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**Iqaluit, Nunavut
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Members Present:

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

>> *House commenced at 9:01*

Item 1: Opening Prayer

Speaker (Hon. George Qulaut) (interpretation): Can you say the opening prayer, please, Mr. Peter Taptuna.

>> *Prayer*

Speaker: Hon. Member for Hudson Bay, Mr. Allan Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good morning, members and good morning to the people of Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to proceed directly to Item 19 on the order paper. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The member is seeking unanimous consent to proceed directly to Item 19 on the order paper. Are there any nays? There are none. We will proceed to Item 19. Item 19. [Consideration in] Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters. Bills

19, 26, 27, 30, 32, 33, 34, 35, 41, and 43 with Mr. Enook in the Chair.

I ask that all members remain at their desks so that we can immediately proceed to the Committee of the Whole.

(interpretation) Sergeant-at-Arms.

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

Chairman (Mr. Enook)(interpretation): Good morning. I would now like to call the committee meeting to order.

First of all, to Nunavummiut watching the televised proceedings and listening to the radio broadcast, welcome to your committee.

In Committee of the Whole we have the following items to deal with: Bills 19, 26, 27, 30, 32, 33, 34, 35, 41, and 43. What is the wish of the committee? Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and again good morning. Mr. Chairman we wish to continue with Bill 34 and continue with the review of the main estimates of the Department Economic Development and Transportation, followed by the following: Nunavut Arctic College, the Department of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, the Department of Environment, Culture and Heritage, and the Legislative Assembly. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Rumbolt. Does the committee agree that we first deal with Bill 34?

Some Members: Agreed.

Bill 34 – Appropriation (Operations & Maintenance) Act, 2017-2018 – Economic Development and Transportation – Consideration in Committee

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Good morning, Minister Ell-Kanayuk. I'll first ask if you have officials you wish to join you at the witness table. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): Yes, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Do members agree to have Minister Ell-Kanayuk's officials join her at the witness table?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Sergeant-at-Arms, please escort the minister's officials in.

Just to remind you, we will be starting on page K-5.

Thank you, Sergeant-at-Arms. Minister Ell-Kanayuk, for the record, please introduce your witnesses. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. To my left is my Deputy Minister, Sherri Rowe, and to my right is my Assistant Deputy Minister of Economic Development, Bernie MacIsaac. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Ms. Rowe and Mr. MacIsaac, welcome to the House.

We will continue. The House was informed of the rules yesterday. If you don't remember them, I will remind you. We're on K-5. Economic Development and Transportation. Economic Development. Total Operations and Maintenance, to be Voted. \$21,750,000. Agreed? Ms. Angnakak, please make yourself visible. I can't see very far.

Ms. Angnakak (interpretation): That may be the case. Good morning. I was raising my hand. (interpretation ends) I'll be talking about tourism this morning to start off with.

On September 22, 2016 the Government of Nunavut announced that the Department of Economic Development and Transportation's Tourism and Cultural Industries Division would be assuming responsibility for tourism development, marketing and research, visitor experience, and visitor centre operations, and that Nunavut Tourism would continue as a membership-based association that would focus on supporting its members.

How many full-time positions did Nunavut Tourism have prior to this announcement and how many will it have after the end of the current 2016-17 fiscal year? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I can respond to part of that question. Nine full-time positions will be

transferred to our Department of (interpretation ends) Economic Development. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: The number of positions in your department's Tourism and Cultural Industries Division is budgeted to increase from 9 in the 2016-17 fiscal year to 19. How many of these positions are planned to be filled with former employees of Nunavut Tourism? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The positions will be advertised using the usual practices of the government for advertising positions through competitions. If former employees of Nunavut Tourism wanted to apply for those positions through that process, they are able to do so. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Ms. Angnakak. (interpretation ends) Thank you.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Your department's draft 2017-2020 business plan also indicates that one of your department's priorities has been to "Initiate an economic impact study on tourism..." and that was "...to determine the impact of tourism activities on the Nunavut economy and the impact of external economic factors on tourism in Nunavut."

Your business plan also indicates that the first phase of the study has been completed and phase 2 is underway. What conclusions were reached during the first phase of the study, and why was the study done in two phases? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to refer the question to my Assistant Deputy Minister, Mr. MacIsaac. Thank you.

Chairman: Mr. MacIsaac.

Mr. MacIsaac: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The first phase of developing a Nunavut tourism economic impact model included the economic outputs and the impact of tourism on the gross domestic product, labour income, and jobs created.

We're still analyzing the data that we collected and we're compiling the report and compiling the information for the report. The reason it was divided into two phases was largely related to funding. Phase 2 will be largely funded by the federal government. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Can the department tell us how much the study costs in total? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We don't have that figure in front of us and we can pass it on to the member. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. She said that she will provide that information to you. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In your business plan, No. 204, it says here that the department assists the "Nunavut Tourism Association with delivery of the Canadian Tourism Human Resources Council National Occupational Standards..." It's a great big, long title. "...and address training needs of community stakeholders to strengthen tourism industry readiness and capacity." The status is that "A partnership agreement has been put in place and work has started..." Can you provide us with more details on what that all means and what the impact will be at the end of it all? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll ask my Assistant Deputy Minister, Bernie MacIsaac, to answer that question.

Chairman: Mr. MacIsaac.

Mr. MacIsaac: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The department and this division of tourism engage in a number of multi-party discussions across the

country, including aboriginal tourism, business associations, and bodies that include all territories, provinces, and the federal government.

There's a common theme in all these discussions in that the economic impact of tourism with respect to jobs and also with respect to business opportunities is an area that requires more work. The Government of Nunavut sees this as an opportunity for us to learn from the efforts of other jurisdiction on how they addressed job opportunities and also business opportunities in Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I don't work in the field; I never have in the tourism field. One of the things that I always seem to see is that people want to always market Nunavut, which is a great thing, but very often I find the foundation is not well developed.

I think we need to do a lot more training around the hospitality part of tourism and even just the basic things of making sure that there are proper accommodations where we market that, if you're going to market a community, they actually can deliver a service.

When I looked at the business plan, I think it was in draft form at the time a few years ago or a couple of years ago, it seemed to be very much geared towards the marketing side, but not so much at the foundation parts of tourism.

I don't know maybe this is going on, but it seemed when I was growing up

anyhow in Pangnirtung, we were young teenagers and we actually went to a course that was delivered in Pangnirtung for outfitting. The whole community was sort of encouraged to take part in these kinds of things like fishing; how to look after the fish properly and stuff like that.

I'm wondering: what kind of emphasis are you going to look at? Are you going to look at this? Do you feel that there is more need to put more work into having a better foundation that we could market? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It's part of our priorities in 2017-18 to develop a curriculum of targeted training and certification in the tourism sector. Also, the funding has been moved from Nunavut Tourism to Community Tourism and Cultural Industries under ED&T. The focus is to align this funding with a more robust resource development mandate under the TCI. It makes sense from an administrative and development perspective to do that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Can the minister or her department officials tell us then: when we talk about working with more of a foundation level of developing our tourism market, what areas do they feel should be made a priority under that heading? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk

(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll have my Assistant Deputy Minister, Mr. MacIsaac, respond to that. Thank you.

Chairman: Mr. MacIsaac.

Mr. MacIsaac: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The member is exactly right. There are three basic areas that we feel are important. One is the training, as the member had mentioned, and preparing people to work in this business.

The second is developing the infrastructure that would be required to allow for more tourism in communities. I'm talking about things like better hotels or revamped hotels. Another area is product, which would be when a tourist goes to a community, what they can do and what services are available in the community to provide for the tourists.

With the latest realignment between Nunavut Tourism and our department, the Department of Tourism and Cultural Industries, one of the main transfers was what's called the destination marketing organization, which actually markets Nunavut. If we're going to be marketing Nunavut to the world to come here, we need to be able to be able to house them, feed them, and give them interesting things to do. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That's very good to hear. That's exactly my point. I think you're definitely going in the right direction. I like to hear that.

Yesterday when the finance minister was before us, we were talking about the issue of how to promote Nunavut. When he was before us, it was regarding how to entice potential employees to come to Nunavut. Is that something that your department can work with Finance?

When you see on TV about Newfoundland, they have a very good ad about their community. The Northwest Territories has a great ad and even the Yukon. Could we look at doing something like that and maybe the two departments collaborating with one another? You can put what they say together and, I think, save a lot of money. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) We can work with the Department of Finance and whoever is interested in working with us. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. We're on K-5. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Good morning, Madam Minister, your officials, as well as the people of Nunavut and Baker Lake.

I would like to ask questions to the minister. I'm sure she will understand that I asked this question when I was first elected. (interpretation ends) Your department's Development Partnership Agreement Policy expired on March 31, 2016. Under this policy, mining companies that entered into DPAs with

the Government of Nunavut were eligible to apply for fuel tax rebates.

On December 22, 2016 the Department of Finance announced that fuel tax rebates will "only be available to individuals and firms engaged in traditional activities and mining exploration. The rebate will no longer be available to firms using the fuel for mining development, extraction or reclamation."

On March 3, 2016 you stated in the Legislative Assembly that your department and the Department of Finance were "working on developing a replacement for the development partnership agreement." As of today, what is the status of this work? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We are in the final stages of finalizing the development of that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Although I know my next question will have more than one impact, what is the status of the government's current development partnership agreement with the company that operates the Meadowbank mine? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk

(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will have my Assistant Deputy Minister, Mr. MacIsaac, respond. Thank you.

Chairman: Mr. MacIsaac.

Mr. MacIsaac: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is the last year of the current development partnership agreement with Agnico Eagle Mines. They were the only producing mine that we had entered into an agreement with and this would be the last year.

We have entered into agreements with a number of exploration companies and those relationships where they will be able to take advantage of the fuel tax rebate will continue. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the official for the response. When we look at the DPAs, are you going to be negotiating or working on a new DPA with Agnico Eagle seeing that they are now going to have a satellite project? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We are working on a more comprehensive memorandum of understanding with Agnico Eagle. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation):

Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. In your business plan on page 205, in the first paragraph under Minerals and Petroleum Resources, the funding for that was \$2,047,000 last year, but the funding has decreased to \$1,788,000 for this fiscal year. If they can explain what the reason is for the decrease, I would appreciate it. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk

(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll have my Assistant Deputy Minister, Mr. MacIsaac, respond.

Chairman: Mr. MacIsaac.

Mr. MacIsaac: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The reason for that is one of the functions of that particular department is what is called socio-economic monitoring committees, which are committees that are established in every community to monitor the progress and commitments that are made by mining companies in each region. That function has been transferred out of that unit and now is the responsibility of the regional offices. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. When we look at regional offices, are you referring to regional offices within the [Department] of Economic Development and Transportation? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. We're on K-5. Mr. Joanasie.

Mr. Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Welcome and good morning, Minister Ell-Kanayuk, Mr. MacIsaac, and Ms. Rowe.

I would first like to get further clarification on something we started in the past year hearing that the sale of Inuit carvings outside of Nunavut and Canada had dropped drastically. I wish to ask what the status is of the studies that were conducted, I believe, in the past year. The 2016-17 fiscal year is ending soon. Have you heard about any changes? Has there been an increase in the sale of Inuit art or has it remained the same? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to ask the member to identify the page number that he is referring to in the business plan. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Joanasie, can you indicate the page number?

Mr. Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you. In the business plan, I believe it would be on page 203. It is the Art Development Program for \$395,000. I believe it would be under that section.

We have *Sanaugait: A Strategy for Growth in Nunavut's Arts and Crafts Sector*, and selling and marketing Inuit art internationally. Can we get an update on what's happening with this program? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will have my Assistant Deputy Minister, Mr. MacIsaac, respond to that question. Thank you.

Chairman: Mr. MacIsaac.

Mr. MacIsaac: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This particular program is used to help artists market their art. It's also used to allow them to buy equipment and supplies that they might need to actually make their art.

The member's question about selling outside the country, for the most part that is based on legislation you might find in other countries. For example, they might not allow the import of certain materials, such as ivory or marine mammals or parts of marine mammals, etcetera. We have to be very careful when we market or help artists market their materials.

I'll give you an example. With the cruise ships that went through the Northwest Passage this summer, we have to understand who the passengers are and what they are allowed to bring into their own countries in such a way that what we promote to them or what we try to sell to them or get the artists to sell to them is reflective of what they're allowed to do. Thank you, Mr.

Chairman.

>>Laughter

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Joanasie.

Mr. Chairman, the arts and crafts association's funding is increased in their core funding. For over 16 years NACA has supported the development of artists and they produce high-quality work to market their work across Canada and around the world.

Mr. Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also thank you. Again, in the minister's opening comments you indicated that you will be giving the Nunavut Arts and Crafts Association an additional \$150,000, which is very good. Whether the art is soapstone carvings or sewn items, it would be of benefit to get additional dollars to help artists.

I can give an example that NACA brought 40 artists from across Nunavut to the 2016 Northern Lights trade show in Ottawa and that was attended by over 5,000 people in three days. The Nunavut delegation marketed and sold art and cultural products and facilitated a stronger relationship between northern regions and established northern relationships with southern businesses.

We know that Inuit are expert seamstresses and carvers. I can use an example of the waistcoat that I am wearing. My wife made her very first waistcoat, but there are a lot of people out there who make these beautiful handmade crafts, be it kamiit, mitts, or other items made out of traditional material.

NACA has about 250 active members and 700 non-active members. They provide training, marketing, promotion, product development, materials and tool supplies, and they serve as a principle support for information sources for the arts and crafts sector.

As the Department of Economic Development and Transportation or through the Nunavut Arts and Crafts Association, what are you doing to market their art? Do you work closely with the arts and crafts sector to market their handicrafts? We hear, for example, if you make a pair of kamiit and you sell them through the Internet, they can be purchased for over \$1,000. What is your department doing to market and to give further support to the arts and crafts sector? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

We have expanded the definition of art to include all disciplines so that visual arts, performing arts, music and dance, film, video, fashion design, and publishing can be included. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Joanasie.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the member for that question. His vest is very nice.

Mr. Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also thank the minister. You also stated that you expanded the definition of art to include visual arts and so on.

In your business plan on page 203 it also indicates that there was a summit in October 2016. “The goal was to collect the views of artists and organizations on how they envision the new Cultural Industries Strategy.” In 2017-18 there is also going to be another Canadian Council of Tourism meeting. Can you give us a brief outline of what will be included in the new Cultural Industries Strategy and when it is going to be tabled? Thank you, Mr. Chairman

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I tabled the Sanaugait strategy in 2015. Let me start over again. (interpretation ends) The review of Sanaugait, tabled in 2015, recommended the department develop a new comprehensive arts strategy to support all disciplines.

You’re right. We held an all arts summit in October 2016, which laid the groundwork towards the creation of a new comprehensive all arts strategy. The arts summit brought together about 70 delegates, arts organizations, and arts sector stakeholders from across the territory, representing all arts disciplines.

We’re anticipating it to be completed by the end of this year, 2017. We further require more consultations to be held throughout the development of this new strategy. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Joanasie.

Mr. Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also thank the

minister. I would like to move on to another subject regarding community tourism, which was touched up on earlier.

It was last year. Can the minister indicate which communities have outfitters where there’s a growing market for outfitting? I’m aware that you give licences to local outfitters. Was there an increase over the past year in the number of outfitters that are available out there? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We don’t have that level of detail here with us. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Joanasie.

Mr. Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Outfitting is a business in the tourism sector. With communities that have parks close by like in the High Arctic, Pond Inlet, and Katannilik Park near Kimmirut, do you have advertisements promoting outfitting and supporting people who would like to start outfitting businesses?

To elaborate, Katannilik Park is close to Kimmirut and it’s between Kimmirut and Iqaluit. Every year there are celebrations. For example, in Iqaluit we have Toonik Tyme and the snowmobile race is held between Iqaluit and Kimmirut. Is it possible for you to promote these types of activities internationally in order to attract more

tourists to Nunavut? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. First of all, the snowmobile races at Toonik Tyme are not our responsibility. I believe that is the responsibility of the city. I'm not sure who is responsible for coordinating that event.

Our department provides funding to outfitters. Those monies are available by application. Nunavut Tourism also has memberships and they do activities involving parks. There is information that goes out to the membership about activities and promoting what they do. That information is available globally on the Internet. Whether it includes parks or outfitters, Nunavut Tourism is responsible for those types of activities.

However, in regard to education, training, and support, those are initiatives our department undertakes through community economic development officers. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Joanasie.

Mr. Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Can she indicate how many times or in which communities tourism training has been provided in the past year? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We don't have that information with us. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Joanasie.

Mr. Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you. Perhaps she can table them in the future.

Turning to another subject, on page 205, can we get more information on the Nunavut Prospectors Program? Has it been running well? Are you aware of people who want to prospect in the communities or who have identified minerals that might be available for mining near their communities? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The department funds this program at \$150,000 annually, and the level of budget currently meets the demands from the applicants across Nunavut. Since the inception of the program, more than 1,000 Nunavummiut have completed the introductory prospecting course delivered by the department in all 25 communities of Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Joanasie.

Mr. Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also thank the minister. People can attend the course to learn about minerals, prospecting, and the makeup of minerals. However, after

they complete the course, there is a next step. If I took the course and I found something that could be a potential mine, stakes are used as markers for a claim. What is the next step for people who have completed that course? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The program shows the participants how to do all that process of mining and staking. The program encourages Nunavummiut to become independent prospectors and entrepreneurs and to apply their knowledge on the land to mineral exploration. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Moving on. Mr. Sammurtok.

Mr. Tom Sammurtok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will be asking my questions in English. I know that we have good interpreters and they will be interpreting my question into Inuktitut. Thank you.

(interpretation ends) My colleague touched up on this on page 205. However, I noticed you've got several programs there: the Nunavut Prospectors Program and you also have the Nunavut Science Education Enabling Program and the Nunavut Geoscience Program.

My question is on the Nunavut Mine Training Program. I wonder if the minister can elaborate a bit on what this particular program entails.

(interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We continue to work with stakeholders, including the Department of Education, Nunavut Arctic College, and the Government of Canada, and members of the mineral industry on programs designed to prepare Nunavummiut for the opportunity in the mineral resource industries. The department contributes \$200,000 a year for a multi-party mine training program developed by the participants in the Nunavut Mine Training Roundtable.

Just to mention that the Parnautiit Nunavut mining strategy, the department's role in mine training is to facilitate and coordinate training opportunities. Just to give an example, in the 2015-16 Mine Training Fund for the training of potential workers across the three regions an example was the Kivalliq Mine Training Society. They did a Red Seal Cook Apprenticeship Program and they were given \$28,266 to do that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (Mr. Akoak): Thank you. Mr. Sammurtok.

Mr. Tom Sammurtok: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On December 22, 2016 the Government of Nunavut and the Northwest Territories issued a joint news release, and I quote, "expressing concern over [this week's] announcement of an indefinite moratorium on offshore oil and gas development by the Government of Canada."

Your department's draft 2017-2020 business plan indicates that it will, and I

quote again, “Continue working with the partners and stakeholders on the Strategic Environmental Assessment to address petroleum exploration and development in Baffin Bay and Davis Strait.”

To what extent will the recent federal announcement concerning offshore oil and gas development impact your department’s work in the area of petroleum resources development? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The GN remains disappointed in the lack of consultation from the federal government on that announcement before their decision. I would like my Assistant Deputy Minister, Bernie MacIsaac, to elaborate on the focus that we are going to be taking in which he could explain that going forward, we want the industry to be prepared in the case that this opportunity comes again, if you could allow Mr. MacIsaac to explain. Thank you.

Chairman: Mr. MacIsaac. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: I noticed the Premier raised his hand and would like to speak. I would like him to speak. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Premier Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That’s a very good question from the committee member. As you know, on December 20 the Prime

Minister made an announcement that there is going to be a moratorium put on oil and gas development in the Arctic, not just in Nunavut but throughout the Arctic.

As you know, Mr. Chairman, we’re in the process of negotiating on devolution with the federal government. This announcement is very disappointing because it was done unilaterally. I didn’t find out about the situation and I was told that that was going to happen within the phone call I got about this announcement 20 minutes previous to that announcement.

Of course all three territorial premiers, including myself, were in the process of negotiating devolution. You don’t take a potential source of revenue away from a jurisdiction, away from a territory while you’re in the midst of negotiating resource royalty sharing and authority to manage your own lands. That was very disappointing and we made that known. We put out a news release on that with the three territorial premiers. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Premier. Mr. Sammurtok.

Mr. Tom Sammurtok: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I’m not sure whether you might have this information or not. However, I’m kind of interested. The world price of oil has dropped significantly in recent years. What is the minimum price at which oil extraction would be profitable in the Arctic? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We have a geologist here with us, so I would like my Assistant Deputy Minister, Bernie MacIsaac, to answer that question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. MacIsaac.

Mr. MacIsaac: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If we knew that number, we would all be millionaires. All humour aside, as you can imagine, the cost of extraction of oil and gas in the Arctic is significantly higher than what it would be elsewhere, for example, in Alberta or Texas or Saudi Arabia. The economics up here are different. At the current price of oil and gas I would suggest, especially for oil, that oil deposits up here are not economic. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Sammurtok.

Mr. Tom Sammurtok: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My next question was touched up on by one of my colleagues. However, your department's Development Partnership Agreement Policy expired on March 31, 2016. Under this policy, mining companies that enter into DPAs with the Government of Nunavut are eligible to apply for fuel tax rebates.

On December 22, 2016 the Department of Finance announced that fuel tax rebates will be "available to individuals and firms engaged in traditional activities and mining exploration. The rebate will no longer be available to firms using the fuel for mining development, extraction or reclamation."

On March 3, 2016 you stated in the Legislative Assembly that your

department and the Department of Finance were working on developing a replacement for the DPA agreements. As of today, what is the status of this work? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. I think she answered that earlier on, but Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. To reiterate that answer, it's the same answer as I gave earlier, and that is that we're very close to finalizing the new agreement. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (Mr. Enook)(interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Akoak

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

This was touched up on by my colleague, Mr. Joanasié, on the Nunavut Prospectors Program, \$150,000. Do these people need a valid prospecting licence before or do they get it afterwards? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. They don't need it when they're doing the prospecting course, but they would need it in the future if they wanted to stake a claim. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Akoak.

Mr. Akoak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Also, if these people find some minerals of some sort and they do want to get it

assessed to see whether they're worth anything or not, would your department be able to help them ship it to a company that can do that? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Yes, our geologists do that with the participants on a regular basis. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Your second round of questioning, Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman, for acknowledging me again. I just wanted to get clarification on page 207 of your business plan because I know that our community has been impacted with the mine. The very last bullet on page 207 of your business plan says, "Increase pro-active dialogue with communities affected by or soon-to-be-affected by resource development, to increase awareness of and gain public confidence in the regulatory, environmental and socioeconomic assessment process."

My question is: for the life of a mine, from the beginning of activity to the end of the mine, are you going to be increasing awareness? Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If I understood the member correctly, the new development

partnership agreement that will be agreed to will address that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much. In regard to the DPA, I know that you're working on the Development Partnership Agreement Policy, but once the policy is completed, would Baker Lake, for example, be informed and what kind of consultations would occur? Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, they would be informed. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I also thank the minister. On another note, I was looking for this in the business plan, but communities used to make requests or apply for funding to construct access roads outside of the community. In English they're called (interpretation ends) access roads. (interpretation) Do you provide funding for access roads and how much funding is allocated for that? Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That program falls under community transportation initiatives. As the member may know, we're having a one-time increase of \$2.5 million in this program so that we can catch up on some of the wants the communities have identified. This program supports development to essential links like hunting and fishing areas and tourism destinations, and makes other land activities possible. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I also thank the minister for responding clearly that there will be a one-time increase. However, I need more clarification. When a community wants to build an access road to a hunting area, who do they make that request to? Do they just make an application to your department for that? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It goes through our department here in Iqaluit. The proposals are sent here. Thank you, *Itsivautaaq*.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I found what the minister elaborated on page 197 of the business plan. I know that there was a one-time increase. Is this \$4 million for that one fiscal year?

Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. I still have names on my list, but we will take a 10-minute break.

>>Committee recessed at 10:08 and resumed at 10:22

Chairman (interpretation): Let us continue with our proceedings. We are on page K-5. Mr. Qirngnuq.

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to ask a question. First of all, I know that this was discussed, but I need more clarification. I'm not sure if it was the first time or not, but there were cruise ships touring the High Arctic last year. Will there be cruise ships visiting again in the future? That is the first question I would like clarification on. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. At this time they have not announced their itineraries or which cruise ships will be visiting Nunavut communities. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Qirngnuq.

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Also, there are times

that smaller sailboats travel north through the Northwest Passage. Is your department aware of where these sailboats are arriving from? Can you respond to that question? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The sailboats are usually privately owned and don't bring tourists with them, so they don't require licences or permits. We don't always know what's happening. (interpretation ends) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Qirngnuq.

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I know that your department doesn't have any idea where the sailboats are going. I'm sure it's not much of a concern. I'll move on to another item.

I know earlier members mentioned oil extraction or development in Nunavut. I know that offshore oil extraction or exploration is not wanted in the north. They don't want to see seismic studies being done in arctic waters. Are you considering any other options for oil exploration other than seismic testing? I hope you are able to understand me. Thank you. Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If no one objects to the

seismic surveys, we believe that it needs to be assessed first through strategic environmental assessments. If there are no problems after the environmental assessments, the actual seismic survey is allowed. Let me first say that the federal government has now banned oil exploration in the north. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Qirngnuq.

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. What I was trying to say was simply cut off, so I'll now move on to another topic.

I'm aware that the issue of marketing crafts was raised earlier. I know some Inuit carvings are sent out and marketed and that we can sell them to galleries. Where do you send the carvings to? Be it outside of Canada, to the States or domestically, which galleries do you send them to? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The carvings, handicrafts, music, films, dance, and others are what are called the arts. These can be included in the marketing. For example, the (interpretation ends) Nunavut Arts and Crafts Association (interpretation) that I mentioned earlier showcases carvings through the (interpretation ends) Nunavut Development Corporation. (interpretation) We also have our own (interpretation ends) arts development program (interpretation) within our department and we work with and have

an agreement with the (interpretation ends) Canada Council for the Arts. (interpretation) We also work with many other entities. We send out carvings to galleries internationally, not just in Canada. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Qirngnuq.

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also thank the minister for her good response. Moving on to another item, there are no visual arts programs available in the smaller communities. How can we encourage the smaller communities to participate in this program to develop their own visual arts? I would appreciate the minister's thoughts on that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Ms. Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There was an all arts summit in October and there was a call to reach out to more communities through this program. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Your last round of questioning, Mr. Joanasie.

Mr. Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for recognizing me again. I had another question, but I ran out of time. I had a question on minerals. There is \$150,000 that is made available by your department.

On page 207 the second bullet for priorities indicates that you would "Carry out an advanced prospector's

field school for longer-term subscribers to the Nunavut Prospector's Program..." You weren't able to get this program started this year, but it's under your priorities for 2017-18 where you refer to (interpretation ends) long-term subscribers. (interpretation) How many subscribers do you have in the Nunavut Prospectors Program? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Because of the downturn there was not as much interest from the industry, but we're expecting that to change this year and that they will be more involved. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Joanasie.

Mr. Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Can the minister state how many long-term subscribers the department has to this Nunavut Prospectors Program? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There have been over a thousand subscribers. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Joanasie.

Mr. Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation) Also, it's not listed here, but I have been talking about

carvers. I noticed that there is nothing listed in your business plan on soapstone quarries in Nunavut. Can the minister give us a further explanation on what's happening with soapstone quarries?

I know there's a soapstone quarry between Cape Dorset and Kimmirut. I'm sure there are other places. Can the minister tell us if the Department of Economic Development and Transportation provides assistance for quarrying soapstone? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, the department is committed to continued support of this important part of our traditional economy. The department is developing phase 2 of its Carving Stone Strategy, which will further support carvers and the carving industry in Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Joanasie.

Mr. Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you. When will (interpretation ends) phase 2 (interpretation) begin? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Phase 2 of the strategy will begin this year. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. We are on Economic Development and

Transportation. Economic Development. Total Operations and Maintenance, to be Voted. \$21,750,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Turn to page K-6. Minister Ell-Kanayuk, I believe you would like to make a few comments before we go further. I give you the floor.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like approval to have my Assistant Deputy Minister, Bernie MacIsaac, leave the witness table and invite another official. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. The minister is asking to change witnesses in order to replace Mr. MacIsaac with another witness. Is the committee agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Sergeant-at-Arms, please escort the witness out and escort the new witness in. Thank you.

While they are preparing, I have three names on my list. Who has their hands up? Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk, for the record, please introduce your new witness. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On my right is John Hawkins, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister of Transportation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, minister. Mr. Hawkins, welcome to the House. We will now proceed. Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm going to go backwards a bit to the business plan from 2015. I just want to make a quote from there where the department said that they would "Conduct planning work for remediation and removal of decommissioned airport buildings in Qikiqtarjuaq, Coral Harbour, Nanisivik, Sanikiluaq and Resolute Bay."

Mr. Chairman, for the past eight years I have been bringing up the issue of an abandoned terminal building in my community.

Again, back in the business plan of 2015 the status was "Hazardous Substances Surveys were completed for Qikiqtarjuaq, Coral Harbour and Sanikiluaq. A cost estimate has been determined for the work required at Sanikiluaq." It goes on to say, "No work has been done on Nanisivik or Resolute Bay to date. This priority will carry over to 2015-16."

A priority for 2016-17 was to "Complete planning work for remediation and removal of decommissioned airport buildings" in these four communities. Now today in our current business plan again it states, "Complete planning work for remediation and removal of decommissioned airport buildings in" these four communities.

It's like you're copying from one year to the next and it is the same thing appearing in each business plan. Can you tell me today what work has been

done in this area in the last three years? Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the member for that question. I believe we need to keep putting it in our business plan year after year so that decommissioning of old airports, such as Sanikiluaq, Coral Harbour, Qikiqtarjuaq, and Resolute Bay, keep being on the books because we are trying every year to move these projects forward.

We have to apply for the funding, although, as the member knows, we have done environmental assessments for all of these four sites, the Sanikiluaq old air terminal building, Qikiqtarjuaq's old air terminal building, Coral Harbour's old airport garage, and Resolute Bay's old airport garage.

The department has requested capital funding required to move forward with the removal of these buildings in 2017-18. However, the funding was denied. We will keep continuing to put this project forward for the capital funding process. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Again, in your business plan you state that you had a cost estimate for the work required in Sanikiluaq. Can you let us know how much that project would cost for remediation? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The cost of decommissioning is estimated to be approximately \$400,000. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Is this \$400,000 just for Sanikiluaq or is this for all the communities? Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That cost estimate is for Sanikiluaq only. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Earlier you stated that you had put a request for capital funding for this project to cabinet. Did you put a request forward for all the communities or just for Sanikiluaq? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We put in a request individually for all four projects. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The minister also stated that the request was denied. I have been after this now for that past eight years. Did the department give any particular reasons why these requests for financing were denied? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. No. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Where you stated it would cost about \$400,000 to do Sanikiluaq alone, I wonder if you can explain to us exactly what process will need to take place. Will the building have to be completely taken apart by hand, packaged up, and sent out of the community or would only certain parts of the building have to be sent out and the rest go to landfill? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll have Mr. Hawkins answer that question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Hawkins.

Mr. Hawkins: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Parts of the building will have to be taken apart by hand. There will be designated substances. They will be shipped out and the rest of it can be

“landfilled.” Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I know your request for funding was denied for the project. When do you anticipate putting the next request forward for funding to make this project move forward? Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: For the next capital planning process. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Maybe just a comment, I know that funding for different projects are hard to come by. I think my next step will probably be to write a letter to the powers that be and see if I can help along in order to obtain funding for this building in my community because it's just abandoned. There are no windows left in it, the doors are just hanging, the siding is falling off, and the building is just beginning to fall apart on its own. I have been after this for the past eight years. I think something needs to be done fairly soon in order to remediate this building. That was just a comment. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. That was just a comment, but the floor is yours, Minister Ell-Kanayuk. Minister.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the member for

that. We would welcome a letter like that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Shooyook.

Mr. Shooyook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Are we on Vi-6 in Inuktitut?

Chairman (interpretation): Yes, Vi-6.

Mr. Shooyook (interpretation): I welcome the Minister of Economic Development and Transportation and her officials, although I cannot pronounce their names. Welcome.

In your 2017-2020 business plan you describe new plans for navigational aids that will be installed in Arviat, Pangnirtung, Qikiqtarjuaq, and Kimmirut to improve approach and instrument landing systems in bad weather. Are these navigational aids being installed now or in which years will that work be completed in those four communities? Can you clarify that for me? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. They have been installed in three communities and the work has been completed, but we still have to put in proposals to NAV CANADA. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Shooyook.

Mr. Shooyook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the minister

for clarifying that. I'm going to ask a three-part question. There are five other airports that have been identified for navigational aids. Which five communities are you talking about? Can you clarify that for me? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The communities are Arctic Bay, Cambridge Bay, Cape Dorset, Clyde River, Coral Harbour, Hall Beach, Kimmirut, Pangnirtung, and Qikiqtarjuaq. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Shooyook.

Mr. Shooyook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for the clarification. Also for the third one, it's my understanding that there will be no infrastructure improvements in ten other communities. What other infrastructure work does that talk about? Which airports require infrastructure improvements? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): The runways for the last ten airports will need to be improved. (interpretation ends) Ten airports can be redesigned after the runway certifications are upgraded. (interpretation) The airport improvements are future projects for Baker Lake, Chesterfield Inlet, [Gjoa Haven], Igloodik, Kugaaruk, Kugluktuk,

Pond Inlet, Naujaat, Taloyoak, and Whale Cove. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Shooyook.

Mr. Shooyook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also thank the minister. Will they be adding new surface gravel on these ten runways? What are they talking about? Are they going to resurface them with gravel or is this for other work? What type of work will they be doing? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): Yes, it is for (interpretation ends) gravel, (interpretation) small stones. What's the term for them? I apologize for forgetting the correct term, Mr. Chairman. It's not primarily for that purpose, but it's for other improvements that are needed at the airports. That's what's indicated here. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Mapsalak.

Mr. Mapsalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This question has been asked for a long time and I would like to ask it again. This is about driver's licences under (interpretation ends) Motor Vehicles, (interpretation) which is included in there under (interpretation ends) Transportation. (interpretation) As I said, this has been a long-standing issue and past ministers have responded to it. More than one member of the legislature has commented on the long waiting periods for driver's licences.

Some wait as long as one year or more. I don't know what the reason is.

However, I would like to use my constituency as an example. I have been told that people who apply for licences go through the GLO and then their application is sent to Rankin Inlet. I'm wondering if the delays are primarily at the regional office in Rankin Inlet. That office deals with numerous administrative tasks in the region and I believe the chief administrative officer there sometimes ends up working alone. That might be a large part of the reason why the delays happen.

Is the minister aware if the reason is they have an inadequate number of staff at the regional office? Applicants wait far too long for their driver's licences. That's my first question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That may be part of the reason, but there are other reasons. Some of the staff work for Community and Government Services and many do excellent work. Some of them have not completed their training. Some applicants send in incomplete information, such as copies of their birth certificates. That's just an example. There could be other documentation that's missing.

Another reason could be that we're trying to improve the system. The equipment is very old. In the upcoming year for 2018, all communities will have new equipment. That is also part of the

reason. Right now applications are not sent electronically or by fax. They are sent through the mail and the licences are then returned through the mail. That process is slow and is a part of what is causing delays, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (Mr. Akoak): Mr. Mapsalak.

Mr. Mapsalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The government liaison officer is a new position. They are fully trained and very capable. Let me ask a question. Perhaps the equipment still hasn't been upgraded in the Kivalliq region. Maybe it's the cameras. How many cameras are there and how many GLOs have new cameras in the Kivalliq? Can the minister provide that information? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I don't have that information in front of me. They should all have new equipment. I don't know the condition of the equipment, but we can get that information for the member at a later date. I know some equipment causes some of the problems. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Mapsalak.

Mr. Mapsalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There are water truck drivers or heavy equipment operators who presently hold driver's licences. Some clients have been waiting for over a year, yet they can only work with a valid driver's licence, especially

to operate heavy equipment. I'm sure they're given temporary licences.

I don't think that there should be any reason for delays other than having to send their applications to Rankin Inlet, which has staffing issues. With that being the case, what is being done to determine the cause of delays? Does the department ensure the Kivalliq regional office in Rankin Inlet has adequate staff? How does the department go about ensuring the staffing situation is adequately addressed? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the member for asking about that process. Further, I would invite him to our offices to provide some background in order to come to a common understanding on what the reasons are for the delay and we would be on the same page.

Regarding the licensees who have been waiting for extended periods of time for their heavy equipment licence, we would want to get the details in order to ensure that we can resolve the challenges and find out what the reasons are for the delays.

Having said that, with respect to the staffing situation in Rankin Inlet, they have a full complement of staff who work with all the communities. Our department would welcome any suggestions to ensure we collaboratively resolve these problems. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Mapsalak.

Mr. Mapsalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also thank the minister for her response. Yes, that is the case. We are continually told by ministers and we have heard this brought up more than once every year in the Legislative Assembly about the long waiting periods. We are repeatedly told that they are working on it and that it will improve so that clients won't have to wait for so long. With that being the case, we are always looking forward to how it will be improved, especially when there are many people who don't have driver's licences and have been waiting for far too long.

As I stated during question period, the hamlet's senior administrative officer was concerned that many licences have expired and they still haven't received their renewed licences for extended periods of time. The hamlet is having a hard time finding drivers. I would like them to look into that. It's not a question; it's more of a general comment. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. It was just a comment, but if Minister Ell-Kanayuk would like to respond. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also thank the member. In the past members approved the (interpretation ends) Motor Vehicle Information System, (interpretation) which is a computer system to process various types of licences. They are currently installing the connections in all communities so that they will be using this system by 2018.

Also, not all communities have government liaison officers. Some of the communities have municipal liaison officers, but they are not part of our government system. This applies in the communities that have program transfer agreements. We don't have control over their operations as it is governed by the agreements with hamlets. Some communities still use these transfer agreements. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. The next name on my list, Mr. Qirngnuq.

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In order to be clear with my questions, so I'll be asking my questions in English as I know I have good interpreters. I would like to ask my first question to the minister, but I would also like to welcome the minister and her officials.

(interpretation ends) Your department's draft 2017-2020 business plan indicates that one of your department's priorities for the 2017-18 fiscal year is to "Manage one-time Community Transportation Initiatives Program increase." The budget for this program is proposed to be increased from \$1.5 million to \$4 million. During the 2015-16 fiscal year your department only spent \$1,421,000 out of its \$1.5 million budget for this program. What are the specific factors to justify the proposed increase in the program's budget? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is due to some of the projects that were provided that were not done. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Qirngnuq.

Mr. Qirngnuq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Your department's Community Transportation Initiatives Program Policy currently provides that the maximum contribution for any specific project is \$300,000. Are you considering increasing this amount? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Qirngnuq.

Mr. Qirngnuq: As of today, how many applicants for funding under the Community Transportation Initiatives Program have been received by your department during the 2016-17 fiscal year? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We have 21 that applied for this funding for 2016-17. Thank you.

Chairman: Mr. Qirngnuq.

Mr. Qirngnuq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think the next question was already touched on, but to get clarification, how many of these applications have been approved and how many of these applications have been denied? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. During 2015 the department received over \$3,199,000 in

application requests from 19 communities. These 21 applicants were all approved. What they wanted in terms of the amounts may have been decreased. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Qirngnuq.

Mr. Qirngnuq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If the minister could answer my next question or if not, what is the purpose for denial and what is the purpose for approval? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There were no denials. The proposals have to meet a program objective and they need to have the capacity in the community to carry out the work, and the extent to which the community is prepared to contribute its own resources and the extent to which the local labour and municipal equipment is used. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. We're on page K-6. Next name on the list, Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I know that my colleague, Mr. Shooyook, was asking questions in this regard, but I would like to get more clarification. I have been requesting the navigational aids and the (interpretation ends) GPS approach (interpretation) for aircrafts for Baker Lake. What is happening with the GPS approach request for Baker Lake? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like Mr. Hawkins to respond to that question. Thank you.

Chairman: Mr. Hawkins.

Mr. Hawkins: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Baker Lake approach is currently a GPS LPV approach. It is the best approach that can be implemented in that community right now until some civil work is done; some obstructions or obstacles are removed and some additional civil works. There are a lot of things that happen on the ground that have to be in place before the instrument approach, which is in the air, can be put in place to its full capability. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Mikkungwak

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for that information. When we look at the civil works for the community of Baker Lake regarding the runway GPS approach and all, do you have an idea of what costs we're looking at? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We're talking in the millions. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Mikkungwak

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I know we would certainly require a large sum of money for this, but would it be funded by the Nunavut government or the federal government or would it be a

combination of the federal government and GN cost sharing? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This would have to come from the Nunavut government's budget. It's not eligible for ACAP. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. The minister just stated that they are not eligible for ACAP, but how are you going to work to install it there? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As I stated earlier, for the ACAP, or the (interpretation ends) [Airports] Capital Assistance Program, (interpretation) we are unable to apply. (interpretation ends) It's not eligible. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I know that the minister is indicating that it's not eligible at this time. What is the reason why it's not eligible at this time? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Ell-Kanayuk

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): Mr. Chairman, I would like Mr. Hawkins to respond to the

question. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Hawkins.

Mr. Hawkins: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The ACAP (Airports Capital Assistance Program) is available to airports to maintain their certification at its current level. These changes that we're talking about would be an increase in the certification level of the airport. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In order to change the level of certification, how can the Baker Lake runway...? Would there have to be initial assessments or modifications, or what work would really have to be done to get to that next level of certification? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll ask Mr. Hawkins to answer that question. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Hawkins.

Mr. Hawkins: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The improvements are typically widening of the graded areas around the runway, removal of obstacles around the airport out to about five miles or so, it can be as far as that, and improvements to the lighting systems. Those all sort of make up the certification part of it that's on the ground that gives a higher level of certification, and then the approach can be designed around that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. While we're still talking about airports, I guess my next question here would be: I do recall there was a proposal submitted regarding the renovation of the current Baker Lake terminal building. What is that status on that? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We will have to get back to the member on that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I'll wait for that information. Will that information be provided to me in writing? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I also thank the minister for her response. This matter was referenced earlier by my colleague, Mr. Mapsalak, in his questioning about the heavy equipment licensing issues in the Kivalliq, as some drivers in Baker Lake have also had to wait far too long.

What I want to ask about relates to a previous response by the minister about

the forms that are filled out, which are sent out via the postal system down to Rankin Inlet. Is this using the faster postal rate? What seems to slow this process down obviously is that they only send out the applications when they have a certain number as a batch. I wonder if they should send them in as cargo. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the member for that question. Once we have the Motor Vehicle Information System in place, the documents will be able to be sent electronically. Currently they are mailed. Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.

Chairman: Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Once they're able to send them out electronically, would this system be in place this year and are we going to have the cameras and everything also upgraded? Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. MVIS will be up and running by the end of 2018 and it will include new equipment and cameras. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. With that being the case, some people wait for quite a while. I'll use myself as an example. I've had a driver's licence

for many years. It has my house number, mailing address, and other required information, including my height and weight, which has never changed much.

When it's time to renew a driver's licence, I wonder what the differences are between categories like class 1, class 2, class 3, class 5, and class 7, even though they're obviously in some order. I wonder if your department considered simplifying classification, such as class 1, class 2, and class 3, in such a way to improve the whole process for driver's licences, for example, if you have a class 1, to be able to use that same licence for three years.

The reason I ask is that the Canadian firearms certificate was changed and it's now good for five years and ten years, I think. Is it not possible to consider extending the life of those licences? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The classes that the member referred to, class 1, 2, and so forth, some of those require medical examination and that is why they have to be a certain time frame, because of the medical exam that is required. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I understand the minister's response. So that the Motor Vehicles Division is not bombarded with so many applications on a yearly basis, maybe it could be the reverse.

For people who do not need to have the medical examination, could they not attain the driver's licence for maybe two years instead of just having it for one year? I guess that is my question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The class 5 driver's licence, the regular driver's licence, right now has five years, but we can look into the other classes that require a medical examination. Right now we will have to look at that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Next name on the list, Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I don't have very many questions, just so you know. I do want to talk a little bit about the Iqaluit airport.

I read on page 215 in your business plan, you talk about monitoring the P3 partner's compliance. I wonder if you could talk a little bit about who monitors the compliance provisions on behalf of the Government of Nunavut. Furthermore, what concerns have been raised by the partners or to the partners? At the end of all of that, is there somebody that goes over the numbers and such to make sure that things are running the way that they are supposed to be? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll try to answer all her questions.

The project steering committee consists of the deputy ministers of Economic Development and Transportation, Community and Government and Services, and Finance. As the project is large and has many regulatory and technical aspects, it is being delivered under a complex project agreement. The steering committee has been ensuring that the proper technical advisory and legal resources are in place to ensure its long-term success.

In terms of her question as to who goes through the numbers, we have staff that actually work with the proponents. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My middle question, I think, may have gotten lost in there about what concerns have been raised by any of the parties and how have they been addressed. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (Mr. Enook)(interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like my Assistant Deputy Minister, Mr. Hawkins, to respond to the question. Thank you.

Chairman: Mr. Hawkins.

Mr. Hawkins: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We meet with them regularly, weekly, monthly, and we go through all of the plans that they bring to us, operational plans, we go through anything that is from changing the initial design, we go through Inuit employment numbers, Inuit business engagement, and

we go through all those things. Anything that's come to concern have been in... .

They have a lot of flexibility in how they build the thing. We monitor them to make sure that they are building it to the initial proposal that they gave us. We do reviews of their Inuit engagement in the project and annual reviews. Their spending is not really an issue that we monitor because that's their business. ...any environmental cleanup of the site to make sure that it was done as that project agreement has required. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. When you are monitoring such things as making sure the building is being built the way it's supposed to or environmental cleanup, do you have any expertise on your side to ensure that those provisions are being met? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We have internal and external expertise to assist us. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If you have a situation where the parties can't agree on something, do you have an appeals provision or something like that? How do you settle disagreements? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There is a dispute process as set out in the agreement. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Which is? Can the minister tell us? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll have Mr. Hawkins elaborate. Thank you.

Chairman: Mr. Hawkins

Mr. Hawkins: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There are several processes in the dispute process. The initial review of one will be done with a referee. That's a relatively simple process. Then it would go into an arbitration type of process. From there, if it were not resolved in either of those processes, it would end up in a litigation process. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Has any disagreement ever reached the arbitration process? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There has been one referee type process. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Of course that sparked my interest now. What was the issue about? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I may not have heard her question, but if she asked about the referee performance, the answer is that there was one issue with an accounting performance. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I want to talk a little about the road going to the airport that has been a little bit of a problem, I think, where all sides, being the city, the government, and I guess the company building the airport, everybody is saying that everybody else is responsible for paving the road. I'm not sure why it wasn't included as part of the overall package of building the airport.

I can't see a road in that condition the way it is, where you sometimes feel like you're on a boat going over waves. Is it going to be that much good after the first year of use with all of that increased traffic? I wonder if the minister can elaborate a little about what's going on

there and how we're going to solve this issue. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Perhaps I can refer the question to my Deputy Minister, Ms. Rowe. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Ms. Rowe.

Ms. Rowe: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The road going out to the airport is a city road. For roads that are in the community, that's the Department of Community and Government Services that looks after those roads, but it's the City of Iqaluit's road. What we're trying to do is have everyone work together to try to come up with some solutions for this road. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. How far along are you on with those discussions and is the city involved at this point in time? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): I would like to refer this again to Ms. Rowe. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Ms. Rowe.

Ms. Rowe: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My understanding is that Community

and Government Services has been meeting with the City of Iqaluit. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Is ED&T not a part of those meetings? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) I'll have Ms. Rowe answer that question. Thank you.

Chairman: Ms. Rowe.

Ms. Rowe: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Currently we have not been involved in that discussion. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If you're not involved, how are the parties trying to work together? You oversee a huge project. I would kind of like to also know where the proponents of the airport, who are building the airport, stand on this too. I think it's a really important issue and it really does need to be address now.

I don't know where the city stands on things. I know that they're pointing the finger over back to the government and saying, "We don't have the money to build this." I'm hoping somebody has a solution.

It would be terrible, really, to have an airport that's worth that amount of money, millions and millions, and then have such a terrible road going to it. All that is going to stick out is the road and maybe not the nice, beautiful airport that we've got but more like the terrible road condition leading to it. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In terms of the proponent that she enquired about, it's outside of their project scope. In terms of involvement, I'll ask Ms. Rowe to answer the question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Ms. Rowe.

Ms. Rowe: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will look into that and get back to you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think it's a really important issue. Perhaps the department can write maybe through our Chairman about what's going on with this. I think it's important enough. It's such a huge project. I know that you say that it's out of the scope, but in some sense I wish it would have been included as part of the overall thing. I think that was just perhaps an issue of maybe... Well, hindsight is always 20/20.

I think it's an issue that needs to be solved sooner than later. We need to ensure that we don't have this beautiful,

new airport and then have everybody grumbling about who is going to pay for the road that we end up having a terrible road system that sticks out more than the new airport.

Just the other thing, as the minister knows, we had a meeting with the city councillors in Iqaluit and one of the issues that was raised to us in regard to the airport was the fact that they had not really been consulted before the project began and were sort of told almost the day before the announcement came out that this was happening in Iqaluit.

Their concern is they are left to deal with the supporting infrastructure like the sewer lines and all of that that have to be changed. They said that that's a big cost to them that they didn't anticipate. Although I think they get their money back after a certain date, they have to pay for it up front. That was one of their concerns. I wonder, as a department, what you would have to say to that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (Mr. Akoak): Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I can only say that officials have told me that they have worked with the city officials and have had consultations with them way before the project was in place. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I guess there has to be some kind of miscommunication somewhere because both are saying different things. As an MLA, we are kind of in the

middle. We don't always hear or see both sides, but I'm just bringing that up as a concern. That is a concern from the City of Iqaluit and maybe somebody should get in touch with them to find out what's going on just keep it at that point. That's all from me. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Ell-Kanayuk.

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I don't believe the member had a question. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation); Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I move to report progress to the Speaker. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. We have a motion on the floor to report progress and the motion is not debatable. All those in favour of the motion. All those opposed. The motion is carried. I will now rise to report progress.

Sergeant-at-Arms, please escort the witnesses from the table.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Item 20. Report of the Committee of the Whole. Mr. Akoak.

Item 20: Report of the Committee of the Whole

Mr. Akoak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Your committee has been considering Bill 34 and the main estimates, and would like to report progress. Also, Mr. Speaker, I move that the Report of the

Committee of the Whole be agreed to. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) There is a motion on the floor. Is there a seconder? Mr. Joanasie. The motion is in order. (interpretation) All those in favour. Thank you. Opposed. The motion is carried.

(interpretation ends) Item 21. Third Reading of Bills. Item 22. (interpretation) *Orders of the Day*. Mr. Clerk.

Item 22: Orders of the Day

Clerk (Mr. Quirke): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just a reminder for this afternoon there is a meeting of the Standing Committee on Legislation commencing at half past one, followed by a meeting of the Regular Caucus, followed by another meeting of the Standing Committee on Legislation, and followed by another meeting of the Regular Caucus.

Orders of the Day for March 11:

1. Prayer
2. Ministers' Statements
3. Members' Statements
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5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery
6. Oral Questions
7. Written Questions
8. Returns to Written Questions
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22. Orders of the Day

Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) In accordance with the authority provided to me by Motion 41 – 4(3), this House stands adjourned until Saturday, March 11, at 1:30 p.m.

(interpretation) Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>*House adjourned at 11:45*

