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**Cambridge Bay, Nunavut
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Members Present:

Honourable Olayuk Akesuk, Mr. James Arvaluk, Mr. Donald Haviyok, Mr. David Iqaqrialu, Mr. Enoki Irqittuq, Honourable Peter Kattuk, Honourable Peter Kilabuk, Honourable Kelvin Ng, Mr. Jobie Nutarak, Honourable Kevin O'Brien, Honourable Paul Okalik, Honourable Ed Picco, Honourable Manitok Thompson, Ms. Rebekah Williams.

Item 1: Opening Prayer

>>*Prayer*

Speaker: Just before we return to the Orders of the Day, I just want to remind members that CBC cameras will be on the floor and in most cases around the back of the chamber for the next 10 or 15 minutes.

Item 2. Ministers' Statements. Mr. Kattuk.

Item 2: Ministers' Statements

Minister's Statement 076 – 1(5): Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Task Force

Hon. Peter Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to have the opportunity to provide the members of this House a progress report on the Inuit Qaujimajatuqanginnut Tungaviksaluiqtiit Task Force.

The Inuit Qaujimajatuqanginnut Tungaviksaluiqtiit Task Force held their second meeting in Iqaluit on April 3 to 5. I am happy to tell you that the IQ Task Force is progressing well. (interpretation ends) During their last meeting, the IQ Task Force started a draft work plan. Once the work plan is completed, I will have the chance to review and approve it so they may proceed with the work.

Also the IQ Task Force has been working on the IQ Policy Statement for the Government of Nunavut. I must say that this is a difficult but exciting task as Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit encompasses many areas. On April 27 the IQ Task Force had a radio phone-in show, and they received a good response and support from Nunavummiut. The comments and issues that were raised were appreciated and will certainly help the task force gain ideas in addressing concerns regarding Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Item 2. Ministers' Statements. Minister Kilabuk.

Minister's Statement 077 – 1(5): Income Support Policy Review Final Report

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is something that members have been waiting for a while, so I am glad to be presenting this.

I would like to take this opportunity to present the Income Support Policy Review Panel's Final Report. This final report is the result of a review started one year ago in response to the Bathurst Mandate. The review panel visited seven representative communities throughout Nunavut, spoke with Nunavummiut from all walks of life, and read thoughtful submissions that concerned both the present and the future for the Income Support program. The final report of the Income Support Policy Review Panel summarizes the Panel's reflections on what they heard and saw.

I would like to thank the Review Panel for their hard work. Mr. Speaker, the recommendations made by the Panel, forty-six in all, lay the groundwork for changing and making the Income Support program better for those who need it.

I am pleased to say that we are already responding to some of the recommendations made by the Panel. The department in partnership with the Bureau of Statistics has already begun reviewing the actual costs of food and land equipment. This review will allow the full and complete analysis of the cost of living in communities.

The panel made several recommendations regarding the need to develop career counselling and job readiness training tailored to the needs of income support clients. Through the Labour Market Development Agreement, the department has begun to link training and income support clients.

Through the Labour Market Agreement, staff issuing income support are being provided with on-going training so they can provide career development counselling that will help income support clients decide on which training program best fits their strengths and abilities. We recognize that there are not Career Development Officers in every community to provide this service so this cross training is very important.

Effective immediately, income support clients who are working towards completing a Career Action Plan will receive an additional training incentive allowance of two hundred dollars a month.

Also Mr. Speaker, to allow for community work activity projects we have provided funding to allow our field offices the ability to develop community based projects that support income support clients. This on-the-job training will allow for the development of skills and experience to move off Income Support.

By partnering our funding with those under the Labour Market Development Agreement, it has allowed Income Support clients to take training and work on projects that they would otherwise not be able to participate in because they did not meet the entrance requirements.

Mr. Speaker, some training courses have already begun, such as:

- Sanikiluaq Taxidermy Course, for 11 income support clients on the preparation of skins;
- Cape Dorset Pre-employment Carpentry – 30 Income Support clients learning drywall, taping, interior decorating, painting skills. This project was a joint venture between through the Labour market Development Agreement and Income Support. Clients received full day care support as well.
- Cape Dorset Basic Computer Training and Job Skills Preparation Course. This project was a joint venture between the Hamlet, the school, and Department of Education. Approximately 22 Income Support clients participated.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased that we are responding to many of the Panel's recommendations and wish to assure all Nunavummiut that we will be responding to all others in the months ahead. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Ministers' Statements. Mr. Picco.

Minister's Statement 078 – 1(5): Review of the Kivalliq Transmission Line Study

Hon. Ed Picco: Qujannamiik, Uqaqti. Mr. Speaker, later today I will be tabling this government's review of the Kivalliq Transmission Line Pre-Feasibility Study. Mr. Speaker, as my colleagues are aware, a pre-feasibility study was conducted in 1999 by Manitoba Hydro to determine whether it was technologically possible to construct an electrical transmission line from Churchill, Manitoba into the Kivalliq Region.

Mr. Speaker, since the release of the Manitoba Hydro report, called "The Churchill to Kivalliq Region Transmission Pre-feasibility Study", we have been extremely busy with the many activities associated with setting up our own Nunavut Power Corporation. I asked my colleagues in this Assembly to allow me to accomplish that important goal before turning our attention to the examination of the Manitoba Hydro report. However, I did commission a review of the Manitoba Hydro report by our own Nunavut Power Corporation Implementation Secretariat – I will be tabling that document in this Assembly later today.

Mr. Speaker, the Manitoba Hydro Study answered the principal question it was assigned. It is, according to the study, technically possible to build a transmission line between Churchill and Rankin Inlet. But, Mr. Speaker, the study left many important questions unanswered. Questions such as: What are the socio-economic benefits and the environmental impacts associated with the transmission line. Would the socio-economic benefits of a transmission line outweigh the expense. How much would it really cost.

Mr. Speaker, most important of all, the pre-feasibility study made us very aware that we have to examine Nunavut's long-term energy problems as a whole. Nunavut is almost completely dependent for energy on imported oil, and we are Mr. Speaker, very vulnerable to rising oil costs on the world market. This dependence on oil also exposes us to the harmful effects of pollution related to burning oil – a very serious consideration in our fragile Arctic environment.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that these problems cannot be addressed without a serious study of energy alternatives for Nunavut, including hydro, wind, solar and other renewable resources.

The transmission line study provides an excellent starting point for a thorough study of these options and Mr. Speaker, for the development of an energy strategy for us here in Nunavut. Qujannamiik.

>>Applause

Speaker: Ministers' Statements. Ministers' Statements. Item 3. Members' Statements. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Item 3: Members' Statements

Member's Statement 203 – 1(5): Taloyoak and Clyde River Youth Conference

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, in March the youth of Clyde River and Taloyoak had a conference about improving their lives and society. The work that was done was very impressive. Elders were involved in this conference and the youth from both communities worked very well together. They had a very close working relationship.

From Taloyoak group leaders Josephie Kokiak and Liz Ototuk, an elder John Taqulik, Josephie Kokiak Jr., Pootoogook Tootalik, Pauloosie Jayko, Juilie Otokie Ashevak, Kanayuk Tulugialik, Samoilioe Kokiak, Amarok Tauqtuk, Seporah Alikie, Rhoda Ituluk, Itee Charlie, Qausie Kittuk. Those individuals were in my community and Peter Iqalukjuak was the facilitator for this conference.

My community really enjoyed having the participants in our community. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

Member's Statement 204 – 1(5): Twenty-Third Wedding Anniversary

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today, May 23 is my day. For twenty-three years I have been married to my wife and today is my wedding anniversary.

>>Applause

I am sorry to say to my wife Joanna that I am not able to be with her, perhaps next anniversary I will be with her. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Nutarak. Congratulations. Item 3. Members' Statements. Minister Kattuk.

Member's Statement 205 – 1(5): Global Warming Effects in Sanikiluaq

Hon. Peter Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Under members' statements today I would like to talk about global warming.

Today global warming is happening in Sanikiluaq and it has been obvious for the past three days. It is from about 18 degrees into the 20's. When I was growing up my uncle used to tell me as well that I was born when they were making kayaks. According to the traditional way of telling what month it is, my birthday is not due for a couple of weeks.

I didn't expect it at that time but now global warming is a reality. Some of the people younger than us will have to realize that this is happening and within the coming months and years to expect it. It will be happening in the communities in the near future.

There were some people that went fishing in Sanikiluaq and they weren't aware of the danger as the lake should be very safe still this time of the year. One of the all terrain vehicles sank. Fortunately the individual was able to get back on the ice and waited there in the same area for about ten hours because it was very dangerous for him to get back to shore. We have to watch during the spring, due to global warming that the lakes and other areas around the communities are melting sooner than usual.

The individual was my uncle's son, my cousin. He is okay and I am happy that he is all right. Although this happened to the individual about 1.30 in the morning, he was okay and was able to get back to his community.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Kattuk. Just to remind the members to keep an eye on the time. The time allotted is two and a half minutes for members' statements. Item 3. Members' Statements. Mr. Akasuk.

Member's Statement 206 – 1(5): Peter Pitseolak Student Exchange

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon. I am going to speak about my constituency of Cape Dorset. There are eight students from Peter Pitseolak School that have just gone to Toronto from May 17 to the 25th.

They will be on a student exchange with the Toronto students. These students that went to Toronto from Cape Dorset had to do their own fundraising to be able to go to Toronto. They worked very hard to raise funds and they were able to raise 25 thousand dollars in Cape Dorset.

When they go to Toronto they will be visiting museums and other places of interest including the CN Tower and the Hockey Hall of Fame and other places for educational purposes.

Mr. Speaker, while the students are in Toronto they will be talking about Nunavut and how the Inuit live. I would like to thank the chaperones for taking them down south, Kate Knight and Geela Jaw. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Members' Statements. Members' Statements. Mr. Ng.

Member's Statement 207 – 1(5): Kitikmeot Employment & Training Partners

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention the activities of a prominent non-profit employment and training organization operating here in the Kitikmeot. The organization is the Kitikmeot Employment & Training Partners.

Mr. Speaker, the concept was conceived three years ago and formally began operations on December 1, 1999. The mandate of this organization is to bring together Kitikmeot Inuit and government agencies, Nunavut Government departments, Hamlet organizations, private sector businesses, mining companies, mining support companies, airline companies and any other organizations interested in contributing to the training and employment of unemployed and disadvantaged Kitikmeot residents.

The Kitikmeot Employment & Training Partners is comprised of 32 partner organizations. Mr. Speaker, in the past eleven and a half months the Kitikmeot Employment & Training Partners has successfully trained 34 out of 36 previously unemployed and disadvantaged Kitikmeot Inuit.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to say that on this past Thursday, May 17, an intensive four week heavy equipment operator training course came to a successful conclusion. As a result there are nine new heavy equipment operators from the Kitikmeot. Frank Bolt and Panik Bolt from Kugluktuk, Timothy Panilu from Taloyoak, Dennis Utugauyok and Tom Akoak from Gjoa Haven, Roland Hissingier and Adam Pujarjuk from Kugaaruk and Timmy Kaosonie and Gary Titalik from Cambridge Bay.

I am also pleased to say that the Kitikmeot Employment & Training Partners will be carrying out a diamond driller's assistant training course in Taloyoak beginning on June 11. In addition to that course they are also planning on delivering a camp cook training course at the Lupin Mine site in November.

Mr. Speaker, they are also in discussions about delivering a basic retail store operating training course in the Kitikmeot sometime this fall.

Mr. Speaker, it is through the continued and dedicated efforts of so many caring partner organizations that the Kitikmeot Employment & Training Partners are accomplishing the goals and objectives that it has set out for itself. They have made a long-term commitment to help as many unemployed and disadvantaged Kitikmeot residents as they can. They have also made a commitment to the youth of the region, as they want to see every young person have a dream and know that these dreams with hard work, and passionate determination can be realized.

Mr. Speaker, in closing I would like to recognize the selfless efforts of the Kitikmeot Employment & Training Partners organization. They have set out on a noble and courageous path to help Kitikmeot residents who are in need of help. For this the 32 organizations that comprise the Kitikmeot Employment & Training Partners should be commended. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

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

Member's Statement 208 – 1(5): Salluit Bible Study Conference – April 2001

Hon. Manitok Thompson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, first of all I would like to thank and state my appreciation to the people of Cambridge Bay for being very able and gracious hosts to us. The warm sunshine has made everything all the better also.

Mr. Speaker, during the Easter weekend in April, I went to Salluit in Northern Quebec where they had a bible study conference and I would like to send my appreciation to the people of Northern Quebec. The conference held in Salluit was organized by Qaittuq Nangituk. There were a lot of people that attended the conference from Nunavik and Nunavut.

There were also people from Coral Harbour and Chesterfield Inlet, Arviat, Whale Cove, Baker Lake, Repulse Bay as well as Baffin and Nunavik communities. We had a very successful conference. They had the bible study and blessed many of the participants. Many people went through a healing process including entire families. It was very

interesting and was helpful for me personally to be there. I would like to thank the people of Salluit, Nunavik for making us feel welcome.

We were billeted even though the host households did not get paid. There was about 20 thousand dollars donated by the local Co-op to the conference for meals. I would like to send my appreciation to the people that I stayed with Mark and Maggie, and to Ida and Ituvik. I also pass on my thanks to organizer Charlie Saveakjuk. I would like to send my appreciation to them all. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

Member's Statement 209 – 1(5): First Caribou for Markoosie Joamie

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, first of all I would like to congratulate member Nutarak and his wife Joanna on their 23rd wedding anniversary and also mention that it was a very informative statement earlier from member Kattuk on global warming.

Mr. Speaker, getting your first caribou, seal or other animal here in Nunavut is very important. Two years ago my son Wally who was ten years old at the time, got his first caribou and we were very proud of him. My neighbours Philip Joamie and his wife Ida Kownirk, are justifiably proud of their son Markoosie, who got his first two caribou this week.

Mr. Speaker, as you know Philip has been here with us these past two weeks. He came here one week before we did to help set up the equipment. So Philip wasn't able to be home in Iqaluit for this happy occasion for his son Markoosie. On behalf of Philip who is very proud of Markoosie, congratulations to this very fine 10-year-old hunter.

Also, Mr. Speaker, I am going to ask Philip now to help me by asking him to save me some of the meat that Markoosie got. I would also like to congratulate Markoosie on his successful hunt. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Members' Statement. Members' Statements. Item 4. Returns to Oral Questions. Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery.

Item 5: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery

Speaker: Just before we proceed I want to take the opportunity to welcome the Conflict of Interest Commissioner for Nunavut, the Honourable Robert Stanbury, PC and QC. Welcome to the Gallery.

>>Applause

Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, if members may bear with me. Today we have several pages that are leaving us from Cambridge Bay that have been serving us over the past week and also the Sergeant-At-Arms who is finishing her duties today as well.

I would like to first of all recognize them. To your left Mr. Speaker, is John Paul Tologanak. To your right is Kevin Komaksiut. Behind me is Crystal Kamauyak. In the corner down here is Jason Akuluk. Across behind Mr. Nutarak is Clarissa Kologina. Behind Mr. McLean is Tricia Ogana.

Those have been our six pages since we started and of course we have Mrs. Mary Avalak who has been our Sergeant-At-Arms. I would like to recognize them and thank them for their past week of service.

>>Applause

Mr. Speaker, in the gallery we have several visitors and constituents. I will try to be brief. We have once again, Mayor Keith Peterson that is with us. We have Harry and Mary Rose Maksagak, we have Denise Rideout from Nunatsiaq News, we have Steve Anaktak, we have Alex Baldwin from Iqaluit, Director of Research that everybody is familiar with from the Legislative Assembly.

We have a young I believe, journalism student who has an interest. I know he covered me one time during one of our golf tournaments. It was miserable rain and he was still plodding along with all the golfers to complete his story, that's Mathew Illalewicz.

We have of course, David Pelly, a well-known writer back there. We have Abe and Winnie Eyegetok, a couple of long term constituents and friends.

We have Ralph Armstrong with the legal division of the Department of Justice with our government. Of course our Law Clerk as we know is Sue Cooper. Behind her is a former long term resident Helen Blewitt and her sister-in-law Eileen Bolt, I think she goes by, are you married. Oh sorry, sometimes I get mixed up, people have been together so long whether they are married legally or not.

Behind them is Vivienne Aknavigak, I am sorry I don't know the name of the young lady there, but in the corner there is Phil Barak. Also in a far off corner there, as you all know a couple of Executive Assistants to a couple of ministers, Mr. Phil Bourdeau and Pat Best there who is talking to Annette Bourgeois our Press Secretary. That covers it for me today Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

>>Applause

Speaker: Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Ms. Williams.

Ms. Williams (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize a person who is not in the gallery. First of all, my youngest son's birthday happened when I wasn't there, again I was out of town on mother's day. Also today is my daughter May's birthday and still I am out of town. I wish May a very good day and I wish them well. May, happy birthday. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to recognize some people from Kugluktuk. A young person now working in Cambridge Bay, Steven Anakpak, thank you for your attendance here. From Kugluktuk as well who has moved here is Eileen Bolt, thank you for being here, it is good to see you. I also want to recognize, while we were attending school in Fort Smith we didn't know each other but today we are together, Harry and Mary Rose Maksagak. Thank you.

>>Applause

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

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, first of all I would like to congratulate Mr. Jobie Nutarak for his wedding anniversary. Mr. Speaker, I am not very good with names and sometimes I forget names. I think that I have seen all the people of Nunavut but I forget their names, but I know who they are.

Levi Aknavigak, I would like to recognize you because she let me use her skidoo and I caught a fish. I enjoyed that very much and I also got to go through some land that I have never seen before. So I would like to say thank you very much. The fish was just a little smaller than me and was very enjoyable. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Moving on to Item 6. Oral Questions. Mr. Arvaluk.

Item 6: Oral Questions

Question 234 – 1(5): Implementation of Income Support Policy Review Recommendations

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Education about his earlier Minister's Statement on the Income Support Policy Review.

If you look at the last page of the ministerial statement, there are already some recommendations that have been implemented and some programs already underway. I would like to ask, since we have not seen the final report yet are you going to be implementing the recommendations without even showing the standing committee a copy of the final report. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Regarding the statement that I made, the Federal Government and the Nunavut Government Department of Education made an agreement and through the review process we were able to get this underway.

These are pilot projects that we have initiated and even before we knew the recommendations we started these programs, even before the final report came out. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Supplementary. Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Maybe I misunderstood. I heard that you already initiated courses, one in Sanikiluaq and two in Cape Dorset. So it's just something that happened to be included in the recommendations that were made.

My question is, what about the recommendations that haven't been implemented yet. For example, the training courses for welfare recipients and pre-employment courses. Are they going to be starting this summer or in the fall.

Of course you know that most of the welfare recipients are out on the land. They are out at the fishing lakes, in the camping areas, they are not in town. I hope that you don't start these courses in the summer. With the pre-employment courses I think it might create a problem if you start these courses too early.

What is going to be happening with that, with the Department of Education. Thank you.

Speaker: Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There were 46 recommendations made by the panel and I will be tabling the final report today. We will be giving a copy to the appropriate standing committee who will review it. Then we will be taking advice from the standing committee. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I had forgotten to congratulate Mr. Nutarak on his wedding anniversary.

Mr. Speaker, is the minister saying, I think there were approximately 46 recommendations made, some of the courses have already begun. The minister said that he would be giving a copy to the standing committee or a committee.

From today onwards, are you going to be keeping us up to date on the courses and programs or recommendations that are implemented, as they get implemented. Thank you.

Speaker: Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, the regular members will soon review the final report and the recommendations. Some of the training courses have begun because the communities requested them.

It so happened that they were included in the recommendations. I will keep the members up to date as these courses come along. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Supplementary. Final supplementary. Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Already my final supplementary. About the middle of the first page it says that the review panel as directed by the Department of Education made 46 recommendations in all, to lay the groundwork for changing and making the income support program better for those who need it.

Can the minister tell us approximately what percentage of the recommendations comes directly from the communities and not from the panel. Thank you.

Speaker: Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. These 46 recommendations to improve the income support program, will make 100% of the changes to the program. I believe that these recommendations will have an impact on the communities if they should be implemented.

We will also have to look at other options that we may have. It is going to have an impact on all. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. That was your last supplementary, Mr. Arvaluk. Oral Questions. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Question 235 – 1(5): Income Support Review Panel Consultations

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Education about the minister's statement he made on the income support review final report. You said that the panel went to seven communities.

My question is, did you go to the smaller communities. Also, did you go to communities where there are large numbers of unemployed people. What was the basis on which you chose the seven communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Well I am very glad that the regular members are very interested in the income support final report.

However, I am already responding to questions even though the final report has not been tabled. I would like to suggest to the members that we wait for the tabling of the final report before we go into questions. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You made this minister's statement and I think we have every right to ask questions about the final report. I don't know whether you are going to be tabling this final report or not because of course we have never seen it. So we are asking questions.

It says here on page two, that the recipients will take training and they will get an incentive allowance of 200 dollars per month. It is going to create a problem to train people for jobs that are not there. I think my colleague from Nattilik, if I am correct, following his comments I am sure that we would like to have more opportunities to review the final report before we have a debate on it.

Are you going to give us enough time so that we can review the final report. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You will have every opportunity to question the final report after the tabling of the document. The member said that it might create a problem if we give out this 200 dollars a month incentive allowance.

The income support clients will appreciate this because of course they are looking for work and this is going to be an opportunity for them to train. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Oral Questions. Mr. Havioyak.

Question 236 – 1(5): Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Task Force Radio Show

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question will be directed to the Minister of Culture, Language, Elders & Youth about Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and their programs.

There have been people holding conferences and getting together and that's good to hear. My question is, at one time they had a radio show, April 27. Which communities were able to receive this broadcast. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Kattuk.

Hon. Peter Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The minister's statement that I made mentioned that the Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Task Force had a radio phone-in show on April 27. At this time I don't have any documents in front of me or the questions that were posed during the phone in show, so I can't really respond to your question. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Supplementary. Mr. Havioyak.

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just to follow up my question. I wanted to know which communities it was broadcast to, as the Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit in Iqaluit and in Kugluktuk are different.

I just want to know which communities the radio call in show was broadcast to. If it was not broadcast to everyone, I just wondered if this type of program could be done in the Kitikmeot. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Kattuk.

Hon. Peter Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Task Force hosted the program. I can ask them which communities they visited and to which communities they broadcast on the radio. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Oral Questions. Supplementary. Mr. Havioyak.

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Once the information is available to you I would like more information as to where these kinds of programs would be available. Because our people want to know about these things as well in terms

of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit issues, so that they are aware in the schools or through government employees or other agencies. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister.

Hon. Peter Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I didn't hear a question but the Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Task Force have to reach all of the Nunavut communities and get their input on Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit issues. All of the people of Nunavut should contribute to the gathering of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit information, because Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit has to be practiced and it has been very prominent in our lifestyle.

We will take care of it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Final supplementary. Mr. Havioyak.

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question as I mentioned before was in which communities will these radio talk shows take place about Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit.

All of Nunavut should be able to listen to these kinds of programs over the radio. Those in the Kitikmeot for sure, as well as Kugluktuk. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Kattuk.

Hon. Peter Kattuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We have to concentrate more on the smaller communities than the larger ones, in my opinion.

The smaller communities seem to have retained more Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and that's why I am saying we should concentrate on the smaller ones. I don't think I understand your question. Perhaps you could re-phrase the question. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. I will give the member an opportunity to clarify his question for the minister. Final supplementary.

Mr. Havioyak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was asking about the radio phone-in show on Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit. I am just asking in which communities did this take place. If it was not taking place in the Kitikmeot, and I used Kugluktuk as an example, to say that we have to do the phone-in shows in our region. Koana, Uqaqti.

Speaker: Minister Kattuk.

Hon. Peter Kattuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, on April 27 the Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Task Force had a radio phone-in show, I am not sure in which community. So I would have to find out and if they haven't done it in the other regions, I will make sure that they have a radio show in the Kitikmeot communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Kattuk. Oral Questions. Ms. Williams.

Question 237 – 1(5): Income Support Clients Training on Sewing Skins

Ms. Williams (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Education regarding his statement today. I think the members are anxious to look at the report.

The income support policy review includes training for income support clients. Because there are very few jobs in some communities, in the smaller communities, are they going to be including training on sewing and preparing skins in some communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The recommendations that were made by the panel included programs that would be run through Arctic College at the Learning Centres in the communities.

We will be hearing more about the recommendations and programs that are needed in the communities, such as the ones the member just mentioned. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Supplementary. Ms. Williams.

Ms. Williams (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just to get further clarification. Mr. Speaker, thank you. Will there also be training such as survival skills and business development training for income support clients. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Regarding the recommendations that were made, I would like to talk about it in detail. But I will be tabling the final report today.

So I can't really speak about it in detail until after the report has been tabled. When the income support review panel was visiting communities, they discussed the needs of clients in the communities and that is included in the report. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Oral Questions. Mr. McLean.

Question 238 – 1(5): Job Opportunities & Training in Diamond Mines

Mr. McLean: Koana, Uqaqti. I am a bit slow here today. Uqaqti, my question today is to the Minister of Education. Uqaqti, over the last few years there have been some major

developments in the NWT and they border on Nunavut, the diamond mines I am talking about.

The Diavik and the Ekati mines. Earlier today he released his minister's statement on the income support policy review. Has the minister considered the vast potential of job opportunities in these diamond mines and has anybody in his department even thought about talking to these mining companies in regards to employment opportunities and training. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For mining training there have been programs in the Kitikmeot for individuals that are interested in mining. We are continuing to work with the mining industry to promote training.

This will continue. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. McLean: Koana, Uqaqti. Uqaqti, I have to compliment and commend the Kitikmeot region for their proactive stance on trying to get people trained and into the mining industry. Because as we all know, our dollars are dwindling, the unemployment rate is rising and people are going to have to look for employment opportunities outside the government.

The government cannot provide everything to everybody. I have to commend the Kitikmeot for their proactive stance on mining. But the second part of the question is, has the minister looked at or talked to any people in the diamond industry of Ekati or Diavik and say listen, we are prepared to work with you on creating and training and helping us create employment opportunities for all of Nunavut. Not just the Kitikmeot region. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess our concentration in the Nunavut Territory has been more directed towards mining companies that are going to be located and have interests within our own territory in Nunavut.

But because of the unique working relationships that they have in this region, between the nearby communities that are sitting in the NWT, the opportunities have not existed here. We are more than willing to work with the mines with interests in Nunavut, to proceed with the training of potential miners and workers. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. McLean: Koana, Uqaqti. Uqaqti, that's reassuring to hear the minister say that, but the fact of the matter is that I come from a region that probably has an unemployment rate of 40 or 50% and I am talking about the whole region.

I am not sure about the Baffin region, either. But as history will show, if we don't start bringing people from these smaller communities that don't have employment opportunities or making it easier for them to move to another part to find employment opportunities then we are still going to be caught in this income support rut that a lot of the people in our communities are caught in.

I think if we give people in Nunavut a chance to find employment opportunities they will probably work.

I know that, I will ask this question again. Will the minister guarantee to me that he will open discussions with the diamond industry people and keep all the members in this House involved. Because far too often, when bureaucrats get hold of things and they are left in charge to deal with issues like this, we never hear about it again.

So can the minister guarantee to me that he is going to make a concerted effort himself and maybe invite a few of us MLAs along with him to talk to the diamond industry about employment opportunities for our constituents. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Kilabuk.

Hon. Peter Kilabuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to assure the member that I have personally had discussions with individuals from different mining companies. I will also assure the member that at every opportunity that we have to discuss these issues with members at appropriate times I will certainly do so. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Oral Questions. Mr. Nutarak.

Question 239 – 1(5): Naphtha Shortage in Pond Inlet

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed the Minister for Petroleum Products. I am wondering if she is aware of the naphtha shortage in Pond Inlet. Is she aware of this. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Ms. Thompson.

Hon. Maniok Thompson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am not aware of Pond Inlet running out of naphtha. But I could look into this for the member. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Supplementary. Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When she looks into this matter, and the community is short of naphtha, what is she going to do. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister.

Hon. Maniok Thompson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In the springtime the hunters use a lot of naphtha for their stoves, and if the community is short of naphtha I could look into having some brought into the community by plane. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Oral Questions. Just a caution to members not to ask hypothetical questions that the minister may not have access to the information, and therefore cannot make a decision on it. Oral Questions. Mr. McLean.

Question 240 – 1(5): Increases in Petroleum and Heating Fuel

Mr. McLean: Koana, Uqaqti. Uqaqti, my colleague Jobie brought up a point that over the past few weeks it has been no secret that, my question today is for the Minister responsible for Petroleum Products.

Over the last couple of weeks it has been no secret about the energy crunch and the high cost of gasoline and petroleum products in Canada over the last few months. It had a devastating effect on Nunavut the last go around on fuel price increases.

The minister, taking direction from the MLAs gave the homeowners a subsidy for fuel oil and worked at giving the hunters and trappers a fuel subsidy for gasoline.

Does the minister at this time know if there is going to be an increase in gasoline products and home heating fuel this year. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. McLean. Minister Thompson.

Hon. Maniok Thompson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am aware of the fuel prices rising in the world market. We have been monitoring that for a while. However, I think as the Minister responsible for Petroleum Products, I can say that we may be able to keep it at the same price.

I don't think at this time we are looking at an increase in the future because of the way that my budget is set. I had made a commitment that we would be able to keep it at the same price or lower it, if the world prices were to go lower. But I am aware of the situation in the world markets right now with the fuel price increases. Thank you.

Speaker: Supplementary. Mr. McLean.

Mr. McLean: Koana, Uqaqti. Uqaqti, that's very reassuring that the minister has looked into that and given me that answer. I know that we probably have the lowest gasoline

prices in the arctic. I know Nunavik is higher, I have looked at some other places. Holman Island is higher in the western arctic.

I know there was much debate over trying to keep the price of fuel and gasoline down. So it is very reassuring that the minister has told me that today and I think the House is going to breathe a sigh of relief.

When will she know exactly when this will happen. Will it be within the next month, two months, or in the fall. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Thompson.

Hon. Manitok Thompson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We should know when the tanks are full after the barges have come in and filled up all the tanks in Nunavut. That should be in the fall when we will know how we are going to price the fuel. But I am not anticipating any increases in our fuel. Thank you.

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

Question 241 – 1(5): Purchased Fuel for All of Nunavut

Mr. Arvaluk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister responsible for Petroleum Products. Has the minister already purchased all the petroleum products necessary for Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Thompson.

Hon. Manitok Thompson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We are just in the process of doing that, buying the fuel for Nunavut. Thank you.

Speaker: Supplementary. Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Are the purchases, or the suppliers from the same company throughout Nunavut. Thank you.

Speaker: Minister.

Hon. Manitok Thompson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I believe that the Kitikmeot region gets their fuel from a different supplier and Mr. Speaker, the eastern part of the territory gets their fuel from a different supplier.

But I can certainly get more information on this. But I do know that in the Kitikmeot they are supplied by Hay River from the southern routes and for the eastern part of the Territory we supply through the eastern part of Canada.

But I can certainly find out where the fuel is being bought this year. I can't tell you that right now because we are in the process of buying the fuel. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Supplementary. Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. From the answer there are different suppliers for the east and for Kivalliq and Kitikmeot, I think they all have different suppliers and different shipping methods, etc.

The minister has made an announcement to set the rate at the gas pump and the subsidy programs for hunters and homeowners, etc. In her previous answer to my honourable colleague from Qamanittuaq, she thinks that she will be able to keep the same rate at the pumps this year.

If for example, I don't want to be hypothetical, but it seems like oil price fluctuations are pretty unpredictable right now. If the prices go up before she makes all the purchases for all of Nunavut, it's going to impact the revolving fund. Can she or will she be able to assure Nunavummiut that no matter what, that this year the oil prices for petroleum will not rise. Thank you.

Speaker: Minister Thompson.

Hon. Manitok Thompson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I cannot predict what's going to happen in the future, as I don't think anybody can do that. But I did say and I said it in the House that for the next two years, I've made a commitment that we're not going to raise fuel prices and according to our budget in petroleum products we did have a surplus of three million dollars to cover that.

We're going to make every effort not to raise the fuel prices, even though I don't know what's going to happen in the future. But that's a commitment I've made and I'm sticking to it as the Minister responsible for Petroleum Products. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Supplementary. Oral Questions. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Question 242 - 1(5): Update of Hunters' Support Program

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a question directed to the Minister of Sustainable Development regarding the Hunters' Support Program that was previously in existence. I just wondered what the status of that program is at this time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister responsible for Sustainable Development. Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Perhaps he's asking about the program that is under review at this time, the harvesters support program.

We just completed the visits to the communities in May and they just finished the consultations and they're looking at the results of the consultations.

Mr. Speaker, there are a lot of materials that they had to cover and they had to ask or meet with the hunters in each community. We also sent out a questionnaire to each community and are gathering the data at this time.

So I can provide an answer as soon as the data has been gathered and the report put together. The standing committee can review it at that time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Supplementary.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want more clarification. Mr. Speaker, the material that the minister talked about, what I want to know is are they thinking about enlarging the hunter support program, is that why they did the community consultations. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, as I said before, what we are doing at this time is gathering up the information from the community consultations and there will be a review on the hunter support program, which we inherited from the GNWT.

So what we are doing now is we want to make one that is made in Nunavut and we're in the process of doing it at this time. We are gathering up the materials and putting them together and we will be consulting with the standing committee as soon as we have gathered the materials. It's not going to come out right away as it has to go through the Legislative Assembly and the processes of the House.

So we will table it in the House after the committee has had a chance to look at it so that this time we will know when the material comes out after the committee consultation as to what the recommendations will be. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Supplementary.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want some more clarification, have the hunters been complaining about these programs or have they told you that they are happy with it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There's a lot of material that we covered in the review after consulting with communities and we also wrote to hunters' organizations in each community to get their feedback. We also asked questions

of the hunters and then we went to the local radio stations in each community. So we tried every avenue to get information from the hunters.

We would like to provide members with information as soon as we can, as soon as we have finished gathering it. We wanted to have a made in Nunavut program, so as soon as we could and in as much detail as possible, we tried to get information from each hunter in every community. I will be able to provide members with that information as soon as it is available. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Supplementary. Final supplementary.

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The previous hunter support program that was provided to Nunavummiut, I think they had a one-time only assistance policy per hunter. We know that there are going to be amendments to the Wildlife Act but this program was just for supporting the hunters. Will these two be changed at the same time.

Speaker: Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I understand the member's question. The Wildlife Act review is not part of the hunters' support program review. What I'm talking about is the hunters' support program that we grandfathered from the GNWT and that is what we're trying to change to be reflective of Nunavummiut.

We wanted to make changes to make it better for the people of Nunavut whether it be hunters or the people that do sewing for a living in the communities.

We wanted to do a review on how much money we can provide for those various activities that are done by the women and the men of Nunavut, whether it is hunting or sewing, skin preparation. So we will be taking a look at it once the data is gathered. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 243 - 1(5): Grave Workers Situation and Minister of DIAND

Mr. Irqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Health and Social Services.

When we had our last meeting in Iqaluit during the budget session, I asked the minister about this. I have asked the minister this question for the past two years. It's about those people that moved graves in my community of Igloolik. What is the status of this at this time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, since the last session I've had an opportunity actually to sit down in my office in Iqaluit with the Mayor from Hall Beach as well as the SAO to discuss the matter of the grave removal in Hall Beach. I followed that discussion up with the Honourable Bob Nault, the Minister for DIAND who would be responsible for the payment of said funds and money.

I have not received a response from the Minister of DIAND on that issue. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Supplementary. Mr. Irqittuq.

Mr. Irqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the letter he's referring to, the letter to Mr. Nault, when did he send it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker that would be about three or four weeks ago. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Supplementary. Mr. Irqittuq.

Mr. Irqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, does the minister believe that letter he wrote to Mr. Nault will be of any assistance to the people that moved the graves. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, we hope so. Mr. Speaker, I think we realize that because of the timeframe involved, Nunavut came into place on April 1st 1999 and before that there was no Government of Nunavut. When the grave removal took place there wasn't a territorial government.

Ultimately, Mr. Speaker, the Federal Government would have responsibility for remuneration and we believe Mr. Speaker, the best way to state our case is to write the minister and put it in writing. I've explained that to the Mayor from Hall Beach as well as the SAO.

We believe there should be some action and I appreciate the member bringing it up. I think we should note that and follow it up with Minister Nault. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Supplementary. Final supplementary. Mr. Irqittuq.

Mr. Irqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, when we dealt with this a few months ago with the minister it seemed like this was coming to a conclusion. But if the Minister of Indian Affairs says that it's impossible to pay those people, what happens then. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. After looking at some of the files involved in this case, as well as working with the Department of Intergovernmental Affairs in the Premier's Office, I think we believe that the Federal Government would have the responsibility for remuneration.

After saying that Mr. Speaker, I know that after speaking to the Mayor of Hall Beach and the SAO, they also have legal counsel and I guess that would be the ultimate route that they have to take, if political expediency wasn't able to solve this situation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Oral Questions. Mr. Havioyak.

Question 244 - 1(5): DSD Minister Visit to Kugluktuk

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will direct this question to the Minister for Sustainable Development. While we were in Iqaluit, this was a question that I posed to the minister. Today I want some clarification as to the status of a trail used by those travelling to and from the land. As I explained, there is a sewage lagoon road that crosses this trail.

Will he go to Kugluktuk and see this situation first hand. Thank you.

Speaker: Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I saw what the member is talking about in January and I have talked with the Minister of Community Government and Transportation. I will be speaking with the minister about the road that the member is talking about. I will talk with the Community Government & Transportation minister this week. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Supplementary.

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is not healthy and those people going to and from the land are concerned. Before it freezes over again when winter comes this should be rectified.

If you are meeting with the Minister of Transportation, please try and rectify this as soon as possible. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It was very obvious when somebody was coming into the community utilizing that trail that it is a concern

and I saw it firsthand. The people of Kugluktuk and possibly the hamlet should write a letter to me and also to the Minister of Community Government and Transportation and in that letter they should outline their concerns and their problems and we can work on it further.

I think that we should have it in writing so we can respond to the concerns that are outlined in the letter. I would suggest that the MLA and community write letters to the appropriate ministers and you can also work with our representatives here in the Kitikmeot region. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Mr. Havioyak. Supplementary.

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): Thank you. As you are aware, you need more information from your staff, this issue needs to be reviewed and a letter will be written again, but your staff needs to begin work on this. You need to respond today. My question today, you are aware and your staff should be aware of the concern. Can you direct your staff to work on this as soon as possible, within the next few days. Thank you.

Speaker: Minister Akesuk.

Hon. Olayuk Akesuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I will do that. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Question Period is now over, we've run out of time. We'll continue on with the Orders of Day.

Item 7. Written Questions. Item 8. Returns to Written Questions. Item 9. Replies to Opening Address. Item 10. Petitions. Item 11. Reports of Standing and Special Committees. Item 12. Reports of Committee on the Review of Bills. Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Minister Kilabuk.

Item 13: Tabling of Documents

Tabled Document 025 - 1(5): Income Support Policy Final Review

Hon. Peter Kilabuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table the following document that was prepared by the Income Support Review Panel regarding income support and titled, "The Income Support Final Review". Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Mr. Picco.

Tabled Document 026 - 1(5): Kivalliq Transmission Line Pre-Feasibility Status Study

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to table the exciting Kivalliq Transmission Line Pre-feasibility Status Study and the NPCIS review of comments on said study. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Tabled Document 027 - 1(5): 2000-01 Conflict of Interest Commissioner's Annual Report

Speaker: Thank you Mr. Picco. Item 13. Tabling of Documents. If there are no further documents to table by the members, at this time I have the honour of tabling the 2000-2001 Annual Report of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner of Nunavut.

Item 14. Notices of Motions. Item 15. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Item 16. Motions. Item 17. First Reading of Bills. Mr. Ng.

Item 17: First Reading of Bills**Bill 10 - An Act to Amend the Labour Standards Act - First Reading**

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Iqaluit East, that Bill 10 - An Act to Amend the Labour Standards Act be read for the first time. Thank you.

Speaker: All those in favour. All those opposed. Motion is carried. Bill 10 has had first reading. Item 17. First Reading Bills. Item 18. Second Reading of Bills. Mr. Ng.

Item 18: Second Reading of Bills**Bill 7 - The Integrity Act - Second Reading**

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Kugluktuk, that Bill 7 - The Integrity Act be read for the second time. Mr. Speaker, this bill creates standards for Members of the Legislative Assembly in performing the duties of their office.

It also creates the Office of the Integrity Commissioner and provides for the role of that position. It also makes amendments to the Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Ng. The motion is in order. To the principle of the bill. Question has been called. All those in favour. All those opposed. Motion is carried. The bill has had second reading and accordingly stands referred to a committee. Item 18. Second Reading of Bills. Mr. Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to give second reading to Bill 10 - An Act to Amend the Labours Standards Act. Thank you.

Speaker: The member is seeking unanimous consent to deal with the bill today. Are there any nays. No nays. Please proceed Mr. Ng.

Bill 10 - An Act to Amend the Labour Standards Act - Second Reading

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members. Mr. Speaker I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Pangnirtung, that Bill 10 - An Act to Amend the Labour Standards Act be read for the second time.

Mr. Speaker, this amendment to the Act will extend the period of parental leave that an employee is entitled to from 12 to 37 weeks. Transitional provisions are included to allow eligible employees who are already on leave or who already have requested leave and those children who are born or placed in adoption after December 31st 2000, to extend or resume parental leave. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Second Reading of Bills. Item 19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters. We have Bill 11, Supplementary Appropriations Act No.1, 2001- 2002. Before we proceed to Committee of the Whole, we'll take a 15-minute break, with Mr. Iqaqrialu in the chair. Sergeant-At-Arms.

>>Committee recessed at 3.25 p.m. and resumed at 3.54 p.m..

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

Chairperson (Mr. Iqaqrialu) (interpretation): Thank you. We can proceed. Welcome members and visitors to the chamber. We are now in Committee of the Whole, under Item 19 on the agenda.

First of all I'd like to thank the community of Cambridge Bay for their warm hospitality. We have Bill 11, Supplementary Appropriation Act No.1, 2001-2002, what is the wish of the committee. Mr. Irqittuq.

Mr. Irqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We would like to discuss Bill 11, Supplementary Appropriation Act and once that is completed, we would like to report progress. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson: (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Irqittuq. Does the committee agree that we will be discussing Supplementary Appropriation Act No.1.

I'd like to ask the minister to start his opening comments.

Bill 11 – Supplementary Appropriations Act No. 1, 2001-2002 - Consideration

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The purpose of the Supplementary Appropriation Act No. 1, 2001-2002 is to provide additional funding to the Government of Nunavut for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 2002. Authority is requested for a total of 22 million, 186 thousand dollars in additional appropriations. This is made up of 160 thousand for O&M and 22 million, 26 thousand dollars for capital expenditures. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson: (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Ng. I'd like to invite the Law Clerk to join us at the table. Do the members agree on the opening comments.

I will now ask Minister Ng, the Minister of Finance, if you would like sit at the witness table with your officials. Thank you, Minister Ng. Supplementary Appropriation Act No.1. Bill 11, do members have any comments. Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Regarding the opening comments. The opening comments are very brief and authority is requested for 22 million, 186 thousand dollars in additional appropriations.

I think most of these are for incomplete projects that have already been agreed to but the minister did not go into detail. The members might be concerned about this. He has stated that the Government of Nunavut is expecting a deficit of 12 million dollars and they are now requesting 22 million in supplementary appropriations. There could be a perception out there that this is new spending.

As I understand it, these are for committed projects that were not completed or not even started. My question will be why. Why did this occur. For instance in Coral Harbour the Native Point Project, the archaeological site, money was earmarked for Native Point but it has not been completed.

The total requested is 22 million, so my question is, why 22 million. Why aren't they completed. Project such as the Killinik High school that was not completed, projects that should have been completed. Other examples are Grise Fiord the Ummingmak School addition, Resolute Bay Kamatalik School addition. I think these projects should've been completed. So my question is, why weren't they completed when the money was approved for those projects. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Arvaluk. Mr. Minister.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. First of all I would like to introduce the witness with me, Mr. Bob Vardy, the Deputy Minister of Finance and Administration.

The member is correct in that in my opening comments I didn't get into great details about all the projects as the members know, and the schedule that is provided to all members and the public. There is a breakdown by department, by project, which is very

detailed, which is normally I believe what we go through in review of the supplementary appropriation.

But for all intents and purposes this is the capital, by and large, the 22 million dollars. Twenty two million, 26 thousand of it is for capital carry-overs for projects that were already approved in last year's fiscal year and for whatever reasons those projects weren't completed or there were portions of those projects that weren't completed.

So the money before you, the request is to allow those projects to be completed in the current fiscal year because the money hasn't been voted on for this current year. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Ng. Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think we all very well understand that the projects that were budgeted for last year, for some reason they were not completed. Therefore this Supplementary Appropriation No. 1, requests the Legislative Assembly to approve it.

A two-part question here. First, is that 22 million the total of the projects that weren't completed. Are there any more that were approved in the budget last year that are dropped from this 22 million and probably will not resurface.

The second question Mr. Chairman is, is there any kind of document to tell our constituencies about ones that were never completed when they were budgeted for. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Arvaluk. Minister Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I can't say for certain that all capital projects that were approved last year that aren't on this list were completed necessarily. There may be some smaller projects that might have been, during the normal course of the year, dealt with by different departments because we compiled the information on behalf of all departments.

So we're relying on their requests for supplementary appropriations to bring forward but having said that I think by and large that all projects that were approved by the legislature last year not on this list as a result of not being completed would've been completed. I would think it's 99%.

The answer to the member's second question is, as far as documentation, this document is before the House now, the detail on the supplementary appropriation is the actual list of projects that for various reasons as indicated were not fully completed, or not started during the last fiscal year. That's why they're back here to ensure they are completed in this current fiscal year, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Ng. Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, it's maybe a normal practice, however the communities and the Members of this Legislative Assembly place complete confidence and belief that when we approve the budget they are to be carried out, wherever the community or region may be.

Can the minister tell us, some of these projects that are not completed from last year which were budgeted for, maybe as a result of some delay or oversight by the regions because once you have the budget completed the headquarters tells the regions and the communities or maybe the regions in some cases did not carry them out from regions and they were not noticed or they did not see that the projects were not proceeded with by the regional office.

Do you have some kind of a tally where the headquarters always know that some projects might not have proceeded due to the lack of PYs in the region or the weather. Do the headquarters always know that some projects have never been started. Thank you.

Chairperson: (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Arvaluk. Mr. Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, there is capacity at various levels of course with the needs of department in respect of capital planning, whether they have capital planners or managers but there's certainly a portion of the headquarters component within each department that has responsibility for the capital planning.

So I mean by that same token, they would be the individuals that would be tracking and monitoring the delivery of the capital projects in their particular department. Having said that we do know that at times there are issues for various reasons, again where there's capacity, not having all the project officers available whether there may be too many projects in a community or in a particular region, the timing of them all going out in various short timeframes, that causes the possibility of some delays or some problems that cause some projects not to be delivered in a timely fashion.

But it would not be anything where any of our officials would intentionally not deliver capital projects. Our best case scenario obviously in an ideal situation would be to deliver everything that is approved by the legislature. But it's just sometimes not, we're not fully able to do that because sometimes circumstances are beyond our control. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Ng. Anybody else. Mr. Havioyak.

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Of that 22 million, I'm sure you have some contracts that are out there and I know that due to some increases for example fuel increases, or other increases to the expense of the contractor.

How much would you say, just in general where we are at, how much of it is due to the contract increases, they need to do, when you issue a contract, were you saying that you have number of million dollars for that contract but it decreases or increases, you didn't expect that increase but no it might be showing here.

How much of that is due to contract increases. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson: (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Havioyak. Minister Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I wouldn't be able to answer that in detail. I could say that for general purposes that there are almost none, it would be minimal as far as additional costs because of fuel, because the contracts would have been awarded based on the price. The contractors aren't protected if there are escalations in their delivery of their portion of their services.

When you enter into a contract it's bid based on the time, materials and supplies. I can say that there are some contracts that if they were to go over the budgeted amount allocated then the particular department would have to find the resources to supplement the approved amounts and again that amount would come back through the supplementary appropriation to this legislature for approval. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Ng. Mr. Havioyak.

Mr. Havioyak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Maybe I didn't make myself clear but I'll use an example on Appropriation No. 1. For example on page 9, just using Kugluktuk as an example, you have a replacement water supply line.

Because they couldn't complete it, because if you had to add another 192 thousand dollars for that contract, if it was issued, I'm just trying to get some clarification here, where we have increases on the contract, after you sign the contract, it's signed that's it. And when you issue that contract, it's signed, done but are you adding something to that contract by that much, 192 thousand. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson: (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Havioyak. Minister Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, if you choose that example, this 192 thousand dollars isn't necessarily additional money for that project. This money would've been approved last year, the 192 thousand, or it could have been more, I don't have the details of that project.

But theoretically it could have been, let's just say for example 592 thousand dollars and it could have carried out or have an obligation for 400 thousand dollars of the work of the past year and had 192 thousand left over to complete the work, because it's carried over into this current fiscal to allow completion of the work. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. We'll be getting to those details, so when we get to those pages, raise your concerns. Any other comments.

If there are no more comments, we'll go to page 6. Legal. Department of Justice, operations and maintenance, not previously authorized. Lawyer support services, 50 thousand. Any comments. Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just a question, these seem to be new money now that was not in the budget. Can the minister clarify to me that I'm wrong that has been budgeted before and we didn't see it in the last budget and it's being included in the supplementary appropriation now. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Arvaluk. Minister Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, this particular item is the only one on operations and maintenance, 160 thousand dollars is funding from the Federal Department of Justice to carry out some of their work if they have to consolidate or revise our statutes. To draft new rules for the court, these are amendments required to the regulations of the Judicature Act. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Ng. Any more comments. We're on page 6, 59 thousand, not previously authorized. Lawyer support services. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Total registries and court services, 110 thousand. Any comments from the members. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Total department, 160 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Turning the page. Department of Justice, not previously authorized. Total registries and court services, 77 thousand. Any comments. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Carried. Total community justice and corrections, 40 thousand. Are there any comments. Questions. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Opposed. Carried. Total department, 117 thousand. Any comments. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Carried. Page 8. Publics Works and Services not previously authorized. Petroleum projects, 3 million 170 thousand. Any comments or questions. Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Not so much on the detail for the amounts of 3 million, 170 thousand, but we have total main estimates 2001-2002 of 5 million, 65 thousand. Can I have clarification from the accounting point of view on that not previously authorized 3 million, 170 thousand.

In other words those projects for the 3 million, 170 thousand have not been completed but the actual budget for that time was 8 million 335 thousand, If I am correct. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson:(interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Arvaluk. Minister Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: No, Mr. Chairman. the member is incorrect that 8 million, 335 thousand will be the adjusted capital budget after approval of the supplementary appropriation. The current budget that's been approved back in March is 5 million, 165 thousand and if we add in today's supplementary appropriation that was not previously authorized of 3 million, 170 thousand it gets us to the 8.3 million. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Ng. Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. But the minister stated before that the monies have already been approved in 2001-2002. Let me rephrase my question, there was a budget in 2000-2001 that would have included 3 million, 170 thousand. This is where the confusion arises because our main estimates for 2001-2002 is 5 million, 165 thousand. So we don't really know unless we subtract from the 8 million 335 thousand the 3 million, 170 thousand it will give us a true picture as to what the short fall was or unspent money for those projects.

Is there any way to find out, for example the Baker Lake tank farm of 804 thousand on that same page. In this case we really don't know what has been done in Baker Lake, unless we look at the previous main estimates from 2000-2001, and we don't even know if anything's been done in Baker Lake, or fifty percent done in Baker Lake.

Is there any way to have a better picture for expediency reasons, especially the supplementary ones, so that I will know what's been done, how much is being done and how much is required for supplementary appropriations due to lack of completion or

something that has not started at all that will require our supplementary appropriations today. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Arvaluk. Minister Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I have some of the details of each of the capital projects. Like for Baker Lake it was 2 million, 541 thousand dollars appropriated during 2000-2001. So that would suggest that 2/3 of the project has been completed during the past fiscal year and one third of it remains to be carried out or finalized over the current year. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson: (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Ng. Any more. Mr. McLean.

Mr. McLean: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. James's question was what I was going to ask but I just want to get back to it. I'm really not too familiar with these carry-overs. But on these carry-overs, you just quoted Baker Lake as 2 million 541 thousand dollars being spent, and I remember writing letters to Public Works in regards to what the total project cost for that tank farm at that time and I think it was in the ball park of 3.2 million.

So on all these projects that come to total of 3 million and 170 thousand dollars, is this what we budgeted for back in the last fiscal year and it's a carry over because projects weren't completed due to weather or the way the project was tendered out over a one or two year period.

In this 3 million, 170 thousand dollars are there any cost over runs or change orders or extras and things like that or is this just a budget figure carried over and put into this figure. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson: Thank you, Mr. McLean. Mr. Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. By and large these would be the projects that were approved last year. But having said that, there could've, as members know, I mean during the course of construction, there are things that come up, and there are change orders that are being made if they discover there's additional problems and that.

But having said that, when they do make those requests, the scope of the work can exceed the money that's approved by the legislature. So you know, unless it comes back here for a supplementary appropriation and it has to go over budget that has to be approved by the House. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson: Thank you, Mr. Ng. Mr. McLean.

Mr. McLean: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. So, what you are basically saying, if these projects that aren't completed yet and there's a list of carry-over dollars, if there's more money needed for each individual project that will be another supplementary appropriation. Thank you.

Chairperson: Thank you, Mr. McLean. Mr. Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Only in the circumstance where it would go over the approved amount. For example, using Baker Lake as an example, speaking about that, if it was learned that they would require more than 804 thousand dollars now that should be approved today for that project, then they would have to come back, we would have to come back for a supplementary appropriation to the House, for the additional dollars. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Ng. Ms. Williams.

Ms. Williams: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Page 8 a related question asked earlier by my colleague Mr. Arvaluk. When I read the Baker Lake tank farm, all these tank farms are all different costs. One is 28 thousand, the other one is 1 million, 77 thousand. It is really hard to follow just what these things are, the old tank farms, the cost is so very different. Maybe you could clarify some of that so that I can know what's in this document. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Williams. Minister Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, the reason why, you know, all the figures are different, there's different, first of all, beginning figures for each project are different, depending on the scope of the work that's required that was approved last year or previous years. Then because certain contracts may proceed more rapidly than others, as far as the delivery aspect, there might be some, that are almost finished.

Obviously if you look at the Hall Beach Pipeline scenario, 28 thousand isn't a significant amount, so there's probably just minor warranty work remaining in that particular project. But if you compare it to the Baker Lake tank farm, 804 thousand out of 2.5 million, it's about of third of the project still left to go on that one.

So I mean, it all depends, and the reason why there isn't quite frankly, isn't more detail is, because we've already gone through the detailed review, the substantiation of each of these projects and I understand that Ms. Williams, you weren't with us at that time, but during last year's review of the capital appropriations, each of the projects were reviewed in detail by the standing committee process and by the House when we approved the budget.

Now if members want us to change that, obviously there'll be a bit more work required, we could, you know, rearrange this supplementary appropriation supplement for you, the information package, and give you more detail if that's what members want. But basically the members are generally familiar with the projects, even though it may have been a year ago that we did approve these. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Ng. Total petroleum products, 3 million, 170 thousand. Questions. Comments. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Opposed. Carried. Total department, 3 million 170 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Opposed. Carried. Turning to page 9, Community Government and Transportation, capital, not previously authorized. Community Government, 8 million, 318 thousand. Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On the Iqaluit sewage treatment facility is this the result of money not being spent as result of delays due to a poor design that we were told was too thin, or something along that line. What was the reason for delaying or not completing the project, is it a multi-year project. Thank you

Chairperson: (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Arvaluk. Minister Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I don't have that detail of that particular project, you know that is a question that's more appropriately answered by the Minister responsible for Community Government and Transportation. I could find out about that for the member to answer his question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson: (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Ng. Comments. Questions. We're on page 9. Total Community Government, 8 million, 318 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson: (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Turning to page 10. Community Government and Transportation, capital, not previously authorized. Transportation, 2 million, 704 thousand. Any comments or questions. Agreed. Mr. Irqittuq.

Mr. Irqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The English and the Inuktitut are not the same. In the Inuktitut it states that there's going to be a docking facility made in Hall Beach but in the English one it says Clyde River.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Minister.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I don't recall a Hall Beach docking facility so I would have to assume that it's the Clyde River airport terminal development because I do recall quite lengthy discussions about that particular capital project.

I apologize for the error in the Inuktitut information provided. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Ng. Mr. Irqittuq thank you for pointing that out. Total transportation, 2 million, 474 thousand. Any comments, questions. Ms. Williams.

Ms. Williams: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Page 10, Nanisivik highway upgrade. Is that to the airport or is that within the community of Nanisivik. Is that from Arctic Bay to the airport or what road are you talking about here.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Williams. Mr. Minister.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I don't have that specific information and again it would be the Community Government & Transportation minister that would be responsible to provide that. But I'll commit to advising him about that and getting back to the member on that. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Ng. Anything else. We are still on the same page, 2 million, 474 thousand. If there are no further questions or comments. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson: (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Total department, 10 million, 792 thousand. Any comments or questions. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson: (interpretation): Thank you. Opposed. Carried. Turning over to page 11. Department of Education, capital, not previously authorized. Total corporate services, 4 million, 70 thousand. Comments. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson: (interpretation): Thank you. Opposed. Carried. Total department, 4 million 70 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson: (interpretation): Thank you. Opposed. Carried. Turning to page 12. Department of Health and Social Services, capital, not previously authorized. Total directorate, 2 million, 364 thousand. Comments. Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk: Mr. Chairman. We were really gung-ho especially for the Minister of Health about Nunavut Tele-health and how important it is to have the right diagnosis. I guess we were gung-ho about getting it done fast so that some of the patients can be diagnosed properly and secondly there will be less requirement to fly them out if they can

be diagnosed directly from the community using Nunavut Tele-health. Why is there a delay in this project. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Arvaluk. Minister Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I know the Minister of Health is chomping at the bit to answer this question, so I'll refer that question to him. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Ng. Minister of Health and Social Services. Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I won't take 10 minutes Mr. McLean, it's a good question from Mr. Arvaluk. It gives me an opportunity to explain why we've lapsed that 1 million dollars.

Mr. Chairman, as you know we just received 3.7 million dollars from the Federal Government under the CHIT proposal. To get the 3.7 million dollars from the Federal Government we have to be able to match that and with the support of the members here, we were able to lapse that money this year, so now when that money came forward from the CHIT proposal from Federal Government which we announced in the Assembly last month, that 1 million dollars will be used as part of our proposal to leverage the 3.7 million from the federal government. That is the reason for lapsing, it will be used. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Minister of Health and Social Services. I'm sure that member is happy that he got a response. Any further comments or questions. We're still on total directorate 2 million, 364 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson: (interpretation): Thank you. Opposed. Carried. Total department, 2 million, 364 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson: (interpretation): Thank you. Opposed. Carried. Turning to page 13. Department of Sustainable Development, capital, not previously authorized. Total Sustainable Development, 1 million 513 thousand. Comments. Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk: Mr. Chairman. I'm just a little bit puzzled about various Nunavut Park surveys from Heritage Development from the Katanillik Park all the way down to Kugluktuk Bloody Falls.

They are very, very meagre amounts of 12 thousand to 84 thousand, I just cannot see how these can be carried over the approved budget when the communities were eager to have their campgrounds and historic parks and upgrade their campgrounds etc.

Why are there so many carried over from all these communities for very meagre amounts that could have been handled very easily by the regions. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Arvaluk. Minister Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Unfortunately the Minister of Sustainable Development is at some other meetings but I can say in my recollection, right now our government is negotiating with NTI on Inuit Benefit Agreements for parks and that's part of the hold up of some of the actual expenditure of funding. To have the agreement finalized. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Ng. Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. All these little projects have to be individually negotiated by Nunavut Tunngavik . Does NTI know that the outdoor recreation and the tourism programs are very important to the communities. What would be the approximate length of time that these little meagre things would be negotiated between the Government of Nunavut and NTI. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Arvaluk. Mr. Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, when I mentioned the Impact Benefit Agreements, it's particular to actual territorial parks. I think there are a lot of others that may not qualify under that category so instead of speaking to it, you know I'm not fully familiar with it, it might be more appropriate for me to ask the Sustainable Development Minister to provide the information so we could pass it back to the members. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. If we're not going to complete the clause by clause and if we're going to have to wait for the Minister of Sustainable Development we will not come to an agreement on this portion. Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. No, we already approved these projects, these are just carried over, we already approved them, there's no reason why we have to wait for the Sustainable Development Minister but we would appreciate maybe later on explanations on the schedule of negotiations etc. Why they were being delayed etc, etc. I don't think we need to delay because we already approved them. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, I heard you wrong the first time. Minister Ng. Would you like to respond.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: No thanks, I would agree with what the member said and I'll commit to providing the information through the Minister of Sustainable Development for any unanswered questions that have been raised. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Ng. Mr. Arvaluk. Any more. Mr. McLean.

Mr. McLean: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll just make my comments brief and I'll get into the minister in question period, this looks like a departmental bungle, a total bungle.

You know if they are going to put, if we're going to approve money in the capital plan and put millions of dollars into parks and then we approve it, we should be told ahead of time and I'm on that standing committee that this all could be held up if NTI doesn't decide or the Federal Government or whatever the organization decides that, you know, they're a lot slower at the gate than us, you know now that we've committed 4 million, 313 thousand dollars in capital projects.

I think as the Minister of Finance, if we're going to tie this money up for 2 or 3 years waiting for somebody to get his act together and we were saying that it is one of the biggest priorities in this government, why not give it to the Housing Minister to build public housing units.

I can tell you now, if they don't get their act together we're going to carry it over again, and again. And I still say if we ask what people in Nunavut want, parks or houses then they'll tell us houses.

So I'm going into question period tomorrow about this and I'll ask the minister about what his staff are doing, or what are they doing to speed the process up to build these parks rather than tie up million and millions of dollars in capital, waiting for somebody to get out of the gate to do something about it.

It's not appropriate and it's not acceptable to me as an MLA in the government that's saying, okay whenever they decide they want to do something, it's just another bungle in this department. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm done.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. McLean. Mr. Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As I indicated earlier for various reasons, we don't know all the complexities or their reasons for every single project and why it would come forth as a capital carry-over. But Mr. McLean probably has some legitimate concerns and I would say that the minister would be more than happy to speak to some of the issues that have been raised today. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Ng. Anything else. I'm very glad to see that some of the projects for my community are finally going ahead.

Sustainable Development, 1 million 513 thousand. Opposed. Carried. Total department, 1 million 513 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Opposed. Carried. We'll go back to page 2. Operations and maintenance, 160 thousand. Mr. Arvaluk.

Mr. Arvaluk: I think it's from page 6, for Justice. Is this money coming from the Federal Government, a little bit over 4 million 566 thousand. Is it a 100% percent federal contribution or agreement or is there some portion that is, that you have to match. You said it was half and half, can I get a little bit more explanation on that.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Arvaluk. Mr. Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, the appropriation amount for operations and maintenance is 160 thousand dollars and yes that is all a federal contribution. It's a Vote 4-5 money for work performed on behalf of other parties for us. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Ng. Anything else. We'll go back to the operations and maintenance, 160 thousand. Questions. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Opposed. Carried. Page 3. Summary of appropriations. Total capital appropriation, 22 million 26 thousand. Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I wanted to ask a question before we approved the bill as a whole. There's money set aside for building docks and schools and so on that we just went through. Are the contracts going to be tendered after this has been approved. Thank you.

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

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, some of the projects that have been approved on the last year's capital are already out for tender. So they are at different stages of the tendering and contracting process. Thank you.

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

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): The question that I was going to pose is in regards to the Uluyuk School in Pond Inlet. It cost a little over 2 million dollars and I was thinking that we're about the middle of May and if it's going to be contracted to purchase materials and so on, you have to schedule it so that you can bring the supplies, the lumber and so on, by ship and it's now already the middle of May.

We might not catch the sealift season and that's why I posed that question to you, if I go back to the question that I posed to you earlier. Has it been tendered already, has it been advertised in the papers and if you ask the Minister of Public Works to answer that question, it will please me immensely, if she answered that question or the Minister of Finance. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Nutarak. Minister Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I can't say today whether it has been or hasn't been out for public tender but what I can say is that I know the minister is taking notes on this matter so I'm sure she'll check with her officials to see what the status is with that particular project. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson: (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Ng. Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): I apologize, I'm sure we'll be talking about this when we go into the bill as a whole. But the reason why I wanted to bring that up is like I said it is about the middle of May and I am trying to find out some information on where the addition of the Uluyuk stands.

I asked that question of the Minister of Education and he said that advertisement was going out very soon. He didn't tell me a date but that was the response that I got from the Minister of Education, and that came from his capital projects co-ordinator Mr. Lorne Levy. Now it's here again and I'm concerned that we might not catch the sealift season if it wasn't tendered out already.

That's why I ask this question because we desperately need that addition to our school, this is more of a comment than anything else. I'll just leave it at that Mr. Chairman, before we get side tracked. Thank you very much for giving me this opportunity.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ng if you would like to respond.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think we share the member's concern on that project and I know that in our usual way the minister will respond as soon as possible to the member on that matter. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Ng. Anything else. We are on page 3. Capital appropriation, 22 million 26 thousand. Questions, comments. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Total appropriation, 22 million 186 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Opposed. Carried. At this time turn to Bill 11, Supplementary Appropriation Act No. 1, 2001-2002. Mr. Havioyak.

Mr. Havioyak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to comment on this. We are almost finished with this bill. It is in syllabics but not in Innuinaqtun. Next time I would request that these types of documents are printed in Innuinaqtun also. Thank you.

Chairperson: (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Havioyak. Mr. Ng.

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I note the member's comments and we'll try and do our best. Thank you.

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

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): I'll pass, I'll talk about this during the standing committee meeting.

Chairperson (interpretation): Bill 11, clause by clause. It should be in your packages. I think we're ready. Bill 11, page 1.

Chairperson (interpretation): Clause 1. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Clause 2. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Clause 3. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Clause 4. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Next page. Clause 5. Agreed

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Clause 6. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Clause 7. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Turning over to page 3. Supplementary Appropriation. Total operations and maintenance, 160 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Elections, vote 2. Capital, 22 million 226 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Total appropriation, 22 million 186 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Bill 11 is now completed. Bill 11, bill as a whole. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Does the committee agree that Bill 11 is ready for third reading.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): I'd like to thank Minister Ng and his official Bob Vardy for appearing before the committee. I will give the minister a chance for closing remarks.
Mr. Minister

Hon. Kelvin Ng: I'd like to thank the committee members and Mr. Vardy for their assistance with this bill. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Irqittuq, what is the wish of the committee.

Mr. Irqittuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to rise and report progress.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Irqittuq has made a motion to report progress. It is not debatable. Thank you to members and the staff and interpreters and the law clerk. Thanks to everyone for your assistance. I will now rise and report progress.

Speaker: Returning to the Orders of the Day. Item 20. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

Item 20: Report of the Committee of the Whole

Mr. Iqaqrialu (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Your committee has been considering Bill 11 and would like to report that Bill 11 is ready for third reading and Mr. Speaker, I move that the report of the Committee of the Whole be concurred with. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There's a motion on the floor, is there a seconder for the motion. Mr. Iqittuq seconds the motion. The motion is in order. All those in favour. Opposed. Motion is carried. Item 21. Third Reading of Bills. Mr. Picco.

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to request unanimous consent to return to item 18 on the Orders of the Day.

Speaker: The member is seeking unanimous consent to return to Item 18. Are there any nays. There are no nays, please proceed Mr. Picco.

Revert to Item 18: Second Reading of Bills

Bill 8 - An Act to Amend Certain Acts Concerning Health Professions - Second Reading

Hon. Ed Picco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you colleagues. Mr. Speaker I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Hudson's Bay that Bill 8 - An Act to Amend Certain Acts Concerning Health Professions be read for the second time.

Mr. Speaker, Bill 8 amends the Medical Professions Act and Dental Professions Act. These amendments will allow Nunavut to be responsible for its own registration and licensing of health professionals working here in Nunavut. Mr. Speaker, this will also allow us to stop relying on the NWT to perform those activities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Picco. The motion is in order. To the principle of the bill. Question has been called. All those in favour. Opposed. Motion is carried. Bill 8 has had second reading and accordingly is referred to a committee. Returning to the Orders of the Day. Item 21. Third Reading of Bills. Item 22. Orders of the Day. Mr. Clerk.

Item 22: Orders of the Day

Clerk (Mr. Quirke): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Meeting tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock of the Standing Committee on Culture, Education and Health in the KIA Boardroom.

Orders of the Day for Thursday May 24, 2001:

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
 - Motion 006 – 1(5)
17. First Reading of Bills
18. Second Reading of Bills
 - Bill 9
19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters
 - Bill 7
20. Report of the Committee of the Whole
21. Third Reading of Bills
 - Bill 11
22. Orders of the Day

Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Before we adjourn for the day, just a notice that Minister Ng has asked the members to stay back for just a few moments after the closing of the House. This House stands adjourned until May 24, 2001 at 1.30 p.m.

Sergeant-At-Arms

>>*House adjourned at 5.10 p.m.*

