and the permit system with respect to alcohol-related limitations, restrictions, and prohibitions for individuals in the territory.

I would like to ask: since 2016, what progress has been made on these specific initiatives? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister responsible for the Nunavut Liquor and Cannabis Commission, Minister Hickes.

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The member answered most of

his question in his question with the activities that have been ongoing. It's a complicated process. Even with regard to reporting to the RCMP... I'm a little tongue-tied myself today, Mr. Speaker.

With regard to people who are buying over-quantities, we have established guidelines of what we assume to be regular buying habits and when people buy outside of that, and last year I believe there were a little over 1,800 permits that were issued of people buying over what we consider normal buying practices. Those are reported to the RCMP.

One of the challenges we have with that, by the time the permits are issued and the product is delivered to the people, it's after the fact. That's one of the issues that we're continuously working with the RCMP and the Department of Justice on how to figure out how to use that data so that they can target the black market sales of alcohol. That's just one example.

I can't get into every little detail. I'm not sitting at that table with those people who are working on the different aspects of where they are in all those categories that the member mentioned. I would have to talk with my officials and get back to the member with details on where we are in all those steps. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It's shocking what the minister has indicated, that over 1,800 permits were shared with the RCMP last

year with regard to excessive amounts of liquor being purchased, but I'll reiterate my question.

As the GN has identified in this 2016 strategy, there's a need to support court ordered restrictions on alcohol. I would like to ask again whether there is collaboration between the Nunavut Court of Justice and the GN liquor commission's permitting system and whether or not those that currently have restrictions on alcohol are being denied liquor permits. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Hickes.

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again, I haven't been updated on... . I know it's one of the issues that they have been trying to figure out how privacy and make sure that how that report itself would look like, what kind of structure, what type of information would be in. I'm not up to speed on exactly what stage that's at right now, Mr. Speaker. Again, I'll have to get back to the member with that specific data. Thank you.

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

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the minister's response and I do look forward to receiving more information on that at a later date. Considering the minister's response, I'm sure that he will not be able to immediately respond to my next question, but I also look forward to receiving that information at a later date.

Mr. Speaker, it appears to me that as it

stands now, individuals convicted in the court can leave the court and then walk down the street to our permit office and secure a liquor permit to import products into the territory.

I would like to ask today if the current beer and wine store is also supporting court ordered restrictions and whether or not individuals that currently have court ordered restrictions prohibiting them from consuming alcohol are able to purchase beer and wine at our beer and wine store. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Hickes.

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The member was correct in his preamble. I will get that information back to him at a later date. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Aggu, Mr. Quassa.

**Question 409 – 5(2): Letter
Concerning Mr. Johannes Rivoire
from France**

Mr. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question this morning is for our Premier.

As he will recall, at the beginning of the session, I asked a question about Father Johannes Rivoire and the minister indicated that he would write a letter. I would like to get an update this morning from the Premier. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Premier of Nunavut, Premier Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for asking that question. I indicated that I would write a letter, so I did and I will table it in the House this morning. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's a good thing I asked that question so that we will know that it is going to be tabled. Thank you. I'm sure that the people of Nunavut who are affected by this look forward its tabling. It had a great impact to see this on TV and hear on the radio. On behalf of the people of Nunavut who have been affected, I am happy to express my thanks. I look forward to seeing a letter as we represent all Nunavummiut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. I didn't hear a question; it was just a comment. Oral Questions. Member for Arviat North-Whale Cove, Mr. Main.

Question 410 – 5(2): Mine Training Plans

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for recognizing me again. My question is for the Minister responsible for Arctic College.

Yesterday my colleague was asking about mine training, and if I recall correctly, he asked the minister if there are any plans in this area. In Nunavut we have the regions of the Kitikmeot, Kivalliq, and Baffin where they all have mines. We're looking forward to seeing some kind of a plan on mine training for those interested in working at a mine

site. Does Arctic College have a plan to that effect? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister responsible for Nunavut Arctic College, Minister Hickey... Minister Netser.

Hon. Patterk Netser (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Laughter*

We are currently working with the mines to see where employees can benefit. We get third party funding and we are working with the mines regarding training. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If I understand correctly, there are no plans about mine training at this time, but it is being worked on. If I recall correctly, Arctic College has only one employee who is working on mine training. Mining is a big thing in Nunavut.

For example, we have the turbot fishers where they have the (interpretation ends) fisheries and training consortium. (interpretation) I'm looking at a similar type of a body created to deal with mine training. We hear that the Department of Economic Development is working on it. At this time I would like to know if Nunavut Arctic College supports this idea and how. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Netser.

Hon. Patterk Netser (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Arctic College, Economic Development, and Family Services are working together because we would like to see the young people of Nunavut working, as the mining sector is quite large. There is mining activity at Mary River, Rankin Inlet, Baker Lake, and the Kitikmeot. We will be working hard on this as we would like to see a decrease in the number of imported employees. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you to the minister. It is great news to hear that the department is working on this file and that they are aware of it.

Now, when one looks at the (interpretation ends) Nunavut Fisheries and Marine Training Consortium, (interpretation) it is an independent agency. They do work in conjunction with Arctic College. Nonetheless, it is completely independent, overseeing the program, designing the modules for training, but what I have noticed... I can't even say it in English. It seems they are wrestling away the education and training in this area.

NAC should be saying, "No, as Arctic College, we will provide the training, so you shouldn't be doing the training." I have seen a few cases where this occurred in past years before the minister was assigned to this portfolio, but he is now responsible for it.

I wonder if the minister is willing to announce the fact that this training sector is wide open or actually, that he is

inviting independent outside agencies involved in the training sector for the mining industry. If any agency expresses an interest and if Nunavummiut will benefit, are other agencies that want to provide training in this sector welcome to do so? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Netser.

Hon. Patterk Netser (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I think the Nunavut fisheries training consortium is doing a great thing for the people of Nunavut. I often see some of my constituents...the other day I saw very pleasantly one of my nephews that lives in Baker Lake now came here to take that course at the Nunavut fisheries training consortium office here. When they come out of that program, they get jobs within shipping companies. Yes, we welcome that very much and I understand that the Department of ED&T is working on that particular file, which we will support from the Arctic College standpoint. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Aggu, Mr. Quassa.

Question 411 – 5(2): Mine Training Centre

Mr. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for recognizing me again. This is on the same subject of college operational issues, much like my colleague just queried the minister about, which I want to complement.

Based on a previous statement, when I first moved to this side, I thank the

Minister responsible for Economic Development for the invitation to the mining conference. While attending the conference, we saw and met with many mining companies, and several companies expressed their need to hire more Inuit employees. Nonetheless, there wasn't enough training offered to address their needs, such as (interpretation ends) engineering (interpretation) and many other fields inherent in mining operations. We were informed that they would love to hire more Inuit.

During the last event when we were invited to the opening in Mary River, we were informed about the new 800-person camp that was recently completed. We also stated our desire to have that many Inuit hired in the mine to reach the 800 level.

I reiterate my previous question to be more pertinent to today's challenge of getting a (interpretation ends) mine training centre, (interpretation) which was originally in the Kitikmeot and I believe it was later moved to Rankin Inlet. I forget some of the details, but I ask if the mine training centre will be built. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister responsible for Nunavut Arctic College, Minister Netser.

Hon. Patterk Netser (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, as per my previous comment, the mining sector is a major part of our economy and we want to see residents... . Let me repeat, we want to see more Nunavummiut gainfully employed or even to be in management. We are working towards this goal. Although it seems rather slow,

this is something we also want to see realized within Nunavut where we have a specific mine training centre. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Indeed this is a vision we all want to see realized. This government shouldn't wait for development to occur but proactively prepare prior to developments, especially when mining companies want more Inuit employees with the mining sector already up and running. They want to hire more Inuit to work in the technical sectors as per previous agreements reached with regional Inuit associations, such as QIA, on the targets for Inuit employment which are laid out within these agreements.

Along with Arctic College, we should be fulfilling this need by offering relevant training to the many young people and fellow citizens who have no prospects of jobs or employment. Perhaps if they received training, they could be gainfully employed. This is why I asked about when the (interpretation ends) mine training centre (interpretation) is opening. Has the minister contemplated that? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Netser.

Hon. Patterk Netser (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank you for asking about this matter. Now, as to the exact timing of the opening of a (interpretation ends) mine training centre, (interpretation) the only one we have is located in Rankin Inlet. What is

that term? There are (interpretation ends) simulators (interpretation) there to train the students on the equipment already in use. It can be so realistic you imagine yourself actually working in a mine. This is in use today.

Just recently in December there were 12 students who took the simulator course in Rankin Inlet for the developing mine there and we should be proud of the 12 students, as they completed their training and will now be employed, I imagine, at that mine. There are four already working, based on my understanding, another four are waiting for confirmation of employment, but I was told things are progressing. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. One's ears perk up when you hear certain gold mining companies such as (interpretation ends) Agnico Eagle Mines (interpretation) stating that they would like all of their employees to be Inuit with long-term visions as their basis. I share the vision they have of wanting to employ an entirely Inuit workforce up there.

With that as the basis, I previously mentioned and repeated that the income support clientele, if you understand my dialectal word, there are numerous clients in that program. Now my question is: will Arctic College be able to identify funds to set up mine training and looking at communities with high levels of income assistance and targeting those communities to set aside funds for mine training and any other employment? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Netser.

Hon. Patterk Netser (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) There's an adage that says, "Give a man a fish and you feed him for life. Teach a man how to fish and he becomes independent." Our goal is to have an independent Nunavut that is not reliant on social assistance.

Mr. Speaker, through these programs we are going to achieve our Nunavummiut into becoming independent and they don't have to depend on government handouts. It's a great thing to see when a person who has lived on social assistance, especially in the smaller communities where the mining sector is the main employer, it's great to see young people going to work and coming home and providing for their families.

Mr. Speaker, these are the paths that we're taking and it's going to take a while, but we will get there. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. My colleagues, please note that the time for question period has expired and therefore we will proceed with the orders of the day. Returns to Written Questions. Replies to Opening Address. Petitions. Responses to Petitions. Reports of Standing and Special Committees on Bills and Other Matters. Tabling of Documents. Minister of Justice, Minister Ehaloak.

Item 13: Tabling of Documents

**Tabled Document 137 – 5(2):
Department of Justice’s Response
to the Standing Committee on
Oversight of Government
Operations and Public Accounts’
Report on the Review of the 2016-
17 Annual Report of the Legal
Services Board of Nunavut**

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I am tabling the Department of Justice’s response to the Standing Committee on Oversight of Government Operations and Public Accounts’ Report on the Review of the 2016-17 Annual Report of the Legal Services Board of Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Tabling of Documents. Premier of Nunavut, Premier Savikataaq.

**Tabled Document 138 – 5(2): Letter to
Prime Minister Regarding
Extradition of Father Johannes
Rivoire from France**

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I committed to writing a letter to the Prime Minister about Father Johannes Rivoire and I am pleased to table the support letter to the Prime Minister regarding the extradition of Father Johannes Rivoire from France. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Tabling of Documents. Member for Iqaluit-Niaqunngu, Ms. Angnakak.

**Tabled Document 139 – 5(2):
Correspondence Concerning
Correctional Centres**

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr.

Speaker. I wish to table today a collection of correspondence concerning the issues that I raised in my member’s statement today regarding the correctional centres in Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Tabling of Documents. Member for Arviat North-Whale Cove, Mr. Main.

**Tabled Document 140 – 5(2):
Photograph of CGS Shop in Whale
Cove**

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) They say a picture is worth a thousand words, so maybe I should be bringing more pictures in here and I can be quiet more.

>>*Laughter*

Mr. Speaker, I am tabling a picture of the CGS shop in Whale Cove. My constituency assistant took this picture and it’s in bad need of replacement. I don’t say “repair” because I believe it was built in the 1950s, so I don’t think any further repairs are cost-effective. It’s in bad need of replacement in the community. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Tabling of Documents. Notices of Motions. Member for Arviat North-Whale Cove, Mr. Main.

Item 14: Notices of Motions

**Motion 031 – 5(2): Extended
Adjournment – Notice**

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I give

notice that on Friday, March 8, 2019, I will move the following motion:

I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Iqaluit-Sinaa, that pursuant to the provisions of Rule 3, that when the House concludes its present sitting, it shall be adjourned until May 28, 2019.

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

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Notices of Motions. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Motions. Member for Arviat North-Whale Cove, Mr. Main.

Item 16: Motions

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At this time I seek unanimous consent to deal with my motion today. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. The member is seeking unanimous consent to deal with his motion today. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Please proceed, Mr. Main.

Motion 031 – 5(2): Extended Adjournment

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(interpretation ends) I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Iqaluit-Sinaa, that pursuant to the provisions of Rule 3, that when the House concludes its present sitting, it shall be adjourned until May 28, 2019.

(interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. The motion is in order. To the motion. All those in favour. Thank you. All those opposed. The motion is carried. Thank you.

Motions. First Reading of Bills. Second Reading of Bills. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters. Bills 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 21 with Mr. Rumbolt in the Chair.

Also, in accordance with the authority provided to me by Motion 17 – 5(2), the committee will stay in session until it reports itself out.

>> *Applause*

>> *Laughter*

Before we proceed to the Committee of the Whole, we will now break for lunch and return at 1:30 and commence with the committee meeting.

Sergeant-at-Arms.

>> *House recessed at 11:50 and Committee resumed at 13:30*

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

Chairman (Mr. Rumbolt): Good afternoon, members. I would like to call the committee meeting to order. In Committee of the Whole we have the following items to deal with: Bills 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 21. What is the wish of the committee? Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you,

Mr. Chairman. We wish to continue with the review of Bill 15 and the 2019-2020 main estimates, starting with the Department of Justice, followed by the departments of Economic Development, Finance, and Arctic College. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main. Are we in agreement that we first deal with Bill 15?

Some Members: Agreed.

Bill 15 – Appropriation (Operations & Maintenance) Act, 2019-2020 – Justice – Consideration in Committee

Chairman: Thank you. I would now like to ask Minister Ehaloak: do you have officials that you would like to appear before the committee? Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, I do, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Does the committee agree to let the minister's officials go to the witness table?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Thank you. Sergeant-at-Arms, please escort the witnesses in.

Thank you. Yesterday we left off and we completed the opening comments for the Department of Justice. Before we get started, I want to remind members that I will again exercise my right as the Chair of the committee that I will give members only one opportunity to speak to each line item or each page.

Before we get started, I would like to ask Minister Ehaloak to please introduce her witnesses.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. To my right I have Deputy Minister Bill MacKay and to my left I have Mubashir Mahmood, who is the Director of Corporate Services. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. As I just stated, we left off with the opening comments being completed.

I will ask members to please keep to the budget and try to keep the details not too great, if there are other ways to give more detailed questions in other venues such as written questions and whatnot or oral questions.

With that, I will now open the floor for any general comments. If there are no general comments, we will go to page E-4 for the Department of Justice Directorate. Ms. Towtongie.

Ms. Towtongie: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Department of Justice draft 2019-2020, this year, main estimates indicate that the positions in the department's Directorate Branch is expected to increase [by] 4.0 from last year, 2018-19, to 49.0 for this year, 2019-2020. This is almost an increase of 10 percent. Why are these new positions being created? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Towtongie. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the member for the question. Some of the positions that are

being created in the Department of Justice are from our Therapeutic Justice Program. Some of our community justice outreach workers who are contracted to the municipalities will be becoming Government of Nunavut employees, and also the creation of our forfeiture office. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Ms. Towtongie.

Ms. Towtongie: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. How many positions in the Department of Justice's Directorate Branch are currently vacant? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In our Directorate Branch we have three vacant positions. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Ms. Towtongie.

Ms. Towtongie: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In the business plan, page 54, it talks about negotiating for funding with third parties and participating in negotiations relating to federal/territorial agreements. I would just like an example of what types of agreements they are. That's my final question, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Towtongie. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. What was the page number again, please? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Ms. Towtongie, if you could clarify your page number, please. Thank you.

Ms. Towtongie: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It's on page 54 in the priorities for 2019, "Work with the Federal Government to identify funds for diversions for therapeutic treatments and traditional Inuit counselling for accused persons and offenders." My question is: what types of agreements or negotiations for funding with third parties are in place this year? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Towtongie. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The third party funding that she is referring to is under Community Justice. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I don't have very many questions on this section, but I do want to ask the department if they could tell us the number of PYs that are in senior management throughout the department that are in acting positions. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Angnakak. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just one position. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr.

Chairman. For Corrections, is that the same? How many people are in acting senior management in the correctional facilities across Nunavut? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Angnakak. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. None at the moment. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Can the minister tell us how many traditional Inuit counsellors we have for the BCC? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Angnakak. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We have two positions. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Quassa.

Mr. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Welcome. The question I would like to ask is regarding the (interpretation ends) *Family Abuse Intervention Act*. (interpretation) We have heard about elders not being taken care of properly. I think that is why this Act was created in the Legislative Assembly. My first question is: do you know if people have broken regulations in this Act since it was enacted in Nunavut? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Quassa. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, we do. I have a list that I can present to the members if the member so wishes. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Quassa.

Mr. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I asked that question earlier because I think it relates to a lengthy list that you aren't able to name off right now. What is the approximation? I just want to hear about this example of (interpretation ends) family abuse, (interpretation) which I think applies more to elders. About how many elders are there? Can you provide this information to us, even if it's at a later date? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Quassa. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. For the total of Nunavut, we have what we call emergency protection orders. The number of applications we received was 63. The number of applications granted was 60. The number of applications revoked was three. The number of applications varied was four. I have these broken down by region, if the member so wishes. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Quassa.

Mr. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. For that list, do you work with the Department of Family Services? In Igloolik I recently heard that there was some kind of intervention taking place by the Department of Family

Services. This person was not behaving towards elders. These are handled by Family Services. If they break the law, does the Department of Justice end up taking them over? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Quassa. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Department of Justice works closely with Family Services and the Department of Health when it comes to victims who are under our *Family Abuse Intervention Act*. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Quassa.

Mr. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also thank you for helping us to completely understand that. We will expect that list. I'm sure the Department of Family Services is well aware of this as well because they work closely together.

I'm going to now switch to English. (interpretation ends) Your department's draft 2019-2022 business plan indicates that one of its priorities for the 2019-2020 fiscal year is to "Review the *Family Abuse Intervention Act* and Territorial offences legislation for necessary updates." Which specific concerns with these statutes have been identified? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Quassa. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Department of Justice

has this project on our legislation work plan and we expect to have a bill prepared for this mandate. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Quassa.

Mr. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you. I think the minister only answered part of my question. Which area would need to be reviewed? What exactly are the proposed changes you are considering? I hope that was understandable. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Quassa. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In the *Family Abuse Intervention Act* one of the things that the Department of Justice would like to review is the lack of the use of the community intervention orders. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Quassa.

Mr. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. She stated that they will be reviewing the community intervention orders. Do they have that in every community? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Quassa. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Department of Justice will work with the community justice committees in the communities to work on this issue. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I would like to ask about the business plan on page 54 at the very bottom. It says that the Department of Justice wants to increase Inuit employment. Personally as an MLA, I think that if Inuit are bilingual in Inuktitut and English, they should be able to work in any position.

My first question is that the Department of Justice knows how many employees they have in total. They include Nunavut beneficiaries and non-Inuit. My question on the operations and maintenance budget for this coming fiscal year is: how many Inuit are you contemplating to hire? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Mikkungwak. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Our short-term goal for the 2019-2020 year is that the number of employees is expected to reach 121 full-time employees, which is 47 percent Inuit representation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I would like to ask further so that we will be very clear. You indicated that there are 121 employees. How many positions will be slated towards Nunavut Inuit that you will be trying to hire? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr.

Mikkungwak. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We're slated to hire three new Inuit employees in 2019-2020. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Now I want to ask about the three new employees. I was also a member of the Fourth Legislative Assembly, but we passed the *Civil Forfeiture Act*. In the upcoming year's operational funding, how much funding is allocated towards the civil forfeiture office? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Mikkungwak. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As I stated in response to one of our member's questions the other day, for the 2019-2020 budget, we have allocated \$245,000 for the forfeiture office. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. With regard to setting up the office, we're looking at \$245,000, which is a big amount. How many Inuit are you going to be employing in the forfeiture office? Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Mikkungwak. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The civil forfeiture office will have three positions within its office and one of them will be an Inuk employee. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Can the minister respond: why will you have only one Inuk working in the forfeiture office? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Mikkungwak. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The reason for one Inuk employee is this office is new. For now in the 2019-2020 budget, we have three positions, but in the future we will be looking at hiring more PYs in this department. I'm positive that there will be more Inuit hired in the future. The three positions that we're hiring for now is just to start up and set up the office. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I don't agree with the minister's response. When you're setting up an office, it's going to have an effect on all the people of Nunavut and the majority of the population is made up of Inuit. There are 25 communities and the first language of the majority of people in these communities is Inuktitut. I would like to see two Inuit working there instead. Has the minister taken that into consideration

when the office is going to affect all of Nunavut? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Mikkungwak. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I agree with the member that we should hire more Inuit. We're hiring the one Inuk because it is just setting up the office for now, but in the future we will hire more. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Good afternoon and welcome, Mr. Mubashir Mahmood for his first appearance here in the Legislative Assembly.

I would like to begin on a bit of a disappointing note here. Reviewing the department's budget, it appears that there is very little change and much of it is being recycled from previous years' budgets. I would just like to enquire: how much of a contribution have program managers put into the development of this year's main estimates? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Lightstone. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Under the Corporate Services Branch we work with the Department of Finance, and in the other branches we do work with our senior managers. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. With regard to Directorate, almost everything is identical outside of the salary increase. Is there the expectation that the Directorate's expenditures this year will not change as well? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Lightstone. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, it won't, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to move on to my next topic and that's Inuit employment in the department. Last year, in my written question on education leave, it was identified that the department had a total of three employees on education, one of which being Inuit.

I would like to enquire if the department has put any effort into encouraging more employees to take advantage of the education leave program and if the department has seen an increase this year in employees participating. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Lightstone. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In the 2019-2020 year we have two or three employees who will be applying for education leave. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I hope that that is in addition to the three prior. I would like to enquire further: what sorts of efforts has the minister undertaken so far in 2018-19 and going into 2019-2020 to encourage more employees? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Lightstone. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Department of Justice works with our employees and encourages education leave so that they can advance within the department. As the Minister of Justice, I totally support and agree that we should train and encourage our employees to go on education leave so that they can advance themselves within the department. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the minister for that response and I do appreciate what the minister is trying to do.

Last year when the minister was before the Committee of the Whole, it was identified that the Baffin Correctional Centre had very low Inuit participation in that facility. I would like to enquire: what has the minister done to date since this last appearance to encourage more Inuit employment in the BCC? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Lightstone. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr.

Chairman. As I have stated previously time and time again, working in our corrections facilities, being a corrections officer can be very stressful, but the department does work with Nunavut Arctic College to create a diploma program under public safety careers. The department also works with the Nunavut Law School Program, and we do initiate peace officer training through Nunavut Arctic College. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for that response, minister. I would like to just request a little bit more detail on the work with Arctic College on what the minister and the department has done to date. When can we expect to see this type of justice training be provided to our communities? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Lightstone. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Through you, I would like to ask my deputy minister to answer Mr. Lightstone's question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Mackay.

Mr. Mackay: Thank you for the question. I just thought I would give a little more detail about the program that we're trying to develop with Nunavut Arctic College. What it is, is we're looking at putting together a diploma program that will train. It will be a two-

year program, the first year being general justice education. It will introduce the students to justice careers. There will be three streams, I think, paralegal, courts, and then corrections and for the next year, you can specialize in one of those three. The concept is that this will be a two-year program.

We're hoping that we can get something going. We're looking now at September 2020, but that's our hope and right now we're looking for ways to fund that. We're approaching Makigiaqta as well as looking at the Nunavut Implementation Panel. As you know, there was a settlement with Canada where they provided funding for education and training for Inuit. We're hoping to access funding for this program through either of those sources. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. MacKay. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for that response, Mr. MacKay. I'm really pleased to hear that the department is making some progress in this area and I'm sure, once the program is rolled out and those individuals do complete that, it will begin making a difference.

I would like to return to what some of my colleagues have brought and that's the *Family Abuse Intervention Act*. I have the feeling that the Act itself is not common knowledge in our territory. I was wondering: who is responsible for communicating the aspects of this Act to the general public and giving them the knowledge of the powers of the Act and what it can do to protect them? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Lightstone. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Through our community justice outreach workers and with our assistance from our department, we train them on the Family Intervention Act and we also get them to work within the community with other stakeholders and the public. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would just like to request a little bit more detail on the Act itself. Who is the target group that is intended to benefit the most from this Act? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Lightstone. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This *Family Abuse Intervention Act* is to help victims. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Main. Sorry; I'm getting ahead of myself. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As the minister had previously indicated, the Act gives the power for the ability to use protection orders to prevent abusers from committing more offences to the victims. In that instance I'm assuming it is women and children fleeing from domestic violence. That's what I was trying to enquire as to who the Act is intended on protecting.

I would like to enquire: what would be the best way to communicate the *Family Abuse Intervention Act* and the powers that it has to those individuals who are currently suffering from that type of abuse? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Lightstone. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Through the *Family Abuse Intervention Act* we also work with the RCMP, we work with Family Services, and we work with the Department of Health.

If a family member, and it could be anybody, it could be a man, woman, or child, feel that they're being abused and they need help through our emergency protection orders or community intervention orders, we work with them to ensure that their safety is the main concern. Anyone can come to the Department of Justice and we will help them to prepare these orders.

The community justice outreach workers will work with multiple departments so that we can ensure that their health and safety is our priority. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My last question on the Family Abuse Act: when RCMP members do their community outreach and visit our schools, do they inform children and youth about the aspects of the Act and what it can do to protect them? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Lightstone. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, they do. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for the response. I would like to just move on and request some updates on some of the initiatives the department had requested last year. The first one, the department had requested \$1.9 million for RCMP radio upgrades to replace outdated radio systems. I would just like to begin by asking for an update on the outcome of that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Lightstone. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. At this time we're still going through the federal procurement process. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The next one I would like to request an update, last year the department requested three additional positions for the special victims unit, which investigates sex crimes and improves overall enforcement in that area. I would like to request an update on that initiative. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Lightstone. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Regarding the new three-member special victims unit, the RCMP will establish one corporal supervisor/investigator and two constable investigators. This unit will be based in Iqaluit and will be the support team for the entire territory. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The minister had requested this special victims unit to be created April 1, 2019 or the current fiscal year, which is almost over. Why have these positions not been filled and why is the special victims unit not up and running? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Lightstone. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The positions are filled except one. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm glad to hear that two of the positions are filled and I'm sure that jobs will keep their hands quite full. I would like to request that the minister provide us with updates going forward on that special victims unit, but for the time being I'll move on to the next item.

Last year the department added Inuit-speaking employees in six communities. I would like to request if that had been accomplished and, if so, how many communities currently have Inuktitut-

speaking individuals in the detachments.
Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Lightstone.
Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm happy to say that there are six Inuktitut-speaking employees who are frontline in the RCMP stations, who actually answer the phones, and they are in Arviat, Cape Dorset, Coral Harbour, Kugluktuk, Pangnirtung, and Pond Inlet. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Welcome, minister and your officials.

The department wants to increase Inuit employment numbers. In reading (interpretation ends) your Inuit employment plan on page 81, this is kind of a unique priority. I don't know that I have seen it with any other department and it seems to speak to the idea of decentralized jobs. It says, "Increase Department of Justice positions in the communities where Inuit representation is higher."

And then in the status update on page 81 it talks about a bunch of different things that were done, but specifically regarding increasing "Department of Justice positions in the communities where Inuit representation is higher," I note that it continues on page 83 for this year's priorities that is in there and the next year it's still in there.

In terms of increasing the positions, the minister mentioned those six liaisons

that are with the RCMP. For this year going forward, are there any specific positions and in which specific communities would they be going to under this Inuit employment plan? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main.
Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The increase within the communities, as I stated earlier, are community justice outreach workers. They are contracted with the hamlets and they will become Government of Nunavut employees. We also have the community justice outreach program that is starting in Cambridge Bay, and most of those will be Inuit employees. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) I will ask for more information on the justice outreach worker thing, but I will ask it later on in the pages.

In terms of the pilot project in Cambridge Bay, it indicates here on page 54 of your business plan that it is a three-year justice pilot program starting this year. The fact that it is a three-year pilot program, does that mean we have to wait three years until we could see a similar program or an additional program set up in other communities? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main.
Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Mr. Main, for your question. Not necessarily. This is funding from the federal government for a three-year project, and we're hoping that this project will be very successful so that we can approach the federal government for more funding for other communities. Instead of a three-year program, we can negotiate for a longer program for this Therapeutic Justice Program. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) I'm going to be blunt here. Why was Cambridge Bay chosen? I would think that if we're putting federal funds anywhere, it would be into Cape Dorset, which my understanding is it has one of the highest per capital crime rates. I'm not meaning to insult the community in any way; it's just a fact in terms of the crime rate. I would think that if we get extra money from the federal government, we would put it where it's needed the most, which would be into a higher crime rate community. I'm just wondering what the decision process was in terms of selecting that specific pilot project. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The reason Cambridge Bay was chosen was because of the strength of their local community justice committee, the strength of the community justice outreach worker, the justice specialist, as well as the wellness

program through the Hamlet of Cambridge Bay. Social, health and justice resources are available within the community. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, minister. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) I guess that's what I don't understand because it sounds like yes, there are resources available in Cambridge Bay already and that things are quite strong there in terms of local justice capacity. Anyway I don't want to get into the details, but I'll just leave that as a comment. I don't quite understand the decision-making process there.

My last question on this branch is the bullet that's on page 55, "Work with Law Enforcement to identify community-based policing solutions." It's government type language. What are we talking about when we talk about community-based policing solutions? It's a priority again in this year, so it appears that these policing solutions haven't been identified yet, and then in the next year there will be implemented community-based policing solutions. (interpretation) I would like to know exactly what that is talking about. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just one moment.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The "V" division policing section supports community policing and crime prevention initiatives throughout

Nunavut. The RCMP met with stakeholders on this and have been working with resources to guide those that are involved. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Community-based policing solutions, I'm just looking for one or two specific things that are community-based policing solutions, please, that have been identified. (interpretation) Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Through you, I would like to ask my deputy minister to give a detailed answer for Mr. Main. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. MacKay.

Mr. MacKay: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for the question. Community-based policing solutions are an ongoing discussion we have with the RCMP and with justice stakeholders. What we mean by that, community-based policing solutions are ways to get the community more involved and participating in crime prevention and policing within the community.

Every year that's going to be a priority for us because that's something we're working on so that there is more community-based policing within the communities. That's why it's part of our shared directional statement with the

RCMP. That's why it's always going to be identified in our business plan.

Things that are community-based policing examples, I guess, of community-based policing initiatives include like in a simple level, the RCMP participating in community events. For example, in Iqaluit here the RCMP holds an elders' lunch every year and has a Toonik Tyme event as well, then just on a minor level having the police involved in communities in terms of coaching hockey or whatever. That's encouraged by the management of the RCMP.

Ultimately what we would like to see is an alternative to policing in some communities to the RCMP, which would be community-based and be policing by community members. It would be maybe doing things that are not high-level crimes but just sort of lower level policing which community members can do. We sort of have a version of that with by-law officers, but we would like to kind of expand that into communities and have communities take on more of the policing role. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. MacKay. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Thank you for that additional information. I was wondering about the by-law officers and the community constable positions because we've had those in the past. For one reason or another, we don't seem to have those community constable positions anymore, but it's encouraging to see that this is something that's still being discussed and it's on the table. It's not a question; it's just a comment. (interpretation)

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main. Mr. Akoak.

Mr. Akoak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Good afternoon, minister and staff.

I just want to go back to a little bit of Mr. Lightstone's questioning on community justice outreach workers. Yesterday when we had the family services minister up, I had asked about housing people who were homeless or needed safe shelters. They had said that they were working with the justice department.

In your comments, protection orders were provided by the community justice outreach worker. In that sense, do they find homes for the people who are in trouble where there are absolutely no safe shelters in smaller communities? Do they find homes for them? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Akoak. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The *Family Abuse Intervention Act* is to help people who are abusing their loved ones or their children, and that's what the *Family Abuse Intervention Act* is. If a mother and child have to flee from their home for an extended period of time, I know that in the Kitikmeot the Cambridge Bay women's shelter has taken these individuals from other communities so that they can be held safe. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Akoak.

Mr. Akoak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have always said that the routings between Gjoa Haven and Cambridge Bay are very poor and if a person that is being abused, if they cannot find a home for them, they would have to wait two or three days to fly into Cambridge Bay. Now, my question is: who looks after them during those two days that they are waiting for a plane to transfer them to a safe place? Where will they be housed?

The RCMP has told us that they have tried looking for places and are unable to find a place for them. Now, does Family Services or the justice department look after them, and how do they look after them when there's no direct or immediate resource for the abused family? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Akoak. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. With the assistance of the RCMP, Family Services, and Justice, there are safe homes in the communities which are private. They're secret so that if an individual is fleeing from the home and requires a few days to stay in a safe home until they can be, let's say for example, moved to Cambridge Bay to the women's shelter, there are safe homes within the community that can help until the family is moved to a women's shelter. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Akoak.

Mr. Akoak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just to confirm, there is a safe home in Gjoa Haven? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Akoak. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, there is. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Akoak.

Mr. Akoak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, minister, for the response. My next couple of questions left. You're department's draft 2019-2020 main estimates indicate that the proposed budget for the Legal Services Board is \$11,818,000, which is unchanged from the 2018-19 fiscal year. I would just like to know: why has the budget for the Legal Services Board remained exactly the same? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Akoak. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The reason there is no increase in the Legal Services Board is because they get a contribution as well from the federal government of \$500,000 every year. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, minister. Mr. Akoak.

Mr. Akoak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My last question is your department's 2018-2021 business plan indicated that one of its goals for the 2018-19 fiscal year was to "Conduct a review of organizations receiving departmental contribution agreements to ensure that they are providing the best possible services and maximizing the funds provided."

What were the results of your department's reviews of the Legal Services Board and the Human Rights Tribunal? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That was just a specific review on the funding itself. It wasn't a review on the actual work of the Legal Services Board or the Human Rights Tribunal. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. We are on Directorate. Total Operations and Maintenance, to be Voted. \$18,285,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Thank you. Next is E-5. Law Enforcement. Are there any questions? Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) I understand this is under contract basically with the RCMP, but I'm looking for the department's position on the issue of Inuit RCMP officers. Is the minister satisfied with the current amount of Inuit employment within the RCMP? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Mr. Main, for your question. I'm just as concerned as you are, and I'm not happy with the amount of Inuit officers we have in Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Thank you, minister. My understanding is that the number of Inuit officers in Nunavut is in the low single digits now, but through a meeting we did have with the RCMP, there are efforts underway to increase that number, so that's encouraging.

In terms of issues that maybe the department can contribute on, one of the issues to my understanding is the pay that is paid to the RCMP officers is not competitive compared to other opportunities available here in Nunavut. Is the government looking at either bonuses or ways to get around that issue?

I understand it's very difficult for the RCMP to change their pay structure. They're a federally governed organization. Is the department looking at ways to put more money into the pockets of officers who are, say, bilingual? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The pay scale of our RCMP officers is administered by the RCMP, but we will take your consideration seriously and we will look into it. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you,

Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Thank you, minister, for that. I mean money talks, right? If it would help, if you look into it and you find something that has potential, I would encourage you to pursue that aggressively.

In terms of what the RCMP is doing, they end up dealing with a lot of mental health issues and mental health cases. What types of training do RCMP officers generally have to deal with mental health or individuals who have mental health issues? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The RCMP officers take de-escalation training. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Does that de-escalation training include training related to depression and specifically around the target or the age of folks that tend to have the highest suicide rate, which are young males? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The RCMP members receive extensive training in crisis intervention and de-escalation techniques to resolve crisis situations. They do take extensive training. Addressing the mental health

needs of individuals in communities requires empathy, patience, and awareness on the part of the first responder. Through crisis intervention and de-escalation techniques, many mental health crisis situations can be managed with decreased risk to the public and police officers. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) When it comes to the whole staffing issue, I forgot I was going to also mention that if we could find a way to encourage RCMP officers to stay in their communities longer than three years, my understanding is that that's an option that's available to the RCMP officers, but it's very rarely exercised. I don't know. You compare a police officer who has been in a community for 20 years and knows everybody to an officer who has been in a community for two years and maybe is just finally getting a feel for the community and has to leave soon, I think that there are clear advantages to having police who actually have a long-established track record and I think it would make our policing a lot more effective.

I just have one last question and it's on the use of body cameras. We received correspondence on this from one of our colleagues on this specific matter. The Minister of Justice in this correspondence referred to the use of these types of body cameras has not really been tried out yet. I would just like to see if there are any plans for specific trials or pilots with body cameras. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr.

Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In discussions with the commanding officer, we will continue to look at this option. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Are there any specific details around this? Are there any plans for a trial in a community? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Not at this moment. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) It would have been helpful if the minister just responded that way to my first question. You're looking at it. It's difficult when we have to wade through that type of language. Either you have a trial planned or you don't. That's just a comment and it is a little disappointing to hear that it's not being looked at.

Just a closing comment on law enforcement, in both Arviat and Whale Cove the police are very active in the community. I have seen them at community events and really appreciate

the hard work they do. I think some of the things that they're doing, participating in events with youth and trying out foot patrols around the community are, I think, very beneficial and I just wanted to put that in there as a compliment to those staff.

(interpretation) I'm done, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main. Mr. Quassa.

Mr. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Now, also in the plans it states that every year you will work harder to make sure that the Inuktitut language is understood by the police and to have the Inuktitut language spoken and used more in the police force.

We have heard that RCMP stations now have Inuktitut-speaking people working on staff. What do these employees do? Are they administrators? Are they interpreters? What do they do? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Quassa. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll give an example. If you call the RCMP and you're an elder, the person who picks up the phone will be an Inuktitut-speaking employee who can assist the elder and then translate to the RCMP if the elder requires assistance of the RCMP. If an RCMP officer has to deal with an elder who doesn't speak English, this employee will be able to translate for the elder so that the elder is understood. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Quassa.

Mr. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. All 25 communities have elders. Do all of the communities have a person available to act as an interpreter like you said? All communities have elders. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Quassa. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Like I stated earlier, six communities have frontline Inuktitut-speaking staff. If the RCMP requires the assistance of helping an individual who doesn't speak English, they will go within the community for assistance for interpreters. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Quassa.

Mr. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I understand now that your department is fine with police officers who can't speak Inuktitut or who are not learning or receiving any training at all. What I seem to understand is that they will forever be dependent on interpreters, even though the Inuktitut language is very important in Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Quassa. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We do encourage the RCMP officers within our communities to take some Inuktitut training. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Quassa.

Mr. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you.

Yes, I advocate for that more because of course that needs to be done. The majority of people the RCMP officers serve are Inuit and I believe in some cases communities are made up of up to 90 percent Inuit. Let's be aware of that.

Let me move on to something else. You have also indicated that (interpretation ends) peace officer training (interpretation) is offered through Arctic College. I would like more information on that. I know the minister here is not the Minister responsible for Arctic College, but I would like to ask: is this actually progressing? Have you seen people being trained as peace officers? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Quassa. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Department of Justice will be working with Nunavut Arctic College to prepare this program and we will be working with them to ensure that this peace officer training we can create and help those Inuit who want to become employees of the Department of Justice through the various divisions. We will work with Arctic College to ensure that we can have this for Nunavummiut. Once we have the details of how the program will be outlined and when it will start, I can promise the members that I will ensure that this House is aware. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Quassa.

Mr. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We will expect that then because it's very important. Our government pays a lot of money every

year for the RCMP contract. (interpretation ends) Your department's 2019-2020 (interpretation) main estimates indicate that your department has allocated \$45,844,000 to the RCMP. It has increased by 6.6 percent from the 2018-19 fiscal year. What's the main reason for the increase? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Quassa. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Part of the huge increase is the funding that we're requesting to replace eight staff housing units. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Quassa.

Mr. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The increase of 6.6 percent is quite high. I'm sure the RCMP have proper staff housing.

In the 2019-2022 business plan it indicates that "There are 162 RCMP positions in Nunavut..." I probably don't really understand this repeated statement, (interpretation ends) "...including regular RCMP officers, civilian and public servants." (interpretation) I'm sorry but I have to speak English sometimes. It indicates that they have created 11 new positions in this branch from 2018-19. What is the purpose for the increase? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Quassa. Mr. Quassa, your phone may be too near to your microphone. It's causing a little bit of interference. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The increase in the RCMP division is for...I'm just trying to find my notes here. ...for five constable positions, six... .

Sorry. The increase is five special constables and three regular members for the territory's sex crimes special victims unit, two informatics radio stations and six administrative person years. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Quassa.

Mr. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I apologize for my phone causing the interruption.

It's very good to hear that special constables are a part of it. We used to have special constables in the past where many Inuit were special constables. We would like the Nunavut government and especially your department to encourage that. We would like to see more Inuit working in that field. That's what people in the communities are asking for, to have more Inuit working as police or constables in the community, as it was in the past.

I have one more question, Mr. Chairman. Now, the communities have these positions called by-law officers. There are positions in most communities and the RCMP are the actual police officers. Do you encourage the by-law officers in the communities to help and support the local RCMP? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Quassa. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, through the municipalities the by-law officers do support the RCMP and the RCMP do support the by-law officers. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Next is Mr. Qirngnuq.

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Welcome to the minister and your officials.

Some of my questions were already posed, so I'll ask a brief question. How many police officers do we have in total in the smaller and larger communities in Nunavut? I would like to get that information, hence my question, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Qirngnuq. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The amount of RCMP officers in our communities is: Clyde River has two; Sanikiluaq has two; Hall Beach has two; Kimmirut has two; Gjoa Haven, three; Taloyoak, three; Kugaaruk, two; Coral Harbour, two; Grise Fiord, two; Resolute Bay, two; Arctic Bay, two; Pangnirtung, three; Qikiqtarjuaq, two; Nauyasat, two; Whale Cove, two; and Chesterfield Inlet, two. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Qirngnuq.

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll add to my colleague's earlier comments. I want to ask about Inuit RCMP officers, as I don't believe we have any of them. Yes,

based on my knowledge, there are no Inuit RCMP officers based in my community. I would like to refer to the question of the past practice raised by my colleague when he spoke about (interpretation ends) special constables (interpretation) in English. What plans does the RCMP have to perhaps consider if these types of positions can be established in the communities? If there are no plans for this, as RCMP officers require specialized training that takes several years, I wanted to understand if there are any initiatives in this area. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Qirngnuq. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In speaking with my deputy minister, they're done through the RCMP and they just appoint them with the support of the municipality. They appoint them as special constables. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Qirngnuq.

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also thank you for the appropriate response. That is good to hear about. Now, about the RCMP training, I would want to see more opportunities for this kind of training available. This is just a comment, albeit fairly lengthy, so it may not come across.

What kinds of encouragement or promotional messages are there to try to recruit more Inuit in the smaller communities to think of careers in this field? We never see any kind of advertisement or promotional ads asking

Inuit to consider this field. It may occasionally show, but we rarely hear when initiatives are being offered.

I wonder if there are any promotional ads for the RCMP career training opportunities for students completing high school. Is it only available online where people can view the ads or is it available in a written pamphlet? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Qirngnuq. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The division has a full-time recruitment specialist who is looking to increase our Inuit numbers and also assist with special constables within our communities. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Qirngnuq.

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have another question related to that matter, but I want to move to a different subject. When RCMP officers are assigned to the communities, I imagine that they are contractually obligated to comply with the assignment. At least I imagine that is the only reason they arrive.

When they are scheduled to arrive, what type of orientation is provided to the RCMP officers to enable them to understand the community? They are just there to provide what I call in English (interpretation ends) peace officer (interpretation) services only. What kinds of agreements do they have to abide by before they arrive into the communities in terms of providing policing services? Are they sent to our

communities with this information? Mr. Chairman, I hope my question was clear. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Qirngnuq. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Through you, I would like my deputy minister to answer Mr. Qirngnuq's question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. MacKay, please go ahead.

Mr. MacKay: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. RCMP members for Nunavut are selected from the greater RCMP population and typically they will apply to serve in Nunavut and then they're assessed by the commanders here on whether they would be a good fit for Nunavut. That includes interviews with them to see if they are open to the culture of Nunavut and whether they would fit in with the small communities that they would serve into just to make sure that they would be a good fit for those communities.

Once they come here, they do get some training in sort of the history of Nunavut and Inuit culture. They get some of that training and some language training before they're deployed to their community.

There's no specific agreement that they sign, but they do have an employment contract, of course, with the RCMP, which includes a code of conduct that applies to all RCMP. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. MacKay. Mr. Qirngnuq.

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for your answer, deputy minister, as the answer was very clear. Now, in thinking of that as it applies to our community, the RCMP sometimes have the opportunity to provide more assistance, but we rarely see any kind of voluntary or public training initiatives, especially with crime prevention work with local youth. That's why I'm asking the question. I think police officers should do more to help with crime prevention. That's just a comment, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you for your comment. Ms. Towtongie.

Ms. Towtongie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) My question is the current 20-year Canada-Nunavut Territorial Police Service Agreement was signed in 2012. This agreement provides for a contract management committee. How often does the committee meet and how does it take into account concerns raised by municipalities regarding such issues as the number of officers posted to detachments? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Towtongie. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The committee has two assistant deputy minister meetings and two officials' meetings per year. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Ms. Towtongie.

Ms. Towtongie: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In 2016-18 the Government of Nunavut and the RCMP shared a

directional statement and it was tabled in this Legislative Assembly on November 8, 2016. When will the 2019-2021 shared directional statement be ready for tabling in the Legislative Assembly? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Towtongie. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The document will be tabled in the fall of 2019. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, minister. Ms. Towtongie.

Ms. Towtongie: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Last year the Minister of Justice's opening statements to the standing committee stated that the minister's department's 2018-19 main estimates indicated that a new Nunavut-based special victims unit was being established to enhance the RCMP's ability to investigate sex crimes. As of today, what is the status of the new special victims unit?

The other MLA from Arviat North said that our youth are really into computers, Facebook; we call them *punnqajut*, lowered down. Does that special victims unit take into consideration in the cyber world, pornography or luring children into pornography? Is there a unit that deals with that within Nunavut? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Towtongie. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, the special victims unit takes that into consideration. They do

investigate those and the special victims unit is up and running and there are three positions. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Ms. Towtongie.

Ms. Towtongie: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the minister for her response. My final question is the minister has excellent staff in Chesterfield Inlet. They smile and the crime rate in Chesterfield Inlet is down. However, in Rankin Inlet it's a slightly different story.

I read in the draft 2019-2022 there are efforts to increase the RCMP capacity to communicate in the Inuktitut language. How about the frontline receptionist that answers the phone? The Chesterfield Inlet municipality requested a receptionist that was bilingual in both English and Inuktitut. In Rankin Inlet we do not have that, even though she is an excellent receptionist.

Are there specific goals taken to ensure that the frontline, other than the RCMP receptionist, learn Inuktitut? That's my final question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Towtongie. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for the question. Due to the funding restraints that we have within our funding from the federal government, we do have difficulty trying to hire all Inuktitut-speaking frontline staff, but with meeting with the federal minister, we are trying to come up with an agreement just for Nunavut itself.

There is funding that other jurisdictions can apply for and it's called the First Nations police funding. Unfortunately Nunavut is not a part of that, so we have been working in discussing with the federal minister for a special fund for Nunavut so that we can create more programs and services for Nunavummiut, and one of them is the hiring of Inuktitut-speaking frontline staff. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Before I go on to the next name on my list, we will take a 10-minute break. Thank you.

>>Committee recessed at 15:01 and resumed at 15:16

Chairman: Welcome back, members. I would like to call the committee meeting back to order. We will continue on, on page E-5, which was Law Enforcement. The next person on my list to ask questions is Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. My colleague asked this question already, but I wanted to know how many police officers there are in Baker Lake and how many are allocated for the community. I didn't hear the earlier answer, so if the minister can identify that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Mikkungwak. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I don't have a number for Baker Lake, but I can get the information to the member. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much. In the business plan on page 58 for 2019-2020, the third bullet states, "Crime reduction through intelligence led by policing and crime prevention strategies." How is that being done?

To use Baker Lake as an example, with an open alcohol ordering system and with the federal government legalizing cannabis, from last year to now, Baker Lake has been largely affected. I want to know how communities that are going through this can get more assistance. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Mikkungwak. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The RCMP will work with the community justice outreach workers to come up with crime prevention strategies within the community. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. As the Member for Baker Lake, I tend to notice the fact that our RCMP officers are continually busy and aren't able to keep up, and sometimes they are so busy that they can't answer the calls. The calls sometimes go unanswered and currently they are extremely busy with calls. I'm wondering if the Department of Justice can place more priority on this front, obviously, for our community of Baker Lake. We want residents to have a

healthy lifestyle and we want our fellow residents to be happy and healthy.

My question now is the minister mentioned the plans earlier that they were going to contemplate their options for Baker Lake. When will this initiative appear in Baker Lake? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Mikkungwak. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The RCMP division here in Iqaluit has looked at Baker Lake as a priority for an extra police officer. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. The crime rates have indeed increased dramatically in Baker Lake. Some residents are still unable to converse in English being unilingual Inuit. Will this also be considered? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Mikkungwak. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As Minister of Justice, that's one of the top priorities that is on my list to ensure that our frontline staff are Inuktitut-speaking for our Inuit population. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

This is my last question. In Baker Lake we have a local legal aid or justice outreach worker. They work with local elders to develop a strategy for the community and they know the community intimately.

The Department of Justice has said that they will support the initiative for 2019-2020. On the same page you state that you will strengthen the supports you provide and also provide support to the committees in terms of requesting funds as an allocation for communities that are most impacted. You know some of these numbers.

How can you communicate better with the population? What is the communication plan? Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Mikkungwak. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Through our community justice outreach workers, we do work with different departments and the municipality and encourage our justice staff to make the public aware of the support that they can get through the Department of Justice. We work diligently with community justice outreach workers when they need support through our department here in Iqaluit. We do community justice outreach worker training. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My first question, the minister is requesting additional funding

to replace outdated staff housing for RCMP members. I would like to enquire what is going to happen with the eight units that are due to be replaced. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Lightstone. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Because these units are “unreparable,” they will be demolished. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Now, the minister had stated “unreparable.” Is there no chance that these could be surplus and then repurposed? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Lightstone. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. No, these buildings are beyond their lifecycle. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I’ll move on to my next line of questioning. I would like to enquire: who in the department is responsible for updating and maintaining Nunavut’s registered sex offender list? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Lightstone. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The RCMP with their federal

counterparts. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Can you give an example of when an RCMP member would update the list? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Lightstone. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If the individual is convicted within the court system, they can be listed under the sexual offenders list. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. For these individuals who are convicted, can you give us some examples of what sort of court orders that they would be receiving? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Lightstone. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Through you, I’ll ask my deputy minister to answer Mr. Lightstone’s question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. MacKay, please go ahead.

Mr. MacKay: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Typically the orders, it depends on, of course, the offence that they’re convicted of, but if it’s, for example, an offence in terms of sexual

interference against a child, obviously the types of orders would be that you can't go work in a school or be within a certain distance of a school or work with children. It's specific to the individual and the offence, but those kinds of restrictions would be placed on the person.

The other part of it too is once you're in the sexual offenders registry, you can't apply for a record suspension. A record suspension is something that is given to you after a certain amount of time. I think it is five years. You can apply for a record suspension and have that removed from your criminal record, the conviction, but if it's a sex offence, it remains visible if you have to do an enhanced record check to work, for example, in a school or with children. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. MacKay. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to request an update on the current number of individuals that are on the registered sex offender list. As well, the minister had indicated that it appears like the individuals are on there for life. How far back does the current registry go? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Lightstone. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Unfortunately we don't have that information right now, but we can definitely try to find it for the member. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister

Ehaloak. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My next question is: when an individual does receive court orders and is put on this registered offender list, and the individual is then released into a community, who is responsible in the Department of Justice or the RCMP for notifying the school faculty that these individuals are not allowed to be within a certain parameter of the school itself? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Lightstone. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. When an offender is admitted into a Nunavut correctional facility, an admissions and release plan is created for the offender.

When sexual offenders are being released from the Corrections Division, the Corrections Division contacts the RCMP and the victims of the offender. Public notification to the community or schools is at the discretion of the RCMP.

If there is no concern that the offender may be a dangerous offender at risk of reoffending, there is a national flagging system to ensure that the appropriate person at the federal level can pursue that designation if it is appropriate. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Corrections notifies the victim and the RCMP and it's at the RCMP's discretion whether or not to notify the public. I would like to ask:

how often does the RCMP notify the public and when was the last time that this occurred? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Lightstone. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It doesn't happen very often. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That is what I feared. I had suspected as much and I do believe that when a registered child sex offender is released into a community, it is everyone's right to ensure that parents and children are made aware. I would like to request that the minister seek and encourage the RCMP to use this ability more often. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Lightstone. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Department of Justice will look into that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. When I was looking at the regulations around the National Sex Offender Registry, it's at the discretion of the police force to share that listing with who they see fit. I would like to ask the minister if she believes that it would be ideal for the RCMP to share that information with the Department of

Education and the school faculty to ensure that those registered child sex offenders are not allowed within the premises or property of a school. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Lightstone. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As Minister of Justice, I can say yes, we can share that information with the RCMP to ensure that schools, daycares, anyone who is involved with the youth or children be notified. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I cannot thank you enough, minister. I am really pleased to hear that. It feels like it has been quite a battle over the last year to get this information out. I really do believe that you're moving in the right direction in that avenue.

Earlier today I brought up a question to the minister of the liquor commission regarding the alcohol harm reduction strategy and how in 2016 it was identified that there needs to be more communication between court services and the liquor commission to support court orders on the prohibition of consumption of alcohol.

I would like to ask the minister: since 2016, what sort of progress has been made on that initiative and to date does the Nunavut Court Services share those court orders with the Nunavut Liquor Commission? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Lightstone.

Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. They don't share that with them, but we can make sure... I mean we can work on it with them. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Once again thank you so much, minister. I'm really grateful to hear that there's going to be some progress made there.

I would like to bring up another topic and before I do so, I would just like to state that I'm extremely grateful for the role that the RCMP plays in our communities and what they do to ensure the safety of everyone. I cannot thank them enough for that service.

My next line of questioning is going to be regarding the document that the minister tabled this morning in response to the Standing Committee on Oversight of Government Operations and Public Accounts' report of the review of the 2016-17 Annual Report of the Legal Services Board of Nunavut.

One of the recommendations that the standing committee made was that "the Government of Nunavut enter into exploratory discussions with the Government of Alberta concerning the advisability and practicability of entering into an intergovernmental agreement for the use of the Alberta Serious Incident Response Team to investigate serious [incidents] occurring in Nunavut involving the Royal Canadian Mounted Police."

The minister's response was that the government has been engaged and will continue to be engaged with these groups to determine if improvements can be made to the oversight of serious incidents and investigations. I would just like to ask the minister to clarify what exactly that response means. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Lightstone. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As the minister, I did seriously look at that issue regarding the standing committee's concerns and I'm totally in agreement. The department is working on options as to what the intergovernmental review would look like and hopefully at least by the fall we can come up with options and recommendations for these reviews. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Once again I thank the minister for that response. I would like to seek just a little bit more clarification. The minister's response indicated that the government has been engaged with a number of these groups. I would like to enquire: which groups has the minister had the opportunity to meet with? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Lightstone. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Through you, I'll ask my deputy minister to answer that question as he has been meeting with these

various groups. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. MacKay.

Mr. MacKay: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This has been an issue that has been in front of us for some time now, so I have had the opportunity to meet with a number of different organizations. We have spoken to ASIRT and the discussions are ongoing. As you know, the NWT also doesn't have civilian oversight, so we're also talking to the NWT to see if there is something we can do with them or with ASIRT to come up with something; again, just discussions.

We also had a fairly in-depth discussion with the Civilian Complaints Review Commission for the RCMP. That's the oversight body that exists right now for non-serious incidents. We were talking to them about maybe expanding their mandate to serious incidents within Nunavut. That's something that they're thinking about right now.

Another option we're looking at is we have talked to Manitoba, their civilian oversight board, as well as Quebec. We are in discussions with a few different independent civilian boards. One thing we aren't really considering seriously right now is to have a Nunavut-based civilian oversight board. It's not totally off the table, but I don't think it's really realistic for Nunavut to have one given the size of the jurisdiction.

That's sort of a summary of where we are at. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. MacKay.

Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do appreciate the deputy minister's response. Has any consideration been put forward regarding a pan-territorial oversight committee, including Nunavut, the NWT, and Yukon, to create our own northern civilian police oversight body? I do believe that Yukon has a great idea with using Alberta, but I also believe that it might be beneficial to have northerners on that board as well. That's my question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Lightstone. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, those will be in discussions. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. We are on Justice. Law Enforcement. Total Operations and Maintenance, to be Voted. \$45,844,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Thank you. We are now on page E-6. Justice. Lawyer Support Services. Are there any questions? Okay. Total Operations and Maintenance, to be Voted. \$3,550,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Thank you. We are now on page E-7. Justice. Registries and Court Services. Are there any questions? Ms. Towntongie.

Ms. Towntongie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. For the year 2019-2020 it indicates that the courts will

increase in cost from \$61.0 million to \$67.0 million in 2019-2020. The increase is 10 percent. What kinds of programs will they be establishing? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Towtongie. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The increase is the two divisions get 8.3 percent increase in compensation and benefits and the increase is for courts to fund the six positions that relate to the four judicial officers and two court transcribers. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Ms. Towtongie.

Ms. Towtongie: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My final question, the budget for the Office of the Chief Coroner is funded through your department's Registries and Court Services Branch. On March 19, 2014 the 2011 *Annual Report of the Office of the Chief Coroner* was tabled in the Legislative Assembly by the Minister of Justice. However, since that time, no annual reports have been tabled. Will the minister commit to resuming the practice of tabling the chief coroner's annual report in the Legislative Assembly? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Towtongie. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the member for the question. The main reason why the coroner's annual report has not been filed since 2011 is the coroner's office does not file reports until completion of

investigations. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) On page 63 of your business plan it talks about the Family Support Program in terms of child support payments and it mentions that "There are currently approximately two hundred and seventy one open family support files."

This is an area that has been identified as problematic by a constituent of mine in terms of trying to collect on child support payments. It's problematic when the parent who is supposed to pay child support leaves Nunavut. It's complicated and maybe could use improvement.

I wonder if the minister could unpack that number, 271 open family support files. Is that a number that's on the increase? Does it mean that 271 persons are providing payments? What does that number mean? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The 271 that the member is referring to is the amount of applications we have within the Maintenance Enforcement Program. There are 271 within the maintenance enforcement where an individual has to pay for child support. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Thank you for explaining that. Out of those 271, how many of them are being, I don't know what the terminology is, fulfilled or how many are actually being followed? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. All those 271 applications are in arrears. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, minister. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) If the minister could explain that a little bit more in terms of what being "in arrears" means. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The 271 that I mentioned is people who owe or are a part of the Maintenance Enforcement Program, and some are currently paying and some are not paying. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) I realize this is a small line item. I don't want to spend too much time on it, but if a parent wishes to seek out to establish a maintenance order and try to seek out child support, who do they go to? If it's

a mother, for example, who do they go to for more information on this program and how is it communicated?

(interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If a mother wants to contact or get an application to the maintenance enforcement office, they can approach their community justice outreach worker and they will assist them to ensure that their application is filled out probably and then sent to the maintenance enforcement team here in Iqaluit. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Just a suggestion in terms of communicating the fact that this program is delivered through the community justice outreach workers, if this could be something that would be promoted, it could maybe help to address issues like child poverty in terms of empowering single parents to try to get more child support money for their children.

In terms of the Justice of the Peace Program here, if the minister could give us a quick overview of what the current capacity is within the Justice of the Peace Program. There have been references made to there are not enough JPs; they have too much work. I would just like a little bit more information on that. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main.
Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Through you, I would like my deputy minister to answer Mr. Main's question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. MacKay.

Mr. MacKay: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for the question. The Justice of the Peace Court in terms of...I think the member was asking about the capacity of the court. There are three full-time Justice of the Peace positions. One is currently vacant and we have a Justice of the Peace Appointment and Remuneration Committee, which is advertising right now for a third legally trained Justice of the Peace. Those three are all based in Iqaluit.

And then there are community Justices of the Peace that are in most communities and those are generally community members who are trained to be Justice of the Peace, though not technically legally trained, and they are trained and get assigned a certain level of expertise between one and four and that determines what kind of things they can handle.

The program is something we're trying to expand and make more effective to take some of the burden off the court system, but that's basically what we mean when we're saying that it's not at capacity. We are short one full-time JP and then the community Justices of the Peace are basically a volunteer position. I mean they do get paid per diem, but it can be a challenge to recruit people into

that program and to take that training to get up to a level 4 where they can do a lot of the work that judges do. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. MacKay.
Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) I'm going to skip ahead to page 66 under the land titles office. Again, this was an issue that was brought to me by a constituent.

My understanding is that it's currently quite difficult to access information under the land titles office from outside of Iqaluit. It's a lot easier if you're here and you can walk into the office and deal with the staff in person. I'm just interested to hear if that has been communicated to the department. Is this a concern?

Land titles are a technical thing. It might be people who are investing in real estate. Is this something that has been highlighted? I note that the department is planning to build an investor education website, so perhaps that's tied to this difficulty or I may be mistaken. Just a little bit more information regarding land titles and accessing from outside of Iqaluit. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main.
Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Through you, I would like the deputy minister to answer the question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, minister. Mr.

MacKay.

Mr. MacKay: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, member, for the question. We don't usually get a lot of questions about legal registries, but you're right that there are often concerns that the filing of land titles documents from outside Iqaluit can be complicated. Land titles can be complicated generally. Most landholders live in Iqaluit and the ones that are outside of Iqaluit, perhaps, have more difficulty than the ones in Iqaluit.

One thing we are working at, though, that I can just share with the member is Legal Registries is going to undertake a survey of users and we're going to try to get a sense from users of where the issues are so that we can address some problems in terms of delivering service to the people of Nunavut where we can improve service. We hope that survey to be coming out pretty soon and we will get the results of that survey, and that will give us a sense of where we can improve the service at Legal Registries. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. MacKay. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Thank you for that information. In terms of this investor education website, what is the purpose of that website? I note that it's a priority mentioned on page 67 for this year. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr.

Chairman. It's for providing a space for Nunavummiut to access educational materials on investments, financial well-being, and identifying fraud. It will assist in creating healthier financial situations for Nunavut families. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Business plan, page 63, one of my colleagues did touch on it, but in our community of Baker Lake we've had a turnover of JPs and some of them have experienced medical issues also. My question here regarding the Justice of the Peace, and I know they are essential in our communities, is: is there going to be training delivered this new fiscal year once the budget has been approved for operations and maintenance to ensure that they deliver the appropriate services that they have signed on for? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Mikkungwak. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Every year we set aside time for the Justices of the Peace for them to come for training, like you said, because sometimes there is a high turnover, but there is training for these individuals. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I take the minister's comments as a guarantee that there will be training for the Justices of the Peace.

On that very same page again, the coroner's office, for a large community like Baker Lake, we have experienced a turnover. On that note also, will there be training delivered to individuals that have given their names forward to be a coroner within the community, and when do we anticipate the training for the coroners? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Mikkungwak. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. One of my minister's statements was appointment of a new coroner. One of the things that we will do with the Department of Justice with our coroners in our communities is training for the individuals and to meet with our new coroner when she starts her job. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Similar to my colleague, on page 66 of your business plan, land titles office, I had a constituent talk to me who attains their land title, but the turnaround time that they received was somewhat, I guess, right on the edge because the individual was actually applying for the Nunavut Housing Corporation Home Repair Program, but the turnaround time for my constituent to get a response was kind of very late. They started missing out on the sealift season for actual materials.

For this office, the question I have is... I'm sure they get a whole stack of files. What is the turnaround time for an individual when they contact this office to get a reply form this office for their

concern? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Mikkungwak. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. They do have a standard of service. We don't have that information right now, but we can make sure we get the info to the member. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Quassa.

Mr. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to ask questions about the Justices of the Peace. In 2018-19 they were going to look into the Justice of the Peace Program in the communities to establish (interpretation ends) regional Justices of the Peace services (interpretation) in each region. (interpretation) Also in 2019-2020 you stated that you would "Explore feasibility of adding one (interpretation ends) legally trained Justice of the Peace (interpretation) in each region to support..." I would like to get an update on the status of this work. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Quassa. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In recognizing the important role of the Justices of the Peace in the administration of justice in Nunavut, Justices of the Peace in Nunavut, JP Brian Aglukark, Martina Maniyogina, and Charlie Tautuajuk...sorry, it's hard to pronounce the name...were recently appointed in the late spring of 2018. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Quassa.

Mr. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you. That is very interesting.

It was also stated earlier that the local Justices of the Peace deal with lesser crimes, and I have seen JPs who are Inuit. Now with Nunavut being an official territory, members keep maintaining, as well as the government, that they will follow Inuit societal values. Do Justices of the Peace follow Inuit societal values more closely in their roles? As an example, they aren't lawyers or experts in Canadian law, but in the Inuit homeland, are they more closely adhering to Inuit societal values? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Quassa. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. They do use Inuit societal values when they have a case before them. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Quassa.

Mr. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Now, within the communities there are different levels allowed under the court system, which are judges, Justices of the Peace, and another level that I am unsure of the Inuktitut term, but the line item under (interpretation ends) traditional justice (interpretation) that I think make up the three different levels.

I would like to clearly understand how many they can choose or rather, if you are going to follow Inuit societal values, is there a third level? An example would

be local elders on the (interpretation ends) traditional, (interpretation) which I don't know the meaning of, so I think it should be clarified. I just want more information. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Quassa. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. No, there is just the court system and the Justices of the Peace. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Quassa.

Mr. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I guess I didn't clearly hear the term that time, so I am asking about this again. To date, who is the senior Justice of the Peace here in Nunavut? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The senior Justice of the Peace for Nunavut is Joseph Murdock-Flowers. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Quassa.

Mr. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also thank you for stating the name. I believe you already mentioned it, but I just want a clearer understanding. How many communities have, for example, (interpretation ends) full-time (interpretation) Justices of the Peace? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Quassa. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just in Iqaluit. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Quassa.

Mr. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think you stated that the other communities have part-time Justices of the Peace. I'm not sure of the exact term in English. There are quite a lot of other communities outside of Iqaluit. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Quassa. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. All the other communities do have Justices of the Peace, but they're all part time and they're used as and when needed. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to ask a couple of questions around the rental office. Can the minister tell us exactly: what is the role of the rental office? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Angnakak. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The role of the rental office is if an individual has disputes with their landlord, then the rental officer can assist the individual. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Can the minister tell us: what is the process of accessing this type of service? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Angnakak. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If you're from another community there is a number to call. If you are here in Iqaluit there is a number to call or you can go to the office. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Can the minister tell us how often this service is used? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Angnakak. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Currently in the year 2018 there were 361 new files and I have a breakdown for every year, but last year we had 361 applicants. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, minister. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. So 361 cases that didn't go to court, am I correct and that this person, whoever it is that works in this office, made a determination which way and who is going to get what? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Angnakak. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The 361 I mentioned is not actually files closed or open; it is just the number of applications we got that year. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Obviously my next question is going to be how many actual files that have closed. How many have you worked on? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Angnakak. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In 2018 the number of files closed with order was 117, files closed or withdrawn were 180, files closed with disallowed was 1, and files closed with no follow-up are 6. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Withdrawn, can you elaborate on why somebody would do that? No follow-up, what does that mean? Who is not doing the follow-up? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Angnakak. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. When we mean “withdrawn,” the person and the landlord had closed with an agreement. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister

Ehaloak. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. When we look at a typical file with the rental office, what are we looking at? Are we looking at people that maybe have a disagreement over amounts of rent, or maybe somebody hasn't paid for something? What is a typical case that comes before the rental office? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Angnakak. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Most files are disputes on rent payments or evictions. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. I know from experience that the housing association uses that department quite often. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you. When it comes to communities, you say there is a number to call. I would imagine, if you look at the private rental market, most of these calls are coming from Iqaluit or the regional centres. Am I correct? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Angnakak. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do have it broken down by region and by community, and so far the highest number of applicants we received was here in Iqaluit, which was 222. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Ehaloak. I will add that a lot of times these files are initiated by landlords, not necessarily by

tenants, when people don't pay their rents and stuff like that. In the case of housing associations you have non-payment, so they start the filing process from there. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I was actually just speaking with somebody today who rented a room out and didn't get the first and last months' payment, doesn't really have a formal agreement in place, and already the person hasn't paid what they were supposed to pay. For people like this, is there a website that they can go to? If you're going to rent out a room, because more and more people are either doing Airbnb or they're renting out a single room in their house to try to get by, what kind of information do you have out there so that this kind of thing doesn't happen and so people are prepared? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Angnakak. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There is an online website that individuals can access and it's www.nu-rto.ca. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On that website it will give individuals exactly what they need to do if they were going to rent out a room and how to do it so that they don't get caught in situations where an individual they have accepted to rent a room to doesn't end up paying. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My first line of questions is going to be related to the coroner's

office. I was curious: what kind of training is provided to Nunavut's coroners and is it provided by the chief coroner's office? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Lightstone. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As I stated earlier, when our coroners from the communities come to Iqaluit for training, there is a coroner from Ontario that comes up and teaches the program. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: I'm glad to hear that it is being done that way. I just wanted to confirm that the training that is being provided: is it basic level training or is training that is certified to a national standard? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Lightstone. Ms. Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It is just basic training. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My next question is whether there is any intention of going beyond providing basic training. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you Mr.

Chairman. We make that available to the coroners if they would like further training. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just to expand on that, let's say a coroner would like to go beyond and receive some more advanced training, would that then be facilitated here or would they be able to go and receive this advanced training elsewhere? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Lightstone. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you Mr. Chairman. That would be with the individual and the Nunavut chief coroner to decide where the training would be. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Lightstone, please continue.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My next line of questioning is regarding court services. When there are court proceedings where there is an individual accused of child sexual abuse, and when a child is not able to provide sufficient or reliable evidence to secure a guilty verdict, I was curious: would that accused individual then be able to pass a vulnerable sector check? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Lightstone. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, I guess. Thanks, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That is very worrisome to me. I understand how difficult it is for these children to get a guilty verdict. Are these individuals who aren't found guilty placed on a watch list? I'm curious if any of them end up coming back with another charge and then becoming found guilty later on. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Lightstone. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Through you, I will ask my deputy minister to answer Mr. Lightstone's question. I don't want to give you information that I'm not aware of because this is such a touchy subject. I will ask my deputy minister to answer the question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. MacKay, please go ahead.

Mr. MacKay: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The member is correct; it is difficult often to get a conviction for sexual assault, especially against children. They are a fairly low conviction rate. I don't have them on hand, but compared to other offences, it is fairly low.

The fact remains that a person who is charged with something is not guilty and they're not guilty until they're proven guilty. If they're not convicted of anything, they don't get a criminal record and they don't go on any list. They would still have vulnerable sector clearance. As far as whether they're watched, I don't know what individual

police do or that sort of thing, but there isn't any official way that they're tracked after that. If you're found not guilty, then you're free to go. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. MacKay. We are on Registries and Court Services. Total Operations and Maintenance, to be Voted. \$14,519,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Thank you. Moving on to page E-8. Corrections. Any questions? Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you. With Corrections, we have spoken over the years about repeat offenders and I think we still have some pretty high numbers when it comes to that. It makes me think about rehabilitation methods that the department may use. My first question is: is there a framework to guide what kinds of rehabilitation models are used here in Nunavut when it comes to rehabilitation? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Angnakak. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Community Corrections has launched their client risk needs assessment and youth risk needs assessments tool for direct reporting clients on probation across Nunavut. This combination with NUHALT strategies will assist the client with their integration into their communities. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will get into asking some questions about risk versus needs when I talk a little bit more. Thank you for your response, but I do want to know a little bit more about actually what kinds of programs the department offers in regard to rehabilitation services for inmates. What actual programs do you have in place? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Angnakak. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We interview each client on multiple topics ranging from education, other skills, employment patterns, history, financial management, family relationships, behavioural and emotional stability, alcohol and drug usage, mental and physical health, and overall attitude. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. All I heard from that response is that you interview. What actual programs do you have that will help inmates re-...? How can we help who we call clients, inmates? How do we help them to rehabilitate to reintegrate back into the community? What kinds of programs and support services are there? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Angnakak. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The types of programs the Department of Justice holds are land skills programming, traditional skills toolmaking, healthy relationship anger

management program, alcohol and drug program, the reformers unanimous, elder visitation and counselling, spiritual services, bible study, air brakes/heavy equipment operator course, drivers training, road tests, first aid, and WHMIS, which is kind of like workers' comp., kitchen worker program, kitchen skills program, gathering ice for the community, health services, and counselling. We also have work with Nunavut Parks. Other program considerations are educational/institutional instructor, carpentry, soapstone carving, work assignment, weekly shift team offender outings, AA meetings, which they now call NA meetings, town crew work, Ilaliutiniq, Working Together for Mending, and Pilimmaksarniq education program. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It sounds like it's a school. It's great. I'm surprised, especially about the heavy equipment operator course. How do you teach that if you're at the BCC? How do you teach that? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Angnakak. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That program is offered in Rankin Inlet because the inmates at the Rankin Inlet Healing Facility have the opportunity. They do stay in the facility, but they have the opportunity to go out and get jobs, go out and go to school, and go out and go train so that they're ready when they come out of the facility. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have heard good things about the Rankin Inlet Healing Facility and in fact the Makigiaqta here has been very... I do wonder about the BCC. You have more of the maximum type of... I don't know what the properly terminology is, but perhaps they have been accused of more serious crimes, and perhaps they are the ones who need the most attention for rehabilitation. What programs are offered at the BCC specifically? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Angnakak. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The following programs are offered at our Baffin Correction Centre and they are: substance abuse program, elder counselling, Inuit cultural skills program, classroom setting as well as off grounds with on-the-land program officers, alternatives to violence and anger management, [Inunnguiniq] parent program, parenting, healthy relationships that embrace and incorporate Inuit societal values, we have the town crew, which is off grounds, vocational life skills, we have the maintenance program where offenders will work within the facility, acquiring transferrable skills to assist with community reintegration, we have the inside-out smart recovery program, which teaches inmates to problem solve and improve relationships with a primary emphasis on addictions and recovery, we have recreational programming, daily use of a gymnasium with access to cardiovascular and strength training equipment and it's facilitated by the beneficiary officer, as

well as daily opportunities for fresh air on the grounds. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Once again that's a very extensive list of programs that people can access. I think that's very good. It makes me think: how many teachers do you have there? Who is doing all of this teaching? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Angnakak. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In our facility at the Baffin Correction Centre we have staff and elders who do the training. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you. Can you please define "staff"? Are they correctional officers or is this outside of being a correctional officer? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Angnakak. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm sorry. I should have defined it myself. They are corrections officers. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Now, these are quite specialized courses. When you have correctional officers there, how are you

training to them so that they are qualified to teach these kinds of courses? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Angnakak. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Typically correctional facilities are reliant on community partners to assist with rehabilitation and reintegration. Across the territory we have individual volunteers and non-profit groups that provide inmates with skills, knowledge, and experiences they need for personal growth. As a result of continued safety and security concerns, inmates at the Baffin Correctional Centre cannot be provided sometimes with these opportunities; basically some of them, especially the ones who are in maximum security. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I don't think I got any answer to my question.

The minister said that correctional officers are teaching all these courses here. I'm asking: how are they qualified to teach these courses? Who has taught them? How are they qualified? Are you evaluating? Even teachers in school have to have evaluations done while they're doing teaching. I'm just curious as to how that's all done when we're talking about corrections. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Angnakak. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Circle North is a consulting group which has extensive experience training corrections staff in Nunavut and the Northwest Territories. They provide training in areas of healing, restoring relationships, and taking responsible and effective control of one's behaviour. We are currently preparing staff to deliver an offender programming curriculum based on these ideas to bring these skills directly to our offenders. This training incorporates Inuit societal values through its delivery.

The instructors of the Justice Institute of British Columbia are experts in security and safety training. They provide correction supervisors and frontline officers with security training, which prepares staff to maintain safety and security in our facilities and respond to incidents. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm just curious again. Circle North consultation, they train the correctional officers. Is that what you're saying? And then the correctional officers become the teachers of these courses. That's what I understand.

If I understand that correctly, I would like to know how often these programs are evaluated. If you have somebody who can't deliver the course, it's no good having the course. Not everybody is made out to be a teacher. I'm wondering if you have any kind of evaluations when you look at the whole picture, if you can elaborate on that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Angnakak. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We receive reports when the training is completed. The member is right; we have Circle North come in, train our corrections staff to be able to run these courses or we have third party companies that do the on-the-land portion, the traditional healing, the drug addictions. We have third parties that work with us to do these courses. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have actually heard that the Inuit cultural skills program is very well run and well received. It's one of your most popular courses there. Talking about that, I know that there are limited seats, so not everybody can get into that course. Looking forward going into the future, do you think you will expand that course in any way? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Angnakak. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, we will try to expand. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. You did mention about a gymnasium and classroom. I had sort of heard that the gymnasium was used for something else, but maybe they have put it back now. If you can just confirm: is there gymnasium still at the BCC?

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Angnakak. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The gymnasium was removed to prepare for our new facility. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Are you saying that that program no longer exists and that inmates can't use the gymnasium? What about the classroom? I heard the classroom was made into a weight room or something like that, so if you can confirm that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Angnakak. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The weight room is there and there is a classroom as well, but there is no gymnasium. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you. Just to ask about something else, I would like to know: how many times per week, say, do your clients, inmates interact with case workers and facilitators? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Angnakak. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. At least once a day for the inmates. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you. That's good. I feel the more they interact, obviously the more we get to more specific knowledge about how someone may need intervention when we talk about rehabilitation and that.

What about reintegration programs? What do these look like? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Angnakak. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have already mentioned to the member the reintegration where their client risk needs assessment and youth risk needs assessment are direct tools for reporting clients on probation from across Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, minister. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you. I would just like a little bit more information about when you do that. When you look at the risks and the needs of the different clients, how do you evaluate what kind of intervention and programming they need when it comes to those kinds of assessments? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Angnakak. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In October 2018 we added the... . Sorry, I'm trying to figure out what these acronyms are for our translators.

Sorry. We have added the one-on-one to our case management delivery. Once we conduct the interview lesson with the client, the following week we do a session with the client on the same topic, weaving into the topic of focus on Inuit societal values or emotional and mental well-being. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Does one of the risk principles involve looking at the offender's risk to reoffend? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Angnakak. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This initiative helps to support the client by providing a continuum of care. Since January 2019 our division wants to enhance this program to provide more information to our inter-agencies within each community in the hopes that all agencies will work together to provide assistance to our clients. The individual is met with for several weeks and we work with the individual to ensure that what their goals are when they want to come out of our facilities. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I brought up the idea about looking at the offender's risk to reoffend because you have some people who going there like a revolving door. Are you doing the same thing every single time or do you look at these people differently after a while in terms of what

kind of intervention and programs? Maybe you get to a point where there is nothing you can do. I don't know, but how do you work with people when you assess their risk? Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Angnakak. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We take each individual and what the risk factors are and we will work with that individual. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Keyootak.

Mr. Keyootak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a brief question. Sometimes incarcerated offenders get an early release or they get paid when they leave in some cases. With respect to this matter, is there a limit to the number of times an offender can leave early? Does it have a ceiling? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It all depends on the inmate themselves whether they work within the facility and it depends on how much money they have within the facility. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Keyootak.

Mr. Keyootak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I didn't quite grasp the response to my question. How many times can an inmate be bailed out? Is there an upper limit for that?

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Our inmates in our facilities don't get bailed out. Only when they have been arrested by the RCMP and they're held in custody, through there is where individuals can be bailed, but in our facilities there is no bail system. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, minister. Mr. Keyootak.

Mr. Keyootak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Let me move to another matter here. We have inmates incarcerated outside of Nunavut, for example, who are in southern institutions such as penitentiaries, of which I believe there are too many to count.

In Nunavik I believe there is a group that schedules visits to institutions where their residents are housed. Is there a similar type of body in Nunavut or a place Inuit can submit proposals to if they wish to visit so that trips can be arranged? Is this available at any time or is this specific to timelines within a year where inmates can be visited? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Any member of the public can visit our inmates in our facilities. They just have to call and make an appointment ahead of time. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Keyootak.

Mr. Keyootak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My question was related to institutions outside of Nunavut in the south where visits are scheduled. For example, where southern institutions house Nunavut inmates incarcerated, such as the southern provinces, can anyone visit them at any time or are visitations scheduled in the future? How is this arranged or do you identify particular times for visitation outside Nunavut? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm sorry I didn't get your question the first time.

If an inmate is out at a facility, they would have to make arrangements with the facility that they're in, in the south. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, minister. Thank you. We are on Corrections. Mr. Kaernerck.

Mr. Kaernerck: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Since we're on the Corrections Division, I'm just wondering how many Inuit work at the BCC or Makigiarvik when it comes to the Inuit Employment Plan. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In our facilities at the Baffin Correctional Centre and Makigiarvik we

have 82 positions there and 12 of them are Inuit, and at the young offenders' facility we have 19 staff there and 6 are Inuit. In the women's correctional facility we have nine and three of them are Inuit. In the Ilavut Centre we have 12 positions there and 8 are Inuit. In Utaqqivik we have seven positions and two are Inuit. In the Kivalliq Correctional Facility, which is the Rankin Inlet facility, we have 45 positions there and 26 are Inuit. That's our correctional facilities. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Kaernerck.

Mr. Kaernerck: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for the information. In your business plan I keep seeing this under the Inuit Employment Plan. Is there a plan to at least train Inuit workers to increase your employment in the correctional facilities? Is there some kind of plan to have more Inuit present at the facilities? Is that in the plan too? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, we do. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Kaernerck.

Mr. Kaernerck: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That's good to hear. On another matter, let's say, for instance, if an inmate is released, what is the usual method? Let's say, for instance, if they have any kind of mental health issues,

how does the department take care of these individuals? My example was mental issues. What's the process there? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If an inmate is released, they can work with our probation officers within our communities and our probation officers can guide them if they wish for mental health assistance or any other assistance they require. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Kaernerck.

Mr. Kaernerck: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mental health is a major issue when it comes to releasing these inmates to their hometown. It's a serious matter because it can come to suicide and all these matters and they can put someone in danger. It's nice to know that there's a program for them. At the least the probation officers are there.

Moving on to my other questions, your department's 2019-2022 business plan indicates that one of its priorities for the 2019-2020 fiscal year is to assist community justice committees providing community justice and healing programs "in order to address family violence and to divert cases from the formal criminal justice system."

The government's most recent annual report on grants and contributions that your department provided a total of \$1,334,000 in contribution of funding for 17 communities during the 2016-17

fiscal year.

As of today, which communities do not have functioning community justice committees when it comes to this vacant amount of jobs? That would be my final question. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Every community has a functioning community justice committee. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. We're on Corrections. Total Operations and Maintenance, to be Voted. \$37,819...sorry. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) I just have a couple of brief questions.

In your annual report on corrections it mentions the offenders or inmates who are having mentally ill or mental issues and that they're talking about the Kivalliq region in particular. They're transferred out of the Kivalliq region. Is that correct? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If I could have the member rephrase his question; I kind of didn't understand what he was asking. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Main, if you could rephrase your question, please.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) On page 17 of the annual report on the division of corrections, this is 2015-16, it says that the Rankin Inlet Healing Facility does not have regular access to mental health services in the community. It says in brackets that it's provided by the local health centre. I read somewhere else that when these types of inmates are transferred out of the Kivalliq... I'm just wondering if that's still the case or whether there is increased capacity to mental health services at this time. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We believe so, but we can get an update from the facility. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) I'm looking at the 2016-17 report and again it says that the "Rankin Inlet Healing Facility does not have access to mental health services in the community." This must have been where I read it. It says, "The facility screens individuals prior to entry to assess whether the inmate has serious mental issues prior to accepting them from the RCMP. Inmates that are identified as having serious mental issues are transferred to BCC where more community mental health support is available."

It sounds like this is something that is in your operations. I'm wondering: is this

still being done and, if so, how many inmates have been transferred to the BCC due to mental health issues? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, we do. If an inmate who is in the Rankin Inlet Healing Facility requires mental health and assistance, they are transferred to the Baffin Correctional Facility, but we don't have the numbers that you're looking for right now, so we can get the information for you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Thank you, minister, for agreeing to look into that.

When they are transferred here, I just wanted to confirm that those inmates would be staying at Makigiarvik, not at the BCC. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It would all depend on the inmate's situation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) If it depends...I'm trying to interpret this

here. My understanding is there's no hard rule which would say that they would go to Makigiarvik, which is a much nicer facility; it's bright, updated. The BCC is not a good place for anyone to be, let alone somebody with serious mental issues, let's say, schizophrenia. It's troubling to think that we would be housing them in that facility.

When it comes to the BCC, the fact that the gymnasium is not in place and that we're in this interim period before the new facility gets built, are they taking inmates outside more? What are they doing? I remember, when we did the tour, we saw this small little exercise room that they're using. It had some exercise equipment in there, but it's not adequate for people to work off steam.

What are the interim measures between now and when the new facility is built to make sure that the inmates are getting enough exercise and fresh air, etcetera? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Unfortunately because the gym was removed and the delay of the building of the new facility, it has put a damper on our inmates and we do give them more fresh air outside time and hopefully there will be no more delays with our new facility so that they can get the gymnasium that they so need. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you,

Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) I know there's a big correlation between mental health and getting in trouble with the law. I'm just wondering: within the inmate population, what is the prevalence of mental health issues? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We don't know the exact amount of inmates who have mental health problems, but they are screened when they first come into our facility to assist them and see where they are. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Yes, I understand that there's a close correlation there and you could look at it. If we have high inmate numbers, yes, we have a justice problem or you could look at high inmate numbers and you say, "Oh, we have a big mental health problem." In terms of the interconnection between health and justice, I would be interested to see any additional information that the minister can dig up on this matter going forward because it is not currently included in the annual report.

My last line of questioning is on this idea of tracking recidivism. If I compare the two annual reports, the most [recent] annual report on corrections gives a bit more information on recidivism and it seems to indicate that some work has been done on this number. This is page

11. It says, "...the Division will require a statistician to extract and interpret this data once the definition has been established." Has there been any further progress on trying to develop a measure for recidivism, like how often they return to jail? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Through you, I would like to ask the deputy minister to answer Mr. Main's question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. MacKay, please go ahead.

Mr. MacKay: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is a topic that has come up quite a bit and we're trying to track it in the annual report. As the annual report said, what we're doing now is working with other jurisdictions through the heads of correction table to come to a common understanding for the definition of recidivism.

We want to move away from just a blanket re-offence definition, but we want to get a better sense of where the offences are coming and whether it's true recidivism in that you're doing the same thing over and over or you're just getting into trouble for different things.

We're trying to come up with a definition for that and then once we do that, we have a statistician that we're going to hire and we will try to get a better sense of recidivism rates into our annual report. I'm hoping that in the next annual report we will have a recidivism

rate in there. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) It's good to hear that the work continues and I encourage you to keep putting energy into this. It's important because it would help us to know whether our programming is working in terms of giving the offenders education or opportunities or healing or whatever they need.

I would just like to comment that, however possible, if that recidivism measure or calculation could include consideration for the extent of poverty in Nunavut. We have repeat offenders who, when they go to their somewhat regular trips to the correctional facility, come back in better health than they would be at home. They get access to proper food and it's incredibly sad, but it happens. That's just a comment. (interpretation) That's it for me. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main. Mr. Akoak.

Mr. Akoak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just have about four questions for the minister.

I'm assuming that not all communities have probation officers and for those that do not have one, how is that service provided to a community when it is required? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Akoak. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr.

Chairman. If a community doesn't have a probation officer within their community, a probation officer from the closest community will come to your community and meet with the individuals who are on probation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Akoak.

Mr. Akoak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. How does the department provide ongoing support to a probation officer? How do they help them out? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Akoak. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The probation officers will meet with the inmates to ask them how they're doing, what they're doing to better themselves, if they need further assistance, and they will sit and meet with the individual to help them so that they don't break their probation. They're there to assist them. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Akoak.

Mr. Akoak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My question was: how does your department help or support a probation officer when they need help? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Akoak. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Our probation officers are given training in workshops and legal

processes, and expectations of job functions, first aid and CPR, mental health first aid, suicide prevention, correction offender management system. They're also trained in client risk needs assessment, youth risk needs assessment, discharge and release planning, case management, workshops with parole officers assigned to Nunavut, explaining Correctional Service Canada's jobs and responsibilities, Nunavut Healing and Learning Together (modules 1 to 3), and also the Pilimmaksarniq education program for healthy communities and relationships. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, minister. Mr. Akoak.

Mr. Akoak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My last question will deal with correctional officers. I'm just wondering: do they have current certification in CPR and first aid training, and how often is this training provided to those staff? Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That's it.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Akoak. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. They require yearly training in those areas. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. We are on Corrections. Total Operations and Maintenance, to be Voted. \$37,819,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Thank you. Page E-9. Community Justice. Are there any questions? Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) What's the status of converting the CJOWs, sorry translators, community justice workers to GN employees? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Currently we have six community justice outreach workers that transferred from the municipalities who are now Government of Nunavut employees and we are in the process of transferring the other community justice outreach workers to become government employees in the future. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) I recall this was a major initiative that was outlined back in 2017 by the department to transition them to GN employees. It references in this 2017 presentation, "as funds become available." When is the target date to have this finished with all communities? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We plan to transition the other community justice outreach workers within three or four years. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, minister. Mr.

Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) I would like to flag the issues that have been coming up in Whale Cove around lack of office space. There was some back and forth with the Hamlet of Whale Cove on this matter and it's impacting other departments as well. I would appreciate the minister's attention to that matter.

I just wanted to highlight the excellent work that's being done in Arviat by the community justice committee. Some of the committee members have been long-serving and they're really making a good contribution to the committee. Thanks to the department for their support for that committee. (interpretation) That's it for me. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Ms. Towtongie.

Ms. Towtongie: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. First of all, the community justice committee in Rankin Inlet is excellent with working with young offenders, youth offenders. However, across Nunavut, does the department have data of the youth offenders that have been diverted to the community justice committees and they have not reoffended or is there data or statistical, historical data that we can follow to see how successful the community justice committees are? My final question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Towtongie. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The data that we have is broken down by region, but I can tell

you that in Nunavut we have diversions of 192, total completed is 111, in progress is 67, and referred back to referral source is 21. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for recognizing me. I have a question on page 72 of your business plan, third bullet on 2018-19, "Deliver crime prevention programs in all regions of Nunavut." When I read the status, it identifies "...funding for crime prevention programming in 10 communities across the territory. A crime prevention project manual has been developed to support all other communities in their crime prevention activities."

The question I have is, there's a strategy for ten communities in Nunavut, but a manual has also been developed for all other communities. Can I get a clear explanation on that? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Mikkungwak. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There are specific programs for the crime prevention program and currently the staff travel to the communities across the territory to ensure that crime prevention projects are being developed and that community justice outreach workers are appropriately resourced to support this programming. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. We are on

Community Justice. Total Operations and Maintenance, to be Voted. Mr. Quassa.

Mr. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It seems like that example earlier where I was kind of querying the minister about these (interpretation ends) alternative justice, (interpretation) as it seems to be called nowadays, albeit on another front, it is more along the lines of lower court processes.

We have also heard about the examples such as the Cambridge Bay program that was land based to allow students to learn traditional skills, and I believe that constitutes alternative justice. I think these are clearly part of that. Further, I was delighted with the legal precedence in Cambridge Bay. I believe it's in Cambridge Bay.

Do you tie those together to ensure we use more Inuit societal values? Do all communities have these positions in the system, not necessarily through the formal court system but through a lesser process? Are there options like that available? Is (interpretation) alternative justice (interpretation) available in our communities? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Quassa. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, these are all culturally related programs. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Quassa.

Mr. Quassa (interpretation): Yes, I clearly understand that, but my question was: can all the communities use the alternative justice system? Is that available in all communities? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Quassa. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, they do. They do use what the member is talking about. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Quassa.

Mr. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I wish to return to the example of the on-the-land program I mentioned was undertaken in Cambridge Bay, which I feel is a worthy program. Further, back when we had outpost camps, the outpost camps were also used to teach certain skills such as was offered in Cambridge Bay. Although the minister mentioned that only a few communities use the program, I believe we need to restart that. Are you anticipating the funding will be increased for these types of programs sometime? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Quassa. Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We have two types of outpost camps, two are for inmates that are run through our facilities and we also have outpost camps for individuals like youth groups or for men at risk, women at risk, and youth at risk. There are two types of programs that we have. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Again, Community Justice. Total Operations and Maintenance, to be Voted. \$5,495,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Thank you. Go back to page E-3. Department Summary. Justice. Total Operations and Maintenance, to be Voted. \$125,512,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Thank you. Do we agree that we have concluded the Department of Justice?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Ehaloak, do you have any closing comments? Please go ahead.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. First of all, I would like to thank the staff with the Department of Justice who assist me to make it easier for me to know the job as the Minister of Justice.

I thank my colleagues for asking all the questions so that people in Nunavut are aware of the programs and services and the care of our inmates and our community justice outreach workers, our community justice committees, our Justices of the Peace, and how we try to make a difference within our communities.

I would like to thank the members for the opportunity to give you detail, hopefully, of how the Department of Justice functions. I just want to say “thank you very much.” Thank you, Mr.

Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. On behalf of the committee, I thank you and your staff for being here and answering the questions that the other members had.

With that, Sergeant-at-Arms, if you could please escort the witnesses out. We will take a 10-minute break while we get ready for the next department and Mr. Mikkungwak will be in the Chair. Thank you.

>>Committee recessed at 17:20 and resumed at 17:41

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Chairman (Mr. Mikkungwak): Thank you. I call the committee meeting back to order. I would now like to ask Minister Akeeagok: do you have officials that you would like to appear before the committee? Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If it's possible, yes.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Does the committee agree to let the minister's officials go to the witness table? Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Sergeant-at-Arms, please escort the minister's officials in.

Thank you very much. For the record, Minister Akeegok, please introduce your officials and proceed with your opening comments. Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, my colleagues. To my right is my very good Deputy Minister, Uloriak Hanson, and to my left is also a very good Assistant Deputy Minister, Bernie MacIsaac. Those are who we are.

Thank you and I am pleased that we are reviewing the 2019-2020 main estimates and business plan of the Department of Economic Development and Transportation.

The department is working to support *Turaaqtavut*'s Pivaallirutivut priority area, and this is accomplished through programs that diversify and improve economic opportunities, encourage community self-reliance and local employment, and promote the development of our renewable and non-renewable resources for the long-term benefit of Nunavummiut.

(interpretation ends) The department also plays an important role in connecting Nunavummiut to one another and the rest of Canada through the operation of community airports and its role in the regulation of motor vehicles and drivers.

The focus of this budget is to consolidate changes made in previous years rather than introduce new changes. The larger changes in this budget were all planned for in last year's three-year expenditure forecast.

For 2019-2020, we propose a net

increase of \$517,000 to the department's operations and maintenance budget from \$86,582,000 to \$87,099,000. This consists of:

- In the Economic Development Branch, an increase of \$300,000 for the Community Engagement Support Program as well as an increase of \$90,000 for the Tourism Training Fund; and
- In the Transportation Branch, an increase of \$405,000 for Nunavut Airports' Safety Management System project, which is partly offset by a decrease of \$278,000 to the Motor Vehicles Division. This decrease is due to the sunseting of one-time funding to address the RCMP's decision to stop administering driver examinations, as well as one-time funding for a renewal of the driver's licence and general identification card issuing system.

(interpretation) I would now like to provide more details of these proposed changes, as well as highlights of the department's planned operations for 2019-2020.

With respect to the proposed increase to the Community Engagement Support Program, the proposed funding consists of \$225,000 for the contribution budget, together with \$75,000 in operations and maintenance funds to support a program manager.

(interpretation ends) The Community Engagement Support Program is a made-in-Nunavut response to the unique challenges faced by Nunavut communities and mineral exploration

companies. If we want to create economic opportunities through the development of our mineral resources, it is critical that communities and exploration companies understand one another's concerns and priorities, and this program will help ensure that happens. The contribution policy has been approved and the program will be launched at the Nunavut Mining Symposium in April.

We will continue to work with the mining industry and communities on a number of other initiatives. We will build on the success of the Agnico Eagle Memorandum of Understanding and finalize similar agreements with Baffinland and TMAC Resources.

My overview referred to an increase to the Tourism Training Fund, which was initiated in 2018-19 and is just one of the exciting initiatives of the Tourism and Cultural Industries Division.

With our new *Tourism Act* and regulations complete and in force, the department will be continuing a multi-year, phased implementation process. The department will be hosting a tourism summit early in this fiscal year. Work is already underway on the first annual report on the tourism sector, as required by the new *Tourism Act*, and I look forward to tabling that document in the Legislative Assembly.

Moving now to the Transportation Branch, where the department's proposed budget includes an increase of \$405,000 to increase the Nunavut Airports Division's capacity in the area of safety management systems in compliance with federal regulations.

As we build the division's safety management systems capacity in 2019-2020, we will also complete quality assurance audits of our airport facilities and operations in 11 communities across the territory, including Arctic Bay, Grise Fiord, Kimmirut, Sanikiluaq, Gjoa Haven, Taloyoak, Chesterfield Inlet, Rankin Inlet, Naujaat, Kugaaruk, and Coral Harbour.

As previously mentioned, this budget includes a reduction in the Motor Vehicles Division's budget due to the sun-setting of one-time funding. I would like to assure my colleagues that the department has been making progress in the delivery of motor vehicle services and that will continue in the coming fiscal year.

(interpretation) As my colleagues may know, we are working with hamlets which are willing to do so to administer practical driver exams for class 7 and class 5 licences. We remain committed to this approach, and I look forward to providing my colleagues with a full update at the upcoming winter sitting. I mean that was earlier today, as we wrote these opening comments a while ago. I spoke to it today.

(interpretation ends) More generally, the operations of the Motor Vehicles Division are now on a much stronger footing with the successful rollout of the new Motor Vehicles Information System last November.

In 2019-2020 we will continue to make improvements to the delivery of motor vehicles services, including examining options for online and toll-free telephone service, and we will monitor the effectiveness of the cannabis-related

provisions of the *Traffic Safety Act*. In the coming weeks we will also launch an extended public information campaign to inform Nunavummiut of the provisions of the new *Traffic Safety Act* and regulations which are now in force, such as the prohibition against distracted driving.

(interpretation) That concludes my opening comments on the proposed 2019-2020 operations and maintenance budget of the Department of Economic Development and Transportation. I would be happy to answer any questions the Committee of the Whole may have. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. (interpretation ends) Does the chair of the standing committee have opening comments? Please proceed, Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am pleased to provide opening comments on behalf of the Standing Committee on Community and Economic Development on its review of the proposed 2019-2020 Main Estimates and 2019-2022 Business Plan of the Department of Economic Development and Transportation.

The department's proposed 2019-2020 operations and maintenance budget of \$87,099,000 represents a 0.6 percent increase from its 2018-19 main estimates. The number of positions in the department has increased from 143.0 PYs to 146.0 PYs, which represents a 2.1 percent increase from its 2018-19 main estimates.

During the minister's recent appearance before the standing committee, members

took the opportunity to raise a number of issues and concerns.

In 2018 federal funding was provided under the National Trade Corridors Fund for the construction of new airport terminal buildings in Chesterfield Inlet, Kimmirut, Kugluktuk, Naujaat, and Whale Cove. However, none of the other projects that were submitted by the Government of Nunavut for consideration were approved by the federal government.

The department's proposed 2019-2022 business plan indicates that "...submitted applications for the second intake of the program at the end of 2018." The standing committee looks forward to receiving copies of the submissions and urges the minister to provide periodic updates to the Legislative Assembly on the status of their consideration by the federal government.

On June 8, 2016 the Government of Nunavut's *Report on the Review and Reform of Income Assistance and Economic Development* was tabled in the Legislative Assembly. The report was prepared by the Department of Family Services and the Department of Economic Development and Transportation. The report indicated that the Department of Economic Development and Transportation will "Place a greater focus on job creation when reviewing EDT programs."

The Department of Economic Development and Transportation's proposed 2019-2020 main estimates include a total of \$24,166,000 in grants and contributions expenditures. This amount constitutes a significant

proportion of the department's total operations and maintenance budget.

The Department of Finance publishes an annual, government-wide report on grants and contributions expenditures. Although the report provides a listing of what amounts of funding recipients received during a given fiscal year under different programs, very little information is published with respect to the purpose of the funding or the results that it achieved in such areas as job creation, especially in relation to funding that is provided to for-profit businesses.

A number of policies administered by the Department of Economic Development and Transportation, including the Strategic Investments Program Policy and the Country Food Distribution Program Policy, contain [specific] annual reporting and tabling requirements regarding expenditures undertaken under these programs. However, these reporting and tabling requirements are not currently being met in all cases. The standing committee strongly supports greater transparency in this area. The standing committee does note that the department has begun the practice of tabling a comprehensive annual report under its Community Transportation Initiatives Program Policy.

The Department of Economic Development and Transportation is responsible for administering approximately a dozen formal policies. The standing committee notes that progress has been made by the department in recent years to renew a number of its policies. However, both the Policy on Program Partnerships and the Small Business Support Program

Policy have expired. The standing committee notes that information published by the department indicates that the Small Business Support Program continues to be under review.

The department's Development Partnership Agreement Policy expired in March of 2016. Under the former policy, the government could enter into development partnership agreements with mining companies. The government has since changed its approach, and the standing committee notes that the department's proposed 2019-2022 business plan indicates that "The Agnico-Eagle Mines-Government of Nunavut Memorandum of Understanding Oversight Committee met three times in 2018, forming meaningful collaborations on issues including the use of Government of Nunavut healthcare facilities and the provision of ongoing workplace training for Nunavummiut. Similar Memoranda of Understanding with Baffinland and TMAC Resources are in the advanced stages of drafting and are anticipated to be finalized in 2019." The standing committee encourages the minister to table copies of these memorandums of understanding in the Legislative Assembly.

The department's proposed 2019-2022 business plan indicates that "The department is working with [the Department of] Family Services and Nunavut Arctic College to develop a governance structure for a Nunavut-wide mine training entity and determine how it should be implemented." It also indicates that "In 2018, the department completed the first Territorial Monitoring Report. This annual report will [complement] the work of the

Regional Socio-Economic Monitoring Committees and project-specific monitoring programs by taking a comprehensive, Nunavut-wide snapshot of the mineral development industry and its impacts and benefits on Nunavummiut and communities.” The standing committee looks forward to the timely tabling of this report.

The department’s 2018-19 main estimates included \$675,000 in contribution funding for a new “Community Engagement Support Program,” the stated purpose of which is to “position Nunavummiut to understand developing projects more thoroughly and to create a means for communities to derive significant direct benefits from mineral exploration.” However, it is unclear as to how these funds have actually been spent to date. The department’s proposed 2019-2020 main estimates include \$900,000 in proposed contribution funding for the Community Engagement Support Program, which represents an increase of 33.3 percent.

The first Nunavut Economic Development Strategy was released in June 2003 and reached the end of its ten-year lifespan in the spring of 2013, over half a decade ago. The department’s proposed 2019-2022 business plan indicates that a proposed draft of the new strategy is anticipated by January of 2019. The standing committee looks forward to monitoring progress in this area.

The department’s approved 2018-19 main estimates included \$300,000 in contribution funding for the “Nunavut Broadband Development Program,” the stated purpose of which is to support “research, advocacy and innovation in

Nunavut’s information and communications technology infrastructure.” However, it is unclear as to how these funds have actually been spent to date. The department’s proposed 2019-2020 main estimates also include \$300,000 in funding for the program. One of the priorities of the Department of Community and Government Services has been to “work on developing a broadband and telecommunications strategy, including funding agreements, collaboration models, and strategic partnerships to continue to evolve and update territorial connectivity.” It is important that the two departments coordinate their work in this area.

The proposed 2019-2020 main estimates of the Department of Economic Development and Transportation include \$3,358,000 in core funding for the Nunavut Development Corporation and \$700,000 in core funding for the Nunavut Business Credit Corporation. The standing committee looks forward to the minister’s 2019-2020 letters of expectation to these entities being tabled in the Legislative Assembly in a timely manner. The standing committee looks forward to seeing progress on the part of the government regarding such matters as amending section 37 of the *Nunavut Business Credit Corporation Act* to increase its loan limit threshold, in addition to amending the legislation to provide for greater public disclosure of its lending activities.

On December 8, 2017 the Department of Economic Development and Transportation announced that the RCMP would “...no longer administer practical and written tests for the Class 7 and 5 licenses...” The department’s proposed 2019-2020 business plan

indicates that it "...completed [training] local examiners in Arviat, Sanikiluaq and Pond Inlet in 2018-2019 and has developed a program that is available to other communities. Discussions with other potential partners continue to find local written examiners in each community." The proposed business plan also indicates that "The department examined alternative service delivery options, including the technical and training issues surrounding streamlined licence and General Identification Cards delivery in Nunavut. Options have been pursued but were deemed too costly to be effective; the department will continue to monitor developments."

Mr. Chairman, members have been raising concerns in the Legislative Assembly for a number of years regarding the lengthy delays that are experienced by residents of smaller communities in obtaining driver's licences and general identification cards. Funding for the replacement of the department's Motor Vehicles Information System was first included in the government's 2014-15 capital estimates. At that time the minister of the day publicly acknowledged those concerns and stated that the new Motor Vehicles Information System would "improve service delivery." Although this system is now operational, it does not appear to have significantly reduced the time required for residents to receive driver's licences and general identification cards. Although the standing committee recognizes that such factors as bandwidth limitations are beyond the department's immediate control, members again emphasize the importance of achieving improvements in this essential service.

Mr. Chairman that concludes my opening comments on the proposed 2019-2020 Main Estimates and 2019-2022 Business Plan of the Department of Economic Development and Transportation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. I wish to advise members that I will exercise my discretion as Chair and only recognize each member only once on each branch. I also ask you to focus your questions on the proposed 2019-2020 main estimates.

Do members have any general comments before we proceed to detailed questions? (interpretation) General comments? (interpretation ends) I have no names for *uqausiksatuinnait*. K-4. Economic Development and Transportation. Corporate Management. Ms. Towtongie.

Ms. Towtongie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Your department administers a number of different policies. One of them is the Small Business Support Program Policy that expired in 2011. Information that is on your department's website indicates that the policy is currently under review. What is the timeline for completing this review and what specific changes to the Small Business Support Program are being considered? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Minister of Economic Development and Transportation, Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This issue has been under review for quite some

time and it is nearing its completion. We anticipate that the renewal will commence on April 1. That is currently my expectation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Ms. Towntongie.

Ms. Towntongie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On June 8, 2016 the government submitted a report on the review and reform of income assistance and economic development. The report was prepared by the Department of Family Services and (interpretation ends) the Department of Economic Development and Transportation. The report indicated that the departments will “Place a greater focus on job creation when reviewing EDT programs.”

The Government of Nunavut’s most recent annual report on grants and contributions spending indicates that your department provided a total of \$23,035,222.34 in contribution funding to organizations and individuals during the 2017-18 fiscal year. How many full-time and part-time jobs were created and sustained by this spending? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, very much. Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for your good question. We have started to change our policies and your question was good, as that is how it is, and we continue to change the policies.

At this time the first item listed in English, (interpretation ends) Strategic Investments Program, (interpretation)

totals \$3,432,000 when it was being prepared. In using the figures and in researching it, 21 PYs were created in 2017-18. In the same manner, in looking at the 2018 figures, there were 42 PYs created. Further, the funding we allocate to the hamlets also equals another 25 PYs through community economic development. These are the positions that have been created through the funding allocated through the grants and contributions. Thank you.

I apologize. Mr. Chairman, there are still several policies that are undergoing change as we are trying to add more and are changing the policies as we continue to try to make it easier, but this is the first change I take pride in and that I can speak to in this House. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Ms. Towntongie.

Ms. Towntongie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In the Department of Transportation’s business plan for 2019-2022, one of the priorities listed on page 238 states that they will be “examining changes to the Community Transportation Initiatives Program” within this coming year.

Chesterfield Inlet has used the funds from this program effectively where they constructed a road to the (interpretation ends) Josephine River and Josephine Lake. (interpretation) I would like to know what changes are being considered because the community has benefited from this fund in Chesterfield Inlet. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This was reviewed and we didn't change much because it's being utilized very well. That's the policy and we're still using the same policy, but it was reviewed last year. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Ms. Towtongie.

Ms. Towtongie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is my final question. Your department's CTIP policy, or (interpretation ends) Community Transportation Initiatives Program, (interpretation) outlines the maximum contribution a community can request, up to \$300,000. One community can apply up to \$300,000 as per the policy. Has any consideration been given to increasing this amount or will this amount remain at \$300,000 or will it be decreased? Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That's my final question.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Looking at the main estimates that we're trying to get approved and looking at the number of proposals that we receive, we think that \$300,000 is enough, but let's be aware in this House that if we try to raise that, we may have to ask for it in the capital proposal instead. We want to keep communities applying for money from that, so we're just going to keep the same amount right now and we don't have any intentions of changing that at the moment. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. (interpretation ends)

Economic Development and Transportation. Corporate Management. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Welcome, minister and your officials.

I will base my questions on different contribution programs that are under economic development. Looking at the (interpretation ends) strategic investments, community transport and country food (interpretation) programs, your different contribution programs, which one is the most important? Has the department set which one is the most important? If you're going to be making, for example, cutbacks or if you're going to be finding extra money, which program would you put that into? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In looking at the programs, they are all important and I wouldn't want to cut any funding off from them. Our communities request funding from these programs, as well as our private businesses and many diligently apply for the programs, as they can apply to different contribution programs and receive additional support from other programs.

I cannot make a statement saying that I want to get rid of a program or to change the budget amounts at this time. With this being the case, within the opening comments of your chairman, it was stated that policies are becoming antiquated. We are reviewing them to try to update them, especially the

contribution policies. This is where we are updating these policies and I want to make some consideration during the fiscal year 2019-2020.

That's what I can state here, but I would not want to start slashing funding from any of these programs that communities access through applications. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I, too, don't want to see any slashing of the budgets. However, in looking at these three programs, (interpretation ends) Country Food, \$1.5 million; Strategic Investments, \$3.4 million; Community Transport, \$1.5 million, (interpretation) they all have different budgets. As the minister alluded to earlier, they are all important programs.

In looking at the different budgets, in my opinion, (interpretation ends) Strategic Investments (interpretation) seems to be the most important program as it has the largest amount allocated to the budget. I would urge this be reconsidered as from my perspective, it would look better to concentrate on the program with the most benefit by taking some funding out of one budget and moving it into the budget that is most effective.

I would like to see some changes to the budgets by allocating further funds to (interpretation ends) different programs (interpretation) that contribution funding is applied from and to have a clear policy within the department. It should be different every year based on the needs as the budget shouldn't be static.

If they wanted to reallocate funds to other programs, they have the discretion to do so. I would ask that this suggestion be considered about allocations. Perhaps it can lead to more job creation, but this is just a comment.

(interpretation ends) When it comes to the NNI Secretariat, it came up in quite a few different departments, the implement of the new NNI Policy, the NNI 2.0. Have there been any issues from within the GN that have been coming up under this NNI Secretariat under the new policy? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok (interpretation): Thank you. I would like to address your commentary. Yes, I concur with your assessment that budgets for these contribution programs could be changed and outlining who is eligible. We are trying to enact a policy that is more consistent, for example, getting an appendix. As you said, they are too segregated. We can look at some combination of funds, as well as increase the budget as sometimes we can use the (interpretation ends) strategic investment policy (interpretation) or the program as they can access other funds to leverage their budget to meet their needs. I am glad you also brought up that idea and I like that suggestion. I just wanted to speak to that matter you mentioned.

The NNI Policy was implemented on April 1, 2017 and as of now, we are unsure what impacts it has had since, as we haven't studied the results. With that being the case, we don't know the exact effects, or in English (interpretation

ends) tangible changes, (interpretation) as it hasn't appeared yet within the NNI Policy where reports are made through the (interpretation ends) contract activity reports (interpretation) about the impact NNI has on the government and whether it led to increased costs. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. The minister says it will be implemented. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm concerned about that. Although I support these programs for Inuit and Nunavut businesses, when there is no limit, it looks like it increases costs. Even though they are owned by Qallunaat, some businesses are like pretend businesses and they make it appear as if they are owned by Inuit. However, if you look closely at the paperwork, you would see that the money is going outside of Nunavut to non-Inuit. I'm concerned about that.

To use this example, the recent bulk fuel purchase for Nunavut was over one hundred something million, which is a substantial amount under that contract. I think it was tendered through the NNI Policy, if I understood it correctly, and if residents of Nunavut and Inuit got employment, then it may be acceptable. However, I haven't completely understood the impact and I am deeply concerned about this.

Has the minister heard of any concerns within the government about this? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, due to the changes, some concerns have surfaced and we continue to revisit this as developments occur. My ministerial colleagues and I want to further review this matter and to enact changes if required, as we will need to deliberate on the changes made in 2017 and what the results are.

You just mentioned that we need to revisit some policies after changes have been made and whether it has had an impact on government operational funding. We will have to carefully review this issue. Yes, I can only say that we will revisit this at a later date. This will allow us to understand how it is working.

I became a minister, I believe, last year in June. My officials provide many briefings to help me understand the issues and I am very grateful to them to letting me know how it operates and the impacts on this government. This is how it is. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, minister. It would be great if you could look into that further. If I understand correctly, you would have to work with Nunavut Tunngavik to make any changes to that.

I am appreciative of the (interpretation ends) Strategic Investments Program (interpretation) as it has a noticeable impact when communities receive funding that they put towards training their residents. To use this example, the (interpretation ends) Hamlet of Arviat

(interpretation) used funds to offer mine preparedness training specific to the new mine at Meliadine Lake near Rankin Inlet. We should be proactively training residents so that more Inuit can be hired to work in the mines. It will have a real benefit to the Nunavummiut who are hired.

I wonder if during the winter or actually the upcoming fiscal year of 2019-2020, in acknowledgement of the requests and to recognize its recent emergence, (interpretation ends) recognizing the fact that Meliadine is just in the startup phase and this is when the opportunity is the most available, will there be special consideration given for prioritizing mine training applications under that Strategic Investments Program?

I believe the Chair would attest, if he could voice his opinion, that when the opportunity is there, you've got to take it. Otherwise those jobs get filled by southern workers and then after that it is a lot tougher to get Inuit and Nunavummiut into those jobs. Will there be priority given for mine training in this fiscal year considering Meliadine? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We have a specific program and it's called the Mine Training Fund, which is \$200,000. This where the Hamlet of Arviat has taken some good work towards it, and that's one that we use and we go to our roundtables and work with all our stakeholders and ask how we're going to do this.

Earlier today the Minister responsible for Arctic College did some answering towards this and the Department of Economic Development and Transportation, what we're going to do for this year's mining symposium roundtable that we take on an annual basis is to see if we can formalize the training society or the training aspects so that we can take more advantage.

I think, through the MOUs between the three mines, there is synergy. There's a lot of interest. There's good work. I think the Qikiqtani Inuit Association just made an announcement in terms of their work with Baffinland. There's good opportunity and something that I think what we're going to take is look at all our funding and see how we can better formalize this. As the members state, mining is a huge employer right now.

I'm just coming from the Prospector Development Association of Canada and having discussions with the mining sector that's happening here in Nunavut now. We have all identified it as a need. I think that's something and I want to continue to advance and enhance because it is a bright future for us in terms of getting some of those jobs that we're going to continue to diversify our economy. This is one sector, I think, that has good potential.

I thank the member for continuing to raise this and it helps me do my job a lot better when we hear throughout the public and especially here in this House the level of support that we're getting. I want to thank the members for raising this. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you

very much. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also thank the minister. I want to return to the subject of the (interpretation ends) Nunavut Mine Training Fund, (interpretation) which is constantly underfunded as that \$200,000 is quickly expended for training.

Now, I was talking about the \$3.4 million fund and since it was first allocated and at the beginning of the new mine at Meliadine, now is the best time to provide funding for training (interpretation ends) this year, next year. (interpretation) If we don't train Nunavummiut, then non-residents will take those jobs from Nunavummiut. Even if we try to adapt at a later date, it would be much harder.

I'm asking the minister again: (interpretation ends) within your existing program guidelines, will there be any recognition given in this upcoming fiscal year to prioritizing or recognition given to the opportunity that exists with the development of that new mine near Rankin Inlet? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, (interpretation ends) there is good opportunity right now and we need to take that opportunity. With Agnico Eagle Mines opening the Meliadine mine, it also went through their Inuit Impact and Benefit Agreement. Through that, a big chunk of that is on training. For Baffinland, they went and secured big chunks of training.

What we're trying to do is take all those, including our government resources, and talk within our departments. The departments that I work very closely with are Family Services and Arctic College to try to figure out how can we capture this and enhance and focus it so those jobs will get into the mining sector.

When I was going through that, I think whoever gets trained, a door opens up to any of our Nunavummiut, so I encourage every Nunavummiuq to take those training opportunities that are out there. What I have committed is that we will continue to try to find more training opportunities. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, minister. (interpretation ends) I guess I'll just state again that the time is now and we can't wait. I understand we need a Nunavut mine training society in the long term, but in the short term, right now the opportunity is there and I would encourage the minister to use his discretion and recognize that opportunity and take every opportunity that comes to pour money into the training opportunities with that Meliadine mine. Every dollar we put into that training file at this particular very short window of time, I feel, will pay off in a big way.

The Kivalliq Mine Training Society is not really doing much at the current time. The relationship between the mining proponent and the regional Inuit association is not good. It's not conducive to training activities. That's

where I hope to see ED&T playing a role, you have some very excellent staff in your Rankin Inlet office, playing a role as a leader and investing in that particular activity in this particular time because it will pay off. I will just put that out there as a comment.

I do understand we have to diversify the economy and whatnot. You don't want to exclude anybody, but bang for your buck, that's where it is in the next year or two in particular. That's just a comment. (interpretation) That's it for me. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. (interpretation ends) Next name on my list, Mr. Quassa.

Mr. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Welcome, minister and your officials. They're all a bit familiar.

>> *Laughter*

Thank you indeed and I am again voicing my appreciation for inviting me to the PDAC summit as we were included in that trip.

Now, my colleague Mr. Main expressed his opinion on the mining sector that I also believe is needed immediately, as of right now we have to commit to the training. As a matter of fact, while at the meeting in Toronto, the information we heard from the mining sector was to proceed with the training of residents, as they are just waiting for qualified Inuit. That's the message we heard loud and clear. We understood that and as the minister you heard that. That's what I wanted to reiterate and I further push for and support my colleague.

I wish to move to a different topic in my line of questioning, Mr. Chairman. In the 2019-2022 business plan on page 238, it states that "The department submitted two proposals for funding under the Oceans Protection Plan." It states here that there are (interpretation ends) mooring bollards (interpretation) that are part of the breakwater infrastructure on the shoreline. We did hear about this happening in Sanikiluaq, Taloyoak, Gjoa Haven, Pangnirtung, and Arviat. These communities were identified.

Further, there was a second aspect which was to "...undertake a Comprehensive Scoping Study of marine needs in all Nunavut communities, which will provide further opportunities for collaboration with Nunavut Tunngavik and Regional Inuit Organizations." As of today, what is the status of this particular project? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I apologize; I didn't get the page number. I wasn't on the right page.

I recently made an announcement in the House about the plan and there are five communities that we are looking at to install mooring bollards. Some communities have these bollards. For example, tankers need to have these mooring bollards between the land and shore. Some communities have them, but we would like to install heavier bollards with more capacity.

I am very pleased that all the communities will be visited by officials to look at their marine infrastructure and

what is required in these communities, for example, for the hunters or infrastructure for ships. Docking facilities were approved and in we will start working on these projects 2019-2020. We will make sure this information is sent out to all the communities.

Regarding the docking facilities or marine infrastructure, we are working with NTI and more so the regional Inuit organizations. The Qikiqtani Inuit Association is currently negotiating with the federal government on an agreement for the five affected communities regarding the Tallurutiup Imanga National Marine Conservation Area. They have told us that they have submitted a proposal. We look forward to it and we encourage the federal government to approve funding for the projects in the four communities. They have already begun construction in the fifth community.

Through the National Trades Corridor Fund, we are working with the Qikiqtani Inuit Association in developing plans for the future marine infrastructure project in Qikiqtarjuaq.

Further, the Kitikmeot Inuit Association has stated that they would like to construct a road and port project in Grays Bay. At that time we informed them that if they will be seeking funding, we could possibly do a matching grant for the road and port project if they received funding from the National Trades Corridor Fund.

These are some of the projects and programs that we are working on currently with the regional Inuit organizations. Thank you, Mr.

Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Mr. Quassa.

Mr. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also thank the minister for providing information that is quite clear for members to understand. I will be switching to English briefly, although this subject seems specific to Inuit culture, Mr. Chairman.

(interpretation ends) Your department's Country Foods Distribution Program Policy requires you to table annually in the Legislative Assembly or otherwise make publicly available a summary of contributions, detailing the names of each successful applicant, amount of each contribution, the type of investment being supported, and community.

Although your department's 2015-16 annual report is available on the website, it has not been tabled in the Legislative Assembly. When will you table the 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18 annual reports on your department's administration of the Country Food Distribution Program? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for the question. My plan for tabling the comprehensive report will be for this upcoming spring, as we are compiling those.

I do want to state that on an annual basis the Government of Nunavut, and it was noted by the chair of the standing committee, that the grants and

contributions from all of government does get tabled. The country food is no exception. Every of those grants and contributions that were expended have been reported through that process.

I understand and hear the member's concerns and the committee's concern that they want to see more in-depth reporting. I have heard that and that's something I'm committing self to tabling this spring session. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Mr. Quassa.

Mr. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is becoming more prevalent and it has been discussed quite a bit. There is a food security issue happening across the north and this is a good program.

Moving on to something else, on the same page in the 2019-2022 business plan, page 238, it mentions the (interpretation ends) Community Transportation Initiatives Program (interpretation) up to 2019-2020. What changes will you be looking at doing for this program? Does that make sense? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That was asked earlier, but I would like to respond further. In the year we found that there doesn't need to be too many major changes, so we didn't make any changes. The program is accessed quite a bit. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. (interpretation ends) Just a reminder to the members that when you're going to be asking your questions, focus on the proposed 2019-2020 main estimates. Next name on my list, Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is sort of a policy issue, so I'm not sure if it relates...well, I'm sure it definitely does relate to the 2019-2020 main estimates.

In a recent news article the Government of Yukon mentioned its intention of updating the *Motor Vehicles Act* to incorporate stiffer penalties for driving past a bus illegally. I would like to enquire: what is the current penalty for driving past a bus illegally here in Nunavut? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) I apologize to the member. I don't have the specific regulations and the fines that are applicable, but I can commit to going back to this House in terms of what our regulations are in terms of passing school buses. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, minister, for that response and I would appreciate receiving that information.

I recently spoke to one of our by-law

officers here in the city and I was a bit shocked when I found out that it actually occurs here quite frequently.

Unfortunately a number of motor vehicles here in the city are in fact driving past school buses illegally. I would first like to enquire if the minister is aware of the situation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Minister of Economic Development and Transportation, Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, we are aware of it and as I stated, I'm going to have to go back and get the regulations and our Act to see if those are infractions as to which agency will need to enforce that, but it's something, as I stated, I don't have the document *per se* in terms of our regulations when it comes to school passing. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The penalty for driving past a school bus illegally is a serious infraction across the country and the safety of children are at stake whenever it does happen. I would like to enquire if the minister would be willing to take into consideration the possibility of increasing that infraction or the penalty to deter this from occurring. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok: Thank you, Mr.

Chairman. Yes, I'll definitely look into it. It's an ongoing process when we're adapting our *Motor Vehicles Act*. We had recently passed it and it included certain things such as distracted driving and cannabis use, those things. It is any infractions and anything serious, as the member noted. Definitely I'll take notice of this and bring it forward. If we can do it through our regulations, then I'm definitely doing it.

Maybe we already do have it in our regulations, in our Act, but at this point in time I'm looking through my main estimates. It does not get into the specifics of our main estimates. I definitely take the member's questioning very seriously and something that I'll definitely look into. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The next topic I would like to discuss is the need for more driving training in the territory and specifically driver's education. I know I brought the issue up with Arctic College in the past, the benefit of the college providing these types of driver's ed. courses in our communities, but I would like to enquire if the minister has begun talks with the college about possibly collaborating on producing such curriculum. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for the question. Our new *Motor Vehicles Act* that was passed in January of last year does allow

for introducing a graduated driver's licence system, but at this point we're not there yet.

Right now we are fully focused and especially having the RCMP not do our drivers' exams anymore, that we put our resources into trying to get the adequate drivers' training. That has been our focus.

Further, as the chair of the standing committee noted, we do have delays in terms of our licensing. We're focused on that and also the new *Traffic Safety Act* that we are focusing on trying to get those in place and implemented. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll move on to the next topic and that's the NNI Policy. I would just like to seek some clarification on a few items, and first I would like to enquire if all GN departments and agencies are bound by the NNI Policy. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thanks for that response and I would just like to further elaborate if revolving funds or Government of Nunavut revolving funds are also bound by the NNI Policy. Thank you, Mr.

Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The revolving funds are administered within the departments, and each of those is bound by the NNI, and I will read the NNI Policy. "The NNI applies to all GN territorial corporations including:

- a) Nunavut Arctic College,
- b) Qulliq Energy Corporation,
- c) Nunavut Housing Corporation,
- d) Nunavut Business Credit Corporation, and
- e) Any territorial corporations which are subject to Schedule B of the Financial Administration Act."

Further, "a) The GN provides more than 51% of the individual contract funds, or b) The GN provides more than 51% of the annual operating funds for a party to the contract."

That is in our NNI Policy.
(interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the minister for that clarification. I would just like to raise an issue of a constituent of mine. The Nunavut Brewing Company apparently is having trouble with the Nunavut Liquor Commission, who is claiming that the NNI Policy doesn't apply to the purchase of their product. I would like to enquire if the minister is aware of that situation and why they're in that

predicament. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Minister Akeegok

Hon. David Akeegok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
(interpretation ends) Our NNI Secretariat is quite aware of this and is working with the brewery and with the Department of Finance and their commission. I don't want to get into the specifics on why or how it's not, but if I understand it, the brewery is not a government entity. The brewery is trying to sell products to the general public, so anything that we buy from that... The NNI is usually when the government expends money, such as contracts.
(interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Lightstone

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I know that the brewery is not a government entity and I did not say that it was. I was just stating that the Nunavut Liquor Commission, which is a government entity, which is purchasing product from the Nunavut company, is not abiding by the NNI Policy through those purchases. I just wanted to clarify that. I would like to offer the minister another opportunity to provide a response. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for the clarification. I'm not an expert in terms of how this gets applied. The staff that are reviewing it do have that expertise and I wait for them to resolve this. I

thank you for your clarification. For the liquor commission, the revolving fund, typically they buy the products to resell to the public. I don't know if there are any exemptions. That's something that our staff are quite aware of and are working towards resolving that. I hope that they come to a conclusion.
(interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the minister for that response. I'm very happy to see that the current situation is being looked into and it isn't a final decision that has been given.

I would like to move on to my next topic and I would like to refer to the Nunavut Business Credit Corporation. For a number of years now, MLAs have been crying for increasing transparency from this money lender. In the key highlights of the 2017-18 annual report it states that "Enhanced annual reporting, which includes the disclosure of clients receiving funding" is included, but when I look through the annual report, I do not see a listing of clients which have received funding. I would just like to request some clarification on that topic. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to commend the Nunavut Business Credit Corporation's board of directors in the fine work that they're doing. I did have an opportunity when I first got this portfolio and had a

meeting directly with them in their annual board meeting, and a lot of good work is being developed.

One of the things I have asked them to do is to go through some of the legislative amendment changes that they would like to see and some that we would like to see. One of the areas that our member raised in the annual reports is the disclosure of business as part of our ongoing collaborations with the corporation in terms of moving towards amending their current legislation. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm recalling to this time last year when the previous Minister responsible for Economic Development and Transportation had made a commitment in the House to give direction to the NBCC to start providing the names of those who have received financing. I would like to ask what has changed since then and why have these names not been released. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As a result of that commitment, we have given letters of direction to the corporation and work is underway in terms of drafting the legislative amendment. They have reported back to me on the list of legislative amendments that they would like to see. That's one, through our letter of expectations and letter of direction,

that work is still ongoing. We have not made any legislative amendment change requests. It's going to have to go through this House. There is no bill before this yet, so the work is still being done between our department and the corporation. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I don't understand why the minister is bringing up the Act and the legislation around the NBCC. As far as I can recall, these individuals have already signed agreements stating that their information would be made public; the names of the individuals and the companies receiving funding would be made public. I would like to ask minister again: why has this yet to happen? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Through you, if I could ask my Assistant Deputy Minister, Bernie MacIsaac, to elaborate on this. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Mr. MacIsaac.

Mr. MacIsaac: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think is what the member is referring to, in 2017-18 a letter of expectation from a previous minister noted, "...it is my expectation that the NBCC will adopt the practice of disclosing the identities of recipients of loans and other financial assistance in its annual reports for future years." The

corporation, in its 2017-18 annual report which was tabled by the minister responsible on November 7, 2018, did disclose the identities of any recipients that were approved for a new credit facility and had advances.

I don't think the annual report is out for this current fiscal. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I see on page 14 the name of the two clients that have received funding, but there are still 45 other recipients and as well, there are a number of listings in the loan portfolio of activity that occurred throughout the year and there are no names associated with those amounts.

Although I do appreciate the name of the two new loan recipients is included, I still don't understand why the other 45 names aren't listed, including all of the individuals who saw increases to the existing lines of credit, renewals of credit, and amounts paid out. There is a lot of activity that occurred throughout the year, not just the two new clients that received disbursements. I'm curious why the names of all those individuals who took part in the activity were not included as well. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I don't know the details and why there are only two. As my staff mentioned, the one that was approved was to disclose identities of any

recipients that were approved for new credit facilities and had advance. It might have been just those two, but I'll definitely to having conversation with the credit corporation board of directors and see where that is at. At this point I don't have the specifics in terms of those other 45. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. When will the public get a chance to see the names of all of the individuals and companies that have received funding and currently have loans from the credit corporation? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thought I answered you earlier concerning the board and I will find out from them why they don't have the names disclosed. I don't have the written documentation in front of me, but they produce the annual report. I will be able to find out for you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm not sure if I got the answer I was looking for, but I just want to rephrase the question. I thank the minister for committing to talking to the board about this, but I would like to ask again: when can the Legislative Assembly and the public see the names of all the individuals and companies that have received funding from the Nunavut

Business Credit Corporation? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It is one that I have committed to going to the corporation and asking for those specifics. I don't know and it's something that's within their legislative amendments that we're considering. There might be a number of factors that might be in there, so that's why I'm almost non-committal in terms of providing the names. I'm going to go through and have the discussions with the corporation and if there are no barriers towards that, it will definitely be tabled. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. (interpretation ends) We are on K-4. Economic Development and Transportation. Corporate Management. I would like to remind members: focus your questions on the proposed 2019-2020 main estimates. Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just have a couple of questions, maybe, on this area and I want to add on to Mr. Quassa's question earlier when he was talking about the grants and contributions that the department provides. I think it's like \$24 million that they do provide to people and businesses. In my opening comments I talked about the need for more information being published about the grants and contributions program and the minister did state from Mr. Quassa's question that he is willing to provide more details.

I decided to pick one company and just see if I can get some more information about it. I'm not picking on this company just because of who they are, but it's only because they received a large sum of money, and that is the Nunavut Brewing Company. In 2016-17 they received \$30,000 under the Small Business Support Program and in the same year they received \$250,000 under the Strategic Investments Program. They went from a small business to a large business in the same year. In the following year, they received another \$250,000 for the Strategic Investments Program. That's over half a million dollars that this one company here in Iqaluit received from the department.

My question is: how many jobs did this company create from the money that was provided by the department? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister of Economic Development and Transportation, Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We did not have that level of breakdown for the Strategic Investments Program in terms of how many jobs for that particular company, but I can say that there are several of them and something we can go back, go through and review the ones that were approved. As I mentioned earlier, this program, when we changed the policy, does allow for how many direct jobs have been created. I can commit to going back and looking at the specific company and see how many jobs were created here in Iqaluit. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you

very much. Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think he answered my question in part. My next question is: when these companies apply for this funding, how much detail do they have to give? Do they have to give such details as how many jobs they're going to create, how many beneficiaries are going to be employed, and what else the money is going to be spent on? How detailed of information does the department ask for? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Through you, could I ask my assistant deputy minister, who chairs and reviews these proposals, Mr. MacIsaac, to respond to that question? (interpretation) Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Mr. MacIsaac.

Mr. MacIsaac: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We have a very rigorous due diligence process for applications under this and all of our programs; such things as audited financial statements, details, as the member suggests, on the number of jobs being created and what the program is. That's the application process and we also have a reporting process that comes at the end of the program or the project which basically details the information, "Did they do what they said they were going to do?" As the minister mentioned earlier, we have strengthened the due diligence on these programs. It's part of a more onerous monitoring and evaluation that

we do of all our programs. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. When it comes to people applying for the grants and contributions from the department, is it done on a need basis? What I mean is if a company comes to you and it's a multi-million dollar company and they want to expand to a different venture, and they come to you for investment money into this company, do you treat them differently or are they just as qualified as somebody coming in who is just starting out fresh, a new company with very little money to invest? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. For the Strategic Investments Program, we do have two streams. One is for Nunavut businesses and that is the Business Investment Fund that provides maximum equity contribution of \$250,000 to larger Nunavut business ventures in strategic sectors or where businesses have export potential. Funding is provided based on the gap in equity required to implement the strategic project.

The other funding is for the Nunavut Economic Foundation Fund and that's for the non-government organization or non-business. That's to provide support for a minimum of \$50,000 to organizations and municipalities to carry out activities to improve the ability of Nunavummiut to participate in the

Nunavut economy. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. (interpretation ends) K-4. Economic Development and Transportation. Corporate Management. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I want to concentrate really on Iqaluit, the breakwater, the dock, and just to get a good sense of an update on that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. This was asked previously, but if the minister would like to respond to that, he can. Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. For our capital projects on the Iqaluit port, is what the member wants, an update on how it is? If it is, the project is on schedule and on time. They're set to restart again this summer for them to complete this project. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Unfortunately we're not dealing with capital items right now; we're dealing with operations and maintenance. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you. I just thought I would ask while we have the experts here. You see, we want to know what's going on. I want to talk about the economic development strategy that was released quite a while ago now, in 2003. Your business plan indicates that the Nunavut Economic Development Strategy update has not yet been completed. As of today, what is the status of the new strategy, and what

specific factors account for the length of time that it's taking to be updated? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Through you, could I ask my Deputy Minister, Udlu, to respond to that? Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Ms. Hanson.

Ms. Hanson (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Thank you for the question. When it comes to the strategy, yes, we agree, it's taking far too long. There are a number of factors that have contributed to the delay. At the risk of pointing fingers, which I really don't want to do because we're all stakeholders in the development of the Nunavut economy, but the department was waiting on the strategy that was to be developed and released by the Nunavut Economic Forum because we were contributors to their budget and to the development and strategy. There were a number of delays that happened there.

Once we realized that perhaps that strategy wasn't to going to come into fruition or whatever it's called, reality, we decided to embark on our own specific one for the Government of Nunavut, so concentrate on the government in terms of what can we do to organize ourselves in a manner that will help promote economic activity amongst all departments, work better together, and provide some clarity in terms of how to move forward.

The focus of the strategy shifted, although what we are using in our drafts is everything we have heard from the communities because there was a community engagement tour that was conducted by the department. We used the feedback from the communities to figure out how to organize ourselves better. We feel as though this will be actually a stronger document in that it's an inward look to promote economic development. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Can the minister tell us: who are the partners now? You mentioned the communities, but whom in the communities, and how is the economic development forum involved, if they are involved with this still today? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Currently this is a government-led initiative and the communities were involved. Our staff visited each and every of the communities and reviewed the draft with them and that would be with the municipalities, economic development officers, and any of the stakeholders within the community. Those were our primary people to go and see and consult, and this draft which is on its fourth draft right now is one that is within our own government.
(interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you

very much. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Can the department or the minister tell us: in what specific ways is the new Nunavut Economic Development Strategy anticipated to be different from the current one? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I want to applaud the members here for continually raising it. The main focus is to create jobs and that's going to be our focus on our strategy. That's the major difference. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: (interpretation) Thank you very much. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. People are always talking about the Internet these days and how slow it is, and then we hear of big amounts of money being provided to some businesses when it comes to Internet. Your 2018-19 main estimates included \$300,000 in contribution funding for the new Nunavut Broadband Development Program. How is this funding being spent today? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. (interpretation ends) And may I remind members to be cognizant of the interpreters. Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for the question. For this fiscal year that was being asked in terms of how much we have spent to

date, we have not spent any money to date to that specific broadband grant. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm going to go back to our doc but with a different question. Your business plan for 2019-2022 indicates on page 239 that it is "monitoring labour content in Nunavut's marine infrastructure projects in Iqaluit and Pond Inlet, and has discussed training requirements with the contractor." To what extent has the contractor met its Inuit labour content obligations, and what specific training requirements have been identified? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I want to stress this is still an ongoing capital project that we are monitoring and yes, we are monitoring it. As of the end of September 2018, the Pond Inlet Inuit content payroll was averaging around 19 percent and their obligation is at 15 percent. For the Iqaluit project, the obligation was at 15 percent and currently it is at 11 percent. I do want to stress this is still an ongoing project and we will continue to monitor it. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, very much. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I understand that when you don't meet the obligations, there are penalties and that, but could the minister

explain about how they will work with the contractor? How is the department involved when they see numbers like this that aren't meeting the targets? Do you give them the whole length, like the period of the whole contract, or is this something that you're going to monitor every so many months? How do you work with the contractor when you see this? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Within this capital project it is very closely monitored and one that our NNI Secretariat monitors when it comes to the payroll. They have an ongoing dialogue with the company and we will continue in terms of if they're not meeting their obligations and identify what those penalties are.

I also want to stress that we do have project managers that oversee this project. It's something that we're very closely monitoring. I just want to assure the members for this, the way our NNI Secretariat monitors is that they do receive payroll records from the company and gets identified at which are Inuit and non-Inuit. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. We are on the borderline of capital, but we are dealing with operations and maintenance. As it relates to ED&T staff overseeing the operations and maintenance of these contracts, I'm allowing it. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I beg to differ. I'm talking about employment and the NNI, and I

am allowed to ask those kinds of questions.

When it comes to the department working with the contractor when you see lower numbers than what the targets were and the NNI Secretariat works with them, what happens when the NNI Secretariat meets with the contractor and you realize, meaning you the NNI, that maybe they just aren't the people, like no, maybe because we have so many other projects going on, that's a reality? Is that still a penalty even though a contractor may be in that kind of a situation? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, NNI does monitor a number of these contracts and works with the contractors. Once the contract is signed with their obligations, they are expected and through that, the contractor has to justify how they're meeting or exceeding or not meeting their obligations. That is something that we monitor and do that. I don't know if there are specifics of whether we change contracts to reflect that. I don't think we do. I think that once they're obligated, they need to do that. I think what the NNI Secretariat does is basically says that yes, you are meeting or not meeting your obligations and these are initiatives that you can do.

I thank the member for giving me this opportunity for the wonderful work that the NNI Secretariat is moving forward. I think, through good work with our Family Services, there are good discussions that are taking place with CGS and with Family Services in terms

of how we can try to attract more Inuit into these contracts that are coming, I think, through that collaboration and connecting Family Services that has the apprentices and NNI that knows where they are and our contractor who determines the levels.

Like you say, there might be because there are too many projects. Through that, I think that's where we're working to improve this through our secretariat. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm going to something totally different now. On September 22, 2016 the Government of Nunavut announced that the Department of Economic Development and Transportation's Tourism and Cultural Industries Division will be assuming responsibility for tourism development, marketing, and research, including visitor experience and visitor centre operations, and that Nunavut Tourism would "continue as a membership-based association that will focus on supporting its members."

The number of positions in your department's Tourism and Cultural Industries Division increased from 9 to 19 PYs during the [2017-18] fiscal year. As of today, how many of these positions are filled with indeterminate employees? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok: Mr. Chairman, please bear with me. I have that

information; I've had it in the House ready for it.

For the indeterminate filled with indeterminate are 10 that I can count right here that are filled indeterminately at this time. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Can the minister or the department tell me if they have done any evaluations since the move of these responsibilities from the Nunavut Tourism association to the department? What kind of changes have you seen? Have they been positive or are they negative, or maybe there's no difference? In the area of tourism there is such a big potential there. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): That is on the next page, but I will leave it at the discretion of the minister to respond. Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you very much for this. There is a very positive atmosphere when it comes to this. It's one that, throughout the country, there are a number of tourism strategies that have been started at the provincial, territorial and federal level. The federal government kick-started their tourism strategy right here in Nunavut by announcing it in Rankin Inlet.

For our government, the exciting thing that we are doing and something that I will be saying in a minister's statement a little later on, if time allows for it, will be in terms of the tourism summit that we're planning earlier this spring of

trying to attract as many. That's going to kick-start our new strategy. I think this is going to be our evaluation in terms of how we're doing.

Ever since that 2016 has happened, but from 2016 to current, when I assumed this portfolio, it has been wonderful presentations from my staff. Just a few days ago there were announcements on the businesses that are receiving awards in our territory. I think that's a testament of the work that our wonderful staff and the members from Travel Nunavut have done. I want to applaud that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Just a note, Tourism is on page K-5 under Economic Development. We are on K-4. Economic Development and Transportation. Corporate Management. Mr. Kaernerk.

Mr. Kaernerk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Good day, minister and officials.

To begin, (interpretation ends) the department's draft 2019-2020 main estimates include \$3,358,000 in core funding for the Nunavut Development Corporation and \$700,000 in core funding for the Nunavut Business Credit Corporation. What new priorities for the two corporations have you included in the 2019-2020 signed ministerial letter of expectation to the Nunavut Development Corporation and the Nunavut Business Credit Corporation? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The letters of expectation that we sign each year were just signed recently, but I wasn't expecting detailed questions, so I didn't bring those letters with me. I look forward to tabling those letters as we do annually. We're kind of waiting for them to be tabled first. I'm sorry that don't have the details in front of me, but I would like to say that we have a close working relationship with these two corporations. That's how it is. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Mr. Kaerner.

Mr. Kaerner (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We will be anticipating getting more details.

Now, in looking at this chart, it shows two different corporations. Has the Department of Economic Development ever considered or have any plans to merge these two corporations? Has this ever been considered or not? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Maybe our colleague was eavesdropping during our meetings on that matter. I'm glad that you asked the question. I have had discussions with these two corporations about the possibility of a merger. I can't tell you exactly what the outcome is going to be, but we've had discussions about merging or combining these two or if their job descriptions are too different, then we will stay status quo. I do have a close working relationship

with these two corporations. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Mr. Kaerner.

Mr. Kaerner (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I don't know what it's going to be like if they merged.

Perhaps as a preamble, the Department of Finance's draft 2019-2022 business plan indicates on page 22 that they are "working to develop memoranda of understanding with the territorial corporations..." What specific goals and objectives do the Nunavut Development Corporation and the Nunavut Business Credit Corporation have in relation to this initiative? I would like more information on that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also thank you. The Department of Finance does a tremendous amount of work on the agencies or territorial corporations. The two corporations are under my ministerial portfolio. They also cooperate on mutual issues and we try to produce consistency in the annual reports, including shared goals and objectives. We want to see that within the reports that are produced and further, if their work is operating efficiently within government operations, so they are assessed in that regard.

Every year a letter of expectation is sent from the minister, but when the letter is being prepared, we work with the Department of Finance and other

impacted departments to complete the letter. As specified on page 22, this is the type of work we undertake collaboratively with the two corporations. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Mr. Kaernek.

Mr. Kaernek (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, that's quite fascinating to hear and thank you for the clarification.

I want to move to this issue specific to my constituency. It is regarding entrepreneurship or business creation. If we look at my constituency and my community in particular, there aren't very many private businesses. You also mentioned earlier that there are job creation initiatives the department wants to realize, to have development opportunities for the communities.

If we look at the smaller communities, when they are trying to create business opportunities, you recognize certain bodies, using HTOs as an example. Do you have the option of reconsidering this issue alluded to earlier related to the Country Food Distribution Program and policy? I wonder if these bodies can have a small business arm in the communities, perhaps in conjunction with the Qikiqtani Inuit Association and their business arm, the Qikiqtaaluk Corporation.

Have you ever thought of increasing the opportunities to provide that to the smaller communities that have low numbers of private businesses? I believe this can provide a benefit. Can this type of idea be considered to have a business arm creating some income from country

food sales? Hopefully I was clear, but I will stop there for now. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That question was also raised in this House earlier during oral questions about muskox. We are open to deliberating with other organizations. Yes, we want to devise new ways to create opportunities as we need to create diversity, not just have a mining industry or a fishing industry or just public servant positions, but diversity in our economy. We need to create these initiatives and we want to work with our communities.

I can speak about one of my constituency communities. As an example, the Aiviq HTO in Grise Fiord operates a small business arm focusing on sports hunts, for polar bears in this case as per their mandates. Further, an organization that wishes to create a business arm, such as the local HTOs, can create a separate business arm if they wish. They can apply for various grants and contributions under our departmental programs, which is why we are requesting allocations under the grants and contributions totalling \$3 million under the (interpretation ends) Strategic Investments Program (interpretation) that is specific to business creation assistance funding.

Sometimes our departmental employees in the Baffin region are housed in Pond Inlet, in the Kitikmeot region it is in Kugluktuk, and in the Kivalliq region it is in (interpretation ends) Baker? (interpretation) Sorry, it is in Rankin

Inlet. The employees have scheduled visits to their regional communities, so we use our employees to look for opportunities in the communities. I urge communities wishing to create businesses to do so. We are aware of the sales of country foods and we have estimated that \$1.2 million in sales occurs here in Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, very much. (interpretation ends) We are on page K-4. Economic Development and Transportation. Corporate Management. Total Operations and Maintenance, to be Voted. \$18,665,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Turn the page. (interpretation ends) K-5. Economic Development and Transportation. Economic Development. Ms. Towtongie.

Ms. Towtongie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I only have three questions. Looking at the business plan for 2019-2020 at the bottom of page 244, it states that one of their priorities is to “Study the proposal from the Steering Committee for a Nunavut Cultural Centre and provide final recommendation to Cabinet.” When was this proposal given to your department? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The committee was recently created and they

met for the first time last week. They have a future meeting planned and I will wait for that meeting to occur first. I don't have a date identified at this time. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Ms. Towtongie.

Ms. Towtongie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. How much public funds are being requested from the government? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. With respect to that, we developed ideas on the type of building they are interested in designing as well as the purpose of their proposed building. The final cost estimates haven't been provided as they have not begun cost estimates yet.

We have heard from two bodies, QIA representation and Qaggiavuut Society representatives. They are the only two we have heard back from, but I tasked the committee to prepare a business case if they want to create the (interpretation ends) Nunavut Cultural Centre. (interpretation) We would like to see their proposed outline. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Ms. Towtongie.

Ms. Towtongie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Our perspective should be that this centre would be for the whole territory and specifically the Inuit culture, which I prefer be housed outside of Iqaluit. It should be right in

the centre of the territory, in Rankin Inlet. I'm just kidding. However, I ask: if the proposal is submitted to the government, can the minister provide a copy to the committee? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok (interpretation): Thank you. Yes, as soon as we get the report, we will table it in the House for my colleagues. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. (interpretation ends) K-5. Economic Development and Transportation. Economic Development. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I almost called you Mr. Tourism because that's what I want to talk about.

>> *Laughter*

I asked my other question, I guess, when I wasn't supposed to and I'm thanking the department for answering.

Just a couple of questions in regard to the direction the department is going when it comes to tourism. There has been talk about cruise ships and I'm wondering what position the department takes when it comes to cruise ship type tourism. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister of Economic Development and Transportation, Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Currently we anticipate more marine traffic. Actually we are getting more ships traversing our waters and community-based training for the Coast Guard Auxiliary specific to the marine shipping challenges and how we can work together with the industry. That is one area.

Another avenue, which the MLAs granted to the department, was authorization to draft a bill specific to the cruise ship industry. This would address the concerns expressed by communities, for example, lands they don't want accessed, and this would be managed through the licensing process when they submit applications. This is one area that we are exploring to determine if we can enact changes. That comprises what I can report on. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I know that there are communities that don't welcome this type of tourism mainly because some communities have voiced the concern that it's them kind of paying out money for entertainment and stuff. Is there anything in place that requires a cruise ship to pay a community a certain amount for visiting their community? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, there is an allowance for communities to put that in place through our regulations. The current practice is

that the outfitting company that puts passengers in those, they make a program and they work with our economic development officers in the communities in terms of what kind of presentations, if any, that's going to take place. It's variety of responses to that question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Is there a fee for supporting communities financially? I didn't know whether I got a yes or no. Do they pay a fee to come into communities? Is there a uniform pay structure? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As part of the permitting of the cruise ships, there is what we call "service packaging opportunities." That's one of the conditions that, when a cruise ship is going to one of the communities, they're obligated to provide certain opportunities. It is through our permitting system. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to get a better understanding. When you say "obligations, opportunities," is that financial support that goes into the communities? When you say programs, it's like they're going to do something.

Quite a few years ago now, I must admit it was maybe four or five years ago, I

actually was in a restaurant where the part-owner of a cruise company that comes up here, we were talking and he was telling me about how they get all the passengers to pay extra money, some kind of extra money that's going to go towards the community. Let's say your ticket costs \$1,000, well, then they had to pay \$1,100 and that extra money went to the community for a project that the community would decide.

When I asked him: "Well, you have been going into Nunavut for quite some years. What kinds of projects have you funded?" He replied that they hadn't funded any projects, even though they collected the money. How do you work with the cruise companies to ensure that communities are getting paid for what they should be? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok: Thank you. Through that permit there is a reporting requirement and those cruise ships that have these service opportunities, that's where the additional fees that would go the passengers. I don't know how a cruise ship actually charges their passengers, but if there are fees towards that, it would be towards that.

I know in the community that I represent, for Grise Fiord, the cruise ships that have been going up, some of the things that they do is provide a cultural showcase in the community and they get greeted all dressed in traditional clothing. Those are the things that the community works with the cruise ships in terms getting money out of the cruise ships.

The other ways that we're doing in terms how can we benefit more from cruise ships is that we're providing more and more training opportunities for our communities. We've got different training opportunities on how to deal with cruise ships and cruise ship-ready preparation workshops and Inuit cruise ship training initiatives. Those are ones that we offer so communities can be better prepared.

Through our ongoing dialogues with the cruise ships companies that are coming here more and more, from permitting then we will get into... . What we're gearing towards is to have memorandums of understanding with the cruise ships. That's going to get more formalized. I thank the communities for their ongoing reporting from our communities. This is, I think, probably going to be a huge chapter in our tourism strategy. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you. This is a very interesting topic for me. I think there has been a lot of discussion within the communities about cruise ships and the industry of where it's going as we are getting more and more cruise ship lines coming up to Nunavut.

I've got a couple of question on this. One is: when you look at the cruise ship industry versus the other kind of tourism industry, what is the difference in funding that is allocated towards supporting the cruise ship industry versus maybe some other kind of tourism? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If I understand the question, it is: what are the differences in the training that we offer to our cruise ships, our hunting, our sports hunts, our eco-tourism, and different sectors within tourism? I don't have the actual breakdown as to which we fund more or fund less.

What we're trying to do is encompass all of them in terms of providing... . A classic example is providing Wilderness First Aid that can apply to anyone of them; tourism officer workshops, heritage visitor centre training, or cruise ship boot camp.

Then we've got partnerships with the Nunavut Marine and Fishing Training Consortium in terms of launching the Inuit Cruise Ship Training Initiative that was launched in 2017.

I am hoping, through our strategy, that we start putting it into sectors so we can report to this House in terms of what levels, where we're providing our supports, and where we are focusing our efforts when it comes to tourism.

For the cruise ships, the 2018 actual data will be available in April 2019 and it will be our department's annual tourism report. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I guess the thing about the cruise ship tourism industry is that they don't use our hotels, they don't really

buy our food, they don't use our airlines, and they probably don't use the taxis. I'm assuming that the tickets to get on those ships are pretty expensive.

I'm wondering if you're tracking what they're buying. What are they buying in the community? Are they buying the \$200 and under types of souvenirs or are they buying the big-ticket items? What are these cruise ship tourists interested in? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. According to our 2015 visitors exit survey, the cruise ship passengers spent on an average about \$670 per individual. Based on that, they are buying smaller items for the products.

I must stress that the cruise ships are getting bigger and The Serenity, I think, is probably the biggest with a thousand passengers, but then you're starting to speak volume. When you start speaking volumes, where we're trying to promote to our communities if they're being visited is to find ways of capitalizing on that.

The member from Gjoa Haven and I had a good discussion on that when it comes to... . There are a whole slew of people wanting to visit the Franklin. When it was discovered, we saw a big spike of cruise ship passenger bookings. There are opportunities that we really need to capture.

I think, through these things like exit surveys, that we are getting the data that we need in order to focus our efforts.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Well, when I think about cruise ships, I find that they're not really spending very much money at all. If you start to have a thousand people get off and go to Gjoa Haven, everybody needs to go to the washroom, people need to... . Even buying a cup of coffee, you need to be ready for those amounts and the community needs, perhaps, some support like if the water use is going to quadruple within an hour. I don't know. I'm just thinking that these are kinds of the supports, perhaps, that the community is going to need. Where is that going to come from? Is that coming from the department?

If people aren't really spending much... . Somebody just told me a story a couple of days ago about here. One of the issues with the cruise ship is they're supposed to let you know a certain time in advance that they're coming to a community. This one didn't do that coming to Iqaluit, this one for some reason, so they had to go and open up the visitor centre.

Somebody local found out that these people were coming off the ship, so they got some people together to go down to the visitor centre with some carvings and hoping, and he was telling me that they never bought anything. They went and looked at everything, but they didn't really buy from the local people.

It's kind of concerning to me. What are we promoting? The only way that this kind of tourism is going to really help us is if they spend money in Nunavut and

the money stays here. Otherwise we're just giving.

Just one more question on this and that is... . When the cruise ships are travelling between communities, I have heard stories of, and of course it could all be rumours, that sometimes they stop in areas and there's really no way of providing oversight of where they're stopping, like in the middle of somewhere, in the middle of two communities and that people are getting off and exploring. There are old *Tuniq* sites and stuff like that that we don't want them to be disturbed. How does the department monitor this? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, I think, for cruise ships, it is a different clientele. I admit that. It is different because they do pay for the full package and they do expect full packages. This is where we are working very closely with the communities that are being visited into providing cruise ship preparedness workshops and the expectations that they should have when it comes to cruise ship passengers, and one that we will continue to raise to the communities.

There are different programs and good opportunities, such as the one that I mentioned on the Inuit cruise ship training. It's a fine example. Nine of those trainees were employed on the cruise ships in 2018. That's a seasonal job for those nine Inuit.

For those that want to work in those cruise ships, in short of having wildlife

monitors or in short of having inspectors, which we can allow for through our permitting if we know that they are going to areas that we don't want them to go. Last season there were two communities that specifically asked cruise ships not to go to very sensitive, community-sensitive places. As far as we know, they honoured it.

One of the things that we also are following is under the federal regulations, any vessel that operates more than 12 passengers does need to have the AIS, which is a monitoring system, and they track exactly where that ship is going, where it stopped, and where they are. Through that we're able to monitor whether they are going to sensitive places and, if they do, then through our permitting we have every right to fine or charge the cruise ship operators. This could lead to operators losing their licenses.

Through this House we were blessed to be given the opportunity to have an Act that allows us to do these things, and I applaud our House for doing that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. (interpretation) Please keep your responses as concise as possible and further, if your questions can be more specific to the items under the Department of Economic Development and Transportation as they know the issues under their mandate, as they have dealt with that for many years. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you. I didn't quite get why that was.

When it comes to the monitoring that you were saying, do you have a

dedicated person doing that? Maybe I didn't understand it. You said there's some kind of equipment; you can see where that cruise ship is going. Well, who's monitoring that? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) As part of the permitting, they are obligated to provide us where they were and we get that. Our department does monitor that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you. Sorry, Mr. Chairman, I was referring to...you said there's some kind of electronic monitoring that was going on where you can see where the ship is. I'm just wondering: who is monitoring that and who is providing you with that information? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok: Thank you, Deputy Speaker, who is the Chair of this committee.

>>*Laughter*

I had to correct myself. (interpretation) I'm sorry.

(interpretation ends) We don't have dedicated staff looking at every one of these cruise ships on a daily basis, but we do and it is a requirement under Transport Canada of them reporting on their routes and where they were. If at

any time we want that data, we're able to get that. That's one that I would ask at the staff level that they would be monitoring it and to report that. I just wanted to state that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. I am also the Deputy Speaker. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Well, in terms of monitoring, it doesn't seem like it is organized and who is really going to look at things because if the number of ships coming up is more and more, the likelihood of somebody stopping where they shouldn't will increase.

I think Nunavut needs to have a way of making sure that the sites are protected, even the ones that haven't been identified as sensitive sites. I think it's important. You need to know where the ships are going. Going into the future, is that something that the minister can commit to reviewing and looking at, just to make sure that you have an actual mechanism that you can use to monitor these kinds of activities? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There are a number of monitoring systems that are in place; as I mentioned, that one that their ship has to report to. NTI has, under their Inuit Marine Monitoring Program, six communities signed up for live monitoring when it comes to the ships, not necessarily just cruise ships but ships.

There is active monitoring through Inuit impact and benefit agreements, such as Tallurutiup Imanga. This year the Qikiqtani Inuit Association just launched a guardianship program up in the community I represent and their task is to monitor these ships too. When they discovered the Franklin ship, there is a guardianship program that was immediately launched by Parks Canada at the sites where Gjoa Havenmiut were hired to monitor the marine. There's a lot of good monitoring taking place.

I'll continue to work with my federal counterparts and NTI in terms of making sure those monitoring... I think when we talk about the safety and the amount of ships that are coming, one thing that worries us in terms of not being monitored are these individual yachts under 12 passengers. There have been cases where in one of our communities that yacht had to be charged for indecent things.

Those are the very things that I pay very close attention to through working with our federal-provincial-territorial work and through NTI. I thank the member for raising this and it is something that is dear to me. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just meant to say I don't have any more questions, but I could take this time. Thank you very much for our dialogue here. It was very interesting for me and for the information that you provided. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. K-5. Economic Development and Transportation.

Economic Development. (interpretation) I would appreciate it if you would raise your hands beforehand. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm sorry if you didn't think I had questions. (interpretation ends) I'll try to get through my questions as quick as possible here.

First of all, just as a comment, you go through all of the different organizations that the department funds, all the different little pots of funding and the little programs and inherited organizations. We have so many different little organizations all over the place. It would be beneficial to consider amalgamating as many as possible. That's just a general comment. For example, the NDC, the NBCC; I know that has been around for a while.

When it comes to your business support programs, is there any way that your staff can exempt applicants from the requirement to submit a business plan under your current policies? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for the question. That is on the second phase of our review of our policies, and I applaud you for raising this. It's one that yes, we are definitely looking into as a part of the second phase of our reviews in our policies.

The first part has been to consolidate our grants and contributions, which will then help us to focus in because there are

groups that... . When there are different little pockets, then you start seeing there are different grants that have been taken. Consolidating it will allow for us to sort of streamline in terms of funding to businesses. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Thank you, minister. I would like to follow up on what was mentioned by my colleague in terms of making sure that when the application comes in the door, there is indeed a need for a government grant.

You can have a corporation on the books that has zero dollars in assets, but if you take a deeper look at it and you look who the shareholders are, well, guess what? The shareholders own ten houses in between them and they have a combined net worth of \$2 million. It's just an example. On paper the corporation has no assets. It needs the money, but really, if you take a deeper look, I think you know where I'm going with this.

There's a lodge near Arviat at Ennadai Lake. There was a bunch of money that went towards that and I don't think the need was there for that money. Personally I think the people behind that lodge are in fact quite wealthy, but they did access free government money. That's just an example.

When it comes to the community economic development officers in the CCB, the \$190,000 that's provided to hamlets each year, are there any plans to change that amount? It has been at that \$190,000 for many years.

(interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) There's not an immediate review of that at this point to do this. I'm going to ask my deputy minister to elaborate a bit more in terms of what else are we doing, through you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Ms. Hanson.

Ms. Hanson (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As the minister had referenced earlier this evening, there has been a move to update our policies and one of them is the policy that you have mentioned. The update in that policy will take effect April 1, so we haven't developed a communication plan yet to go out to the communities to provide this information about the updated program. However, because you have asked, we will provide you with some of the details of the changes.

In consultations with the communities, they always express the fact that they didn't see why they needed to have economic development plans, that it was costing a lot of money to develop these plans, and they typically needed to hire a consultant to draft the plan, which would cost a lot of money. One of the changes to that program will be that they won't be required to submit a plan. It would still be a fundable activity; they still can apply for it, they can still receive money to develop a plan, but it will not be a requirement for us to provide them with

supplementary funding under the \$190,000 for economic activities within their community.

The other change that we are going to be incorporating is the fact that we used to require that they have an economic development committee and that they report to that committee as to what their plans are and whether or not those activities have been approved. What we heard from communities as well is that that committee typically is a redundant committee, like they do it for the sake of our program whereas there are a small bunch of people to have this committee requirement isn't all that necessary. If we still have the same committee people that are agreeing on economic activities, so that committee will no longer be required.

Those are two major changes for that capacity policy change. Those are the ones worth noting. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Before we proceed and continue with Mr. Main's line of questioning, we will take a five-minute break.

>>Committee recessed at 20:29 and resumed at 20:37

Chairman: Thank you. I call the committee meeting back to order. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) When it comes to community economic development officers, if the department could start providing a region-by-region summary to hamlet councils in each community in terms of, in the Kivalliq,

they used to prepare... I don't know if they still do it. They did a regional breakdown of the summary and you could clearly tell which communities had a strong economic development officer and which communities didn't. That's just a suggestion which would help hamlets to implement performance management with their CEDOs. I know it's not ED&T's job to hire and fire CEDOs. It's just a suggestion there, so I will just put that out.

When it comes to a trade shows, there are three regional trade shows plus the Nunavut Mining Symposium. I would like to hear how the department decides how much money they're going to put into trade shows each year. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. For the chamber of commerce that do the trade shows, we work with them in terms of when they're providing their budgets and the amount of money they asked for from our government. What our threshold does try to be is that as a government, our top would try to be at 15 percent of the total budget or lower. It all depends on which trade shows we're on. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Just a suggestion if the department can take a close look at their trade show funding because I'm not sure that it's always the

best way to spend money. I'll get to a point around that.

It's an observable practice or it's observable that when you have an ED&T office in your community, it's a lot easier to fill out all the required application forms. I'm not saying that the employees are biased towards people; it's easier when you can sit down with an expert and say, "Walk me through this application form," face to face. Yes, there are economic development officers in every community, but the ED&T, the regional... I'm talking about the community operations employees. That's on page 251.

When I'm talking about trade shows, even a portion of that money could be put into ensuring that the community operations employees do more travel to the communities in their region. It could provide a lot of benefit for community members trying to start up a business. (interpretation) I would like to know if that idea will be taken into consideration. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Through this budget that we're trying to get approved, we budgeted to have both of that to support the ongoing trade shows because there are some benefits to that.

Also, what the member just talked about is having our staff visit communities more, on average there are at least two visits from our regional offices to every

community. When there are training opportunities, they go and provide various and different types of either training or best practices.

Through this budget that we're asking for, that's what we are proposing. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Another example of an alternative use for money that goes into trade shows, that plane ticket that sends somebody to a trade show somewhere could send a grade 12 graduate to a mine site. A visit like that could change their life. I think the minister would agree that when you actually visit an operating mine and you see it with your own two eyes, it's pretty amazing. That's just a suggestion.

In terms of tourism... I'm trying to move very quickly here. In terms of tourism, the Nunavut tourism budget was cut quite significantly in recent years. The minister mentioned the work that's being done in-house with ED&T. In terms of that relationship with Nunavut tourism and ED&T, is the new arrangement working better for tourism businesses, and what's the evidence of that? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. For his first comment about students going to mines, I think we do have a program that allows for students to learn about mining. I also want to applaud our Kivalliq regional office.

They have developed an entrepreneurship for youth for each of the Kivalliq communities that allows a youth to venture into entrepreneurship. One of the things that we're also doing as part of our mining symposium is we will be inviting students to come and have discussions with the mining companies to see the benefits of mining.

For the second part of your question, through you, if I could ask my assistant deputy minister to respond to the second portion. Thank you.

Chairman Thank you. Mr. MacIsaac.

Mr. MacIsaac: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The value of engaging youth in tourism and mining and understanding what are all the opportunities related to those particular fields is very important. We have funded many programs by various agencies to actually increase awareness to students in the schools with respect to mining, with respect to tourism, with respect to entrepreneurship. We have engaged with some large organizations, national organizations that have already developed programs to actually go into the schools and to deliver those. It's an ongoing effort and we're also engaging with our fellow departments within the Government of Nunavut to see how we can work better together to address the need and to address the opportunities that are out there. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) I did ask the Minister of Education a few days

ago or last week about specifically that, incorporating mining into curriculum. I don't recall that there is a specific module. I think grade 4 was mentioned, if I recall correctly. I'll just put that as a suggestion, if the department can keep working on that so that we have mining-related curriculum, including environmental type things, because we have to have a proper balance. It should be standard curriculum in every school in Nunavut because that's a big chunk of our economic future, I believe. I'll just put that out there as a comment.

As for Nunavut tourism and ED&T, the current arrangement where Nunavut tourism is doing a much smaller role than they used to, ED&T is doing more than they used to. Is that proving to be more effective for the businesses in the tourism sector? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Thank you. Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am of the view that it has improved and it is one that will continue to evolve. I think Travel Nunavut used to be Nunavut Tourism. What you think is smaller, but they're more strategic and more focused. For our department doing Destination Nunavut, doing the marketing and for research, I think we're starting to see a lot of that. When we do our tourism summit this spring, that's a fine time to do some of our evaluation as part of "Okay, what are we doing? Are we doing it right? If not, which way do we go?" I think, leading that and with support from Travel Nunavut, those are things that we're going to focus on. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) I don't have any further questions. I just wanted to comment that I really appreciate the work of the Nunavut Development Corporation. I am a past board member, but they have subsidiaries in both Arviat and Whale Cove and they do some really great work. That's just a comment. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Thank you. K-5. Economic Development. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thought you forgot about me there for a moment.

Just a couple of quick questions. I was just curious if the minister has taken any consideration to creation of a Nunavut chamber of commerce. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for the brief response. I would like to ask the minister: what type of consideration has been put into the idea of creating a Nunavut chamber of commerce? Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the member for asking this. Our three regional chambers of mines are running well right now. All three of them are well equipped in terms of doing their regional work. I think it's timely and something that we're looking at in terms of how do we make a Nunavut chamber of commerce and what relevance will that be... . Unofficially that is the work that we're starting to do and starting to promote. As you know, the chamber of commerce creates their own. As a government, we help support, but it's not necessarily for the government to decide whether there should be a Nunavut chamber of commerce; we can advocate for it. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. (interpretation ends) K-5. (interpretation) Economic Development. Mr. Qirngnuq.

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for recognizing me.

I would like to ask a question about what my colleague, the Member for Iqaluit-Niaqunngu, mentioned earlier. I just wanted to know what the minister's department thinks about cruise ships coming into the communities. A lot of people are concerned about what incidents might occur in our waters. I wonder if the Department of Economic Development has any plans on that. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. This was responded to, but I'll leave it up to you to respond, Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, through that policy framework, the communities can identify protected areas prior to the licence approval that particular lands are not to be landed upon, that specific sites are culturally significant and communities don't want the cruise ships to visit them. They can supply that information prior to the licence approval.

When cruise ships apply for their licence, we consult the closest communities on what other conditions they want included. This year two communities identified parcels of lands they didn't want disturbed, and the cruise ships adhered to that condition. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Mr. Qirngnuq.

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will try to be clear in my next question. Within our territorial waters of Nunavut, we don't have clearly delineated shipping routes mapped out that ships can follow. What does the (interpretation ends) department (interpretation) feel should be changed in the future? Will you start identifying shipping routes or lanes that cruise ships can follow as we anticipate more ship traffic in the future, and to ensure their safety? I hope I was understandable, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you. Thank you for the question. The Department of Fisheries and Oceans or perhaps it is the Coast Guard that are responsible for marine shipping in the

region and they have to provide nautical charts with the sea depths. I do agree with my colleague that we need that in Nunavut as not enough nautical charts exist. Further, we have informed the federal side about the issues we face, specifically the Coast Guard, where we inform them of our concerns with more ships traversing our waters, with improper sea depth charts and lack of information on reefs and shoals. For example, near your community lies a shoal that the ship ran aground on. We don't want incidents like that to happen again, so we try to work closely with those entities that are responsible for looking after our waters in Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Mr. Qirngnuq.

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also thank the minister for the information. I believe the federal government will be collecting sea depth data as obviously they don't want that to happen. With your role as the Government of Nunavut, will you collaborate with your federal counterparts to see if more Inuit can be trained in scanning sea depths and whether Inuit from Nunavut can get these employment opportunities to develop these nautical charts? This is my last question, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): What I mentioned just now was specific towards Inuit who can work onboard the cruise ships, perhaps like a cultural advisor, and we have commenced a training program towards that goal. As

well, on the fisheries' front, we also prepare the training needed.

Now, we are cooperating with the federal government on their new Oceans Protection Plan, which is to manage our oceans properly through this plan. It will determine what types of ships are allowed to enter arctic waters and how safer routes can be determined, the type of fuel that is allowed, those kinds of details, and to identify shipping lanes. We are working with the federal government to determine these issues. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. (interpretation ends) K-5. Economic Development. Mr. Quassa.

Mr. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Now, you have spoken about this on several occasions and members are aware about the (interpretation ends) Agnico Eagle Mines (interpretation) and Government of Nunavut (interpretation ends) MOU, (interpretation) as they are called. Due to this agreement, the committee has met thrice in 2018 and we anticipate that the other mines in Nunavut... I imagine other mines are mentioned in the MOU.

I wonder about other mines we have discussed, such as Baffinland operating a mine at Mary River and TMAC Resources mining gold. Now, I believe you will have further MOUs with the mines in 2019. What are the main issues that will be negotiated in the new agreements for Baffinland and TMAC Resources? What can we expect from these agreements? How will they be designed? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you

very much. Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you. With our MOU, there are seven points where we want to work together. We will be looking for similar kinds of agreements with Baffinland and TMAC. We have placed importance on employment, education, training, capital items, housing, health, and climate change. Those were the items within the plan, although there are still many details included in these seven points that are within these agreements. These are the major areas that we have begun negotiations on. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Mr. Quassa.

Mr. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to see more examples of these documents tabled in the House. Will you be able to table the MOUs in the House? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you. We will need to commence negotiations and we will still need to come to an agreement as to how much information can be released publicly. Once we agree on what can be shown publicly, I can provide a better response. However, I anticipate being able to come to an agreement with the companies and that some of the details can be revealed publicly. We may table portions of the MOUs in this House once we have reached agreement. I can't really commit to providing information as we have not reached agreement yet, but that's what I

expect. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Mr. Quassa.

Mr. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think this will be my final question. We heard that the mining sector wants to hire more Inuit and Nunavummiut, but there is a lack of trained professionals, although many Inuit are working for Agnico Eagle and Baffinland. We heard that Baffinland built a new 800-person camp. Further, we should be looking at Nunavut-wide mine training.

Now, in this document you provided for 2019-2020 on page 237 you stated that you will be working with the Department of Family Services and Arctic College on how this training program will be designed. To date, at what stage is this training program at? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am pleased that we are debating this idea. All the mining companies and several representatives of the department meet at an annual roundtable where planning takes place for advancing programs and such. Sometimes each department has specific funds for such initiatives.

As I stated earlier, we have contemplated creating an agency to plan training programs, and many of the issues would be finalized. At this time every year after agreement is reached, work begins on which entity will do what work. However, we want to work

closely with our fellow departments and we are working together, at least at the officials' level. Things are now falling into place and I expect this is how it will occur.

With that being the case, we also need to look at federal government funding that may be applicable or specific to training. We hope to partner with them on this type of training program, along with our regional Inuit organizations that already have agreements with the mining companies on training initiatives. We will also include them. Right now it seems to be the right time to create this territorial organization and Nunavut is now in a position with all regions requiring work in the mining area.

I think we're almost at four mines now. Nunavummiut are travelling all over the place for work and we want to see more. It's always very gratifying to see Inuit driving these huge trucks. When we met with them, I said I hope that in the future we will have the whole workforce that can speak Inuktitut, as we are trying to grow the territory and we should be able to understand each other as Nunavummiut. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. (interpretation ends) We are on K-5. Economic Development. Mr. Keyootak.

Mr. Keyootak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Let me first ask about this, as my colleague was asking about tourism and how they are managed. In one of my constituency communities we have a very large national park that tourists sometimes enter. Who manages tourism access to a

national park? How is that managed?
Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Before any organization or company gets a licence, we ask the communities whether or not they want the tourists to go there. In terms of a park, there is a committee. As I stated, two communities have stated that they don't want people going to this particular inlet. One of your constituency communities said that that inlet should not be entered as it is a wildlife safe zone. When we were issuing the licence, that inlet was off limits based on consultation with the community. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Mr. Keyootak.

Mr. Keyootak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Moving on to something else now, in the business plan for 2019-2020 you have included \$900,000 for the Community Engagement Support Program. Now, this represents a 33.3 percent increase from the 2018-19 fiscal year. How much of this funding has been spent to date? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok (interpretation): Thank you. If I can, through you, ask my Deputy Minister, Ms. Hanson, to respond to that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you

very much. Ms. Hanson.

Ms. Hanson (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Thank you for the question, Mr. Chairman. The increase has to do with the new program that was approved last year called the Community Engagement Support Program and what that is, is a program that encourages dialogue between the exploration company and communities. Both the exploration companies and communities or community organizations can apply for this funding just to have conversations as to what sort of work they're doing in that area because a lot of times communities don't know who to ask. This is funding for a person and specific funding for the communities to access. *Nakurmiik*, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. (interpretation ends) K-5. Economic Development and Transportation. Economic Development. Total Operations and Maintenance, to be Voted. \$23,390,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Thank you. K-6. Economic Development and Transportation. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) In the business plan for airports it mentions making submissions to Transport Canada for the Airports Capital Assistance Program. It says that an agreement was signed for a runway rehabilitation project in Clyde River. (interpretation) I would like to get an update on what is happening on that front now and if they submitted a request for that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The project for Clyde River is moving forward. The upgrades include grading and lighting. We have already agreed to the changes. More work is ongoing up to now to complete that. You may have also heard recently that an agreement was also reached for Hall Beach, as we heard an announcement. These two agreements are what we are trying to complete in this year, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, minister. It states that requests will be forthcoming for this upcoming year for the two projects, or rather (interpretation ends) two major rehabilitation priorities. (interpretation) What exactly are these two projects or what will the work entail? I would like to ask if he has that information which I want to hear about. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok (interpretation): Thank you. Currently we are working on that in Clyde River and Hall Beach. This is what that title is for, as it is specific towards what we have planned out.

Since I answered that question, Mr. Chairman, if I can be allowed, I would ask the official to my left be replaced by another official who is in the waiting room and that they get escorted in. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): The minister is asking to switch witnesses. Do you agree to bring in another official? Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Sergeant-at-Arms, please escort an official out and bring in the other official.

Thank you very much. Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok (interpretation): Thank you. I also thank you, my colleagues, for allowing me to change my witness. I want to recognize Assistant Deputy Minister John Hawkins. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) I guess this is just a clarification I require. The minister mentioned Clyde River and Hall Beach. At the very bottom of page 258 it says, "Develop two major rehabilitation priorities for submission to Transport Canada Airports Capital Assistance Program." What will those two major priorities be? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you. For the development that we're getting ready for the submission to Transport Canada, we do indicate there are two, but for our needs, we have identified three so far. I

want to stress that these are submissions that we are going to bring forward to Transport Canada for three communities. I just wanted to clarify whether I can release the community names and those three that we're working in terms of getting for the submission are Kugaaruk, Pangnirtung, *ammalu* Whale Cove. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Yes, I just noticed that I had misread the community name. I apologize. I want to correct this because it is not Kugaaruk but rather Kugluktuk. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, minister, for identifying it. I heard that the airport in Whale Cove is in bad shape. (interpretation ends) Thank you for confirming that. I do fly in and out of Whale Cove and it's kind of hairy knowing that there are issues with the runway itself and the surface.

I guess my last questions here are regarding this Iqaluit airport. It says for this current year, this is on page 260 on the P3 at the very top, the status, "The division continues to monitor the P3 Partner's performance, including the closeout of deficiencies." If the minister could outline what those deficiencies were. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you

very much. Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. When the report has been compiled, I plan on tabling the report. At this time I don't have that documentation handy. However, I can commit to providing it at a later date when the report has been completed and I will table it. At this time it isn't part of my briefing notes, so I apologize for that, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) My last question is about art displays in airports. I note that in the 2016-17 contracting report there was \$145,000 that was spent to the Winnipeg Art Gallery for art at the Iqaluit airport along with another \$50,000 contract for art at the Iqaluit airport design.

My understanding is that there's another sculpture there that has just been unveiled. I don't know what the cost on it was, but it looks pretty expensive and it contrasts that with the art at the Whale Cove Airport, there are puzzles on the walls, or the art at the Arviat Airport, we have tourism-related displays at the Arviat Airport and they date back, I believe, to the NWT days or very close to that, maybe early 2000s.

I understand it's nice to have art in the airport, but is there a program or is there consideration given to art type of displays in other airports in Nunavut? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you

very much. Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There are no displays anywhere else, but when new facilities are being constructed, if the display cases have room, then the arts and crafts for the display cases are provided. However, at this time we don't have any display cases immediately available. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I believe consideration should be given to that idea, as it would be beneficial. Inuit arts and crafts should be displayed to showcase them. If this was available in every airport, I think it would be perfect rather than have a central display case that causes envious feelings. It seems to be shouting "Look here, we have the most awesome display case while everyone else has the discards, but we have the best airport here." Uniformity is best, so that should be our goal instead.

I am aware that yes, in Arviat we will never get a \$400 million project to build our airport, which is fine and understandable. Nonetheless, when talking about beautification projects, what is sauce for the goose should also be sauce for the gander; there should be uniformity. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok (interpretation): Thank you. I concur with that statement, but at the same time, if a community wishes to develop a local collection towards a display case, they can submit

an application for funding towards displaying Inuit arts and crafts through the department or through tourism services. We work with ED&T to develop that so a display case can be installed in their local communities. That is one way to allow communities to work towards that through our department, as airport services are more for airlines. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Following my list of names, Ms. Towntongie.

Ms. Towntongie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a question specific to page 255, consideration of resolving delays as it states the process is resulting in prolonged delays in Nunavut to receive driver's licences for both class 7 and class 5. It states that "...casual Driver Examiners were hired in Gjoa Haven, Rankin Inlet and Iqaluit..." Now, as of today, with that purpose of resolving the delays in getting driver's licences, what is the status of this work now? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This process began at the end of November. The foundation for that is completed and is now in use. For applicants applying for a driver's licence in the communities, the computers and cameras have all been updated through that process. We anticipate it will be faster as we have experimented with different techniques, such as directly broadcasting the feed via satellite to the three regional centres that I just mentioned.

When the file is being transferred between communities, this has been the cause of the delays. At this time, when the form is filled out, a picture is taken, and then the whole file is sent via Internet to Rankin Inlet, Iqaluit, (interpretation ends) or Gjoa Haven. (interpretation) They go to those communities I mentioned. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Ms. Towtongie.

Ms. Towtongie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is my final question. On the same page, at the top of page 255, it states that the department instituted “a public information campaign surrounding impaired driving, including cannabis.”

I am of the mind that provision of information to the public about new policies and legislation related to driving should never be done just once; it has to be ongoing. How many times will the department inform the public about driving regulations? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Our department will try to keep everyone informed about developments along these lines. Not just once, but we will try to keep people properly informed as we’re supposed to, and that will continue. Since this law is new, you will be hearing it more than you would, with our promotional items. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. (interpretation ends) K-6. Transportation. Mr. Quassa.

Mr. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a question I want to ask while we’re on airports. In fiscal year 2018-19 it was stated that these... . I don’t know the Inuktitut term, so perhaps I will say the words in English, (interpretation ends) “...installation of runway visual aids...” (interpretation) I imagine that these aids are for the pilots attempting to land. It says this is for ten communities.

Further, in fiscal year 2019-2020 the department has identified communities. Are these the same ten communities listed in the previous year, 2018-19, and 2019-2020 that were to be the prioritized ones where the work would be completed? Arctic Bay, Grise Fiord, Kimmirut, Sanikiluaq, Gjoa Haven, Taloyoak, Chesterfield Inlet, Rankin Inlet, Naujaat, Kugaaruk, and Coral Harbour, I believe, are the ten communities. Are these the communities? That’s my first question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If I understand the question correctly, there are 10 up there and 10 in 2019-2020. They’re different. Every year 10 airports are inspected and they see what improvements are needed. That’s what the airport division does. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Mr. Quassa.

Mr. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Now, the ten communities are identified. The remaining communities that aren't named here have no issues with their airports and thusly don't require an inspection. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There are 25 communities and all airports can't be inspected right away. We do a quality assurance audit and we can do 10 per year. This is set so that we cover all the communities in three years, but all communities eventually get rated or checked. We have to do the audit in phases. We have to separate the communities when we are doing that. All the other airports are inspected. There are inspections done annually. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Mr. Quassa.

Mr. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I want more information now. What exactly do they do? What do they check? What do they inspect?

I'm not sure if it's true or not, but I heard it from a pilot when we were on our way to Igloolik. We weren't able to land for a while, but we ended up landing. The pilot told me that when you're trying to land at the Igloolik Airport, there are no guidance systems at all or no locators available. I'm not sure if that's true. I didn't catch the pilot's name. The person said Igloolik is a big community and there is nothing to guide you to the airstrip with. If it's foggy,

then it's impossible to land.

You can land in Iqaluit no matter what the weather is, but in Igloolik they can't do that even though the population is over 2,000 people and it's the largest community outside of Iqaluit in the Baffin region. It has no airport guidance system at all. I would like more information about Igloolik, especially when you said that all airports get inspected annually to see what improvements need to be made. That's my question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok (interpretation): Thank you. Each community has different levels of development and some are older than others. Through this audit, if they find something that needs to be improved or fixed, we get a letter from the federal government telling us what needs to be fixed or equipment that is missing that we need to find and install. That's the kind of letter we get from the federal government.

I don't have the details for Igloolik, so I can't say what that pilot was talking about. I can look into it. I expect there is no GPS guidance system, but we have been installing them. The other question from the MLA was about the (interpretation ends) Airports Capital Assistance Program. (interpretation) We are able to do upgrades using that program. Igloolik would probably fall into one of those programs, but we're aware of it.

Whenever a community is lacking something, we notify the pilots and other operators on what's missing and what's

broken. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Mr. Quassa.

Mr. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This will be my final question. For the airport in Iqaluit we don't use anymore, the yellow terminal building, we have heard that the government might be repurposing it. I just want an update on that. I believe it's not being utilized at all. I see the cargo people there, as well as aircraft no longer in use. What are your intentions for that building? Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That will be my final question.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Minister Akeegok.

Hon. Minister Akeegok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Maybe we can talk more about this when we get into the capital projects.

Right now we are looking at it to see if it can be improved. We need to use that right now. NAV CANADA officials are working there. We still own the bottom part of it. It can still be utilized, but it would need to be renovated and we're aware of that. It's going to cost money and because it is going to be very expensive, we will have to ask for funding to be approved by the House to try to get it renovated.

We are considering our options and looking at all the communities as well to see what the absolute priority is in the communities. That is a consideration we have been making along capital lines. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. (interpretation ends) K-6. Economic Development and Transportation. Transportation. Total Operations and Maintenance, to be Voted. \$45,044,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Thank you. Back to page K-3. Department Summary. Economic Development and Transportation. Total Operations and Maintenance, to be Voted. \$87,099,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Do members agree that we have concluded the Department of Economic Development and Transportation? Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Thank you. Closing comments, Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I can keep going on and on, but I would like to thank all of my colleagues for approving this. Now in April we look forward to all the people of Nunavut being able to apply for contributions and start their own businesses or look for a great job. They will be able to do all of that because you approved it, so I thank you.

My staff worked really hard to plan this and I am extremely grateful for doing such a very good job. Mr. Chairman, you are a great chairman and I thank you too. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Sergeant-at-Arms, please

escort the minister's officials out. Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I went to the back to have tea and get rejuvenated so we can continue, but, Mr. Chairman, you're out of tea.

>> *Laughter*

Therefore I would like to make a motion to report progress. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

>> *Laughter*

Chairman: There is a motion on the floor and it is not debatable. All those in favour of the motion. All those opposed.

>> *Laughter*

The motion is carried. I will now rise to report progress to the Speaker.

Speaker's Statement

Speaker: Before I receive the Report of the Committee of the Whole, I wish to take this opportunity to formally and publicly convey the deepest sympathies of this institution and all of its members to the family and many friends of the late Charlie Panigoniak, who we learned has just passed away.

As members will be aware, Charlie Panigoniak was invested into the Order of Nunavut at a ceremony held in this Chamber on September 20, 2012.

Charlie was recognized with many other awards and honours during his distinguished career, including the Queen Elizabeth II Golden and Diamond Jubilee Medals.

Charlie, your music will forever be in our hearts.

>> *Applause*

(interpretation) Thank you. Let's now go back to the orders of the day, if I can find it. Report of the Committee of the Whole. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Item 20: Report of the Committee of the Whole

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Your committee has been considering Bill 15 and the 2019-2020 main estimates and would like to report progress. Also, I move that the Report of the Committee of the Whole be agreed to. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): There is a motion on the floor. Is there a seconder? Mr. Akeegok.

>> *Laughter*

The motion is in order. All those in favour of the motion, please raise your hand. Thank you. All those opposed. The motion is carried.

Third Reading of Bills. *Orders of the Day*. Mr. Clerk.

Item 22: Orders of the Day

Clerk (Mr. Quirke): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. *Orders of the Day* for March 7:

1. Prayer
2. Ministers' Statements
3. Members' Statements
4. Returns to Oral Questions

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| 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery | Whole |
| 6. Oral Questions | 21. Third Reading of Bills |
| 7. Written Questions | 22. Orders of the Day |
| 8. Returns to Written Questions | Thank you. |
| 9. Replies to Opening Address | Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. This House stands adjourned and in accordance with the authority provided to me by Motion 17 – 5(2), we will commence our meeting on Thursday, March 7, at 10:00 a.m. |
| 10. Petitions | |
| 11. Responses to Petitions | |
| 12. Reports of Standing and Special Committees on Bills and Other Matters | Sergeant-at-Arms. |
| 13. Tabling of Documents | >> <i>House adjourned at 21:44</i> |
| 14. Notices of Motions | |
| 15. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills | |
| 16. Motions | |
| • Motion 29 – 5(2) | |
| • Motion 30 – 5(2) | |
| 17. First Reading of Bills | |
| 18. Second Reading of Bills | |
| 19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters | |
| • Bill 13 | |
| • Bill 15 | |
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| 20. Report of the Committee of the | |

