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Iqaluit, Nunavut
Tuesday May 2, 2000

Members Present

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Item 1: Opening Prayer

Speaker (Hon. Kevin O'Brien): I would like to ask Mr. Ireqittuq to say the opening prayer.

>>*Prayer*

Speaker: Good morning members, Mr. Premier. Before we get to the Orders of the Day I have two rulings that I want to make today in reference to two Points of Order that were raised on the 19th. I will have some general comments before we get to the actual ruling.

Speaker's Ruling 1

On the Member for Iqaluit Centre's Point of Order

Members, I have reviewed the rules of this Legislature, precedents from the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories, *Beauchesne's* parliamentary rules and forms standing order 18 of the house of commons and the most recent edition of the Federal House of Commons procedure and practice. Before giving my ruling I would like to make some introductory comments and I would like to ask the members to try and be serious while these comments are being read.

As the members are well aware, a point of order as defined in section 2(g) of the rules of this Legislative Assembly "means any departure from any written or unwritten rule or custom of this assembly or of parliamentary tradition".

Beauchesne's at citation 317 informs us that "points of order are questions raised with a view of calling attention to any departure from the standing orders or the customary modes of proceeding in debate or in the conduct of legislative business".

The member for Iqaluit Centre's point of order in effect questions whether or not the words used by the member for Cambridge Bay deviates from the accepted mode of debate in this Assembly.

What must be pointed out with this point of order, is that the context is very important in deciding what has taken place. Once again to quote from *Beauchesne's* at citation 486(1) "it is impossible to lay down any specific rules in regard to injurious reflections uttered in debate against particular members, or to declare beforehand what expressions are or are not contrary to order; much depends upon the tone and manner and intention of the person speaking..."

And further at citation 486(2) "an expression which is deemed to be unparliamentary today does not necessarily have to be deemed unparliamentary next week."

I refer to these citations to show that the decision on whether or not the member has a point of order of this type is not a mechanical checking off of a particular word or phrase to see if it is on a prohibited list, nor does the ruling on one day establish an unbreakable precedent for all time. It is dependent on more general principles than a list of forbidden words. However, since context is important in deciding the issue, it also means that timeliness in bringing a point of order is important and as a general rule, they should be raised promptly when they occur.

I believe that it is also useful to indicate that once a point of order has been raised, the matter is within the hands of the Speaker for resolution. Therefore, it would be improper for members unless asked by the speaker to debate the matter, or to make references to the point of order while addressing the Assembly in any other fashion. The matter should not be referred to until the Speaker has made his ruling and once the ruling has been made the matter is considered closed.

As a final matter before turning to the point of order before me, I think it worthwhile to reflect on the reasons for having a parliamentary tradition of debate that attempts to keep matters from becoming too personal. Reasonable people may differ and at the heart of the parliamentary system is vigorous debate between persons of different opinions on issues. Since emotions can naturally become heated in such a context, traditions have been established that attempt to confine the debate to the issues and keep it from falling into personal invective. The debate should be about the issues and not the Honourable Members who bring the issues to this Assembly. Hence rules are therefore set as guidelines for what is acceptable and what is not acceptable in that they keep the debate centred on the issues and not the personalities of the members.

In keeping with those principles it has become part of the parliamentary tradition in Canada arising out of standing order 18 of the Federal House of Commons that, and here I quote from the House of Commons Procedure and Practice, edition 2000 at page 522, "remarks directed specifically at another member which questions that member's integrity, honesty or character are not in order."

As well, *Beauchesne's* and our rule 23(i) make it unparliamentary to impute false or hidden motives to another member.

In dealing with the point of order of the member for Iqaluit Centre, the question that therefore must be decided is, were the following words spoken by the Member for Cambridge Bay, and I quote “Mr. Speaker, I say shame on the member for misrepresenting the cost of the Killiniq high school project for his own political means.” End of quote. The fact that they questioned the honesty and integrity of the Member for Iqaluit Centre and as well did they impute a false motive to that member.

It is my ruling, that from the context of the debate that the answer is in the affirmative to both of these questions. The Member for Iqaluit Centre was questioning the budget of the Cambridge Bay School and how certain figures were calculated. I take this to be consistent with his duties as a regular member. The Member for Cambridge Bay clearly states that the Member for Iqaluit Centre is misrepresenting the figures. Now misrepresentation can be deliberate or unintentional. But what it cannot be is unintentional but for a purpose.

The Member for Cambridge Bay gives a purpose for the misrepresentation, namely “for his own political means.”

Therefore it is clear from the context of the whole sentence spoken that the idea the Member for Cambridge Bay is communicating is that the Member for Iqaluit Centre is deliberately misrepresenting the figures. In my opinion this questions the honesty and integrity of the Member for Iqaluit Centre and is therefore unparliamentary. As well, the words spoken contain an imputation of false motive to the Member for Iqaluit Centre. For these reasons I would therefore ask the member for Cambridge Bay to retract his remarks made to the Member for Iqaluit Centre.

However, I do not feel that the words spoken were so unparliamentary as to require or demand an apology.

At this point I would ask the Member for Cambridge Bay if he wishes to comment. I refer my comments, Mr. Ng, to whether or not you are in agreement to withdraw your remarks that were made. Thank you.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I accept your ruling and withdraw my comments as suggested. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Ng. I think before we go to the next point of order, I think it is important members, and I can speak fairly freely on this because I remember in the last assembly I was asked to make an apology and retract remarks, and at times it is difficult to do so but we are looking at the business of the House and why we are here.

That we are elected as honourable members we have to do what is right and what is in the best interest of the House and also for the people that elected us. I also, in the past, had I believe the former Premier got up and apologised for remarks that he made to me in the heat of debate. Most times these comments are made not deliberately, it is in the heat of debate and I think we have to take them as such.

I think we have to caution each of us in being very careful in our choice of words. I think more importantly in the tone and the body language that we use to convey your message. Once again, I thank Mr. Ng for withdrawing his remarks.

The second ruling is in reference to a point of order that was raised on the 19th of April by Mr. Ng I believe. We will forego the preamble and I will just get right to the heart of the matter.

Speaker's Ruling 2

On the Member for Cambridge Bay's Point of Order

I have reviewed the provisional rules and the Hansard from April 19th. Having done so I am unable to conclude that any parliamentary rules or conventions have been violated. I note that the Member for Cambridge Bay took the opportunity to clarify the means by which he had determined the budget figures for the Killiniq high school project, clearly indicating that he had referenced documents which had been tabled in this house.

In conclusion, I find that there is no point of order.

I believe comments made by the member were just more of a point of clarification. That concludes the Points of Order and the decisions made by the Speaker's Office. We will now go back to Orders of the Day. Item 2. Ministers' Statements. Mr. Premier.

Item 2: Ministers' Statements

Minister's Statement 130 - 1(3): Minister Absent from the House

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr Speaker, I wish to advise members that the Honourable Peter Kattuk will not be here today Tuesday May 2, 2000 to attend to the emergency in Sanikiluaq. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Item 2. Ministers' Statements. Mr Anawak.

Minister's Statement 131 - 1(3): Partial Power Re-Established in Sanikiluaq

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Mr. Speaker, I rise to update members and the Nunavut people as to the status in Sanikiluaq.

I am pleased to inform the House that with the arrival of a first generator, basic power has been restored to residential units in Sanikiluaq at the present time. A second generator will be up and running by later this evening, thus restoring full power to the community. This power installation will be capable of meeting the community's full power needs until a permanent power station is built to replace the one lost to the fire.

Nunavut Emergency Services will continue to monitor the situation until the Mayor of Sanikiluaq declares the local state of emergency to be over.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to express my tremendous admiration and thanks to the community and to my staff, who are working closely together to support the effort to re-establish full power in Sanikiluaq. I would also like to recognise, through the Honourable Ed Picco, the Minister responsible for the Power Corporation, the great effort that was put in by staff at NTPC.

Many of these people were jolted out of bed in the very early hours of yesterday morning and have been working tirelessly to resolve this crisis. The Department of Community Government and Transportation will continue to work with the Hamlet of Sanikiluaq and NTPC until the crisis is over and the state of emergency is lifted.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to thank the Department of Education for working with the District Education Authority to have an emergency shelter for the people that are in poor health. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Item 2. Ministers' Statements. Ministers' Statements. Item 3. Members' Statements. Mr. Alakannuark.

Item 3: Members' Statements

Member's Statement 394 - 1(3): Youth and Healthy Communities

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today at a time when the weather is very nice outside with the sunshine and it makes you want to go out fishing but we have a job to complete in this House.

It is very good to look to the future instead of going backwards all the time but even though we have to look at the past to recollect what we have done so far as members of the Legislative Assembly.

We all know that we are working for the people of Nunavut and we all have to work for the elders and the youth in our communities. We as the people of Nunavut live in peace without war and it is very good for us and we would like to continue this way in the future. Our tradition and cultures, we have to keep. We have to learn from the elders that will no longer be with us so we have to teach our young people the Inuit way of life.

If we do not teach them now they will not have the two cultures and we cannot allow them to lose their Inuit identity and we also have to live well and have a healthy lifestyle. I believe those are very important aspects of teaching young people the Inuit culture of the past and the hardships they endured while being part of a healthy community.

I would like to get unanimous consent to conclude my statement. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: The member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statement. Are there any nays. There are no nays. Please proceed Mr. Alakannuark.

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. In order to have a healthy lifestyle they worked hard so that the future generations would be well prepared for survival. It is a very well because it is up to us to help our young people so that they will make healthy choices in their adult years. We have to teach them properly so they can survive and if they are taught in both Inuktitut and English they will be more capable in their adult years. They will think more of their lifestyle and they will have goals and we the elders did the same thing as young people.

We have to be thankful to our grandparents and the elders for teaching the survival skills. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for giving me the opportunity and I would also like to thank my colleagues. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Item 3. Members' Statements. Mr. Irqittuq.

Member's Statement 395 - 1(3): Relocation of Graves in Amittuq

Mr. Irqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have been asking questions repeatedly to Mr. Anawak about the graves that were relocated in my constituency. I do not believe that the story has been told at the House about what had happened during the relocation of the graves.

In 1967/68, I believe it was in the months of May and June that the graves were dug up to be relocated. The people worked for approximately 2 weeks to 3 weeks with the weekends off. The people who dug up the graves had a very hard time because they were digging up graves that were very old and some were recent adult graves and children's graves.

The old coffins, when they were dug up, had children that had been wrapped in newspapers or cardboard. They had disintegrated to the point where they fell apart when you dug them up. That was especially with the children's graves. Mr. Speaker, with the old graves again there were some that were in coffins but because of the age of the coffins the wood was rotten and disintegrated. They were frozen on to the permafrost and they had to be rebuilt and they had to rebuild new ones because of course, our land has permafrost.

I would like to get unanimous consent to conclude my statement. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: The member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statement. Are there any nays. There are no nays. Please proceed Mr. Irqittuq.

Mr. Irgittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker and my colleagues for giving me the opportunity to conclude my statement. Since our land has permafrost only the top thaws and freezes on a continual basis. In my community there is straight gravel quite a ways down.

The graves that were old and because they were in permafrost they were preserved. When they were dug up there were still body fluids even in the old bodies that were very disintegrated. The men in my community, who were told that they had to relocate the graves because they wanted to build houses in the location of the grave site, were told during the removal of the graves that they would be paid a large sum of money.

I do not know how much that was in those days because of the unusual task that they were given, they were told that they would be paid a substantial amount of money. The graves were relocated to another location by dogteam because there were not vehicles or roads built at that time. Of course because they had to be transported by dogteam they were put into a kamotik if the graves were small. When they went to the new location they would be put back into the ground.

After the task was done they still had to use the same kamotiks to go hunting and transport their catch even though there were still stains on them

The men who dug up the graves at that time are Simonie Qainnik, Issaac Nangmalik, John Aulla, John Anuguk, Moses Aliannuk, Sam Amaglak and finally angugatiak who is now deceased. They relocated approximately 25 to 35 graves. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Mr. Puqiqnak.

Member's Statement 396 - 1(3): Passing of Teresa Irene Katak Ernerk

Mr. Puqiqnak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about Commissioner Irniq and his family, and to thankfully acknowledge on his behalf the many people who have been at their side after their loss.

Mr. Speaker, their daughter Teresa Irene Katak Ernerk passed away in Ontario on April 21, 2000. Teresa was a very young person at 27 years old and although we had wanted to see her progress through life this is now not possible, *Ajurnamat*, which means it can not be helped. She was buried on April 28.

She is survived by her father, her mother and relatives living in Iqaluit, Rankin Inlet, Gjoa Haven and also in Ontario. We send our condolences to all the family members. Peace will come among the family again. Once again I would like to say thank you to all the people who were with the Commissioner and the relatives after the loss of their daughter. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Puqiqnak. Just before we proceed, Mr. Irniq our Commissioner and our honourable friend is here in the House today. Peter our thoughts and prayers are

with you and your family at your time of loss. It must be very difficult to lose a loved one much less a daughter. Members' Statements. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Member's Statement 397 - 1(3): Arctic College Graduates

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to congratulate the graduates that graduated from Nunavut Arctic College. The first group is from Management Studies, Moses Idlout, Mathew Iqaqrialu, Kevin Killiktee, Bennie Kunilusie, Isaac Paniqtuq, Jay Palluq, Petuelie Palluq, Saila Palluq, Donny Paniloo.

The next group included Lissie Ashevak, Joesasie Panipak, Adamee Paniaq, Joanna Qirnaq and in the upgrading courses Mimi Natanaie, Pipa Palluq and Qajaaq.

For Child Care certification, Barbara Paniaq, Dana Paniloo, Susan Arreak, Niomie Idlout, Norman Iqalurjuaq, Alie Jaypooty. I would like to congratulate those graduates and to encourage the people of Nunavut to continue their education to have better job opportunities and to be managers and leaders of Nunavut for the future. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Congratulation and welcome to the Chamber, future leaders of Nunavut, even to our young group over here. Members' Statements. Ms. Thompson.

Member's Statement 398 - 1(3): Tribute to Pasha Bruce

Hon. Manitok Thompson (interpretation): Good morning. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I had my hand up quite a while, I guess you did not see me. I would like to thank my sister-in-law Pasha Bruce who is the wife of my brother Louis Bruce from Coral Harbour. Pasha Bruce is my only sister-in-law and she is originally from Salluit, Quebec. Her father died when she was very young and her mother Tapia Saviarjuk died a few years later. She does not have any relatives in Coral Harbour.

I would like to thank her relatives from Salluit for travelling recently to visit Pasha in Coral Harbour. Salluit and Sadliq sound similar but are totally different. I would also Mr. Speaker, say hello to the people of Sadliq and the people of Northern Quebec especially to Maggie Gordon who accompanied them to visit Northern Quebec. She thought I was Leonie Duffy but I am not Leonie Duffy, she is my older sister. It was very nice of her relatives to visit her in Coral Harbour. During the fishing derby I would like to have an opportunity this week to have some tea with her. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Ms. Thompson. Members' Statements. Members' Statements. Mr. Picco.

Member's Statement 399 - 1(3): Spring Time Activities

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good morning. I would like to congratulate my sister-in-law Joelie Arnakak for graduating in the weekend.

Mr. Speaker, nothing beats spring time in Nunavut. This past weekend here in Iqaluit and all over Nunavut our residents enjoyed the spring weather and the great outdoors. Nunavut is a beautiful land. There is no better proof of that than spending time fishing, camping and hunting and just enjoying life outdoors.

Mr. Speaker, with David Serkoak, Meeka Serkoak and Meeka Curley just this past weekend we enjoyed an excellent time out on the land. Mr. Speaker, we were successful in our hunting trip and I managed to let Mr. Irgittuq to know how I managed to get my skills of skinning a caribou from about two hours to about half an hour this past weekend.

Mr. Speaker, with my youngest son Pakak, we I travelled down the bay and built a couple of Inukshuks with him and we had a picnic. As Mr. Alakannuark said earlier this morning in his statement it is important for our children to know their culture and the land.

Mr. Speaker, there is no better time to do that than now in our springtime. Mr. Speaker, Iqaluit is blessed with good hunting and fishing and I look forward, like the members of this House, to spending more time out on the land with my family this spring. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Picco. Members' Statements. Mr. Anawak.

Member's Statement 400 - 1(3): Rankin Inlet Dog Team Races

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I know about Inuit handling dog teams and I had dogs myself when I was sixteen years old. I know how to handle them and take them to harness and do whatever you have to do with your dog team.

There are many people in Rankin Inlet who own dog teams. Perhaps not the same ones that we had in the past, but I know they have to take care of their dogs and handle their dogs on a daily basis.

We recently had a dog team race in Rankin Inlet and the individual that won in the competition is very young. His name is Warren Palfrey and the second winner was David Oolooyuk, and third was Eric Tatty. There were not just people from Rankin Inlet who participated in the dog team races, also involved were Jimmy Mackpah, Philip Kigusirunaq, John Hicks, Moses Kigusirunaq, Larry Ussak, Barney Kalluak, and Andy Kautak.

I would like to congratulate those individuals and to recognize the people that raise and work with dog teams. I am sure that their daily chores are very tedious and I would like to congratulate them for participating in the dog team races recently. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Anawak. Members' Statements. Mr. Kilabuk.

Member's Statement 401 - 1(3): Appreciation for Sessional Support

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Perhaps we will not complete our business today but I would like to have the opportunity today to thank all the Members of the Legislative Assembly and to thank the staff who have worked tirelessly assisting us for almost two months from the beginning to the end.

At the cabinet level I would like to thank my assistant Bob Best and Sheila Kolola for assisting me during the session. For the people that I represent I would like to thank them as well for them assisting me in suggesting the things that I have to do as a Member of the Legislative Assembly. I would like to say also Mr. Irqittuq is better at skinning caribou than the member beside me.

I would like to thank my wife Rosie for supporting me, putting up with me and taking care of our children. All the members know that our spouses have been able to assist us and support us during the session. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Item 3. Members' Statements. Members' Statements. Mr. Tootoo.

Member's Statement 402 - 1(3): Response to Minister Ng's Member's Statement – Out of Order

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to conclude the statement that I started on April 19th. Members know now that it is longer and I will be seeking unanimous consent to conclude my statement.

Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday the 19th I was talking about the cost of the school in Cambridge Bay. Mr. Speaker the member told this House that the total temporary facility construction cost is 2 million, 22 thousand and 766 dollars.

He then listed other figures including contingency and Fire Marshall requirements which he then proposed to deduct from his proposed budget of 14 million, 9 hundred thousand, in effect to get the true cost. After deducting over 4 million dollars he then indicated to the House that the cost of the new school will be 10 million, 191 thousand, 566 dollars.

This divided by the 34 hundred square meters works out to under just 3 thousand dollars a square meter. The member quoted the documents that were tabled before this House.

The documents that were tabled clearly state that when the renovations and I will quote them “renovations to temporary facilities are included in the total cost of replacing the high school. The total budget cost is actually 16 million, 915 thousand and 763 dollars”.

So if the minister proposes to deduct these costs I wonder why he did not use the total budget as a starting point. Furthermore Mr. Speaker, the budget really in the books is 14.2 million dollars, not 10 million dollars as the minister suggests. So I fail to see how the cost per square meter can be calculated from a number that is not listed in the Main Estimates. This is a more expensive school, period. Mr. Speaker, as to the no limits by cabinet. The member quoted me as saying shame on the government for continuing to blindly support all aspects of the school project...

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Point of order.

Speaker: Mr. Ng. Your point of order.

Point of Order

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Mr. Speaker my point of order is I believe you just ruled on this matter. I do not know if the member is trying to perpetuate a continuance in respect to debate on this matter. I ask that you consider your ruling earlier. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ng. In reference to the discussion we had earlier this morning on the two points of order. In reference to my preamble, not necessarily to the fact that the words that were used would be considered unparliamentary, but to my general preamble.

Our main purpose in being in this House is to conduct the business of this House on behalf of the people that elected us. I think there comes a point in time where we have to look at the role of the member and the role of the business in the House trying to ensure that the work of the House is carried out in an effective and efficient manner.

I fail to see at this point in time that we are accomplishing this by any banter that takes place between two members. There was a ruling this morning on the points of order. Do I make myself clear as to the fact that we have to separate the personalities from the issues, and when we fail to do that the issues that we are dealing with are not political issues they are personal issues.

I originally thought that on Mr. Tootoo's statement, for him to continue with it is somewhat harmless. However, given the fact that I spent quite a bit of time on the preamble in reference to personalities and issues, given the fact that we are very close to finishing off our work here in reference to the budget, I feel that Mr. Ng does have a point of order and I would rule Mr. Tootoo's statement or continuation of it, out of order.

So with that let us try and get to the business at hand and complete the budget and complete the work that is before us on behalf of the people that elected us. Thank you.

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Item 5: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure today to welcome to the Assembly CHRs from all over Nunavut who are here in Iqaluit attending Arctic College for professional development.

Mr. Speaker, the CHRs are very valuable resources in all of our communities and they work tirelessly on behalf of our constituents and in our constituency. Mr. Speaker, they will be giving me a helping hand this coming fall in the anti-tobacco program which will be launched, I am hoping in September, to coincide with the new school here and targeting youth.

That is one of many things that our CHRs do. With that Mr. Speaker, let me introduce the CHRs. Originally from Apex living here in Iqaluit and Apex, Cathy Michael. Could you stand up please, thank you. Joan Qanuaq CHR from Baker Lake, Pitseolak Kilabuk from Pangnirtung, Louie Nowdlak who is a well-known entertainer and who is going to make a song for me on anti-tobacco this fall, Simon Arreak from Igloolik, an old friend of mine Mr. Speaker.

Martha Jaw from Cape Dorset, Beatrice Ikkidluak from Kimmirut, Roger Malinaq from Taloyoak, Rhoda Natanie from Clyde River, Simeonie Kuppak from Repulse Bay, Sipora Sheese from Grise Fiord, Rosie Kakak from Kugluktuk, Carol Greger who is from Nunavut Arctic College, Mr. Speaker Robbie Kamookak, CHR from Gjoa Haven.

Mr. Speaker, I also see in the back there Errol Fletcher, a well known entertainer and an all around good guy and a college instructor from Iqaluit. Did I miss anyone, I do not think so. Mr. Speaker, with that let's welcome these wonderful people to the Legislative Assembly.

>>Applause

Speaker: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Just before Mr. Tootoo, I would like to recognise a person from my home community if I may. Now living in Iqaluit, Mr. Brian Aglukark and another gentleman, another friend of mine. From Arviat, Mr. Luke Suluk. Welcome to the Assembly.

>>Applause

Speaker: Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognise a group of future leaders here in Nunavut to the Gallery. The grade 4 Inuktitut class from Nakasuk

school. I would like them to please stand with their teacher who is Rhoda Ungalaq. I would like to welcome them to the gallery.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Barnabas.

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Picco has already recognised her already. I would like to recognise Sipora Sheese from Grise Fiord, from my riding. Thank you.

Speaker: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Puqiqnak.

Mr. Puqiqnak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish Mr. Picco would recognise only people from his constituency. I would like to recognise some of the community health representatives from my community. I believe there are two of them here so I would like to recognise them. I have two communities that I represent. First from Taloyoak, Roger Mannilaq, if you would stand up please. On the other side from Gjoa Haven is Robbie Kamookak.

Speaker: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Item 4. Item 5 rather. Mr. Irqittuq.

Mr. Irqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognise Simeonie Iyerak from my community, he is one of the community health representatives. Also a long time ago in 1966 I was going to school and my instructor who has never changed is here, Beatrice Ikkidluak. Thank you.

Speaker: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognise two people, when I was the member of the Nunavut Planning Commission, Brian Aglukark who was the program director and Luke Suluk who is one of the staff members of NPC, are both here. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You did not see me when I had my hand up, anyway I would like to recognise visitors who come from my community, Rhoda Natanie from Clyde River and also Jeannie Audlakiak from Qikiqtarjuaq. I am very glad they are here. I would like to recognise all the CHRs and I would like to recognise the Minister of Health and Social Services because I am sure the two million dollars we had talked about for smoking cessation will be well used by the CHRs.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Iqaqrialu. I want to assure the members that whether you are recognised first or last or in the middle you will still be recognised, so bear with me. I

know most members have an obsession about recognising first but we will get to you.
Mr. McLean.

Mr. McLean: Ma'na Uqaqti. You just shut me up. I would like to recognise a few of my constituents today but before I do that I would like to welcome all the CHRs to the Legislative Assembly also because I do not think they realise how much of a job they do in our communities. I would like to congratulate Mr. Picco again for kicking the habit and all these CHRs in here if he can stop smoking for this length of time.

Other than that I would like to recognise a constituent of mine who has been a CHR for a long time I am not sure how many years. Every time you go into the health centre or around town she has a smile on her face and it just makes you feel welcome. I would like to recognise Joan Killanak, one of my constituents. I would also like to recognise a long-term friend ex-business partner one of the first Inuit businessmen in the Keewatin. He is President of a couple of the development corporations. He is also on the Power Corporation board and I think he is one of our Canada post representatives, Mr. David Simailak.

>>Applause

Speaker: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery, Mr. Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also would like to welcome again the people who were recognised. We also have people who are here from Pangnirtung. Mr. Picco had previously recognized them but first of all my older brother's wife Pitsulak Kilabuk and on her right, whom I am sure you have heard through her singing, Louie Nowdlak and also the last person from Pangnirtung Mina Ishulutak. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Akasuk.

Mr. Akasuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize the two people from my constituency, from Cape Dorset Martha Jaw and Beatrice Ikkidluak from Kimmirut. Also Brian Aglukark with whom I took management training. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Item 6. Oral Questions. Mr. Barnabas.

Item 6: Oral Questions

Question 565 - 1(3): Costs Associated with Power Plant Fire

Mr. Barnabas: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my first question is directed to the Minister responsible for the Nunavut Power Corporation. I know it must be premature to start discussing the Sanikiluaq generators that burnt down.

But I would like to know, because we are spending quite a bit of money in Clyde River for their station and on top of that this recent incident happened and I am sure that government departments are trying to accommodate the needs of Sanikiluaq. I would like to know where the money will be coming from to try to provide a generator for Sanikiluaq. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister responsible for the Nunavut Power Corporation, Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, first of all I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff of the Power Corporation here in Iqaluit and throughout Nunavut who have been working overtime and extra time to make sure the people of Sanikiluaq have their power on and their generators in place. They have done an excellent job and I think they need to be recognised by the Members of this House.

Mr. Speaker, the costs involved are covered by insurance. There is at this present time, I can't give an actual dollar amount of out of pocket expenses that the Government of Nunavut may have to incur, but I can say the replacements of the generators do work and the rest of the logistics and administrative costs are covered under the insurance for the generators. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Picco. Supplementary. Mr. Barnabas.

Mr. Barnabas: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, if it happened in any community in Nunavut with the loss of power in such a community of 600, a population of 600, Mr. Speaker, if the insurance coverage is exceeded, does the minister have contingency funds in order to accommodate the costs for transporting the generators. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, that is an interesting question. There are different aspects of this relief effort that are underway in this relief effort in Sanikiluaq. Mr. Anawak yesterday in this House declared a state of emergency along with the mayor in Sanikiluaq, which gives the people and the Nunavut Government access to federal funds if needed.

The actual cost for the replacement of the generators and the building, as I understand it this morning may have to be replaced and the infrastructure that is required in Sanikiluaq for the operation of the power plant including new generators. Those will all be covered under insurance. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Picco. Supplementary. Mr. Barnabas.

Mr. Barnabas: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like clarification Mr. Speaker. Does that mean that is going to be an increase in our power rates just in case the insurance

doesn't cover all the costs. If we go over the insurance limit does that mean we are going to increase the rates in order to pay for the building. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: That is another good question. Mr. Speaker as the member knows we have in place the Nunavut Public Utilities Board, which has to review any rate application being brought forth. In this case if the total cost were not covered by the insurance then we would not anticipate a rate increase. But again the mechanism is in place for a rate application, but we don't see that occurring in this instance.

I also want to take the opportunity to welcome one of our dedicated Nunavut and Northwest Territories Power Corporation board members, Mr. David Simailak from Baker Lake who has been providing yeoman service on the Power Corporation board representing Nunavut over the last few years. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Picco. Oral questions. Mr. McLean.

Question 566 - 1(3): Financial Impact of Sanikiluaq Power Plant Fire

Mr. McLean: Ma'na Uqaqti. We all realise there is a tragedy down in Sanikiluaq and the power plant and a life threatening situation. My question is to the Minister of Finance. We all know that it is going to cost between 5 to 7 million dollars to replace this power plant and we know insurance is probably going to cover most of it. My question today to the Minister of Finance, is this going to jeopardise any capital projects this year. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister responsible for Finance, Mr. Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. No it won't. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Mr. Tootoo.

Question 567 - 1(3): Response to Capital Commission Report

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question today is for the Minister responsible for Community Government and Transportation. Last year the honourable member from Iqaluit East tabled a report in the House called the Capital Commission Report. I am just wondering if the Minister responsible for Community Government and Transportation has had his department review that and does he have any recommendations or suggestions that they are looking at possibly implementing as a result of that report. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Mr. Anawak.

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As soon as the session has concluded we will be looking at the recommendations. Our staff have reviewed the report but I have not talked with them thus far. So as soon as we are finished with this session we will be dealing with them as soon as we can. We will keep the three members of Iqaluit informed as to the progress of the recommendations. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Supplementary. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker this is an item that I don't believe only affects the members from Iqaluit. It affects every Member in this House. I would like to ask the Minister if he would be willing to bring the topic up in the upcoming Nunavut Association of Municipalities meeting to see if there is any possible feedback or any presentation there from the rest of the communities in Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister.

Hon. Jack Anawak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think that is a very good idea and I will be sure to mention it to the mayors when they are here next week during the Nunavut Association of Municipalities meeting. As well as when I am addressing them in discussions about the other areas that we will be discussing with them as the Minister responsible for Community Government. I think it is a good suggestion and I will be sure to follow it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Question 568 - 1(3): Timely Cancer Diagnoses

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Health and Social Services. I am not really sure whether it is a question to be directed to him or not but let me know if I make a mistake. Some Inuit in the Nunavut area get sick and they do not diagnose them right away.

Some of them go to see a doctor but are told there is nothing wrong with them. Sometimes they get cancer and then they finally find out when it is too late. I think there should be a way whereby those people could be diagnosed properly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister responsible for Social Services. Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, this is a very difficult area to discuss in this forum. But I will try. Mr. Speaker, as you know, as the members of this House know, with different diseases and medical problems that arise with individuals we try to give the best type of care as possible and we know that the professionals working in our communities do that. After saying that Mr. Speaker sometimes there are cases where

different diseases are hidden and sometimes they are missed based on the considerations being brought forward by the patient.

Sometimes different symptoms disguise themselves as different diseases. Mr. Speaker for example a disease can be in a person for quite a while before it becomes evident. So that is why we are proactive as a government and medical professionals in the field that provide pap smears for example Mr. Speaker, to be able to give an early warning. Those things are in place for the designation and diagnoses of diseases. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Picco. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes I like the response from the minister and from whatever else that he wants to get that he was going to look into this business of diagnosing patients. I just wondered whether he uses tele-health in the communities. I just wondered whether those tele-health computers will create any problems.

Will you be reviewing to make sure tele-health computers are working properly and not making a misdiagnoses of patients, and to make sure the nurses in the communities know how to use those tele-health computers. I just wondered whether those tele-health computers are okay to operate and to make sure they do not make a mistake in misdiagnosing patients. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister responsible for Health and Social Services and the Power Corporation, Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker the member is correct. One of the assets of the tele-health network is the ability to access over long distances diagnostic help on diseases. For example Mr. Speaker, in Pond we talked about before how there was a skin rash evident in some patients in Pond Inlet and by using tele-health we were able to make a diagnosis from the doctor in Iqaluit and they did not have to travel. Mr. Speaker we have also been using tele-health for diagnoses with some of the mental illnesses that we have been encountering and also helping with therapy with the mental health side of things.

Mr. Speaker, as you know and this House knows we just recently signed a MOU with the Newfoundland government for tele-health and also with the Australian territorial government there with tele-health. So we will be able to look at some aspects of the innovations they are using and bring it forward. Mr. Speaker, as you know a million dollars was approved in this House when the health budget was before us, for training and also implementing tele-health throughout Nunavut. So hopefully with the equipment in place we will be able to make a diagnosis quicker and those diagnoses will be more reliable like we have been doing in Pond and like we hope to do in some of our other communities.

But, again Mr. Speaker, tele-health is just one more tool that we are trying to bring forward and as health ministers in Canada have been trying to say and I have another meeting sometime this week Mr. Speaker, we are trying to reform the health care system. Here in Nunavut Mr. Speaker, I think it is safe to say that we are on the leading edge. We have integrated our health boards. We have brought forward tele-health and Mr. Speaker we are training Inuit to be nurses. So we are trying to reform the health care system and that is part of the process the member is talking about. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Picco. Supplementary. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I understand your response clearly, but I would like to be able to get clarification. Maybe perhaps the patients do not visit at the health centres as often as they should. Maybe that is why they get misdiagnosed or perhaps they go to the hospitals or the nursing stations and they don't get a regular medical check-up. Maybe that is why they do not get a good diagnosis. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I thank the member for the clarification of the question. I want to thank him again because he gives me another opportunity to talk about another initiative that I announced last week. That is 4 million dollars a year going to the Nunavut Government from the Federal Government to train people in our communities to be able to provide home care support for people with illnesses and diseases, but also to help be an advocate for health care and home care.

In addition, Mr. Speaker, the people that were just here in the gallery, the CHRs their role is to bring forward the concerns that the member was just talking about. To make sure appointments are on time, to make sure that the communities are informed about the health care operations through the community health promotion programs, because Mr. Speaker we don't want to be just treating diseases and problems we want to be able to prevent them. That is what we refer to as the up stream model as opposed to some people who want to be downstream. The Nunavut Government prefers to be upstream in health care and be proactive. So that was a good clarification and I hope that answers Mr. Speaker, gives the member some level of comfort on his original question. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Minister. Supplementary. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes I understand his response and another thing that I would like to clarify. There are two elders in my community who were brought out of their community alone. One of them was very sick and the bones were very brittle because perhaps this individual was diagnosed at this time.

I wonder what the reason was that individual was misdiagnosed. There might be a lot of people in the Nunavut Region that have people that have been misdiagnosed and that is why they get sick. I was just wondering what the reasons were. Thank you.

Speaker: Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, in this forum as you know I cannot comment on an individual's health care problems or needs or diagnosis that has been presented. If the member has a specific request on a specific patient and that was provided to me then with the permission of the patient then we could look into the diagnosis. Again, we have to be very careful Mr. Speaker, in a public forum on issues of confidentiality. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Minister. Oral Questions. Mr. Irqittuq.

Question 569 - 1(3): Early Cancer Diagnoses

Mr. Irqittuq (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. This question is directed to the Minister of Health and Social Services. It is in regards to people that are diagnosed as having cancer. There are many people in the communities who right now are getting cancer. I just wondered, I know there have been two people that have died of cancer this year 2000. When they find out they got cancer they died right away.

I do not want to disrespect the nurses and the doctors but I think there should be a better system to find out the sicknesses of the people. Doctors are paid a salary and they should do their work properly. I have heard recently, and I am not saying which community and who I heard this from but there was an individual that was trying to get assistance so the individual went to another community to get some help.

So this individual was able to get some help in another community and I do not know if the individual is still in Iqaluit or not. When people do not get good treatment in their community they go to another community to get better treatment or probably a second opinion. I just wanted to find out if the department could look into the system that the people are starting to go to other communities to get second opinions and stuff. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister responsible for Health and Social Services, Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The member has brought up a very serious issue and in regards to first of all cancer and then second of all as Mr. Iqaqrialu has brought up on the diagnoses and the early diagnoses and other diseases. Mr. Speaker according to the information provided to me, in 1998 which is the most recent report that we have available to us, there were thirty-nine cases of cancer diagnosed in Nunavut.

The most common cancer diagnosed is cancer of the lungs. Mr. Speaker, cancer of the lungs is attributed to smoking, which is highly preventable. Eleven other types of cancer

were also reported in Nunavut. The bowel, liver and breast, Mr. Speaker those cancers were diagnosed in nineteen people. Half the cancer in Nunavut has a single cause and that is smoking.

Mr. Speaker, our cancer rates are higher than in other jurisdictions. I think it is important to point out the answer is yes and no. Our lung cancer rate is higher than any other jurisdiction in Canada. However Mr. Speaker, we have a lower rate of breast and prostate cancers, which are very common in the south. After saying that Mr. Speaker, the second part of the member's question was on the diagnoses. Let me make it perfectly clear Mr. Speaker, that on any opportunity the health care representatives have in our community, they are trying to work on the preventative side of medicine.

We are trying to prevent these types of diseases and that is why we are bringing in the program in September on anti-smoking so that we can start eliminating some of these highly preventable diseases. On the diagnoses themselves Mr. Speaker, they are medical professionals, I am not a doctor or a nurse and when I had to go to a health centre my wife had exploratory surgery last week. I know the medical professionals do the best job they can. But again if there is a concern with a particular instance then that has to be brought to me outside of this forum.

In this forum I can say that the diagnoses made by the doctors and nurses, if there is concern about a missed diagnoses or an improper diagnosis then that should be brought forward and that could be a legal matter if there has been a misdiagnosis or something like that. We need to know exactly what the details surrounding it were. However, after saying that Mr. Speaker, the general point I think the member's question is a good one on how these diagnoses are made.

Medical professionals are trained to look at signs that indicate a problem. For example Mr. Speaker, if there were a continuous cough then they would look for TB. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you minister. Mr. Irqittuq.

Mr. Irqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was just using cancer as an example when I asked my question. My question was, there are more and more people who go untreated or are not diagnosed with the proper disease, my question is that you have to review the treatment of patients. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, as I tried to explain earlier what we are trying to do at the Department of Health and Social Services and what medical professionals try to do is not something that this government makes up, there are guidelines for the detection and early warning signs of diseases. If those are brought forward or notified in a patient then that medical professional has to bring it forward under the position that they are in as health professional.

Mr. Speaker, for example as I gave the example earlier with Mr. Iqaqrialu, we have screenings and pap smears to look at cervical cancers, perhaps someone is a carrier of TB, screenings at the community level and so on. So Mr. Speaker, those types of things are in place and it's not for me Mr. Speaker, to second guess a diagnosis in generality. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Minister. Supplementary.

Mr. Irqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do not understand anything any more what is happening here. We cannot say a person's name because of confidential issues and the minister stated that his wife had exploratory surgery. We know his wife, is that proper, if you can say your wife had exploratory surgery then I am assuming that we can say somebody's name who has cancer.

Speaker: Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, as the member knows when we bring up people's names in this House, in a public forum, I don't go out and talk about a neighbour, a relative, my aunt. In this case, Mr. Speaker, as the members know in this House about my wife's situation last week, that's what I was trying to indicate that it was done to see if there was another problem.

I was just trying to explain and give that example, I felt comfortable giving that example because it is my wife. I would prefer Mr. Speaker, not to go into any detail about that but I was just trying to give an example. I don't bring up other people's names, neighbours, friends, relatives and so on because that is not proper.

In this case in trying to answer the question, I thought because the members were aware of it so I would give that example. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you minister. Final supplementary, Mr. Irqittuq.

Mr. Irqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question, I would like you to respond to my question, it is nothing to apologize about. I can say that my in-law, my mother or father in law, because she could not get diagnosed in a community, she had to go to another community to get the proper diagnoses and then go down to Iqaluit for the proper treatment.

My question is, are the people out there getting the proper treatment and are they being diagnosed in the right time frame.

Speaker: Minister of Health & Social Services, Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I am trying to answer the member's question. I gave examples of some of the diagnoses that are occurring. I

understand what the member is asking. The diagnoses are based on medical knowledge and professionalism brought forward by the medical professionals.

That's their job and I gave examples, cancer was one of them, I gave examples, TB was another. When a person goes into a health centre and they have a pain in their side, the medical professionals try to find out what is causing that problem, and then they do a diagnoses. If the problem continues they will be sent to Iqaluit or one of our other hospital facilities in Ottawa or Edmonton or even Yellowknife to be further seen.

If something is going unchecked and they have a problem and they don't go to the health centre, then it is very difficult for the health professionals to know there is a problem. So those types of diagnoses are made based on the professional knowledge and based on criteria and so on, Mr. Speaker, that is already in place from the medical professional's point of view. Also from their education and their background as a medical professional.

So I hope, Mr. Speaker, that helps to answer the member's question. In regards to if a person has been sent to another health centre for a diagnoses, maybe there might be some other person at that centre who is better able to look at that problem. But Mr. Speaker, if the person goes into the health centre, a diagnoses is made and then it can be re-checked for example when a doctor is supposed to come into their community or the person could be sent out. It happens as we know, Mr. Speaker, on a regular basis. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Picco. Oral Questions. Mr. Nutarak.

Question 570 – 1(3): CHR Smoking Cessation Work

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Health. During recognition of visitors in the gallery Mr. Picco stated that the CHRs were there to help with the smoking cessation program. He stated the names of the representatives. What plans do you have to work with the CHRs. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister responsible for Health & Social Services, Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank the member for his question. Mr. Speaker, the CHRs are our community health representative at the community level and their idea is to bring forward preventative sides of medicine, work with the Department of Health & Social Services and with the Health Centre and the nurses at the local level on the preventative side of medicine.

That's what we would be doing Mr. Speaker, the proposal would be to bring forward the anti-smoking campaign, which we have already stated will be targeted toward the youth of Nunavut. The CHRs will be a fundamental part of that because they would have the packages that would be available to the schools.

They would have it at the nursing station. They would do community radio programs, Mr. Speaker, to talk about the anti-smoking campaign. Similar to what they do right now, Mr. Speaker, on other health issues at the community level. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you minister. Oral Questions. Oral Questions. Mr. Barnabas.

Question 571 – 1(3): Final Say on Disease Diagnosis

Mr. Barnabas: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I made a statement on this, this morning. So, my question will be directed to Mr. Picco, Minister of Health. I would like to follow up on the questions that were asked by my colleague, Mr. Irqittuq.

Mr. Speaker, we are not qualified, I know that I am not qualified and other members are not qualified on the medical profession. The minister is saying who would diagnose them. I would like to know, I probably have an idea who has the final say on the diagnoses for patients, but Mr. Speaker, in the past I have noticed that in order to accommodate the needs of our communities and the shortage of staff with the nursing profession, I have noticed that the minister has brought nurses from the south to accommodate our needs.

So I would like to know, who has the final say on the diagnoses of the patients. Does the nurse diagnose the patient, or does the nurse get advice from the doctor before the doctor seeing the patient, and after diagnosing him. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Barnabas. Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, it depends on the circumstances. For example in the member's community, if a person went to the health centre in Arctic Bay, a preliminary diagnoses would be made by a nurse in conjunction, if the nurse felt that there was a need, the nurse could make a call to Iqaluit and then have a consultation with a doctor in Iqaluit. Then at that time it may be decided that the patient should be sent out for the treatment.

Again, it depends on what the specific problem is. For example, if it was a broken arm then they could do an X-ray and then the nurse would of course diagnose that at the community level, they have the X-ray and they know what has to be done. If a person came in with a problem that the nurse could not diagnose or was unsure of what the concern was, then they would be in contact with the medical professionals in this case in Iqaluit. Then that person may be sent out to be seen by that medical professional.

If it wasn't considered to be of a serious nature, that person may be referred to the doctor for when the doctor is on their regularly scheduled trip into the community in question. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you minister. Supplementary, Mr. Barnabas.

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the Inuit and especially the people who are not educated, even do not have life insurance. Mr. Speaker, the minister stated that an Inuk if they wished could take legal action and sue if there is malpractice or anything. So what happens now, the money is not available to go through the court system. If there is an accidental death or a misdiagnosis, what other avenues do the Inuit have should there be those types of incidents. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: You should try to keep your questions on the same issue. That is somewhat off the track of your last question, but if Mr. Picco as the Minister for Health wishes to respond then he may do so. Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the member has talked about malpractice and what options are available, Mr. Speaker, and I think it would be up to the Justice Department, it could explain better as the Minister of Justice, what is available. But Mr. Speaker, after saying that, I would like to explain in the context of health what would occur.

Mr. Speaker, if there was a concern brought forward and if there was a proven misdiagnoses and then a case of malpractice was brought forward it would be dealt with by the court system, by the justice system. If the person needed legal aid or legal help at that time there are remedies available for that person as there is for any person here in Nunavut who cannot afford legal help or legal counsel. If it is a civil suit, Mr. Speaker, as for example, in malpractice, if that was the case, after discoveries were made, Mr. Speaker, then there would be an opportunity then for that type of case to be brought forward.

Again, Mr. Speaker, that would be a justice issue. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Picco. Supplementary, Mr. Barnabas.

Mr. Barnabas: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To change the subject, I would like to thank you for addressing that. Mr. Speaker, I would like to know how much turnover there is on the staff. I probably have an idea, and I understand that Telehealth will help out the nurses for their diagnoses, but in my constituency in Resolute there has been a high turnover in nurses.

The residents in Resolute question now sometimes whether if the same nurses are in the communities. So that is why I was asking who has the final say on diagnosis. What is the rate of turnover of nurses in smaller communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate that third new question by the member. Mr. Speaker, the turnover of nurses varies as the member said, depending on a number of different things. It depends on the community, in some cases

Mr. Speaker, it depends on the type of year. On average Mr. Speaker, the average turnover could be anywhere between 30 – 45% per annum. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Mr. Barnabas.

Mr. Barnabas: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you to the Minister of Health. Where does this turnover come from. Does it come from the south, these new employees or other communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Barnabas. Final supplementary, Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, it depends on the situation. If the person is leaving a nursing station and they are going to go to another community then we would be recruiting internally. This means, Mr. Speaker, if the person is leaving the nursing station in Arctic Bay, maybe they want to go to Hall Beach or maybe go to Gjoa Haven. So that type of recruitment would be done internally.

In the case, Mr. Speaker, like teaching or any of the other professions we have here in the north, we have a need to bring in those types of professionals, because we do not have them locally. So we recruit from the south in that case. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Picco. Just a reminder to members that we have approximately 17 minutes left and just so members don't feel they are being left off the list, next we have Mr. Akasuk, Mr. McLean, Mr. Alakannuark, Mr. Iqaqrialu. Mr. Akasuk.

Question 572 – 1(3): Tender for Arena

Mr. Akasuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Human Resources. I am sorry, Public Works. The arena in Kimmirut, I was just wondering if there was going to be a tender resuming for this arena. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Akasuk. Ms. Thompson.

Hon. Manitok Thompson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will let the member know in a little bit. When we get a request from a department for a tender then we put out that tender. So I am not sure exactly what Community Government & Transportation is requesting. So we have to have the request from the department first and I have not seen this in writing. I will let the member know in a little while. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you minister. Oral Questions. Supplementary. Oral Questions. Mr. McLean.

Question 573 – 1(3): Importance of Private Sector

Mr. McLean: Ma'na Uqaqti. Uqaqti, today I am going to pose my question to the Premier. Uqaqti, I have been standing up in this House for the last year saying how important the private sector is to building capacity and creating jobs in Nunavut. The private sector still today is probably the second largest employer of people in Nunavut and a lot of people get their start in the private sector in entry level positions.

Over the past in the old government whether it was with Public Works and Services, with leasebacks, with Housing lease backs, government office space, with Health & Social Services providing contracts for group homes, boarding homes, etc. Could the Premier commit to me that the private sector is important in Nunavut. That the responsibilities that the government has given them in the past to provide services that weren't provided by the government before, because we know there is not a lot of capacity in this government at this time, will continue and be a priority in the Nunavut Government. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I believe that we have done quite well. We have contracted a lot of our services out due to under capacity in the past year. We are continually working on stimulating our economy and we introduced Nunavummi Nangminiaqtunik Ikajuuti for example to try to provide more contracts to Nunavummiut and to Nunavut businesses.

So we will look for ways of trying to stimulate our economy further. We realize that one day we will be full as a government for employees and we need the private sector to take on the task of creating employment for us. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Premier. Supplementary, Mr. McLean.

Mr. McLean: Ma'na Uqaqti. That's the answer that I wanted to hear. Would the Premier through his cabinet colleagues maybe mention that to the Deputy Ministers and the Assistant Deputy Ministers that the government's priority is to help stimulate the private sector and continue to work with them. Not to give them the message that the government wants to take everything back and do it on their own. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I haven't been advised of the situation but I will look into the matter and take appropriate action. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Premier. Oral Questions. Mr. Alakannuark.

Question 574 – 1(3): Treatment of Seasonal Diseases

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This question is directed to my good friend the Minister of Health & Social Services. Some times there are sicknesses that are caught by a community in certain parts of the seasons, especially in the spring time. We all know that spring time is when many people get sicknesses. How are these dealt with. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank the member for his question and he is my good friend too and I enjoyed his statement earlier running on my statement about the spring time. Mr. Speaker, the member brings up an important and interesting comment on the spring time and some of the concerns that we have with the patients and some of the diseases that are prevalent at that time.

Now if I understand the member's question correctly or properly, the member is asking about the prevalence of those types of concerns in the spring time and how we deal with them. What we try to do Mr. Speaker, is have extra staff on where possible. Usually Mr. Speaker, it is in the summer time when we don't have the number of staff that we have throughout the year because a lot of people are on summer vacation and filling in for relief.

So what we try to do Mr. Speaker, in the spring time is to have more staff there. Also to look at some of the concerns that come forward because there are some diseases and problems, especially when there is an accident out on the land in the spring time it brings more work for the staff. If the member would just like to clarify the question a little bit more, I would be able to give it my best shot at answering. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you minister. Supplementary, Mr. Alakannuark.

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question was to the Minister of Health. We all know that in the spring time there are lots more sicknesses that the community catches. Because I am older I know what happens in the spring time, so this being the case, I wonder why the communities get more diseases in the spring time than any other time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, that's an excellent question and as I was trying to say earlier, in the spring time here in the north many people go out travelling on the land more. Children and smaller kids get out and they play in the snow, the snow is wet, they get cold, they come in, it causes more colds, we see more respiratory problems, colds and so on. Flu, Mr. Speaker, in the spring time sometimes we see outbreaks of influenza and flu which occur throughout Canada, Mr. Speaker.

Those are more prevalent it would seem in the spring time. I guess Mr. Speaker, because people are more active in the spring time there is more intermingling, sometimes people stay in tents, so that may be one of the causes. I don't know Mr. Speaker, why there is more prevalence of certain types of diseases in the spring time, as opposed to other times in the year, but I would surmise, Mr. Speaker, it is based probably on more activity outside and so on. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Picco. Supplementary, Mr. Alakannuark.

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Perhaps there could be a study done in a community in the future to find out the main reasons why people get sicker in the spring time. Perhaps it could have something to do with the food that they are eating or what the minister stated.

Speaker: Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the member brings up an interesting area, and that is why certain diseases and certain problems are specific to a certain time of the year. I take his question and his comment very seriously. One of the things we are trying to do Mr. Speaker, as the member knows, when we think for example, there is going to be an influenza outbreak or a flu outbreak, we try to inoculate the elderly people, the older citizens in that community, those that are infirm and also some of the younger people. Those people who might be susceptible to certain types of diseases in our communities.

So those types of things are put in place. I would take the question Mr. Speaker, from the member seriously and I will check with our medical professionals in the Department of Health & Social Services to see why in the spring time there seems to be a prevalence of more sickness, or if that is indeed the case. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you minister. Oral Questions. Mr. Akesuk.

Question 575 – 1(3): Improved Budget Consultations

Mr. Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Community Government & Transportation. Because we are going to be doing the budget planning in the coming months, and he stated that we would consult the public better than previously I just wanted to ask the minister if that is going to be the case. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Akesuk. Minister Anawak.

Hon. Jack Anawak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Nunavut Association of Municipalities will be meeting shortly, next week. After they have their meeting, Community Government & Transportation will be able to meet the same organization as to how they can be more involved in the planning of the budget that we set up as Nunavut

Government departments. We will be asking those questions during the Annual General Meeting of the Nunavut Association of Municipalities. We will involve them in the department's work of the Government of Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you minister. Oral Questions. Oral Questions. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Question 576 – 1(3): Implementation of Budget Consultation Results

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am going to ask a question about the consultation that we had with the communities. I would like to ask the Premier if they are going to be using this consultation report when they are going to be doing the capital estimates. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Mr. Ng, Minister responsible for Finance.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes.

Speaker: Thank you minister. Supplementary.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If those consultation reports will be utilized, there were not very many people that participated from the public when they had a public meeting in the communities. My two communities in my riding attended quite well when we met there. Some other communities did not have very many people that came out to the meeting. I just wanted to find out if they are going to be using the majority of people who attended when they are planning the budget for the Government of Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Just to remind members that any items that are in committee of the whole, should be dealt with there, not in the main chamber. However, I will allow this question. Mr. Ng, you may answer it.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: There may have been the odd exception because of weather circumstances or other events that may have precluded having a big turnout. Generally speaking, there was a good turnout percentage wise from the public at large. And, yes as I indicated earlier, that is one of the bases of development of business plans, for main estimates for capital budgets.

I think once again we have to recognize that we can't address every single issue over the course of one particular year. We are going to try to balance it out particularly on the capital side in the development of a draft five year capital plan. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Ng. The clock is running out for question period but Mr. Barnabas is waving his hand quite anxiously so you will have the last question Mr. Barnabas.

Question 577 – 1(3): DEA Staffing Process

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my last question will be directed to the Minister of Education. Mr. Speaker, we did table a set of recommendations to the Department of Education and I believe that the minister has to respond before 120 days are over. When the department became responsible for the DEAs, the local people elect the DEAs and they are in there for staggered terms.

Would the upcoming process with the DEAs, since they are going to be responsible for staffing and so on how is that going to work. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister of Education, Mr. Arvaluk.

Hon. James Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There is going to be no change from the present procedure. Like we said in our report to the Standing Committee on Education, we have said that the DEA staff will stay on as the staff of DEAs and on July 1, the other staff will become employees of the Department of Education. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you minister. Supplementary, Mr. Barnabas.

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There is a difference between the DEA staff and the Department of Education staff and they have different benefits. How are the staff of the DEAs going to be handled if they have to be disciplined and how are they going to know that they have to be disciplined. How is the Department of Education going to handle this. Thank you.

Speaker: Minister of Education, Mr. Arvaluk.

Hon. James Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I believe that we all know and are proud of the people because of course the Hamlets and ourselves were elected by the people out there. Again, for the same reason we are also proud of the DEA board members because the people elected them. They are not going to be under the Department of Education so if anybody needs disciplining then the DEAs will be responsible for taking the appropriate action. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you minister. Question period is complete. Moving on to item 7. Written Questions. Written Questions. Item 8. Returns to Written Questions. Returns to Written Questions. Item 9. Replies to Opening Address. Replies to Opening Address. Item 10. Petitions. Item 10. Petitions. Item 11. Reports of Standing and Special Committees. Reports of Standing and Special Committees. Item 12. Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills. Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills.

Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Mr. Premier.

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Tabled Document 101 – 1(3): Department of Culture, Language, Elders & Youth, Business Plan

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to table a document from the Department of Culture, Language, Elders & Youth, their Business Plan for the year 2000/2001. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Premier. In accordance with motion 14 – 1(3), the business plan for Culture, Language, Elders & Youth is referred to committee of the whole. Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Tabling of Documents. Mr. Kilabuk.

Tabled Document 102 – 1(3): Nunavut Tourism Business Plan

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to table a document produced by Nunavut Tourism, business plan for the year 2000/2001. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Tabling of Documents. Item 14. Notices of Motions. Mr. McLean.

Item 14: Notices of Motions

Mr. McLean: Ma'na Uqaqti. Uqaqti, I give notice that on Thursday May 4, 2000, I will move the following motion. I move, seconded by the honourable member for Cambridge Bay, that notwithstanding rule 4, that when this House adjourns on Tuesday May 2nd, 2000, it shall be adjourned until Wednesday, October 18th, 2000, unless the business of the House currently under consideration concludes on Wednesday, May 3rd. In which case the House shall enter a period of extended adjournment on that date.

Further that any time prior to October 18th, 2000, if the Speaker is satisfied after consultation with the Executive Council and Members of the Legislative Assembly that the public interest requires that the House should meet at an earlier time during the adjournment, the Speaker may give notice and thereupon the House shall meet at the time stated in such notice and shall transact its' business as if it had been duly adjourned to that time.

And, Mr. Speaker, I will be seeking unanimous consent to deal with my motion today.

Some Members: Agreed.

Speaker: Item 17. First Reading of Bills. Item 15. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Item 16. Motions. Mr. McLean.

Item 16: Motions

Mr. McLean: Ma'na Uqaqti. I seek unanimous consent to deal with my motion today. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. McLean. The member is seeking unanimous consent to deal with his motion today. Are there any nays. There are no nays. Please proceed.

Motion 28 – 1(3): Extended Adjournment

Mr. McLean: Ma'na Uqaqti. I move, seconded by the honourable member for Cambridge Bay, that notwithstanding rule 4, that when this House adjourns on Tuesday May 2nd, 2000, it shall be adjourned until Wednesday, October 18th, 2000, unless the business of the House currently under consideration concludes on Wednesday, May 3rd. In which case the House shall enter a period of extended adjournment on that date.

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Speaker: Thank you Mr. McLean. The motion is in order. To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour. Contrary. The motion is passed. Item 17. First Reading of Bills. First Reading of Bills. Item 18. Second Reading of Bills. Second Reading of Bills.

Item 19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters. Bill 13, tabled documents 41 – 1(3), tabled documents 61 – 1(3), tabled documents 93 – 1(3), tabled documents 97 – 1(3), tabled documents 101 – 1(3).

Just a reminder to members before we break off. I would ask that members would try to remain in the House after question period so we can get through the business at hand. It really does not look very good back home when the folks are looking at empty chairs here.

Another comment before we close off. In reference to the points of order that were delivered today, I would want to once again, state that when these decisions are made they are non-debatable, the matter is closed. However, if a member or one of the members that has been effected by these decisions, if they want to meet privately in my office, they can feel free to do so.

According to the authority vested in my under motion 3 – 1(3), the committee of the whole will stay in session until it reports itself out, with Mr. Iqaqrialu as Chairperson.

>> *Applause*

Prior to returning to the House at 1.15 lunch will be provided. Sergeant-At-Arms.

>> *House recessed at 12.15 and resumed at 1.24 p.m.*

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

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, we have a quorum. We can begin with Department of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs. Tabled Document 41-3, 61-1(3), 91-1(3), 101(3). This is our business for today. Under Committee of the Whole we started out with Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs. What is the wish of the Committee. Mr. Akesuk.

Mr. Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Minister of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs had his opening remarks and we would like him to go to the witness table with his officials. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Premier would you go to the witness table with your officials. Thank you. Premier Okalik if you could introduce your officials. Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On my right, everybody knows my executive assistant and Ken MacRury Deputy Minister of the Secretariat. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Premier. General comments from the members to Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs. Any questions from the members. Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Maybe you think I look like Mr. Okalik. A question was posed from Mr. Iqaqrialu in regards to 41-1(3) under consideration in Committee of the Whole. The Main Estimates 2000-2001 and Capital Estimates, in regards to pre-budget consultations 1999-2000, there are community concerns in the consultation report and some concerns were brought up by way of a question by Mr. Iqaqrialu.

We were told in regards to the consultation reports that the community concerns would be considered. There are also many community concerns about education. For instance in Pond Inlet, we had concerns about education in Pond Inlet and there were about 30 percent of the people concerned about education. Other communities had a 5 percent concern on education. My question is if you are going to be following the consultation reports of concerns of the communities. Will you use those consultation reports and the concerns of the public when you are dealing with the Main Estimates in the coming year. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Nutarak. Mr. Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My staff or the finance people gathered the pre-budget consultation reports. As the Finance Minister stated that when they do the five-year planning they will be using the pre-budget consultation reports. I can not really answer that question because it is in regards to budget preparation and we have gathered some information to our departments as to how the communities can be best involved in the budget preparation. We as a government would like to make sure the community concerns are met through this report. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Okalik. Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In item number 41(3) under pre-budget consultations report, and the questions that I asked a while ago and the Main Estimates and the Capital Estimates for the year 2000-2001. If we finished with the Main Estimates I just wondered if the question that I asked you are you going to be trying to use the Main Estimates and the Capital Estimates in the pre-budget consultation report in your preparation of the money for Government of Nunavut.

Chairperson (interpretation): I just wanted to tell Mr. MacRury that he is not wearing a tie. I would like to recognise him even though he does not have a tie. Thank you, Mr. Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In regards to the consultation tour, the Department of Finance was responsible for that and I am not involved in it. What I could do is answer some questions that are in my department.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Premier. Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): With the Capital Estimates in the Tabled Documents, it is 41-1(3). Main Estimates 2000-2001. I believe if we approve that that is going to go ahead. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Nutarak. Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): We had approved the Capital Estimates and I am sure that they will go ahead. We have not completed some of the departments. I think once we complete everything they will go ahead.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Premier. Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): In Tabled Documents 41-1(3) and we will be going line by line with the Main Estimates. They will go ahead once that is approved. Right. Mr. Premier.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik: Yes.

Chairperson: Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): This will be my last question. I had a question in regards to the Tabled Documents 41-1(3). I had questions with the consultations report. Once Bill 13 is approved they will go ahead. Right.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Nutarak. Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): I cannot say whether we are going to be implementing everything that is in the pre-budget community reports. But we will use the statistics. As the Finance Minister said we will be using the numbers that were gathered. We were not able to implement everything but in the future years I would be pleased if we implement everything in the report.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Barnabas.

Mr. Barnabas: In regards to implementing the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy policy. Now that the Nunavut Information and Privacy Commissioner has been appointed by the Legislative Assembly what progress has been made in this area. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Barnabas. Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik: To date the access to Information and Privacy Commissioner gave a workshop to our employees on January 18 of this year. We are currently holding a competition for an information manager to assist with access to information requests, and hope to fill this position in 2 to 3 weeks. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Premier. Any general comments or questions. If there is nothing further I will then move on to the Main Estimates. Mr. Akasuk.

Mr. Akasuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a question in regards to Maliganik Qimirrujiit. There is 670 thousand in here in 2000-2001. Did they use all of the money that was set aside for the Law Review Commission. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Akasuk. Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Last year the Law Review Commission was not implemented until well into the year. We did not use all the monies that were budgeted. They will be a commission for the full year.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Premier. Mr. Barnabas.

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs are now responsible to review the businesses incentive policy and Article 24 which is the contracting policy. Have you indicated these tasks were given to the Department of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Barnabas. Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We are now co-ordinating through the Department of Public Works instead of our Department. We take on some of them that are initiated and then we give them to the appropriate departments. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Premier. Mr. Barnabas.

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Government of Nunavut and Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated are working together to date as said in the Clyde River Protocol. I would like to know from your department what kind of plans you have for giving us a progress report in regards to the Nunavut Land Claims agreement and the co-operation between the different parties.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Barnabas. Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am not quite sure whether we are going to have a report but I can give you an update on what we have been doing to date. Over this year we are going to be doing some reviewing on the laws in regards to Article 5 of the NLCA. We are going to work with the Department of Sustainable Development so that they will adhere to Article 5. We have also set aside 1 million dollars for the Inuit Employment plan and there is also Article 25 that we will be working on this coming year. We are working on various projects as a department. We work with various government departments and NTI on how the Government of Nunavut can implement the NLCA.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Premier. Mr. Barnabas.

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do not want to be the only one asking questions. You have five jobs that will be working under the Communications department. I would like to know exactly how the Government of Nunavut, looking at the decentralisation plan, how the communication system strategy is going to work, and how the guidelines for consultations are going to be used. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Barnabas. Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I can say that the four jobs have been identified but there is one job that is still not filled. These employees will use the information that has to go out and collect data and statistics. If you want to work on

statistics or gathering data you can use our department. We are not going to have offices in different communities. We are looking at compiling data and statistics with this department. It is not going to be a whole year but every year if required we will be gathering statistics using the smaller communities. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Premier. Mr. Barnabas.

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would also like to thank the Premier for giving the appropriate response. I have another question. To date I just wondered...I will be saying it in English. (interpretation ends)

Pursuant to the Northern Accord, Devolution and the Northern Leaders Forum. I would like to get some answers on that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Barnabas. It does not matter if you speak in English or Inuktitut. Mr. Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Today we have been dealing with a lot of stuff working with the Northern Leaders and they have assisted me in any way that they can. We will be meeting with them further at the end of the month in Brandon, Manitoba. We will be meeting about our concerns as leaders, as Premiers, as to how we can have a better direction as government.

In regards to the Northern Accord, we have had some help and support last year. We met as Premiers and we did support the Nunavut Government and the GNWT in regards to the Northern Accord and for royalties as well that we have requested. We met and we have been gathering information as Premiers to give to the Federal Government in this regard. As to the other Governments such as Greenland, we will be signing an agreement with them this year to in regards to trading between the people of Nunavut and Greenland. Those are some things that are on-going that we are dealing with at this time. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Premier. Mr. Barnabas.

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just wanted to get some clarification as to the Intergovernmental Affairs agreements that have been signed to date whether the Premier will be tabling them in the House. In regards to contracting back services with the GNWT and Government of Nunavut reports. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Barnabas. Premier Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There are many agreements that we have signed to date. We are gathering them up and we will be tabling them to the House when they are ready. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Premier. Mr. Barnabas.

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Last question that I have to the Premier. This fall the Committee will be doing public consultations and then they will be meeting about the Auditor General's report. The Premier's department has...

(interpretation ends)...total of 7 percent in evaluation and statistical services. What has the department accomplished to date in terms of staffing and distribution for an internal audit and evaluation of Nunavut programs. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Barnabas. Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. To date we have two vacant positions. Perhaps this fall we will fill all the positions. There are different job descriptions and mandates for these positions, and along with the Executive Council, if they have suggestions, we will have to get positions that review the work of the cabinet and the implementation of the Bathurst Mandate.

There is also a data collector that has been hired to gather information for the Government of Nunavut such as statistics that tell us the rate of unemployment in Nunavut communities, so as cabinet we can look at what we have to do as government to support the communities more. That way we will be able to find out which communities need employment and we as government can have the information to do our job properly. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Premier. I do not have any more names. Mr. Puqiqnak.

Mr. Puqiqnak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My question is, many people have been expecting in regards to Article 24, the contractors in the communities have been expecting the policy to be introduced by the government. I just wanted to know from the Premier as to how much work you have done in regards to Article 24 so the communities can take advantage of the contracts that are tendered. Especially in regards to following Article 24.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Puqiqnak. Mr. Premier if your can respond to Mr. Puqiqnak's question.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We used Article 24 to bring about the NNI policy and we started using that NNI policy on April 1. My department was dealing with Article 24 collecting data and everything else. Now we are using it today.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Premier. Mr. Puqiqnak.

Mr. Puqiqnak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On that subject, I would like to thank the Premier and his department for working on these issues and also working with NTI. One thing that we hope to see with this government is that the smaller

communities that have also tried to get contracts with the previous government, although they were ready they were not able to get it with the previous government.

Usually the contracts are taken on by southern provinces like companies from Vancouver. They have to pay for their meals and accommodations and so on when there are companies in the North that are able to provide the services. I think since the creation of Nunavut the communities are looking forward to obtaining more contracts than they did previously. I think there is a desire in the communities. I am saying that on behalf of Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Puqiqnak. Mr. Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Since that is more of a statement I support my colleague's statement. The reason why we are working on that issue is because it is very important to us as a government. It seems to have helped so far. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Premier. This has been agreed upon already and it has been implemented. We worked on it as regular members. I am sure there will be a review process and we will be updated. At this time I have no more names on my list. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, in the Premier's opening comments he mentions the fact that the total operations & maintenance budget for his department was reduced. However, looking at numbers in the main estimates it shows there is an increase in the O&M of about 46% and the numbers that I did from information that we received showed a 5% increase after the new functions that were taken on. I was just wondering if you could explain how that 4% reduction. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Tootoo. To make a small comment first. Maybe because of dialect differences I do not understand it when you say ... Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): I can say that there has been an increase but it will just be for the interim. Operations and maintenance have all decreased and the only increase is because we have started Maligarnit Qimirqujiit which is 650 thousand. There is also the Nunavut Power Corporation Implementation Secretariat. There is 720 thousand in there.

We are also taking the NPC Implementation Secretariat 2.6 million and Decentralization Secretariat, which is at 560 thousand this year. They are not going to be ongoing and that is the main reason that there is an increase with these new tasks. However, the operations and maintenance have decreased. I do not know which way to answer you but that is what has happened this year. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Okalik. We will deal with those when we go into the Main Estimates. At this time we are on general comments. We will get into the Main Estimates at the appropriate time after general comments. General comments. Mr. Tootoo do you have any other comments at this time. Since I have no other names, Mr. Barnabas.

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): Thank you. I have a question. Your department has made a statement saying that they expect to be 90% of capacity in the year 2000/2001. We have been told that there has been high turnover. I will speak English again.

(interpretation ends)...to achieve this in the department...(interpretation)...will that occur if you are sticking to your plan, with the Inuit Employment Plan. I would like clarification on that. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Barnabas. It does not matter when you go through the interpreter but when you say... I do not understand it though.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you. I do not know how to respond to your question. There are times when staff would like to move on to another department, you can't stop them, if they want to move on. Personally, I am very happy with my department because approximately half of our staff are Inuit and we would like to increase that number. We have been able to make appointments to the positions and would like to increase the numbers.

We are providing training and would like to see more Inuit in the management positions. We will also be looking at the ADMs and we will be providing more training, if they stay with one job in one department they will learn as much as they should about the Nunavut Government. If they are going to move to the highest positions they have to be fully trained on the systems of the Nunavut Government. They have to be properly trained so that they will be able to do their job to the best of their ability.

We do performance reviews to find out who is ready and who needs further training. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Okalik. Mr. Barnabas.

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. I think that we will have to find an Inuktitut word for the word "detail". There has been a decrease of 12 in the directorate for the year 2000/2001 and 2002/2003. Why is that the case, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Barnabas. Mr. Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): I apologize Mr. Chairman, are we in detail now. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Premier. Would you re-phrase your question please Mr. Barnabas.

Mr. Barnabas: No, we are not in detail. The Chairman said that he would not understand the word "detail" when somebody says that. We are not in detail this is a general question. There is a decrease of 12% in the year 2000/2001 and 2001/2002.

(interpretation ends) What is the reason for this decrease.(interpretation) I am sorry I am making an error.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Barnabas. Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Obviously the decrease in operations for this year....I do not understand his question.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Premier. Mr. Barnabas, please rephrase your question. Mr. Barnabas.

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): Thank you. Staffing and decentralized positions, in the directorate for the year 2000/2001, 2002/2003. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Barnabas. For your information of the members we will be getting into the main estimates. We will get to those once we are done general comments. At this time, Mr. Barnabas, any further comments or questions. If there are no further general comments or questions, I would like to move on to the main estimates.

Capital estimates, there are no capital estimates. We will then go onto the main estimates. Page 2 – 4, in the main estimates. Page 2 – 4. Do you have it. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I am just wanting to ask some questions in that area. Do you want questions in that area right now for 2 – 4.

Chairperson (interpretation): We will get into the details and you can ask your questions at the appropriate time. Directorate, Executive & Intergovernmental Affairs, branch summary, operations and maintenance. Total operations and maintenance, 1 million 798 thousand. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I notice an area under the directorate is the management of the senior personnel secretariat. I am just wondering if the Premier could provide us with a little bit of an outline, or some detail on what the responsibilities for that secretariat are. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Tootoo. Mr. Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik: The main role of the secretariat is to evaluate each of the Deputy Ministers and Assistant Deputy Ministers. The secretariat mainly provides a co-ordination role through the secretary, Ken MacRury. We assess each of the ADMs and when there is a Deputy Minister that becomes vacant then we assess each of the ADMs, which ADM might be ready and we try to provide as many opportunities for the ADMs to be trained.

In some cases we shuffle the ADM positions so that each of the ADMs gains exposure to different government departments and learn more about government. They will then be in a position to move up once they have had exposure and are properly trained to go up to the Deputy Minister level. So the senior personnel secretariat provides a number of functions and we try and meet at least twice a month. For example, this week all the ADMs are in town to learn more and to talk to each other and they get the assistance of elders in those meetings.

So it is not just a matter of learning how government works but also getting assistance from elders. There are a number of functions. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Premier. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I think that is a crucial role in any organization is the evaluation of the people and its' programs. I hope that the work that this area doesn't go unnoticed. The Premier, Mr. Chairman, mentioned the fact that it would be the senior personnel secretariat that would recommend any shuffles or moves of either DMs or ADMS.

Would that include any relocation of any of the ADMs or the DMs as well. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Tootoo. Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik: Yes, in the past there have been relocations and there will likely be more. It is the role of the secretariat to discuss options, not just for government, but for the personnel effected. If there is going to be a relocation, often times the effected employee is assessed and evaluated and we often check if they are agreeable to being relocated in some other community. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Premier. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, this function I know is new, the senior personnel secretariat. Would that have been a function that is new that would have fallen within this area or is that something that prior to the senior personnel secretariat getting established that was handled by each department. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Tootoo. Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik: Thank you Mr. Chairman. The mandate of the senior personnel secretariat was approved by cabinet in April of last year. It is co-ordinated through my office. As Premier I do have the authority to make appointments for Deputy Ministers, so it is very useful for me to assess candidates for the Deputy Minister level at the ADM level. So it serves a very useful function, for my office in evaluating succession plans for Deputy Ministers that may be needed. So that's what the main function is. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Premier. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I appreciate the clarification there. I know last year I was asking some questions to I believe it was the Minister responsible at the time for Community Government & Transportation in regards to the relocation of a ADM. As I now know any questions in the future regarding relocations like that will now be directed to the Premier. So I am glad to have that clarified and I wish I had known that last year. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Tootoo. We are under the main estimates. General comments and questions were dealt with already. Mr. Premier do you want to respond to that.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. This was not really a question it was more of a comment. So I will just wait until, if he asks me questions at any further time I will answer.

Chairperson: Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, on a different topic under directorate, it has listed 354 thousand dollars under contract services as opposed to 95 thousand dollars last year. I am just wondering if the Premier could indicate what those services would encompass. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Tootoo. Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Last year it was 95 thousand. One moment please. Excuse me. I am sorry. Yes, from what I understand it has gone up from last year. The main reason is that we have assumed setting up the new Power Corporation, NPC and a lot of that has been contracted, and setting up the Nunavut Public Utilities Board, which will be approximately 340 thousand. We have assumed the role of training ADMs which was not in last year's budget. So those are some of the reasons for this increase. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Premier. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, we talked about the dollars for the Nunavut Power Corporation, I think that is under another item, under another division in

there. So I was just wondering for the contract services under the directorate, what those would entail. I am just wondering if that 354 thousand does cover the money for the Nunavut Utilities Board and what else would be included there somewhere else in another division and the training of the ADMs are the other two that were mentioned. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Tootoo. Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik: At least 300 thousand dollars is for the Public Utilities Board. What we would like to do is do a review of the functions of the Public Utilities Board. Right now its sole function is to review power rates and perhaps we can expand the role of the Utilities Board to include for example fuel prices. So those areas where there is a monopoly in place. So we would like to do a thorough review this year to see how we can do a proper review of prices for utilities. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Premier. Mr. McLean.

Mr. McLean: Ma'na Itsivautaq. I just have one question. My colleague Hunter Tootoo raised a good point in regards to Assistant Deputy Ministers and Deputy Ministers and the relocation fees and budgets. As the Premier, we know that our ADMs have varied experience and so do our Deputy Ministers. It's a known fact now with decentralization is going ahead and your commitment to it is there. We know that we are going to have decentralized departments in various communities, such as Igloolik, Pond Inlet, Cape Dorset, Baker Lake, Arviat and other communities like that.

Would you consider moving Assistant Deputy Ministers into these communities on sort of like a three to six month period to learn what it is like and to really have a feel for the departments. Because you have the headquarters function for education in Arviat, and it would be nice to see the ADM and the Deputy Minister even go down there to spend three to four months to see how the operation is working.

Has our government thought about temporary relocations of ADMs and DMs out of the capital and into the decentralized communities. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. McLean. Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik: Yes, we have considered the issue of perhaps sending a Deputy Minister to a decentralized community for a month or a year. So that's been discussed and I am sure that we can explore those options further. I know that we have at least two or three ADMs right now in the decentralized communities. However, we have to weigh those carefully but I am sure that we can consider Deputy Minister or ADM level being relocated for a period of time. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Premier. At this time I have no more names. We are under the main estimates. Operations and maintenance, 1 million 798 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Total expenditures, 1 million 798 thousand.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Page 2 – 5. Operations and maintenance, Executive & Intergovernmental Affairs, communications, policy and planning, branch summary, operations and maintenance. Total operations and maintenance, 1 million 222 thousand. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I am not sure if this question was asked earlier during general comments. I am just wondering if the department or the government has or is developing a communications strategy. I know that there has been a number of issues that have been debated in this House over the last year that I think everyone probably admits could have been handled a little bit more efficiently than they were.

So I am just wondering if there are plans for developing some type of a communications strategy so that not only members but to make the general public aware of some of the issues that the government is planning on doing. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Tootoo. Premier Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Yes I totally agree. One area that we have been lacking a bit is in communications and it will hopefully improve. We are trying to hire an additional staff person for the communications department. To date what we have done is sent all releases, government releases to Hamlet offices, and have provided pamphlets to each community on government initiatives, the major initiatives and we have done radio broadcasts.

There are always ways of improving the system and that is one of the things that will be on the agenda for our upcoming retreat is how we can improve our services there. So hopefully we will staff it up soon and we can start making real progress in that department. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Premier. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, again in this area under contract services there is 310 thousand dollars. I am just wondering, it is down from 365 thousand last year and I am just wondering what types of services would be contracted under this item. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Tootoo. Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Yes, we produce pamphlets, brochures through the communications office, so we contract those services out. You may remember the Bathurst Mandate for example, and the brochures that we released. So it is for those types of printing costs that are associated with releasing those types of documents. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson: Thank you Mr. Premier. Mr. Irqittuq.

Mr. Irqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairperson. They say that they will be working with the people of Nunavut and the other governments in regards to producing communications throughout the Nunavut region. It just seems like the communication they want to work on is the law is being broken or they are not following their mandate by having a different time zone.

In reading that communications policy and planning it doesn't seem to be true because it seems to be the opposite when they have a different time zone. I have heard that recently something to do with the time change that some hamlets have a by-law and although they have a by-law that they have to follow the wishes of the Nunavut Government. I couldn't understand the reasoning behind that. I just wondered what the minister is going to do in this regard.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): We are still dealing with the time change or different time zone. I am not sure exactly how I should respond to the questions or comments made by the member. We will be reviewing the time change before fall comes about and we are looking into what we are going to do in regards to the time change. At the appropriate time I will be reporting to the members of this House. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Premier. I do not think a question should be appropriately asked about time change on this page, but we have a commitment from the Premier that this time change will be reviewed again by the Premier's department. Thank you. Mr. Irqittuq.

Mr. Irqittuq (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. I was just using the time change as an example because there have been some problems in the communities and those problems have to be resolved. Are we just going to go ahead and do what the Nunavut Government wants us to do or do we have a chance to have a better system. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Hopefully we will moving in the direction of a better system. There will be the law review committee visiting the communities and they will be hearing from the public if there are any problems then they will have that law review committee and they can inform us in turn. Like I said before I

want to be able to have people in the communities that can collect data as to what they think about the government as a whole. Those are the types of people that can help us in the future.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Premier. Mr. Irqittuq.

Mr. Irqittuq (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Maybe because I found it so clear, I think there is a particular word the Premier uses in Inuktitut and I believe Mr. Alakannuark can give us the true definition. If I touched Mr. Alakannuark and it surprised him then that's what it would mean when you use the qaujialak. I think that you should use a different word because the people out there are watching.

Chairperson (interpretation): At this time we are in the main estimates we are not talking about the terms or the terminology as long as the people out there understand then it is okay. I do not believe that you should be talking about terminology or various dialects and so on. We have different dialects and I would like you to know that and if you would stick to the issue at hand. Mr. Irqittuq.

Mr. Irqittuq (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. The people out there, the people of Nunavut know the meaning of the word qaujialak so I just did not want people to misunderstand. In regards to communications, we have to have some effective programs or implementations in there if the people are going to be aware of what the Nunavut Government is doing. Just a comment Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Alakannuark.

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. My question is, in the contributions for the year 1999/2000 there is some money set aside for contributions and then in the year 2000/2001 there is nothing. Why is that.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Alakannuark. Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. The 150 thousand was set aside last year to provide funding for the Territorial Municipal Leadership Forums. There is going to be a Nunavut Municipal Association meeting next week. We have transferred this now to the Community Government & Transportation department and it is no longer under our portfolio. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Premier.

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Thank you for that response. So for the year 2000/2001 you stated they will be used for territorial and municipal forums. Does that mean that there will be less municipal/territorial forums this coming year. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Alakannuark. Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. We just moved that over to Community Government and Transportation. There is still money set aside for such forums. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson Thank you Mr. Premier. I do not have any other names on my list. We are in the main estimates. Total operations and maintenance, 1 million 222 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Total expenditures, 1 million 222 thousand.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Turning to the next page 2-6, Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, communications policy and planing summary. Agreed. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Again, I am asking a question on contract services. It is the 115 thousand dollars, which is up from 35 thousand dollars from last year. I just want to ask the Premier why it is up and what types of services are being contracted in that area. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Tootoo. I do not have such a line item on my page we are on. We are on page 2-6. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Sorry that is on 2-7 so I will just wait until we get to that page.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Tootoo. Mr. Alakannuark.

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you. On page 2-6, I do not understand the word that is in the Inuktitut translation.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Alakannuark. Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. I did not understand his question. If he would clarify his question please. Thank you.

Chairperson: Mr. Alakannuark.

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Premier it is in the Inuktitut.

Chairperson: Mr. Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. It says hamlet. It is in the dialect of the translator.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Premier. Questions, comments. Information item. Communication policy, turning over, Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, evaluation and statistical services. Branch summary, operations and maintenance. Total operations and maintenance 521 thousand. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I am finally on the right page. I would just like to ask about the contract services of 115 thousand up from 35 thousand. Why is there an increase and what types of services are being contracted back in this division. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Tootoo. Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik: The contracting services last year we anticipated staffing the Nunavut Bureau of Statistics but instead of having the position we will be contracting that service out. We have been contracting with the GNWT for example for statistics in the past. We will be using it also for auditing purposes with contractors. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Premier. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, the Premier indicated they were looking at auditing, the auditing function being contracted out. What type of auditing is he referring to. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Tootoo. Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. The main role of auditing is not an audit for financial purposes it is to evaluate how our programs and policies government wide are improving the situation for the people of Nunavut. So it is to evaluate and assess our programs for the people of Nunavut. So it is not a financial audit but more of an audit to measure the progress we are making as a government. Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.

Chairperson: Thank you Mr. Premier. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I guess that is two areas in there that are being contracted out and I am just wondering if the Premier or his staff have a breakdown of how much has been allocated for each of those areas for that 115 thousand dollars. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Tootoo. Mr. Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik: Thank you. I will get Anne Crawford to answer this question.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Ms. Crawford.

Ms. Crawford: There are probably about four changes that are going on between PYs and contracting services. They are all reflected in these changes, we were contracting a lot of statistics services from Yellowknife last year. Those have been reduced and put into PY's in the Nunavut Bureau of Statistics. So this year we will only be contracting about 15 thousand dollars in the statistics portion.

In the audit which is a value for money audit, what were previously person years have been put into contract dollars so we can do a series of contracts in terms of value for money in terms of the Nunavut Government and program responsibilities. At the same time last year audit evaluation statistics were underfunded because we were still not doing all the functions that we'd like to do. So at the same time some of the functions have been supplemented. All those things move up and down and each one has either pushed up or pushed down the contracting and the PYs and the salaries. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Ms. Crawford. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I take it if we are contracting back statistical services for 15 thousand dollars then 100 thousand dollars is going to be contracted out for the audit function. Ms. Crawford had indicated they have taken PY dollars and allocated them for contracts. I just wonder why. Wouldn't it be more beneficial to have our own people than have people hired to do that in the long run than hiring consultants to do that type of work. So I am just wondering why they have chosen to go that route. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Tootoo. Ms. Crawford.

Ms. Crawford: We have retained one PY as a manager for the audit services both in the audit and the evaluations. The feeling is that an evaluation of any program is going to be different each year. So a series of programs that will be evaluated in any given year and the skills to evaluate that program are going to be very different and it is unlikely that we would be able to hire a big enough group of specialists that would have all those skills. Therefore, it would be a better use of our money to be able to retain the specific skills that we need for a specific program evaluation, while having a manager on board to overlook the whole program.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Ms. Crawford. I apologise for saying your name wrong. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Just to clarify then. Basically the initial structure of the department when it was set up, I don't know whether it would have been through the design of the initial set up outlined in Footprints 2 or whatever allocated that. This is just a change that better suits or reflect the actual requirement or needs of the department. I am just wondering if that is the change what was handed down from us as a government to something that we can use and work functionally with. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Tootoo. Ms Crawford.

Ms. Crawford: That is what we hope to achieve with those changes.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Ms. Crawford. Getting back to the main estimates, total operations and maintenance, under 2.7, 521 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson: (interpretation): Total expenditures, 521 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Under 2-8, 2000/2001 main estimates, Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, branch summary, operations and maintenance. Total operations and maintenance, 837 thousand. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Here again I just want some clarification of what types of contract services are being offered there. I know it is a small amount of 40 thousand dollars but I am just curious. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Tootoo. Mr. Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik: Last year we had under funded this position, it is out of Ottawa and we used the Commissionaires services which are war veterans that provide services for us like secretarial work so it is bringing up to the level it should be at. So 40 thousand is for the Commissionaires services of our Ottawa office. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Premier. Total expenditures, 837 thousand. Agreed. Mr. Alakannuark.

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. I do not know how to ask these questions but under other expenses I just wondered why in 1999 there is a difference in the figures from 99 to 2000/2001. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Alakannuark. Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. The reason why that was increased was that the people doing our work for us did not get enough money. It is the same thing but the only increase is that 15 thousand dollars because they are doing some contract work for us in Ottawa. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Premier. Total operations and maintenance, 837 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Total expenditures, 837 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Turning the page, 2-9. Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, branch summary. Mr. Iqittuq.

Mr. Iqittuq (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. I just want to get some clarification on this page. It mentions the Inuit Circumpolar Conference. Is that the contribution to the Inuit Circumpolar Conference. I just wanted to get that clarification. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Iqittuq. Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. It is just part of the contribution that we give to the Inuit Circumpolar Conference. The Inuit Circumpolar Conference receives some grants and contributions from other sources and as the Nunavut Government we support the Inuit Circumpolar Conference and they will be getting an office based here in Nunavut this year. We are giving this contribution to the Inuit Circumpolar Conference. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Okalik. Getting back to the main estimates. Intergovernmental affairs, Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, branch summary. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Page 2-10. Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, Commissioner of Nunavut, branch summary, operations and maintenance. Total O&M 155 thousand. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, the same question again there is 33 thousand dollars up from 5. I am just wondering what kinds of services are contracted back in this area. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Tootoo. Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik: The 33 thousand dollars is our portion of the payment towards the house of the commissioner. The Federal Government pays for the other half so the Housing Corporation, the Nunavut Housing Corporation has recently purchased a house and we are paying it down. It is a down payment with half being paid by the federal government. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr Premier. Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): My question was asked already so thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Nutarak. Mr. Iqittuq. Mr. Alakannuark.

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman but that was the same question that I had too. I do not have any more questions.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. I guess many members had that same question. Total operations and maintenance, 155 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Total expenditures 155 thousand.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Turning the page, 2-11. Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, Nunavut Power Corporation Implementation Secretariat, branch summary. Total operations and maintenance, 2 million 600 thousand. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman I know there is under a million dollar or just over 900 thousand for contract services related to Nunavut Power Corporation. Are those going to be services that we are contracting back the continuance of the Power Corporation or is that separate thing. I am just wondering again what types of services that are being contracted. I am just wondering if they refer to the Power Corporation or to consultants to set up our own Corporation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Mr. Premier Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This has been the job of Mr. Picco. Perhaps if Mr. Picco can respond to that question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Premier. The Minister responsible for Nunavut Power Corporation Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman unlike the government which contracts back work to the GNWT department. The Power Corporation is a crown corporation at arms length with the government. Therefore, unless the contract Mr. Tootoo is asking about is not specific to contracting back to the GNWT and indeed to the NWT power corporation because at the same time we are still owners of the power corporation NTPC. We are still minority of that.

The contract monies that Mr. Tootoo is asking about in the large part my understanding is that is from the Ikuma working group. This was a group formed almost a year ago to give

advise on technical, logistic as well as administration advise to me as the Minister responsible for the power corporation to look at the transition agreement in setting up our own power corporation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Picco. Turning on to this page. Total operations & maintenance. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Total expenditures 2 million, 600 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): 2-12. Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs branch summary. Decentralisation Secretariat. Operations & maintenance. Total operations & maintenance. 567 thousand. Agreed. Mr. Akasuk.

Mr. Akasuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The 52 thousand dollars for operations & maintenance is that for decentralisation travel money. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Akasuk. Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, this is for the travel money for the decentralisation. Leona Aglukark will be travelling to the communities and she will be travelling this coming summer.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Premier. Mr. Akasuk.

Mr. Akasuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Is that just for travel expenses for your staff or is it for decentralisation travel.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The money is from my department and it is for staff visiting to the communities. However, there is more funding available about 3 million dollars for the decentralised staff. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Premier. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In fairness. I am not showing any division in there. There is money in there for contract services. However small it is. I am just wondering what types of services are being contracted here. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik: We are getting better as we go along because we are prepared now. It is for contracting services for office space and office equipment like printers, photocopiers. So it is for those purposes that we will be using over the next year. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Premier. Mr. Puqiqnak.

Mr. Puqiqnak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, for saying my name properly I guess you have been practising over the days. My question is in regards to the decentralised positions and the increased population in those decentralised communities.

As for implementing this plan my question is whether the facilities or the infrastructure in those communities will keep up with the demand and would the increase population. Do you factor in the possible affects of the increasing population or do you talk to community leaders. For example the Hamlet Councils whether they are going to keep up with the demand of the population. I am asking this question if we are looking at the whole picture. Whether you are not bringing those positions to communities but also keeping up with the demands and needs of the community.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. I think that is part of Mr. Anawak's portfolio. Mr. Premier if you would like to respond to that.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I can say that even before we became a government this was factored in by the Federal Government and they gave us infrastructure dollars that would be used for the communities. For example, the larger communities were going to be given additional funds to purchase fire trucks for example. That was part of the infrastructure program. We have not done any planning on that aspect but the Community Government & Transportation was going to be looking into this issue and we have set aside some money so we can do a study. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Premier. We are on the details Mr. Puqiqnak.

Mr. Puqiqnak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman for giving the opportunity to ask questions. In regards to decentralisation. Since Community Government & Transportation and Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs people are working on this together. There are some positions that were moved to my community. I have seen the increase population but I do not see any new dollars that would be used to meet the needs of the people in my community.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Puqiqnak. Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I can say that we will be looking into it. We will be looking all the Nunavut communities and also the ones that

will be affected by the decentralisation plan but of course we will look at all the Nunavut communities. Look at where the needs are and what kind of support they require. One thing that we have been working mainly on is to set up offices and we would like to get local hire. We would like to see more training involved so that we would be able to get local hire and that would keep influx in the population down. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Premier. I do not see any other names on my list. We will go back to the Main Estimates. Total operations & maintenance 567 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Total expenditures 567 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Turning over to page 2-13. Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs Nunavut Cabinet. Branch summery. Operations & maintenance. Total operations & maintenance 3 million, 597 thousand. Agreed. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, here again I am just wondering if we are going to leave anyone out. There is 242 thousand dollars this year under contract services. I am just wondering what types of services are being contracted in this area. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) This is one area we can say we have cut costs. So I am very happy to report that we have a lot for purchasing computer, printers, and those necessities that you need for an office so they will be less of a need since we have been in office for a year. So it is for on-going office supplies that we usually need. It is paying for leases the printers that we use for Cabinet. So those types of facilities that we require. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Premier. Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman I am just wondering if any of the amount in contracting services is used for the hiring of consultants to do any work. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. From what I understand there is no money set aside in my office budget for consultants. It is usually departmental use of budgets used for hiring consultants. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Premier. Mr. Tootoo you are done. Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you. Operations & maintenance there is a slight decrease in the operations & maintenance is it because your require less this year or are there going to be some programs that are going to be taken out.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Nutarak. Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We are a little bit more knowledgeable based on the experience that we had this year. Also we used last year's figures. We have put in a decrease. There is also some that we be moved to other departments. This was an intentional decrease. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Premier. Anything further Mr. Nutarak. Mr. Alakannuark.

Mr. Alakannuark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Do minister's offices include salaries expenses for the seven minister and their support staff. What does that mean. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Alakannuark. I believe there are eight Ministers, I believe that is Mr. Alakannuark question. Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is for the Cabinet, seven ministers and I make eight. They are used to pay for the salaries and operational expenses for the seven Minister and one Premier and their support staff. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Premier. I do not have any more names on my list. We will return to 2-13 total operations & maintenance. 3 million, 597 thousand. Total expenditures 3 million, 597 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Page 2-14. Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs work on behalf of others. Detail of work performed on behalf of third parties. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): And turning the page 2-15. Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs distribution of budget. Distribution of budget. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): We return to 2-3. 2-3. Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs detail of expenditures. Program summary. Operations & maintenance. Total operations & maintenance 11 million, 297 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Total Capital 0. Total expenditures. 11 million, 297 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): That is Tabled Document 97-1 concluded. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

>> *Applause*

Chairperson (interpretation): I would like to thank the Premier and his staff for being at the witness table. Closing remarks if you have any Mr. Premier than we will take a break. Mr. Premier.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to thank my staff for always being available and it has been a good working experience this year and again I would like to thank my colleagues and the next time around I would like to have the same working relationship next time around.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Premier. Before we move on to another department. We will take a 20 minute break.

>> *Committee recessed at 3.15 and resumed at 3.43 p.m.*

Legislative Assembly Main Estimates

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. We have a quorum. Welcome members. We will go under the Department of the Legislative Assembly. We will deal with the Legislative Assembly office. I would like to thank Manitok Thompson for giving us some country food during the break not just today but previous days as well. Thank you very much to Manitok. The Inuit were able to eat some country food during the break. Thank you. We are going to be dealing with the Legislative Assembly. Perhaps Mr. Speaker can begin with his opening remarks. Mr. Speaker, welcome to the House. Perhaps if you can get your officials in with you at the witness table. Mr. Speaker you can begin.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Chairperson. Mr. Clerk. Mr. Pollock.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Kevin O'Brien, Mr. Speaker. Can you hear me. The Speaker does not hear the interpretation. Is it ok now Mr. Speaker. Thank you. I

wanted you to hear that we thank her for providing us with country food during our break. Ok Mr. Speaker and your officials. Perhaps you can introduce your officials. Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Chairperson. On my right is the Clerk of the Assembly John Quirke. On my left is the Director of Corporate Service Mr. Steve Pollock. They will be assisting me today in answering all the tough questions. Mr. Chairperson I have some opening remarks and from there we can proceed with one or two questions.

Mr. Chairperson and Members of the Legislative Assembly I am pleased to have the opportunity today to present to you the 2000-2001 Main Estimates and Business Plan of the Legislative Assembly and to respond to any questions that you may have.

Before getting into the detail of the 2000-2001 Main Estimates I would like to take some time to highlight some of the key initiatives that the Legislative Assembly has undertaken in the past year and what we hope to accomplish over the coming year.

As honourable members know well, the business of this House is one of the most visible expressions of their Government at work. The Legislative Assembly works to ensure that the public has access to the proceedings of the Legislative Assembly. Our bilingual Hansard is one of only three such publications in all of Canada that serves as the record of the proceedings of the Assembly.

The daily Hansard blues are posted on the Assembly's website which itself will expand over the coming year in terms of the information it provides to the public. During session the proceedings of the Assembly are broadcast throughout Nunavut on APTN as are the proceeding of Canada's other northern legislatures.

Our Legislative library in co-operation with several other Government of Nunavut departments and the Nunavut Library Association is working on a unique project. The Nunavut Automated Library System. One of its unique features will be its ability to support Inuktitut syllabics. This positive innovation will help to strengthen the use of Inuktitut in government. Our library is accessible to all members, Government of Nunavut departments and the public.

The Legislative Assembly Building itself has been occupied for less than a year. The Assembly has been proud to host a number of travelling exhibitions of Nunavut art over the past year. Over time the Assembly will strive to fulfil its commitment to making the Building a showpiece for our Nunavut artists. We look forward to co-operating with the Department of Culture, Language, Elders & Youth and Sustainable Development in the development of the Assembly's permanent collection.

Another initiative in our Business Plan that I would like to speak on is the idea of planning for a "Speakers Youth Parliament". This would bring together youth from each of the nineteen constituencies represented by the Members of this House.

As members know our sitting in Rankin Inlet was widely regarded as a success. The residents of the community spoke positively about having their Assembly come to them. As you know the Assembly has the authority to sit at any time in a place other than the capital. I look forward to hearing the views of all members as to whether we should work towards holding more sittings outside of Iqaluit.

Last year the Standing Committee Ajauqtiit conducted a successful process to recommend the appointment of three independent officers of the Legislative Assembly: the Languages Commissioner, the Conflict of Interest Commission and the Information Privacy Commissioner. The Office of the Legislative Assembly provides certain support functions to these independent offices. As members know each of these individuals is required to submit an annual report to the Legislative Assembly. I expect that the Standing Committee will table these reports during the fall for subsequent review.

Mr. Chairperson I would like to discuss the Main Estimates for 2000-2001. The Legislative Assembly accounts for just 1 percent of total Government of Nunavut spending in the coming year. The Legislative Assembly has no capital spending, Grants and Contribution spending, or decentralised positions. Total 2000-2001 operations & maintenance spending has been set at 9 million, 676 thousand a small decrease from 1999-2000.

Such areas as security and janitorial services are funded through the budget of the Department of Public Works. While the budget for the office of the Chief Electoral Officer is funded through the overall appropriations of the Legislative Assembly. The final report of the Standing Committee Ajauqtiit on the review of the CEO's report on the first Nunavut election may bring forward some recommendations for change. The budget for the Languages Commissioner is also funded through the appropriations of the Legislative Assembly.

\$4.004 million is allocated for expenditures on behalf of members. This spending also provides for the salaries for members' constituency assistants in their communities. \$5.126 million is allocated for the Office of the Clerk. \$1.361 million of this amount is allocated to the costs of sessional administration. \$995,000 is for committee administration.

Mr. Chairperson I would now invite Members of the Legislative Assembly to express their questions and concerns on the 2000-2001 Main Estimates of the Legislative Assembly. Thank you. Ma'na.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Chairperson of Ajauqtiit, Mr. Tootoo.

Mr. Tootoo: Thank you, Mr. Chairperson. Mr. Chairman, as the Chairperson of the Ajauqtiit committee I have some opening comments to make and I believe it can be turned over to any members for questions if they like.

Mr. Chairperson I welcome the opportunity to give introductory remarks as we begin debate on the Main Estimates for the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut. As Standing Committee Ajauqtiit noted, our members have taken great interest in matters of the Assembly.

The Assembly has the responsibility for some of the most important matters for Nunavut. It provides the framework for the elected members to discuss and debate the initiatives of the Government and to make decisions about meeting the needs of Nunavummiut. It also provides the forum whereby the people of Nunavut can see the elected officials conduct the important business of government. It is also the key arena where public concerns and input can be brought forward regarding the actions or proposed actions of government. The Legislative Assembly is the very heart of our democracy in Nunavut.

The Standing Committee has met with the Speaker and the Clerk on a number of occasions over last year and has issued two reports with recommendations. A number of our recommendations have been acted on such as the support for opening ceremonies in October to involve Elders and the support for more outreach to the public.

As well the Standing Committee was given the responsibility for the appointment of three important positions that report directly to the Legislative Assembly as a whole: the Languages Commissioner, the Information and Privacy Commissioner and the Conflict of Interest Commissioner. The Committee conducted a very thorough selection process outlined in our Reports and we were pleased that our recommendations were accepted by the Legislative Assembly.

Over the coming year these three Commissioners will all play a role in reviewing the relevant legislation with a view to amending it to ensure it better meets the needs of Nunavummiut. The Standing Committee expects that more explicit work plans and budgets will emerge regarding their work in the future. The Standing Committee will also continue its review of the Elections Act and the Report of the Chief Electoral officer on the First Nunavut Election reporting back in the Fall Session.

Over the past year much of the focus has been on establishing both the Legislative Assembly building and the personnel infrastructure of the Legislative Assembly. The First and Second Sessions took place in interim facilities in Iqaluit. However in October we moved into our own permanent building, equipped with a very modern audio-visual system ensuring that we can function in English and Inuktitut and that our work can be televised across Nunavut. Members are pleased that the building has been a showcase for visiting dignitaries.

Having held a number of sittings over the past year the Standing Committee looks forward to more exact budget information the year on the sessional costs, Committee meetings, Hansard and other functions associated with the Assembly's work. We are particularly interested in the costs of the Rankin Sitting and how they compare to sitting in the Legislative Assembly in Iqaluit.

Over the past year the Standing Committees were established and the Legislative Assembly developed processes for reviewing legislative proposals and Bills, draft budgets and Appropriations Bills, government policies and procedures and appointments.

All of the elected members and Assembly staff have been learning as we have participated in these important review processes over the first year of the Assembly and it will be important that we build on the lessons we have learned. Many of the Rules and Procedures of the Legislative Assembly were adopted with minimal changes from those in the NWT and there were a few times that they seemed to restrict open and full debate. As well members sometimes did not feel they had all the information before them to make important decisions.

As we continue to develop what it means to be a truly consensus government it needs to be more clearly recognised that the Regular Member do have important roles to play in these review processes. We look forward to the upcoming review by the Standing Committee on Rules to ensure that they do reflect the needs of Nunavummiut for a Government that is truly accountable to the elected members of the Legislative Assembly.

The Standing Committee is also very pleased that efforts have been undertaken to make the work of the Legislative Assembly more accessible to the public. The creation of the Assembly website, the availability of Hansard on-line in both Inuktitut and English, the televising of the Assembly debates and the welcoming to the Chamber all ensure what goes on in the Legislative Assembly. As well the outreach by the Legislative Assembly to the public regarding the selection of symbols, reinforces the important role for the public as we continue to shape Nunavut's identity.

We look forward to more initiatives in the coming years that support members and their constituency assistants to more effectively involve the people in their constituencies in the work of the Legislative Assembly. At some point we will need to reflect on whether the budget for work at the constituency level is adequate to meet the needs. This will be increasing important over time as members are asked to consult with their communities on important policy matters or to encourage their communities to engage in consultations with government departments. As well members look forward to more information on newsletters, youth parliaments and other activities that will continue to make the Assembly a vibrant institution. We also want to continue to see the work of the Assembly evolve to be more culturally relevant and members are hopeful that more Elders will be in the elders' chairs in our Chamber in the coming year and that we develop more of a role for them to share their traditional wisdom in a modern Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Chairperson I would like to speak for a moment about ethics and accountability of members. One of the most important areas to continue to develop in the Legislative Assembly are the guidelines that ensure that all members perform at the highest standard of conduct and leadership.

So that we can maintain the people's trust in our ability to put the public interest ahead of any individual interest. We have to be ever vigilant and the adoption of our own Code of Members' Obligations is another illustration to the public of the seriousness with which we elected members take the trust that has been put in us by the voters.

The Standing Committee also looks forward to the review over the coming year of the conflict of interest provisions in the Legislative Assembly and Executive Act. Which is the law that governs the behaviours of elected officials in this regard. This will be part of an overall review of this Act to ensure it is relevant to and meets the needs of Nunavut.

In Nunavut every dollar can be used to meet an important need. We must scrutinise the Assembly's expenses as any other department to ensure that its expenses are reasonable and appropriate to meet the work it must carry out and that there are no expenses that the public would consider wasteful and extravagant. We look forward to an interesting discussion on these matters and note that the Standing Committee Ajauqtiit will prepare and table a report with recommendations before the final vote on the Appropriations Act. Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. General comments or questions to the Department of the Legislative Assembly. General comments. The floor is now open. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairperson. I would like to make a few comments that are not necessarily questions. I hope that I get the message across. I would like to touch briefly on the issue that we have been going through since we were sworn in as Members of the Legislative Assembly. I have had a concern about us as Members of the Legislative Assembly and our staff.

Some of the MLAs have two communities in their ridings. It has created a problem since the time we were elected. There are some of us who have two communities but we have constituency money that is the same amount as the dollars members have for one community. That has created a problem. It has also created a problem because we have only one constituency office whereby that creates a problem. We like support staff. When you are representing the people in your communities you want to represent them properly and you would like your staff to be properly compensated and to have adequate office space. We should consider this issue in the up coming years. Sometimes we say that when we start working our housing rent scale goes up. It is the same case where constituency assistants start working their rent goes up. They do not receive adequate salaries.

I would like to get this reconsidered sometime in the future or for the 2001-2002 fiscal year. If it not in here already. I would like to be kept updated on those issues. I just wanted to make those comments. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Iqaqrialu. Mr. O'Brien or any of his officials would like to respond. Mr. O'Brien.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Chairperson. I was just listening to those as comments but I did make some notes and we will try to address the points that were brought up by the Honourable Member. In reference to members that have more than one community that is under review now and hopefully we should have an answer sometime by the fall as to how we can accommodate the members with more than one community under their wing. Also included are salaries that he speaks of in reference to the staff. Unfortunately, we can not address that right now it is on-going. Our finance director has been dealing with this. Hopefully by the fall, we should have the package complete for consideration by the members.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairperson. That is very good to hear and I do hope that something comes out of the considerations. Again, I would like to make a few comments on the MLAs who are representing more than one community. I hope that something will come out of those considerations. Again, I would like to make a few comments on the MLAs who are representing one community. They have the same amount of money for travel as the ones who have two communities. When you have two communities the travel budget is not enough because you have to go to the other community. We have the same amount of budget whether you have one community or more. I think there should be a proper budget so we can truly represent our communities.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Iqaqrialu. Mr. O'Brien.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Chairperson. I believe there is somewhat of a difference in the various budgets that go to the various members. Depending on where they are from but I think more importantly I would like to inform the member that is also part of the review package and we will be able to present it to the members for consideration by the fall. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Anything further. Mr. Iqaqrialu. No. General comments. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairperson. In regards to Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit how will you integrate Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit into your department. Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Iqaqrialu. Mr. O'Brien.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Chairperson. Mr. Chairperson the member brings up a good point. I think we only have to look around this chamber and its trappings to see that we made a good start tying in Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit for this particular building. I think if you look at the staff here, the qualified staff, I think more importantly is the real issue here.

The changes, the ideas the members want to see incorporated into the running of this facility, of this Assembly should really come from the members. A Committee has been struck to review Rules. I believe it is the Rule Committee. There is a motion in place that ties in how the members wish Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit incorporated into the running of the Assembly. I think the question is better answered by them and I say that with all respect. We are eagerly waiting the results of the conclusions that members bring forward regarding Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and we will put them into place as soon as possible. Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Speaker. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairperson. Yes. I could give you a few recommendations on how we could integrate Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit. My next question is in regards to the arts and crafts or the showpieces that we have in the House or in the legislative building.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Chairperson. We did approach the local arts and craft association to have art on display here in the building. Unfortunately, we have not been able to tie this issue down. We are still waiting on a response. We are waiting to provide an opportunity for art from around Nunavut to be on display here. I believe there is a budget item approximately a hundred thousand dollars that have been earmarked and hopefully the plan is to have various pieces of art from all the communities in Nunavut to be displayed here in the Legislative Assembly.

So we are working toward that and that is one of our goals over the next year and hopefully over the next six months. I guess for lack of a better word, to dress up our new home. I know it is pretty stark right now. It is bare. There is only one tapestry wall hanging in this Chamber given the fact we have been in the building for last eight months. We are trying to move forward hopefully by Christmas that we will have these pieces that will be placed around the building. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairperson. Another question is in regards to MSB. Could you give us an explanation on how they are going to operate.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Iqaqrialu. Mr. O'Brien.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Chairperson. I thank the Member for the question. The Board has been appointed by the members here in this House. They deal for the most part with the issues that directly effect the members, whether it be pension, salary, benefits. Also the running of this House.

In reference to capital projects, if a member wishes to have something put on the agenda for MSB he just has to contact my office or the Clerk and the item would be put forward. We are also establishing, we have talked about this but we have no firm guidelines set up right now but, a Member's Services Program, where if the member feels that they need some assistance, whatever that may be, they can come to the Management Services Board for those services.

I think most importantly the issues that the members would like to see on the agenda, they can feel free to contact my office or the Clerk and they will be put on the agenda for discussion. It is our intention to have management services, to have the Management Services Board as a more open and transparent committee, as opposed to the last Assembly. So that's our intention to make it as open and transparent as possible.

Yes, the last Assembly, I am sorry I am referring to the former Northwest Territories. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. My last question. Are you going to be travelling to the Nunavut communities and having meetings with the community leaders and holding talks with the schools. I hope that's clear. Are you going to have a budget to travel to the Nunavut communities. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Iqaqrialu. Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: The budget that has been identified for the members by the Speaker's Office is fairly small, not like some other areas. But it is our intention to, if we can do this in a manner that is feasible, to travel to the various communities and do a tour with the mace, so that residents throughout Nunavut can have an opportunity to see the mace, not as they see it here on TV or in photographs. So that is our intention to use the Speaker's Office as an educational tool and to travel to the schools to meet the students and the teachers and talk in general terms about the running of the Assembly.

Our intention is to do that within the next year. Thank you.

Chairperson: Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Ever since we started the budget process, we have had very little money and because of that there are many needs that are not being met at the community level. The Ajauqtiit wanted to know how much the Rankin Inlet session cost. I would also like to know the amount of dollars that we spent for the Rankin Inlet session.

Though our budget is very small we are talking about having our sessions held in various communities. I would like this to be reviewed very closely.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. O'Brien.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I realised some time ago that there were figures that were bandied about as to the cost of the Rankin Inlet Assembly that we had when we took the Assembly on the road. It is my understanding that the incremental cost for that sitting was in the area of 250 thousand dollars, not 750 thousand dollars. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Any further questions. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. So that was for all the expenses that we incurred for the Rankin Inlet session.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. O'Brien.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Chairman. For members looking for more detailed costs, I will give my good friend here, the Director of Corporate Services...excuse me I believe Mr. Quirke wants to answer this question so we will go to the Clerk. Maybe he is getting bored, so Mr. Clerk.

Chairperson: Mr. Quirke.

Clerk: The figure that the Speaker indicated for incremental costs, there were extra costs above the normal costs incurred being held in Iqaluit. So figures are still being examined to ensure that we have counted all costs. In terms of running the session, I can tell members that it costs us approximately 23 thousand dollars a day to run a session here in Iqaluit. So to use that figure as a base, that would be an indication of the total costs in Rankin, 23 thousand dollars a day.

The total costs for Rankin, as I say we are still working on them, but I would expect that with the incremental costs of 250 thousand, 23 thousand times 9 days, it probably was under 500 thousand dollars in total. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. That is it. Mr. Puqiqnak.

Mr. Puqiqnak (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. It is not really a question. As a Member of the Legislative Assembly, some of us represent two communities and I think that all of us are aware that when you have two communities, I can use myself as an example, because I represent two communities in the Nattilik area. I try to represent both of them equally and because I wanted to do that, I wanted to have two CA's each based in each community.

I was only able to get one CA because of our budget and because of the small salary my first CA resigned right away. I have one CA, though I represent two communities. One of the concerns that I have is that the other community, I do not hear what is going on in that community because I do not have a CA based there. I would truly like to have a CA in

both communities so that there will be equal representation. Because of that I have to know what is going on in those two communities equally but because of our small budget I was only able to hire one CA for this year.

I would like to see and I have talked to the Clerk, about this situation, I see a problem because I do not go there often enough and because I do not hear what is happening in that community. You said that this is under review. I thank you for that and I am looking forward to the results of that review so that this problem will be solved. Mr. Chairman, I would like to move onto another issue. That was more of a comment than a question.

Again, for those of us that represent two communities, the cabinet members are not listening Mr. Chairman, because they are just having discussion on their own about other issues I believe. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

For those of us who have two communities, I will use an example, I do not know what the population is for Mr. Akesuk's riding, he has two communities, Mr. Iqaqrialu has two communities, and Mr. Barnabas I believe is representing three or four communities. The member for Akulliq represents two communities from the Keewatin area. There is a transportation problem there.

There are also members who represent one community who do not have to worry about other communities. It is not fair. For example, when I go home in two days, I will have to go visit my other community right away. I believe that this should be taken into consideration, I believe the Ajauqtiit Standing Committee has had public meetings in regards to the Chief Electoral Officer's Report. I think that they will have to take all this into consideration.

Using myself as an example, I have 1 thousand 8 hundred people and I am representing two communities. Also the member representing one community, using Mr. Iqittuq as an example, he is representing two communities there is 2 thousand total population. It is a problem and we have to do something about it. Mr. Chairman, I would like to get a response to that after I have made my statement. Our communities are very far, they are closer than Rankin Inlet but because of the airline routes we cannot go home directly.

Rankin Inlet people can go to their community in one day, but for the Nattilik you cannot go home in one day. For example, this Easter we went home and if I was going to try to go to my community, I would leave on Friday and I would not go home directly. On the way home I would have to go through Yellowknife and take the long route. Our routing for airlines is also a problem. In addition, Mr. Chairman, in the Nattilik the people of Kitikmeot are far from the capital. Sometimes the people invite people from their communities. For example, we have had people from Pangnirtung in here a couple of days ago. They invited their students in here and they come in to watch the proceedings live instead of just watching it on TV.

We would like to do the same thing with our students from the Kitikmeot area. Because the Kitikmeot is very far it is quite hard. We were even thinking about at least giving one

of my communities to have an opportunity to come over here to watch the proceedings live or at least have some of the Kitikmeot students, possibly from Taloyoak to invite five or more students to be pages here.

I would be very grateful if we could give the other communities an opportunity to be pages and so on. I do know that because of the distance it would not happen very often, but I think that we should consider it. We would be very grateful if we could do that.

Also I think about having a certain allowance from the Kitikmeot area or to give each community the opportunity to provide services, like be a Sergeant-At-Arms or a page. I think that each Nunavut community should be given this opportunity. Thank you Mr. Chairman I will leave it at that.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Puqiqnak. Did you want to respond Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Just briefly to the member's comments. All the comments that the member made are very valid and I know from serving as a member in the last Assembly, and serving more than one community it is difficult to function on just the dollars that we are given. Also the time for travel and to get back home to your home community and then to visit your second community or your third community.

So I can assure the member that all his points that were brought up whether it be pages or Sergeant-At-Arms and flying time and the costs, that these are being looked at. As I indicated earlier, in the review that the Director of Corporate Services is doing, it is not our intention to come forward with a package and make it official, but to come back to the members for their review and discussion.

In reference to the pages, there is also a dollar value attached to that. I think to a certain degree that can be accommodated. The other point about the Sergeant-At-Arms, that also can be looked at. There are also some other members that have indicated that they would like to have somebody from their region, their riding. If you will bear with us for the next few months, hopefully by the fall we will have a package that the members can look at and hopefully it will meet the members' needs. We will not be able to offer all the services and the increases that are required, that you speak of, but we can certainly go part of the way towards dealing with that. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Puqiqnak. Comments, general comments, questions. If there are no more questions or general comments. Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Because the Legislative Assembly has corporate services and the Legislative Assembly has to use Inuktitut and English in the House, I just wanted to find out from the witnesses how many people in their staff are bilingual and how many non-Inuit have taken Inuktitut language training.

Because we have to provide services for the public. Inuit as well as English speaking people. I wonder if I can get a response from the witness table.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. O'Brien.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I would dearly love to have the answers to those questions. As members are aware I have only been in the job for three weeks, but I am sure that our trusty Clerk, Mr. Quirke, has some details that he can share with the members. I know that there are very serious efforts made to ensure that what the member speaks of actually occurs. As part of the overall plan of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit being incorporated into the Assembly that will play a major role, but I would ask the Clerk, to speak to this issue.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Clerk.

Clerk: Thank you Mr. Chairman. In terms of the number of staff that are totally bilingual in English and Inuktitut, just bear with me. We have one in the library, one in research, one in finance, two in the Clerk's office, three in the Clerk's office, there's three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine...possibly ten that are bilingual also counting the casual.

In terms of staff taking advantage of Inuktitut training, we are trying our best to take advantage of the courses offered by the government. However, we seem to be in a situation where every time a majority of these programs are offered to staff we are in session or we are doing work for Standing Committees. So we always seem to be in a conflict in terms of timing but we are trying to work around that.

Going back to Inuktitut staff, we have some critical vacancies where previously they were filled by Inuktitut speaking people, that's our Public Affairs Officer. While that is vacant, the incumbent was Inuktitut speaking. Therefore, I feel that we have a fairly significant number of Inuktitut speaking staff and we are striving to ensure that the rest of the staff that are unilingual have the capacity and the means to take on Inuktitut speaking. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Quirke. Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): The business plan of the Legislative Assembly states that they would like to involve the young people in Nunavut. Because the young people have to be given the opportunity to be trained to become the leaders for tomorrow. What kinds of plans do you have in place in this regard. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Nutarak. Whichever one of you...Mr. O'Brien or your officials.

Speaker: Mr. Chairman, as I have indicated earlier we have only been in this building for the last eight months. We have only been in office for approximately a year and we are making some headway in reference to the issues that the member brings forward. I have

spoken in my earlier comments where we would have Youth Parliaments. Where we would have the youth from each community, one member, one youth that would come here and this I think, and I believe is a significant move towards bringing the youth to the forefront and having a better understanding of the Assembly and of the government.

I think the very fact that we have our young pages here on a daily basis, it may seem that in most cases they come from the Capital here, and I am sure that members can understand that there is a good reason for that. However, we have had the opportunity to bring in pages from outside and we will continue to do so.

I think these are two areas where we are moving forward in bringing the youth into the Assembly and to better understand how the Assembly functions. I have also indicated in my opening remarks that it is also part of our plan to tour the various communities with the mace. Also to travel to the various schools and speak to the children and the teachers, the educators, the parents as to just how their Assembly, their government functions.

These are the two ways that we have taken on to try to move this issue forward. Again, if the member or any of the other members have any ideas or recommendations that they would like to put forward we would be only too glad to listen to them and to move forward on them. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. O'Brien. Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): If the Speaker or the staff would have to go to the communities to take the mace to the communities, I wonder how much the freight for the mace would cost.

Chairperson: Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Mr. Chairman, I believe the question from the member was what would the freight cost be to move the mace around for these community tours that we have been speaking of. I don't have that information, because we are just in the planning stages. But I wouldn't think that it would be too much, I think it would be transporting the various individuals to the communities through air costs and hotel costs and so on. This has not been fully defined yet, but we hope once again to have over the course of the summer, to have more detailed plans available to the members. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. O'Brien. Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): I just wanted to ask that question at this time. So I will ask another question Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): I think those constituency assistants should be trained and be brought to the capital to learn more about the running of the legislative assembly on the day to day procedures. I wonder how many times our constituency assistants can be brought to the capital here in Iqaluit to train in our day to day operations. How many

times a year can they come here. I know there has been a training session of the constituency assistants but if Mr. Speaker would like to make a further response to that. Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Just briefly, I know that it is on occasion we did have the constituency assistants into the capital for some brief training. It is my understanding that in the past that it would only be one visit to the capital for training. Once again we are looking at this overall package and there are only so many dollars to go around. Once we identify this package for your review and discussion in the fall we may then make a determination and you may want to see additional dollars put in that area.

It would probably have to come from somewhere else. There will be only so many dollars and once that is determined then if members feel that it is critical to get their staff in more than once for training that could again be looked at with the overall package once we get to that point.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. O'Brien. Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Is it the policy or the guidelines that the constituency assistants can only come to Iqaluit once a year. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Nutarak. Mr. O'Brien.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairperson it is my understanding that the members' constituency assistants did travel to Iqaluit a number of months ago. However, I should point out that the money for that was not budgeted for that at that time and it was found somewhere else so there was no policy and there is no policy. I guess what I am saying is that if it is the intention of the members to have their assistants to travel here for more training on a regular basis. Those dollars would have to be put into the budget and it would be significant.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. O'Brien. Mr. Nutarak anymore questions. Mr. Puqiqnak.

Mr. Puqiqnak (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairperson. The previous members of other legislatures in the NWT, I would like to congratulate them because they have been elected to this legislature in Nunavut. But for those of us that are members of the Nunavut Legislative Assembly that have been elected for the first time we have to whenever we leave from our community to attend a session we have a living allowance of 57 dollars or for how much are the living allowance when we have to be away from home.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. O'Brien.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I am going to pass that on to our director of corporate services Mr. Pollock.

Chairperson: Thank you Mr. O'Brien. Mr Pollock.

Mr. Pollock: Thank you Mr. Chairman. According to our Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act, it is legislated of a living allowance of 57 dollars a day. If the member has to travel outside of the community it is 200 dollars a day, which would include their hotel accommodations. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Pollock I am not quite sure how to pronounce your name. Your will be named Pudluk from now on in Inuktitut. Thank you. Mr. Puqiqnak.

Mr. Puqiqnak (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairperson. The reason why I asked that question is that at times we receive fifty-seven dollars a day. This fifty-seven dollars is not just for our own spending as members. We have to spend that money for the whole family and some of it is sent our family for their expenses as well.

I just wondered whether that could be looked into because the price of food is very expensive in the north and I think that this fifty-seven dollars a day is probably inherited from the NWT government. I just want to make sure this fifty-seven dollars is looked into further and increase that amount. Which ever one wants to answer that question, Mr. O'Brien or Mr. Pollock. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairperson once again this figure is also part of the review and it could be difficult to give a firm answer as to what the member is seeking here but we should have something ready for this fall for the members to review.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. O'Brien. Mr. Arvaluk.

Hon. James Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairperson I know that it is pretty hard to deal with at this point and we have met with the FMSB and the caucus members and perhaps we could discuss those other levels. We can make better plans. I would like to get into the details please.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Arvaluk. You were the last person who was on my list. There are no capital estimates only for O&M page 1-4. Any other comment to that page. Legislative Assembly Office of the Clerk, branch summary, operation and maintenance, total operations and maintenance 5 million 126 thousand dollars. Do you agree.

Some Members: Agree.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Total expenditures 5 million 126 thousand. Are you agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Turning the page. Legislative assembly, expenditures on behalf of members branch summary, operations and maintenance, total operations and maintenance 4 million 4 thousand dollars.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Total expenditures 4 million 4 thousand dollars.

Some Member: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Going on to the next page 1-6. Legislative Assembly Office of the Speaker, branch summary, operations and maintenance, total operations and maintenance 165 thousand. Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Within the fiscal year the staff salary funding has been increased why has it been increased because we hired more staff.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Nutarak. Mr. O'Brien.

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Chairman I will ask Mr. Pollock, the Director of Corporate Services.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. O'Brien. Mr. Pollock.

Mr. Pollock: Thank you Mr. Chairman. We have tried to reflect annual merit increases into the budget for this year. For example, staff were hired last year they would get a annual increase so that takes care of most of the change. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Pollock. Any further questions in regards to this page. To 165 thousand total in operations and maintenance, 165 thousand, agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Total expenditures 165 thousand. Are you agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Going on to the next page. Page 1-7 legislative assembly, Commissioner of Official Languages, branch summary, operations and maintenance, total operations and maintenance, 381 thousand are you agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Total expenditures 381 thousand, are you agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): page 1-8 total expenditures. Legislative assembly, distribution of budget. Are you agreed.

Some Members: Agreed..

Chairperson: Going on to the next page, oh we are finished with the page and we will go on to page 1-3. Legislative assembly, program summary, total expenditures for operations and maintenance. Total operations and maintenance 9 million 676 thousand. Are you agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Total expenditures 9 million 676 thousand. Are you agreed

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Are you agreed that this department is completed, that tabled document 93-1(3). First I would like to thank the speaker and his officials for being at the witness table and also would you like to make your closing remarks. Mr. Speaker, Mr. O'Brien.

Speaker: I have no prepared remarks and I want to say that it is a pleasure today to be with the Clerk and our Director of Corporate Services and to have an opportunity to answer the many questions that were asked by the members. I am certainly glad of the interest in this department.

>>*Applause*

Speaker: Thank you very much, Mr Speaker.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. O'Brien. You are the Speaker, but you called me the Speaker. Thank you for being at the witness table and we have now concluded with the department. We do have other departments to deal with we still have the department of Culture, Language, Elders & Youth to deal with. What is the wish of the committee. I had asked what is the wish of the committee. Mr. Puqiqnak.

Mr. Puqiqnak (interpretation): Mr. Chairperson I would like to proceed with the opening comments for Culture, Language, Elders & Youth.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Puqiqnak. For the department of Culture, Language, Elders & Youth we will have the opening remarks, I think the Premier is

holding on to that portfolio perhaps Mr. Premier you can do your opening comments.
Mr. Premier Okalik.

Culture, Language, Elders & Youth Main Estimates

Hon. Paul Okalik: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I am very pleased to be able to make opening comments. First, I would like to introduce the officials that will be with me at the witness table. Carmen Levi and Ruth Kadlutsiak who just left the gallery for a bit and Mark Thompson who is the policy analyst and Geela Patterson who is also sitting at the gallery who is the Director for the Women's Secretariat. I also want to introduce one of the people there although he is not going to be one of the officials at the witness table Lodi Pudlout who is a member from the Nunavut Arts Council and he is here to view the proceedings Mr. Chairperson.

Mr. Chairman, in my Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth is a unique department in Canada. It is working very hard to represent Nunavummiut. The department, as all Government of Nunavut departments, has been dealing with the numerous staffing challenges. Despite this we have been successful in listening to the concerns of Nunavummiut and we are caring out several initiatives this year.

Mr. Chairman, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our former minister of CLEY, Donald Havioyak, for his dedication, commitment and vision to our government's first year of operation. Donald's leadership of CLEY was instrumental in allowing the department to establish itself as an integral part of our community. It is never easy to bring forward new ideas and new ways of doing business but Donald reminded his Cabinet colleagues that what we were doing was not only of importance for government practice but most importantly it was for people. His views and opinions will be missed by his Cabinet colleagues.

The Department's Mains Estimates is 7.604 million. Of this 530 thousand is for additional Operation and Maintenance expenditures and 1 million for Capital.

I would like to take this opportunity to explain some of the initiatives that we are taking and the divisional break down of our budget.

We have three divisions in our department: the Directorate division, the Language and Communications Bureau and the Culture, Elders and Youth division. Each division has Grants and Contributions that are awarded to the public.

The Directorate Division has 565 thousand in its Grants and Contributions budget. This money is allocated for the Status of Women and People with Disabilities funding programmes. The Language and Communications Bureau has 788 thousand to administer in funding programmes. The Culture, Elders and Youth Division has 1.046 million to administer as funding.

This Grant and Contribution funding all goes to support projects and proposals submitted in support of our culture and language. Such projects vary a great deal, but our support includes traditional on the land projects, sewing or sealskin courses, artistic projects and language courses and dictionaries. The list of programs that fund such projects are; Culture and Heritage, Communications, Language Services, Women's Issues, People with Disabilities

Mr. Chairman, there are three additional O&M items totalling 530 thousand listed outside of our regular Grants and Contributions programmes. They are: People with Disabilities (100 thousand) Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Task Force (130 thousand) Three Youth and Elders Conferences, one to be held in each region focusing on Elders (300 thousand)

We also have a capital budget of one million dollars for: Youth Facility renovations and minor capital for communities with a population of under 1 thousand (500 thousand) Larger communities have access to Federal Funding for Youth through their RIA's. Heritage Centre for the new Cambridge Bay High School (500 thousand)

Several factors have shaped these budget initiatives. In the fall of 1999, numerous concern and issues were raised during the pre-budget consultations. Four priority issues concerned our Department. They were: Preservation of cultural traditions, Youth issues Elders issues and Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit.

These concerns, along with the *Pinasuaqtavut*, have shaped the allocation of three particular items in our budget. The 500 thousand for youth capital projects, 300 thousand (O&M) for the Youth/ Elders Conferences and 130 thousand (O&M) for the creation of an Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Task Force each resulted from the pre-budget consultation.

The Elder and Youth conferences we hosted in the Qikiqtani, Kivalliq and Kitikmeot regions helped greatly in shaping CLEY's budget. The focus of the conferences was on issues concerning Youth. Elders and youth supported each other and made a number of recommendations, one of which was that more support be shown for youth facilities.

The Department is using the results from the conferences as their primary source of information for developing their Youth policies and programme direction. They are a crucial stage in establishing policy and programming for our department.

The Bathurst Mandate speaks to the four building blocks that will help in serving and supporting Nunavummiut: Healthy Communities, Self-reliance, Simplifying & Unifying, and Learning. These were the guiding principles for each Department's future activities. My Department's activities are consistent with the Bathurst Mandate. The Bathurst Mandate shapes the way we conduct all of our business from day to day activities, the administering of our Grants and Contribution Programmes and our budget allocations.

Another initiative we have undertaken is supporting people with disabilities in Nunavut. As self-reliance and healthy communities are a priority of this government, CLE&Y has taken the responsibility to allocate spending for people with disabilities. There is a 100

thousand allocation in our department's budget in support of people with disabilities. Research done by the Nunavut Implementation Commission and adopted by the Society for People with Disabilities and partnership with Department of H&SS and Education will help CLEY develop and administer a funding programme for this money.

We have allocated capital money for youth facilities. This initiative also supports the tenets of the Bathurst Mandate. Youth facilities provide support for youth. The youth and elders have indicated that they wish to use these facilities as places of learning traditional skills and have cultural events.

Once our budget is approved we will make a call for proposals from communities with populations under 1000. There are no specific programs to support youth facilities in communities with a population of 1000 or less. These communities will be able to apply to renovate buildings to start a youth facility or to renovate existing youth centres. We have initiated contact with the local youth co-ordinators, the Regional Inuit Association's youth co-ordinators as well as some hamlet offices. If the communities with populations under 1000 do not use the money, another call for proposals will be made to the larger communities.

The second capital project in CLEY's budget is for the Cambridge Bay Heritage Centre. The Centre will replace the Heritage Centre that was lost when the high school burned down in 1998. This project has very positive support from the community and the Kitikmeot Heritage Society. Through hard work the community had raised 296 thousand to assist in the construction and operation of the Heritage Centre. The community of Cambridge Bay and the Kitikmeot Heritage Society should be applauded for their dedication that resulted in raising the funding needed to make this Heritage Centre a reality. The function of this centre will be to provide a home for researchers, a space for literacy events, for exhibits and most importantly a place where young people and elders can interact through meetings, lectures and cultural event.

In conclusion, Mr. Chairman, it is my privilege to table this budget as it reflects how we have worked with people and incorporated their ideas and expectations for the future. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson: Thank you Mr. Premier Okalik. Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Mr. Chairman, I welcome the opportunity to give introductory remarks as we begin debate of the Main Estimates for Culture, Language, Elders and Youth. As Chair of the Standing Committee on Culture, Education and Health, our Members have taken great interest in matters of this department. This Department has the responsibility for some of the most important matters for Nunavut.

The creation of Nunavut was built on a profound desire to protect and advance Inuit language and culture in all aspects of our society. We needed our own government so that we could do this properly. We also wanted to involve our Elders more in the important decisions that must be taken as we move forward in establishing our own

Territory. And we wanted to create a future for our youth, that builds on the strength of our history and culture and recognizes that their leadership will one day take us into the future.

The Standing Committee welcomes the strong statements in the Bathurst Mandate about the involvement of Inuit culture and language in government and sees this Department playing a crucial role in making these hopes reality.

As this Department continued to evolve over the past year and new staff took their place, the Standing Committee has been pleased that a stronger message has also been emerging in its revised Business plan and other initiatives.

Nevertheless, there is an overall concern of the Standing Committee, that the Government as a whole is not moving seriously to integrate Inuit language, culture and *Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit* into its work and in support of this Department.

The Standing Committee met with the former Minister and Departmental officials on a number of occasions over the last year and has issued two reports with recommendations.

In particular, the Standing Committee recommended the development of a number of policies for the government in terms of language, *Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit*, involvement of Elders and youth, as well as other suggestions.

While the Standing Committee knows that the Department has taken steps on a number of these, it has been disappointing that no draft policies or programs in these areas have been tabled or referred to the Committee.

The Standing Committee has not reviewed any draft Bills or legislative proposals under the mandate of this Department. However, we have encouraged the Departments of Education and Health and Social Services to consult with Culture, Language, Elders & Youth in some of their initiatives. For example, the review of the *Education Act* has many areas of profound interest to Inuit language and culture, as well as the development of Inuktitut curriculum materials, and it would be appropriate that the Department of Culture, Language, Elders & Youth should have an important role to play in this regard.

In terms of the Main Estimates, once again, we have requested and support the government's plans for a much more comprehensive budget process, so that Members will have materials well in advance to properly review them. While the Standing Committee had the opportunity to review draft business plans and capital plans in February and March of this year, during fairly extensive discussions with the former Minister and his officials, we are disappointed that there were no changes to the budget documents tabled in the House, to reflect the concerns raised by Members during those meetings. We also only received a copy of the Final Business Plan on the day we began discussing the Main Estimates for this department in the House.

Of particular concern was the capital funding for heritage centres. The Standing Committee was advised that the amount of \$500,000 in the budget would be available to communities across Nunavut, but we later learned in the House that the funding was apparently allocated to one community only. The budget documents were not as open and transparent, as they should have been.

Members expressed concern about the fact that that no capital planning dollars have been allocated to identifying our needs for an archive facility, as well as a Nunavut heritage facility - important facilities to the work of this department.

Members also requested funding support to Elders Councils and to Elders centres and to heritage work with Elders, but there does not appear to be much funding allocated for this important work.

Members are concerned at the lack of focus on youth. Although there is \$500,000 put aside for youth centres, there is no information about the funding program and clearly if capital projects are to be done this fiscal year, the sealift deadlines may well be past by the time the decisions have been made.

This Department is pivotal to the work of the Government and Members continue to have concerns about whether there are enough staff and resources for it to do a proper job in protecting and advancing Inuit language and culture. They must be at the heart of many government initiatives, working in partnership with other departments, with land claim organizations, with Elders and youth, with communities and others who need to work together on language and cultural matters - but they seem to still be on the sidelines and this doesn't seem right to the Members.

There are many other concerns that the Members have raised over the past year and more issues than I have just discussed are written in our Committee Reports. I know Members will want to ask many important questions during the Budget review for this department. We look forward to the Premier answering these questions on behalf of the Government on these important matters.

The Standing Committee on Culture, Education and Health has prepared a report with recommendations, which will be tabled before the final vote on the *Appropriations Bill*.

Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Nutarak. Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Culture, Language, Elders & Youth. Mr. Barnabas.

Mr. Barnabas (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Regular Members during their caucus did not finish their meeting. Therefore, I would like to move to report progress.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Barnabas. At this time there is a motion to report progress. All those in favour. The motion is carried. Opposed. Mr. Speaker if you are here please report to the House. Thank you very much my colleagues and to the Member who provided the traditional food. Thank you, you can turn off my microphone now.

Speaker: Returning to Item 20. Report of Committee of the Whole. Mr. Chairman.

Item 20: Report of Committee of the Whole

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Your Committee has been considering Bill 13 and Tabled Documents 41-1(3), 61(3), 93-1(3), 97-1(3), and 101-1(3) and would like to report that Tabled Documents 93-1(3), and 97-1(3) are concluded. And Mr. Speaker I move that the Report of Committee of the Whole be concurred with.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There is a motion on the floor. Is there a seconder for the motion. Is there a seconder. Ms Thompson. The motion is in order. All those in favour. Contrary. Motion is carried. Item 21. Third Reading of Bills. Third Reading of Bills. Item 22. Orders of the day. Clerk.

Item 22: Orders of the day

Clerk (Mr. Quirke): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Meeting of Regular Members at 6 o'clock this evening.

Orders of the day, Wednesday May 3rd.

1. Prayer
2. Ministers' Statements
3. Members' Statements
4. Returns to Oral Questions
5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery
6. Oral Questions
7. Written Questions
8. Returns to Written Questions
9. Replies to Opening Address
10. Petitions
11. Reports of Standing and Special Committees
12. Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills
13. Tabling of Documents
14. Notices of Motions
15. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills
16. Motions
17. First Reading of Bills
18. Second Reading of Bills
19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters

- Bill 13
- Tabled Document 41 - 1(3)
- Tabled Document 61 - 1(3)
- Tabled Document 101-1(3)

20. Report of the Committee of the Whole

21. Third Reading of Bills

22. Orders of the Day.

Thank you.

Speaker: Members just before we close off the day I would to remind the Members if they could stay behind for the signing of the Members' Obligations. Please remain in your seats.

Finally, according to the authority vested in me by Motion 3-1(3) this House stands adjourned until Wednesday May 3 at 10.00 am.

Sergeant-At-Arms.

>>*House adjourned at 5.32.*

