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Honourable Jack Anawak, Mr. David Iqaqrialu, Mr. Enoki Irqittuq, Honourable Peter Kattuk, Honourable Peter Kilabuk, Mr. Glenn McLean, Mr. Jobie Nutarak, Honourable Kelvin Ng, Honourable Kevin O'Brien, Honourable Ed Picco, Honourable Manitok Thompson, Mr. Hunter Tootoo, Ms. Rebekah Williams.

# **Item 1: Opening Prayer**

Speaker (Mr. O'Brien): Members, I will do the prayer today.

>>Prayer

**Speaker**: Members before we start today, I would like to recognize and acknowledge a delegation that has come up from Saskatchewan to be with us and also to present the beautiful gift that you see in the hallway on behalf of the Province.

We have the Honourable Speaker of the House, Myron Kowalski and his wife Ooleesia.

>>Applause

Also, Mr. Ron Harper a government member.

>>Applause

Ms. Arlene Shulet, and she would be an opposition member.

>>Applause

Jacklin Bertine. That would be one of the artists and her other half James Clarke.

>>Applause

Also Margaret Woods, the Clerk's Assistant.

>>Applause

And Linda Spence, Secretary to the Speaker.

>>Applause

Welcome to the Chamber. Returning to the Orders of the Day. Item 2. Ministers' Statements. Mr. Anawak.

#### 2317

#### Item 2: Ministers' Statements

### Minister's Statement 131 - 1(5): Critical Incident Stress Management

**Hon. Jack Anawak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to inform the Members of the House about a very important service provided by the Department of Community Government & Transportation's Emergency Management Division.

In emergency situations we often recognize those who have responded and provided help. But people who provide this help often need help themselves, especially when they have provided help in a situation where the victim suffered serious injury or death.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, the department's Critical Incident Stress Management Team, provides stress management support for those in the communities who first respond to an emergency situation. This often involves hamlet staff, nurses, RCMP, teachers and search & rescue personnel.

Our actions, which are supported by other programs administered by the Department of Health and Social Services, allow the community support mechanisms already in place to function more efficiently. For example, during the most recent suicides in Hall Beach, the RCMP requested assistance from the Critical Incident Stress Management Team. The Team's initial response involved debriefing those who first responded to the incident and creating a circle of support for individuals, who in turn support the community.

Mr. Speaker, during our recent visits to Baker Lake and Hall Beach we worked with the communities so that they were better able to manage their stress and share their experiences with one and other. When emergency responders are faced with a community tragedy such as this, it is important that they receive the same kind of support they offer their communities.

Mr. Speaker, most of what Nunavut Emergency Management does is directed by legislation. Although critical incident stress management is not one of these, it is a service that is crucial to the well being and health of our communities.

(interpretation) Mr. Speaker, I have previously spoken of how departments should be thinking outside the box when it comes to wellness and suicide prevention. Our Nunavut Emergency Management activities are a response to those beliefs and are being carried out in partnership with community services we aim to support. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

#### >>Applause

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

# Minister's Statement 132 - 1(5): Minister's Absence

**Hon. Kelvin Ng**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I wish to advise members that the Honourable Olayuk Akesuk will be absent from the House today to attend meetings in Ottawa. Thank you.

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

# Minister's Statement 133 - 1(5): Tobacco Reduction Campaign

**Hon. Ed Picco**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon and welcome to the delegation from Saskatchewan and thank you very much on behalf of the people of Nunavut for that very interesting and lovely gift.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to take this time to update the House on our tobacco reduction program in Nunavut. I am pleased to report that the government at all levels, national, territorial as well as municipal, are now becoming more and more active in this area.

Even most smokers now support efforts to ensure safe, clean, indoor environments for all and especially for our children. Mr. Speaker, it was last fall when the department announced a media campaign using radio as well as TV public service announcements on the harmful effect of tobacco use, as well as a series of posters and handout materials.

Because Mr. Speaker, the commercials were on the APTN network, they were seen across the country and we had feedback from different jurisdictions on them. We are in the production now Mr. Speaker, for several new TV and radio PSAs and we will be releasing a new series of posters for distribution in January, to coincide with National Non-Smoking Week.

In the coming year Mr. Speaker, members will be seeing posters and calendars developed by our children in our schools. Mr. Speaker, we want to help young people avoid starting to smoke, but Mr. Speaker, we also want to help smokers quit smoking. To this end we have contracted Pauktuutit to train over 40 Nunavummiut for ongoing tobacco reduction and cessation activities across Nunavut at the community level.

Also Mr. Speaker, Health Canada has helped out in several ways. For example, they now have introduced Zyban and the patch to a list of drugs covered by the Non-Insured Health Benefits Program, which is used here in Nunavut. Health Canada will also be working with us on training strategies to help communities enforce and better enforce Mr. Speaker, the federal law prohibiting tobacco sales to minors.

Mr. Speaker, in 1999 over 62% of Nunavut still smoked and the rates were even higher among our young people. Mr. Speaker, we intend to include questions on smoking in the 2003 Nunavut Household Survey to see what the trends are. In the meantime Mr. Speaker, the staff will be working with Executive & Intergovernmental Affairs' Evaluation and Statistics Division and our other partners to design some specific evaluation measurements that will help us to direct our resources to where they will have the most impact. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

#### >>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Ministers' Statements. Minister Ng.

#### Minister's Statement 134 - 1(5): Department of Finance's Qikiqtaaluk Office

**Hon. Kelvin Ng**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I too would like to welcome Speaker Kowalski and the delegation from Saskatchewan and thank them for their gift.

Mr. Speaker, today I have the honour of updating Members of this Assembly on the efforts of the Department of Finance to establish an office in Igloolik. As part of our government's decentralization plan, the department will open a new office for the Qikiqtaaluk region in Igloolik.

This initiative creates seventeen permanent full time positions and will generate other economic benefits for the community. I am pleased to announce that as a result of a recent job fair in Igloolik, thirteen beneficiaries from the community have accepted positions with the department. These individuals are now working with headquarters staff to become familiar with the duties and responsibilities of their new jobs.

It is the department's goal to have the office operational by the end of the current fiscal year. Mr. Speaker, we are impressed with the levels of experience, training and the overall abilities of all the successful applicants. I am certain that this initiative will be a success and that our new employees will make a valued contribution to the department, our new government and Nunavut.

The new employees are here with us today and I will later ask my honourable colleague, Mr. Irqittuq, to introduce some of our newest employees from his constituency. I ask all members to join me in welcoming them to our Assembly and to our new government. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

#### >>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Minister. Ministers' Statements. Ms. Thompson.

# Minister's Statement 135 - 1(5): Housing Ministers' Agreement on Affordable Housing

**Hon. Manitok Thompson** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am glad to be back Mr. Speaker, and I finally came back with hardly any members present here today.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to inform the members about the historic agreement on affordable housing that was reached last Friday, November 30, 2001, in Quebec City at the meeting that I attended.

Using the consensus style that we know so well, my colleagues and I in all ten provinces, three territories and the Federal Government, agreed on a framework to increase the supply of affordable housing across Canada.

This is the first time since 1993 that the Federal Government has allocated money to build social housing units in Nunavut. This means additional social housing units for Nunavut Mr. Speaker. A modified per capita formula was negotiated with the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation to ensure remote areas were fairly treated under this program.

With this allocation method, Nunavut will receive 4.96 million dollars. I plan to use it all to build more social housing units next summer. This is in addition to the 52 units that I already announced through our Nunavut Housing Corporation's Capital Estimates. We welcome the affordable housing program as an important acknowledgement of our housing crisis, and a good first step in addressing our needs. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

#### >>Applause

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

## Minister's Statement 136 - 1(5): International Year of the Volunteer

**Hon. Jack Anawak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. December 5 marks the International Day of the Volunteer.

As members are aware the United Nations has declared 2001 as the International Year of Volunteers. I would like to announce that December 5 will be officially recognized by this government as Nunavut's Volunteer Day. A series of public announcements will inform Nunavummiut about the volunteer day and the importance of volunteering.

(interpretation ends) My department has also developed a volunteer recognition program to help communities promote and recognize volunteerism. Consultation with the recreation co-ordinators took place during the department's professional development workshop held in October here in Iqaluit.

Mr. Speaker, the program is comprised of two phases. During the first phase, recipients will be selected for a Nunavut wide award. (interpretation) Awards will be designated in the following categories: elders, youth and adult. Usually we talk about our elders but we mean as old as Jobie I should say.

Also adults, family or group categories. Their spouse and their children. Communities will make one nomination for each category and I will announce the four winners from this nomination list during next year's volunteer week in May.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, the second phase of the program is an awards initiative where certificates of appreciation will be given to honour worthy volunteers in each community. The recognition of volunteers and volunteerism in Nunavut is an important initiative and my department is taking steps to see that the International Year of the Volunteers is celebrated throughout Nunavut and that the tradition is carried on into the future.

This recognition and awards program is made possible with support from hamlets' recreation co-ordinators and I would like to thank them for their participation in our volunteer initiatives. (interpretation) We should be proud of and grateful to individuals who take the time to help their fellow Nunavummiut. They contribute to self-reliance and healthy communities in Nunavut and we all have something to learn from people who volunteer their time and energy. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

#### >>Applause

**Speaker**: Thank you, Minister. Ministers' Statements. Members' Statements. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

#### Item 3: Members' Statements

#### Member's Statement 369 - 1(5): Donations for Compassionate Travel

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, as residents of Nunavut our communities are quite a distance from each other and the cost of transportation is very expensive.

Often the only time residents can afford to travel to other communities is when they lose a family member because of discounts for bereavement travel. I would like to thank, on behalf of Moses Kownirk from Iqaluit and the Qikiqtarjuaq family who lost a family member a couple of day ago, Aina and Moses Sangoya who were very instrumental in trying to help the family. They collected a total of 1 thousand 942 dollars and 45 cents towards the cost of travel.

Grateful family members are Susan Mosesie, Eena Oleesee, and Ronald Kownirk, who were able to see their relative Seetanie Kaunaq who had requested to see them before he died.

The groups that donated were the Housing Corporation's Leonie Nutaralaaq, Northern Store's Joshie Kooneeloosie, Alice's Little Store's Mina Kooneeloosie and their family, and the RCMP, Ragilee Arnaquq from the Ladies' Auxiliary, Leetia Kooneeloosie, Phillipoosie and Ina's Corner Store, Piqalujak Corporation, teachers, and also the HTO, the Fire Brigade, Nutaraiq Irnait Illisarvinga, Simon Audlakiak, Mary Ayaguak, William Iqaalik, Appa Keyooktak, Moses Qillaq, and also Rhoda Illisaiji, Johnny Kooneeloosie and also this individual who helped very much is Joanasie Kooneeloosie and Ina, who did fund raising so that the family members from the other communities could attend the funeral services.

Also I would like to say hello to the Sanikiluaq residents. I am wearing a shirt that was made in Sanikiluaq and given to me, the community is very scenic, the residents were very receptive, so you are welcome down there Mr. Speaker whenever you want. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Thank you Mr. Iqaqrialu, I'll take you up on that offer. Members' Statements. Ms Thompson

#### Member's Statement 370 - 1(5): Training for Midwives

**Ms Thompson** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I held a constituency meeting in Rankin Inlet. I have the minutes from that meeting and I will table them under item 13, tabling of documents.

We had a meeting on October 25 and on November 22nd. One of the topics was on midwifery in Rankin Inlet, because they have a concern about midwifery. Discussion included why some children are born outside of the Nunavut Territory even though we have this midwifery centre in Rankin Inlet. It was opened in October 1993 and still pregnant women go outside of Nunavut to have babies.

The residents of Rankin Inlet are quite concerned that the midwifes should be given more opportunities for training. We are quite concerned that these midwives who work in that centre are very capable and are not being utilised to the fullest.

I would like to thank the Minister Responsible for Health and Social Services, Mr. Picco, who is very understanding about it. I spoke to him this morning and I thanked him for agreeing to work on this issue.

Again Mr. speaker, my constituency is quite concerned about this. This is not a new concern, it has been an ongoing issue in the past. We need to have the birthing centre used as much as possible. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

#### Member's Statement 371 - 1(5): Encouraging Use of Inuktitut

**Mr. Anawak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We recently held a meeting about heritage issues and agreed that Rankin Inlet would be the right choice for the location of the heritage centre, because it is literally in the centre of Nunavut.

I would also like to speak about the issue of language. Some of us I know for sure especially our children, regret not having taught our children the Inuktitut language in Nunavut.

When I was elected in 1988 to the Parliament of Canada for a little over eight years, every time I had to speak I tried to use Inuktitut in that House and it was usually a problem.

Twice I can recollect in the House of Commons that I ran a bit into a bit of trouble because of speaking Inuktitut. The Reform party, now known as the Canadian Alliance, wasn't too happy about me speaking Inuktitut in the House. I told them I would not stop speaking Inuktitut in the House because it was my language. The Bloc Quebecois also tried to stop me from speaking in Inuktitut. I don't know if the individual is still a member or not but she stopped me from speaking Inuktitut and she was not very happy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask for more time to conclude my statement.

**Speaker**: The member is asking to conclude his statement. Are there any nays. There are no nays. Please proceed.

**Hon. Jack Anawak** (interpretation): Thank you. As I was speaking she told the Speaker that she could not understand a member speaking in a strange language. I wasn't too happy that Inuktitut was called a strange language in Canada. So therefore, I think we should be encouraging our children and everyone else and we should be teaching Inuktitut and at times I regret not teaching my children more Inuktitut.

To this lady who said that the Inuktitut language was a strange language, I told her that it is my Canadian language. I told this person that my language goes back about four or five thousand years in Canada and perhaps the French language has been here for a lot shorter time.

Many of my colleagues in Ottawa didn't mind me speaking Inuktitut. I just want people to understand that perhaps our language is a minority language, but a lot of members here in the House should encourage and practice the Inuktitut language and use it. Thank you.

## >>Applause

Speaker: Thank you. Members' Statements. Members' Statements. Mr. Tootoo.

## Member's Statement 372 - 1(5): Iqaluit Music Society Wizard of Oz Show

**Mr. Tootoo**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a whole bunch of hardworking characters. As members may know, this coming weekend will be the debut of this year's musical play The Wizard of Oz, by the Iqaluit Music Society. I want to ask all members in this House to join me in wishing them a good performance.

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I know that it has taken a lot of hard work and they have been practicing for months trying to get this performance down. I know last year they did Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat and Elvis even made an appearance there and it went over quite well. I know Mr. Speaker this year there are two little munchkins that I would especially like to congratulate and say that I am very proud of their part in this performance, that is my two daughters.

They are participating in the play as two little munchkins. So I would like to ask all members if any of you are here to come and enjoy this performance. I also ask all members to join me in congratulating them for all the hard work that they put into this. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

## Member's Statement 373 - 1(5): Pre-Christmas Craft Sale

**Hon. Ed. Picco** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, first of all I would like to say thank you to all the people of Sanikiluaq. (interpretation ends) This past weekend the Annual pre-Christmas craft sale was held here in Iqaluit.

Mr. Speaker as you know, for many residents it is one of the highlights of our pre-Christmas shopping season. The volunteer effort which raises funds for many individuals, organizations as well as charities by all accounts was the most successful to date, Mr. Speaker.

I'd like to take this opportunity Mr. Speaker, to thank the many organizers and volunteers and mostly the residents of Iqaluit and visitors who again came out in record numbers to support this annual and very important fund raising event. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

## >>Applause

**Speaker**: Thank you, Mr. Picco. Members' Statements. Members' Statements. Mr. Irqittuq.

## Member's Statement 374 - 1(5): Planning for Recreation Centre

**Mr. Irqittuq** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, as you probably know we are winding down the session. Looking into the 2002-2003 main estimates, we have a concern in the communities of Igloolik and Hall Beach. They have a deep concern about the recreation centre up in Igloolik. As you probably know it is one of the decentralized communities and there has been forced growth. They can't keep up with the services for the community

When we are going to be dealing with the main estimates for 2002-2003 I think that the government should seriously think about increasing the size of these facilities and I will be asking questions on this topic during question period. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

#### >>Applause

Speaker: Thank you. Members' Statements. Members' Statements. Mr. McLean.

#### Member's Statement 375 - 1(5): Future of Transportation

**Mr. McLean**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I am going to have to wear a bright yellow sport coat to get some attention. Long day already. I'd like to welcome our Saskatchewan visitors and he usually treats me this way. I had my hand up first. I am always recognized last in Question Period and things like that.

Mr. Speaker, I want to talk today about the future of transportation in Nunavut. Over the weekend I took the time to review the documentation that was provided to members from the Minister of Community Government & Transportation regarding the Nunavut Transportation Strategy.

Mr. Speaker, the need for vision in this area is very clear. We need a transportation strategy that will help us to develop our natural resource potential and for most economic development and tourism. I was pleased to see the government's vision document looks ahead 20 years to a Nunavut where I quote "Important new service transport routes between the Kivalliq region and Manitoba and possibly Saskatchewan and between the Kitikmeot region mining properties and Bathurst Inlet. These are all weather routes where resource development projects are able to contribute substantially to the required funding".

Mr. Speaker, it is no secret that the government is making investments in the very promising Kitikmeot region. I also compliment the KIA for their efforts in this area. However, it is vitally important that we continue our momentum in the Kivalliq. Mr. Speaker, you yourself have been vocal about the need to preserve the hydroelectric potential in the Kivalliq region.

Mr. Speaker, our greatness can only be realized if we have the boldness of vision to press forward with the dream of a permanent land link with the rest of Canada. Such a link will spur economic growth and opportunities for all of Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

#### >>Applause

**Speaker**: Thank you, Mr. McLean. Excellent statement by the way. Members' Statements. Mr. Kattuk.

# Member's Statement 376 - 1(5): Sanikiluaq's Concerns Over Quebec Agreement

**Hon. Peter Kattuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, I would like to thank the members who took the time to go down to Sanikiluaq this weekend. We had an excellent journey going down. This visit was much appreciated by the people of Sanikiluaq. There were a lot of people who welcomed the delegation, even though the weather was very good. I would like to thank Mr. Iqaqrialu, Mr. Nutarak, Mr. Picco and all who attended.

The harpoon heads that I made were all taken so I'll have to make some more. While we were in the Hamlet of Sanikiluaq, I would like to comment on something that was brought up. The Hamlet of Sanikiluaq is concerned about the agreement that was signed by the Government of Quebec and the First Nations' people on hydro development.

If we look at the Island of Sanikiluaq it is right in the middle of currents that are passing through from all directions and it will be adversely affected by hydro development.

We did a study in the Hudson Bay area and looked at the currents and directions, the ice formations and the directions that they are flowing, where they originate from and where their destination is. We also did a study of the migratory routes of the seabirds. Mr. Speaker, I would like to conclude my comments.

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

**Hon. Peter Kattuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker and colleagues. The people of Sanikiluaq live on the ground fish and marine mammals that surround the island. Of course they are concerned about what the impact would be from these kinds of projects. It would have a huge impact. This is the reason the people of Sanikiluaq are concerned about those proposed projects that are currently being discussed.

The agreement that I mentioned earlier between the Federal Government and the First Nations will have a huge impact on the people of Sanikiluaq and we will oppose it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

## >>Applause

**Speaker**: Thank you. Members' Statements. Members' Statements. Item 4. Returns to Oral Questions. Returns to Oral Questions. Minister Kattuk.

# **Item 4: Returns to Oral Questions**

# Return to Question 329 - 1(5): Culture, Language, Elders and Youth Staffing

**Hon. Peter Kattuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a return to a question asked by Jobie Nutarak on Friday November 23, 2001.

This was a question about the department's staffing numbers. There are 29 Culture, Language, Elders and Youth's positions of 40 filled at this time Mr. Speaker. In Iqaluit, 14 of 17 positions are staffed. In Igloolik 9 of 14 positions are staffed. In Kugluktuk six of nine positions are staffed.

Overall the Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth is 73% staffed and I am proud to say the Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth is 79% staffed by Inuit. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Item 4. Returns to Oral Questions. Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Irqittuq.

# Item 5: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery

**Mr. Irqittuq** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Finance introduced the new Government of Nunavut staff and I would like to recognize them also.

From the Department of Finance in Igloolik, our staff currently in Iqaluit training, first of all Buffy Otak, Jolene Ungalaaq, Tom Awa, David Arnatsiaq, James Ungalaaq, Steven Inukshuk, Malaya Kublu, Durant Vincent, Angeline Ujarak, Carmen Ujarak, Malaya Kinguk, I apologize, Malaya Kipanik, Daniel Angout and Laura Akittuk also her friend here, what is your name, Olayuk.

I congratulate all these trainees from Igloolik who have been hired to work in the Finance Department. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

# >>Applause

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

**Hon. Kelvin Ng**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, accompanying the new employees is also Bill Neish who is the Director of Baffin Regional Services for the Department of Finance. Thank you.

# >>Applause

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

**Hon. Ed Picco**: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, first of all I would like to welcome to the Gallery a person who is well known all over Nunavut, a long time employee of Nordair and later Canadian North's representative here in Iqaluit and also a representative in the Northwest Territories too and wherever Canadian North flies, Eva Onalik, welcome to the gallery Eva.

I also want to congratulate and commend Mr. Irqittuq, he's hardly forgotten any names, he knew every one of them, so I think that is a good job Enoki. I recognised some faces but forgot some names.

I would like to start off Mr. Speaker, by welcoming an old friend of mine. He used to be in Hall Beach at one time with CBC. He works here at the Legislature, Mr. Steven Inukshuk, and also Bill Neish. He used to be the secretary for the FMB at one time a few years ago. Mr. Ng hardly recognised Bill. I would like to welcome also an old friend of mine, who has a very successful company and a more famous mother-in-law Marg Lalonde's daughter in law, Noolee Iou. We welcome Noolee to the gallery. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

#### >>Applause

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

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I recognised the Manitoba delegation when they came to make a presentation and at that time I made a comment about building a highway to Igloolik.

I would like to recognise the delegation and ask them if they could make a financial contribution to that highway that we are currently proposing to build. I would also to recognise Pauloosie Kooneeloosie from Qikiqtarjuaq, who has his own private business. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

>>Applause

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

**Hon. Jack Anawak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all I thought winter was just around the corner so I finally put my kamiks on for the first time.

First of all, I would like to recognise the people originally from Repulse Bay, Marie Kipanik, welcome to the gallery and also my friend Pauloosie Kooneeloosie whom I used to have discussions with all the time but not lately. Also my nephew Steven Inukshuk.

#### >>Applause

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

**Mr. Tootoo**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognise in the gallery the delegation from Saskatchewan, a beautiful province that I lived in for many years. I would like to welcome in the gallery here with the Honourable Myron Kowalski from the Saskatchewan Legislature.

Mr. Speaker just to add on to comments that were echoed in here a few moments ago from Mr. McLean and Mr. Iqaqrialu that Saskatchewan is a jurisdiction that has very flat barren land so they should be experienced in maintaining roads in these types of conditions. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

#### >>Applause

**Mr. Speaker**: Thank you Mr. Tootoo. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Once again I would like to recognise the Honourable Speaker Myron Kowalski, and your delegation. Welcome. Also to thank the Speaker and his delegation, as each member will note that there is a small gift at the front of their table from the Province of Saskatchewan. Thank you.

>>Applause

Item 6. Oral Questions. Mr. Irqittuq.

#### **Item 6: Oral Questions**

#### **Question 380 - 1(5): Igloolik Recreation Centre**

**Mr. Irqittuq** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, as I said earlier in my Member's Statement, the Igloolik recreation facility is too small. The minister is aware of this recreation facility I am referring to. He saw it I think about two years ago, when he was doing a community visit.

He was able to see how small this recreational facility is and he has received a request from the Hamlet Council about the status of planning to replace this facility. I would like to ask him the same question. What are your plans for a new recreational facility. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. Minister Anawak.

**Hon. Jack Anawak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. With respect to the recreational facility in Igloolik, yes, it is a very small facility. I think it was built around 1970, I was first there in 1978. Today the population has increased and it is a very small facility for the number of people.

With respect to the funding under capital projects our priorities are in the areas of safety and health, so recreational facilities have not been given as much capital funding as other areas. But in 2006-2007, we do plan to build new gym facilities and we will be working closely with the Hamlet of Igloolik on this. If they want to defer something planned or advance the recreation facility plan, we may be able to do it.

We would like to plan this with the Hamlet of Igloolik and negotiate it with them. But at this time, 2006-2007 is the plan for the new recreational facility to be built there. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Irqittuq** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to thank the minister for his response. I understand they are planning to build this recreational facility. I also know that they worked closely with the Hamlet Council on this.

I would like to find out if the Hamlet Council will be given funding and the authority to set their own priorities for the community. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Anawak.

**Hon. Jack Anawak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, the Hamlets Act amendments are not yet approved, but in the new Act we are working to allow the Hamlets to be able to prioritise their own programs.

As long as health and safety issues are given priority, we are in support of this. Yes we are working closely with the Hamlet Councils on the amendments to the Act. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Questions. Supplementary. Mr. Irqittuq.

**Mr. Irqittuq** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for the clarification. I would like to ask this supplementary about the planned changes to the Hamlets Act. There are some Acts that are being reviewed, I understand that, but if you went to Igloolik today and saw for yourself the recreational facility and how small it is, perhaps it is not too run down but there are safety issues involved.

Would he be able to find some funding in his department to work on this and give it priority. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Anawak.

**Hon. Jack Anawak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Last year, or two years ago, I went to the gym in Igloolik and yes it seemed very small. I understand the safety issues the member is raising. It is very, very small, but as we are planning the five year capital plan if there are no other buildings that could be used as a community hall we will work with the Hamlet of Igloolik and see if we can advance this project and try to do it before 2006/2007.

We would have to negotiate with the Hamlet Council and after the Hamlets Act amendments are approved we would work with them and negotiate an agreement to see if we can give this project priority. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Speaker: Oral Questions. Supplementary. Final supplementary. Mr. Irqittuq.

**Mr. Irqittuq** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the minister mentioned the municipal funding and that his department may be able to assist, if they are able to provide funding such as 500 thousand to be used for the community hall, would the community have to match that. Would it have to be cost shared 50-50. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Anawak.

**Hon. Jack Anawak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If we were to have a surplus in our department, and if the community wanted to proceed with this, they could start the planning before the actual year of construction.

If they want to start on their own then the government would plan to help at a later date. I am sorry if I was not that clear. As well with respect to the Hamlets Act it would be easier to deal with this activity after the Hamlets Act amendments have been approved.

We are not expecting communities to provide the funding on their own, we will be providing the funding from our department. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

# **Question 381 - 1(5): Community Consultations on Heritage Centre Site**

**Mr. McLean**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question today is to the Minister of Culture, Language, Elders & Youth. Mr. Speaker, in the media monitoring this morning there was an article regarding heritage centres and community consultations in Nunavut. There was a community consultation done here on a heritage centre for Nunavut about three weeks ago and then today the study team was in Rankin Inlet on Friday and they are in Baker Lake and Arviat this week.

Can the minister tell me what other communities are going to be consulted. Thank you.

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

**Hon. Peter Kattuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. With respect to the member's question, I think it was about three weeks ago that this consultation started. They started with the stakeholders and they are continuing this study.

We would like to involve as many communities as we possibly can. At this time we are trying to find out where the locations will be. They study is trying to find out where the location of this museum will be. After this study and plan has been completed and the community visits, they'll have a report by March 31, 2002. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Supplementary. Mr. McLean.

**Mr. McLean**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am glad the minister is doing community consultations. I want to ask the question again. Is there going to be more than Baker Lake, Arviat, Rankin and Iqaluit involved in the community consultation. Are there going to be more communities in Nunavut invited for their participation in this important issue.

Are there going to be more communities involved. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. Minister Kattuk.

**Hon. Peter Kattuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There will be more communities that will be involved with the consultations. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Supplementary. Mr. McLean.

**Mr. McLean**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to go back to the media monitoring information. Mr. Hicks says they are looking at two options, one main facility for the whole territory or a network of smaller centres across Nunavut.

On the media monitoring he says there is one community has a good argument to have the facility and the feasibility study will be completed by the end of March and the new Heritage Centre should be open in five years. Mr. Speaker, I don't know if the media monitoring has quoted Mr. Hicks wrong, but it seems to me that they have decided to build one facility already.

Is that correct, or are they looking at other smaller facilities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Hon. Peter Kattuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. What you heard through the media was that what we have proposed in my department for the community consultations, we don't know whether there will be one or two main facilities. But consultations at this time are trying to find out from Nunavummiut what the best location for the heritage centre would be, its size and so on.

We want to hear from the communities and once we hear from them we can do better planning. They can give my department, through the consultation process, the results. I can't really give you a definite response as I will have to hear from the working group that are doing the consultations at this time before I can respond. But it would be constructed in five years. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. **Speaker**: Thank you, Minister. Oral Questions. Supplementary. Final supplementary. Mr. McLean.

**Mr. McLean**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want the minister to commit that he will look at the two options that these consultants are working on. The one option is a large cultural centre, one for all of Nunavut, but also, which is more and probably equally as important, is smaller heritage centres around Nunavut.

That's why I was pressing the minister to do more community consultation because I am sure there are other communities in Nunavut that would like to have a smaller cultural centre in their community. So I am urging the minister to commit to this House that he will do more community consultations and look at both options and not just decide on one cultural centre in Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Hon. Peter Kattuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes the member makes a good point and it is true that it should be looked at that way and I will give it consideration. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

## **Question 382 - 1(5): Jet Service to Pond Inlet**

**Mr. Nutarak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Transportation. I am shortening the name to the Department of Transportation instead of the other areas that are also included.

I received correspondence from the Hamlet about the jet services they would like to see in their community. I tabled it in this House last week. Has the minister looked at the transportation strategy plans that came from my community. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Anawak.

**Hon. Jack Anawak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank the member and the people of Pond Inlet for doing their transportation strategy planning. When I was the Interim Commissioner this was raised numerous times.

When I was a Member of Parliament in Ottawa this was expressed by the people of Pond Inlet as well. At this time what we are doing, and we just gave the information to the members on the Nunavut Transportation Strategy, as the member said, some of the strategic planning for transportation that we received from his community is also included in the transportation strategy that we are putting in place. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Nutarak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The transportation strategy I am speaking about from Pond Inlet, they have requested jet service for their community. The minister said he would look at the correspondence that we received. Can we expect a response from the department about this. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. Minister Anawak.

**Hon. Jack Anawak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We are working on the transportation strategy and will have our plans in place when we already received that correspondence. We have to speak with the airlines that provide services to those communities.

After we discuss it in the House perhaps the member's concerns will be addressed. When you are Inuk it seems like there are always plans and studies being done for communities needs, and I am trying to say that this strategy that we have in place will be discussed by the Members of this House and if it is agreed to by the members, then his concerns will be addressed. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Nutarak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Hamlet has a plan to create better air transportation services. It is better for the communities to do their planning. Would the minister commit to going to my community to look at the infrastructure that is in place at this time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. Minister Anawak.

**Hon. Jack Anawak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am sorry I won't be able to make it to Pond Inlet before Christmas. I have said I would visit the Quttiktuq riding, perhaps this coming summer I would be able to make it to his riding. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Final supplementary. Mr. Nutarak.

**Mr. Nutarak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The minister said he already agreed to go to the Quttiktuq riding. It seems to me that Pond Inlet would be the transportation hub for the High Arctic areas and all the Mayors of the Quttiktuq riding have agreed to support each other in this regard. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. Minister Anawak.

**Hon. Jack Anawak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I thank the member for his question. When we go to his riding we can have those discussions and perhaps we can also meet with the Nanisivik people as well. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

# Question 383 - 1(5): Sanikiluaq Environmental Concerns Over Hydro Dams

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I am not really sure which minister I should direct my question to because there are quite a few ministers that may be responsible. Perhaps to the Minister of Department of Sustainable Development or Community Government & Transportation or the Deputy Premier.

It is about the concerns of the Sanikiluaq residents on the planned hydro dams that will have an affect on the environment and wildlife that they depend on. I just wondered which minister would be able to respond to that hydro project that is being proposed in Northern Quebec. What can we do as Nunavummiut to protect our environment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

#### Speaker: Mr. Ng.

**Hon. Kelvin Ng**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, in the case of what is a major development proposal and its impacts on the people that we represent, the Government of Nunavut would put together their formal position, and articulate that through a formal hearing process. If there were to be any detrimental impact obviously that would be part of the position. But first of all we would formulate a formal Government of Nunavut position prior to entering into any formal discussions. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I feel that this is a very important thing because when the water levels start to change it could hurt the marine mammal patterns. So with that Mr. Speaker, will the people of Sanikiluaq be involved in the proposed hydro electricity planning process. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Ng.

**Hon. Kelvin Ng**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, our government would obviously consult with the people that are directly impacted prior to finalizing a formal Government of Nunavut position. By the same token the Municipality of Sanikiluaq, their representatives, their people there would be given an opportunity to participate in any formal hearings from their own perspective as well. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Oral Questions. Supplementary. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Your response is good to hear because the municipal council wants to be involved. As Canadians and since the northern oceans are part of our sovereignty, I understand that the Hamlet Council will be involved.

Once the Government of Nunavut starts dealing with this issue, would you be providing funding to work on this issue. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Ng.

**Hon. Kelvin Ng**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, it depends what process the Honourable Member speaks of. There are some processes that allow for funding for intervenor status for the larger developments. Moreover, of course if that wasn't available certainly our government would look at whatever assistance may be required for municipalities or individuals that might be affected. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

#### **Question 384 - 1(5): Temperature Compensation Meters**

**Mr. Tootoo**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my first question is for the Minister of Petroleum Products. Mr. Speaker, at the end of October the minister and the department made a press release announcing there would be a decrease in fuel prices by 7 cents a litre. Part of the rationale behind that was the fact they purchased a re-supply at lower prices than they were expecting.

Also Mr. Speaker, it indicated in there that the lower prices combined with the success of efforts put in place for tighter expenditure controls made it possible to make that decrease.

Mr. Speaker, last weekend I had an opportunity to talk to a fuel contractor from Nunavut and he informed me that one of the things that they are doing now is putting temperature compensation gauges on the fuel trucks.

I'd like to ask the minister if that is a result of putting those compensation measures on a result of savings to the department or in the sale of petroleum products. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. Minister Thompson.

**Hon. Manitok Thompson**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. During my budget address for Petroleum Products we indicated that we will be putting compensation meters in our contractors' facilities. This will, I am told by my officials, reduce the costs for maintaining the fuel and apparently the fuel evaporates in the cold and when it is warm weather it expands and so on.

So we need these meters on our tanks to better monitor how much we have in our tanks before we fill them up again. So I am told by my officials that this will help us with our expenditures. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Tootoo**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I just want to clarify my question for the minister. I indicated that these meters, I heard that these meters are going on the trucks that are delivering fuel in the communities throughout Nunavut.

She said, I would assume that she indicated that when it is cold the fuel shrinks. So when you are buying a tank of gas that is at 40 below you are getting a full 250 litres of fuel if it is a 250 gallon tank. That is 40 degrees. This compensation meter is going in, I understand that it'll be compensated. You'll get 250 litres of fuel at 40 below. But when you get your bill it'll be compensated to a warmer temperature. So in actual fact you are going to be paying for more fuel than what you have in your tank.

I am just wondering if the minister could indicate whether that is accurate or not. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Thompson.

**Hon. Manitok Thompson**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The shrinkage is so small, the percentage is so small that we've been doing it for years since we've been delivering fuel in our communities in the Northwest Territories. It does not affect the price of fuel at all but we need to update our monitors on those trucks, some of them don't have any way of monitoring, except for how much is being poured out. We are just putting updated meters on our trucks and on our tanks, to better manage our fuel supply in the communities.

It's not just because the fuel is expanding so much or shrinking so much that we are losing a lot or we are charging more to the customers, evaporation is a very small percentage. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Ms. Thompson. Oral Questions. Supplementary. Mr. Tootoo

**Mr. Tootoo**: Mr. Speaker I guess I need to clarify. She indicated that compensation meters, temperature compensation meters, were on the trucks before. Is that what she is indicating or is this something that is new that is being put on the fuel delivery trucks. I understand that they were on the tanks before.

My understanding from what I heard is that they are now installing them on the fuel trucks. The minister indicated it was something that they did before. Is this in fact something new that they are doing by putting these temperature compensation meters on the delivery trucks not just the tanks. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. Minister Thompson.

**Hon. Manitok Thompson**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Across the board there have been some put in already in some communities on the trucks or the tanks. I can get more detail on where we're putting compensation meters in the communities or on the trucks. I do know it is staggered across the board. I'll take it as notice so I can give the member a

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more detailed response. It is quite technical and he may want more technical information than I can give him at this table. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Thank you, Minister. The question is taken as notice. Oral Questions. Mr. McLean.

# Question 385 - 1(5): 4.9 Million for Public Housing

**Mr. McLean**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, it was with great delight that I heard the Minister of Housing on the radio this morning talking about the additional funds that she managed to secure from the federal government. It's not very often that a minister goes down to Ottawa, like herself, and comes back with a good news story.

So I would like to compliment the minister on her hard work in Ottawa securing additional funds for the ever growing need for housing in Nunavut. Can the minister tell me if she is going to put that 4.9 million dollars into public housing units this year. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Ms Thompson**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We will be building more social housing units with the money that was allocated to us from the federal government. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

#### >>Applause

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

**Mr. McLean**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't have to let the minister know that the last allocation of housing was, on this year's housing, a bit controversial. Could the minister advise this House if she is going to be more liberal in her allocation of units to the communities that never got any on the last go around. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. Minister Thompson.

**Hon. Manitok Thompson**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We will be more liberal in allocating those units. I think when we were discussing the allocation of new units, the Iqaluit member was the only person that asked for units and I said if I get more money we would certainly put some in Iqaluit. Yes, we will do that. Thank you

>>Applause

Speaker: Oral Questions. Mr. McLean.

**Mr. McLean**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I hope she doesn't forget about us lowly people over in Qamanittuaq because we do have a large population and we do need housing also. But the next part of my question is in regards to housing, I know it is a little off track.

The minister ran a very successful housing program with the Downpayment Assistance Program where there was 15 thousand dollars allocated to people to buy an existing unit in the community. Has the minister considered raising this sum at all for next year. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Mr. McLean. I will allow you to rephrase your question rather than taking it away from you. That's a new question. So try it again.

**Mr. McLean**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On the allocated 4.9 million dollars this year for housing, that is allocated for public housing, there is the ever increasing issue of private homeowners and people living in public housing that have to get out of public housing to get into homeownership.

So I am hoping the question is not out of order. Would the minister consider funnelling some money into the homeownership programs to increase the Downpayment from 15 thousand to maybe 20 thousand or 25 thousand. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. McLean. Minister Responsible for Housing. Ms. Thompson.

**Hon. Manitok Thompson**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The member knows now to play the games in this House. He knows really well the rules of the House and has been able to come back on the same question.

My priority is to build social housing in the territory and this money that we had allocated from the Federal Government is going towards new social housing programs. But Mr. Speaker, I can consider expanding that program in NDAP. This would have to go through the Standing Committee anyways so I can consider that option, but not using this money that we just received from the Federal Government. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

#### **Question 386 - 1(5): Timing of New Housing Construction**

**Mr. Nutarak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister Responsible for the Housing Corporation. I heard her on the news this morning speaking about her department finding close to 5 million dollars, 4.9 million dollars for Nunavut Housing. Also in her Minister's Statement she said that we would build 52 units and this money is on top of that.

Will these units be built this coming summer. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Thank you. We will have to break for a moment or two for a quorum. Minister Thompson.

**Hon. Manitok Thompson** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thought something happened and I wouldn't be allowed to respond to the question. I am sorry I misunderstood.

Mr. Speaker, the funding we will be getting from the Federal Government, I wanted to sign the agreement prior to Christmas, so we will be able to build these units this summer from this funding. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Nutarak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As you mentioned in your Minister's Statement, we still don't know where the units will be built. When would you be able to determine the communities. Will you be able to do this by the February session. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. Minister Thompson.

**Hon. Manitok Thompson** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I apologize if I made you misunderstand. What I was trying to say is that the 52 units that we will be building this summer were approved in the House when we were dealing with the Capital Estimates.

In addition to the 52 units we will be able to build additional units with this new funding from the Federal Government. Perhaps from 75 to 77 additional units will be built. It is evident that we will be able to build additional units this coming summer. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

## **Question 387 - 1(5): Savings Due to Compensation Meters**

**Mr. Tootoo**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister Responsible for Petroleum Products. Mr. Speaker, as we all know municipalities within the territory and the government itself are the largest consumers of petroleum products and home heating fuel in the territory. I would like to ask the minister if she has an idea of how much impact the installation of temperature compensation meters on their vehicles will have on the cost of fuel over a year to the government and to the municipalities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. Minister Thompson.

**Hon. Manitok Thompson**: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, I don't have that information in front of me, it's a very detailed question and I will have to take that as notice and that will be part of the return that I will do on the previous question if that is possible. Thank you.

**Speaker**: Minister, are you taking this question as notice also. The minister is taking the question as notice. Oral Questions. Mr. McLean.

#### Question 388 - 1(5): Cost of APTN Anti-Smoking Campaign

**Mr. McLean**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question today is to the Minister of Health. Earlier today he was talking about his anti-smoking campaign in Nunavut and I think he got the message across to people in Nunavut.

Can the minister advise me how much he spent on advertising on APTN television. Thank you.

**Speaker**: Thank you, Mr. McLean. Minister Responsible for Health and Social Services. Minister Picco.

**Hon. Ed Picco**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, that was a question that was asked of me a couple of weeks ago by some of the members. We have been putting together a briefing for later in the week for the standing committee members, including Mr. McLean.

To date Mr. Speaker, just for this year I believe we have spent several hundred thousand dollars on direct public advertising in the media, over 300 thousand dollars to date. Thank you.

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

**Mr. McLean**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the point I am trying to get here that it is nice to advertise on APTN and support the network. The posters that I see in my community and the school and stuff like that were very effective.

We had some of the nurses talking about anti-smoking to the students, and patches and paraphernalia, to keep people from smoking. Does the minister think he is getting value from advertising on APTN and wouldn't that money be better spent on direct frontline workers rather than on a TV channel that maybe I don't know when the ads are on. I watch it and I never see it. So does the minister agree that the money would be better spent directly in the communities with the people. Thank you.

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

**Hon. Ed. Picco**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, as the members know one of the ads features Mr. Zach Kunuk who has gone on and won several awards for the film Atarnajuat, a famous producer that is in one of our ads for anti-smoking.

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Mr. Speaker, I guess when we looked at the program itself for advertising for everything. We brought forward several plans. One was for TV spots, radio spots, as well as posters as well as looking at co-operation with Pauktutiit. It was a multi-media campaign and we haven't actually sat back to evaluate what the impact has been just on the TV spots. We do know however Mr. Speaker the member is correct, the posters have been very effective. Thank you.

Speaker: Is there a supplementary. Mr. McLean.

**Mr. McLean**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Don't get me wrong here I support the antismoking program that the minister brought out. As we know the minister had the addiction himself and kicked it and he has been very successful at it. I commend the minister for giving up smoking. I think he is going to have a long healthy life by doing that.

But the fact of the matter is that I am not against advertising on TV. But up here the direct impact would be better if it was utilized between Education, Health and Social Services to get right to the root of the issue, our young people smoking at 12, 13 years old.

I wonder if the minister would give more of a commitment on this anti-smoking campaign to using the resources that he has to target the children in the schools and maybe get other people involved in it, like Education. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. Minister Picco.

**Hon. Ed. Picco**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, that is one of the things that we are actually doing right now. As I said earlier in my statement, we will run a competition in Nunavut schools on posters for anti-smoking and we have been working with different groups within the schools themselves. As the members know the posters have actually appeared in almost every school and we provided packages to all the Members of the Legislative Assembly.

I think an interesting note Mr. Speaker, is that recent information to us demonstrated that of 38 new cancers diagnosed in Nunavut, 20 were lung cancers directly attributed to smoking. So almost 60% of new cancer in Nunavut can be attributed to smoking. We have the highest rate of child smoking and adult smoking in Canada by far.

Mr. Speaker, quitting smoking is almost like alcoholism. Once you are an alcoholic you are always an alcoholic. It is the same thing with smokers. Once you quit smoking you are always a smoker. Mr. Speaker, it is a tough habit to break. Thank you.

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

## **Question 389 - 1(5): Distribution of Prescription Drugs**

**Mr. Tootoo**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister Responsible for Health and Social Services. I'd like to ask the minister if he is aware of any concerns that have been raised over how prescription drugs are distributed throughout the Baffin region. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Thank you. Minister Responsible for the Department of Health and Social Services. Mr. Picco.

**Hon. Ed. Picco**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I am aware of a letter from one of the owners of the drug stores in Iqaluit concerning that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Thank you, Minister. Oral Questions. Oral Questions. Supplementary. Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Can the minister elaborate on what the concerns, I believe he was probably indicating Valupharm that has been the one pharmacy here in Iqaluit that has distributed prescription drugs, not only to the hospital but to all the other communities as well. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Picco.

**Hon. Ed Picco**: First of all Mr. Speaker, the letter that I have received from the owner of the establishment is not before the House, it is not a public document. It wouldn't be fair for me to comment on a letter that was sent to me.

I can say Mr. Speaker, that I had an opportunity to speak to the owner of the establishment this past Saturday about it. We are following up and doing a review into his concerns. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Tootoo**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, could the minister indicate what his policy is as far as obtaining and distributing prescription drugs. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. Minister Picco.

**Hon. Ed Picco**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, of course as the member knows, it depends on who you are. If you are living in Grise Fiord and there is no access to a private pharmacy or a drug store in the community, drugs are provided through the health centre.

If you are Iqaluit for example, where there are now two drug stores, when you get your prescription, you can ask the person that is prescribing the medication to you, would you like to take your prescription to one or the other. That's that policy that is in place right

now, as opposed to before the public at large receiving prescription drugs. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Thank you, Minister. Oral Questions. Supplementary. Final supplementary. Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I am not sure about the public at large, but could the minister indicate what the department's policy is in obtaining those prescriptions for the health centres in the communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Minister Picco.

**Hon. Ed Picco**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, as the member knows, when we integrated the three health boards on April 1, 2000, last year, there were different policies in place that they had in place, agreements, standing orders and contracts with different agencies, organizations, suppliers.

Those included for example Mr. Speaker, drug suppliers or prescription or over the counter prescription drugs and suppliers. Mr. Speaker, the policy of the government is to get the best value, the best deal that is available for the consumer as well as for the Government of Nunavut. That's the policy that we have in place as a department, but it is also a policy that the Government of Nunavut has put in place.

Specifically with this supplier, there is some information that he sent to me that we are reviewing. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

## **Question 390 - 1(5): Hamlets Act Amendments**

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Community Government & Transportation. Could the minister tell me about the Hamlets Act and whether it is currently under review, or what the status is. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. Minister Anawak.

**Hon. Jack Anawak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We have completed the revisions, but they are still to be reviewed as Bills 16 and 17. They will only become effective after they have been approved. That will probably be in February 2002.

The Commissioner will also have to give assent to these two bills. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Minister just a caution to Mr. Iqaqrialu. These Bills are before the standing committee and they will be dealt with very soon. So Oral Questions. Mr. Iqaqrialu. Supplementary.

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for your caution. I will then redirect my question to the Minister of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth, if you would allow me Mr. Speaker.

I have a question about youth. Are you going to be allocating more funding to the youth, as per the suggestions we have given over the last few days. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Thank you, Mr. Iqaqrialu, that is as you are probably aware not only a new question, but also a new minister. So time is up. Question Period is up, so we will have to save your questions for tomorrow.

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Item 7. Written Questions. Item 8. Returns to Written Questions. Minister Kattuk.

#### **Item 8: Returns to Written Questions**

# **Return to Question 013 - 1(5): Capital Expenditures for Culture, Language, Elders and Youth**

**Hon. Peter Kattuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a return to a question that was asked by Donald Havioyak about the 2001/2002 Capital Estimates of the Government of Nunavut. The Government of Nunavut provided for nearly 1 million dollars in capital expenditures for the Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth.

There is a lot of detailed information here so I will just table it for the House rather than read it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Thank you, Minister. The minister has tabled the return. Item 10. Petitions. Item 11. Reports of Standing and Special Committees. Item 12. Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills. Item 13. Tabling of Documents.

## **Item 13: Tabling of Documents**

# Tabled Document 065 - 1(5): Statutory Requirements for Tabling of Reports &Other Documents

**Speaker**: I have a document that I wish to table. I am pleased to table today a comprehensive list of the statutory requirements for the tabling of reports and other documents in the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut.
This list will allow all members to be aware of what statutory requirements exist for tabling in this House certain documents and whether these obligations are being met. Thank you.

Tabling of Documents. Ms. Thompson.

# Tabled Document 066 - 1(5): Public Meeting Held October 25, 2001 on Rankin Inlet Birthing Centre

**Hon. Manitok Thompson** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is unintentional, but I forgot to table this document. I wish to table this is a report on the Birthing Centre meeting in Rankin Inlet. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Tabling of Documents. Item 14. Notices of Motions. Item 15. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Item 16. Motions. Mr. Tootoo.

#### **Item 16: Motions**

#### Motion 017 - 1(5): Extended Adjournment

**Mr. Tootoo**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Cambridge Bay, that notwithstanding Rule 4, that when the House concludes its sitting in Iqaluit this week, that it shall be adjourned until February 20, 2002.

Further, that at any time prior to February 20, 2002, if the Speaker is satisfied Mr. Speaker, after consultation with the Executive Council and Members of the Legislative Assembly, that the public interest requires that the House should meet at an earlier time during adjournment, the Speaker may give notice and thereupon the House shall meet at the time stated in such notice and shall transact its business as it has been duly adjourned at that time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. The motion is in order. To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour. All those opposed. The motion is carried. Item 17. First Reading of Bills. Item 18. Second Reading of Bills.

Item 19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters. Bill 13, Supplementary Appropriation Act No. 2, 2001/2002. Tabled Document 41 - 1(5), Nunavut Liquor Act report. With Mr. Iqaqrialu in the Chair.

Members we will break for twenty minutes and I will call on the Sergeant-At-Arms.

>>House recessed at 3.33 p.m. and resumed at 4.00 p.m.

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

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you for coming. In committee of the whole today we will be dealing with Bill 13 Supplementary Appropriation Act No. 2, 2001/2002. What is the wish of the committee. Ms. Williams.

**Ms. Williams** (interpretation): Mr. Chairman, we would like to deal with Supplementary Appropriation Act No. 2, 2001/2002, Bill 13. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Williams. Does the committee agree that the minister may approach the witness table with his staff.

Sergeant-At-Arms. Would you assist the staff. Thank you. Thank you Mr. Ng. Would you introduce your staff Mr. Ng.

## **Bill 13 - Supplementary Appropriation Act No. 2, 2001/02 - Consideration in Committee**

**Hon. Kelvin Ng**: I have with me again Mr. Ted Dingle, Senior Financial Analyst with the Expenditure Management Division in the Department of Finance. Thank you.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. The minister already made opening remarks as did the members. We are on page 6. Legislative Assembly. Perhaps I can get the members to go to the Supplementary Appropriation No. 2 in this booklet, page 6.

Just to let the members know that we are on the Legislative Assembly, 5 million 179 thousand. Not previously authorized, 664 thousand. Main estimate supplementary No. 1, 5 million 179 thousand. This is where we were the last time we were here on Friday.

Operations and Maintenance. Not previously authorized, 664 thousand. Total Office of the Clerk, 664 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Total Legislative Assembly Expenditures, 65 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. No comments. Carried. Turn the page to 7. Legislative Assembly. Operations and Maintenance. Not previously authorized. Office of the Speaker, 9 thousand. Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Total Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, 10 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Total Office of the Independent Commissioners, 11 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Total Department, 759 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Turn the page. If members have any questions or concerns, please put your hand up. Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, not previously authorized. Directorate, 409 thousand 500 dollars. Any comments. Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, in here it mentions supplementary funding of 307 thousand 500 for the Ikuma II working group. I was wondering if the minister has any information on that. Is it going to be the same working group that did the first Ikuma report that's doing this one. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Hon. Kelvin Ng**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman I can't say it's exactly the same but certainly a component will be because of the individuals, the resources that were available in undertaking the first Ikuma report and the experience that they already bought to the table in respect of that project. Thank you.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Ng. Mr. Tootoo. We're still at Total Directorate, 409 thousand 500 dollars. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Total Evaluation and Statistical Services, 27 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Communications Policy and Planning, 42 thousand. Any comments. Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Turning the page, Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs. Operations and Maintenance. Not previously authorized. Intergovernmental Affairs, 49 thousand. Any comments. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Nunavut Cabinet, 127 thousand. Any comments. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Commissioner of Nunavut, 4 thousand. Comments. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Total Department, 658 thousand 500 dollars. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Department of Finance. Operations and Maintenance. Not previously authorized. Directorate, 49 thousand. Any comments. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Fiscal Management, 3 million 309 thousand. Any comments. Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman Mr. Chairman, in here there's 175 thousand for the Department of Finance for short term financial leasing. I'm just wondering if the minister can explain what that is. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Hon. Kelvin Ng**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, this is support required to enter into and negotiate the development agreements with the three regional proponents for the health facilities and the hospital. Thank you.

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

**Mr. Tootoo**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. So it is not the lease itself it is just to hiring someone to negotiate the leases, is that what he's indicating. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, the member is correct. Thank you.

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

**Mr. Tootoo**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Also it mentions legal services associated with the service contracts. Is that again someone else, or is it the same people doing both of those services. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ng.

**Hon. Kelvin Ng**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It is the same individual doing the work with support obviously from Government of Nunavut personnel in different departments. Thank you.

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

**Mr. Tootoo**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, just looking I don't know if it something to negotiate the leases, do we have something that the government put out a request for proposal or invitation for tender, or is it they just go and hire someone on their own to do that for them. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Hon. Kelvin Ng**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, in this particular case it was a sole source contract through Coles & Associates, I believe is the formal name of the group, who had undertaken a significant amount of work under the P3 scenarios when those projects were still viable. So there was a lot of experience from the perspective of development agreements and legal contractual arrangements and so forth. Thank you.

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

**Ms. Williams**: Qujannamiik, Itsivautaq. On that same line 175 thousand, it talks about leases. Am I in the right place here. In leasing, would the government eventually own those health facilities or are we going to be leasing them forever. Qujannamiik, Itsivautaq.

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

**Hon. Kelvin Ng**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, the government's decision at this stage is to enter into leasing arrangements which would provide for pre-payments or pay downs I guess. That's all stuff that is being worked on right now in respect to trying to finalize the development agreements, with the intent that the government would own the facilities at some point in time.

Whether it is through accelerated payments of the principle owing or else at the end of the lease term if it is deemed to continue on into the long term lease arrangement. Thank you.

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

**Mr. Tootoo**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, we all know that there was the one lease that has been finalized and signed off, the one in Rankin. This amount of 175 thousand, is that for that one lease, or is that going to cover all three. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Hon. Kelvin Ng**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, first of all to clarify, there isn't any lease that is signed off to date yet. The intent is to work towards signing off those lease agreements, but the development agreement precedes that and that sets the terms and conditions. So it is generally the intent and the principles that you are trying to adhere to in the final agreement.

That's what we are working towards. This money right now is to cover all the projects and obviously if there are additional requirements then we would come back at some point to the legislature. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Ng. Anything further members. We are on page 10. Total Financial Management, 3 million 309 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Turning to page 11. Department of Finance. Operations & Maintenance. Not previously authorized. Informatics planning and systems development, 30 thousand. Any comments. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Controllership and Regional Financial Services, 31 thousand. Comments. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Total Department, 3 million 419 thousand. Comments. Agreed. Opposed. Ms. Williams.

**Ms. Williams** (interpretation): Thank you. I'm sorry Mr Chairman on page 11 it mentions an intergovernmental transfer of 61 thousand dollars. Can the minister explain what is in Parnaivik that the government has. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Hon. Kelvin Ng**: Sorry Mr. Chairman. I wasn't quite sure what the member's question was, maybe I can ask her to indulge me and repeat that. Thank you

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

**Ms. Williams**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My question is 61 thousand dollars from the Department of Finance to Public Works for leases for this 4.54 square meters in the Parnaivik Building. My question is does the government have an office in the Parnaivik Building. Thank you

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

**Hon. Kelvin Ng**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman I don't believe we have moved in yet but the agreement has been signed off for some office space in there. This is to reflect the current year's cost for the space that has been obtained. Thank you

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

**Ms. Williams**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Who would be moving in there. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Hon. Kelvin Ng**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Department of Finance, Mr. Chairman. Thank you

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Ng. Department of Finance. Ms Williams.

**Ms. Williams**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to get some clarification. Does the Department of Finance now have three or four different locations in Iqaluit. If they do, are they thinking about coming into one place, maybe so they can work better together, it seems like there are three or four places. Thank you.

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

**Hon. Kelvin Ng**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, it would be good to try to consolidate but having said that, the whole Department of Finance won't necessarily be in the Parnaivik Building. It will give us an opportunity, because it is a larger space, to relocate from a couple of the smaller location where we are based right now.

For example, the payroll division would move back into one of the two spaces and I believe that its intent is to have two prime office spaces for the department. Thank you.

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

**Mr. Tootoo**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman it indicates here a transfer of 200 thousand from operations and maintenance to capital. I wonder if the minister has a listing of where or what programs the 200 thousand dollars came from, out of O&M. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Hon. Kelvin Ng**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It came from the other expenses that were under spent Mr. Chairman.

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

**Mr. Tootoo**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman I think one could automatically conclude it came from expenses that were under spent, but does the minister have any detail as to which areas specifically those funds came from. Thank you

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

**Hon. Kelvin Ng**: Thank you. All I know is it's not from salaries and contributions, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

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

**Mr. Tootoo**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I was wondering if the minister can commit to providing us with information as to where those funds are coming out of an O&M and where they are being moved into the capital. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Hon. Kelvin Ng**: I'll try to find out. It is a pretty detailed request. But having said that, if it is readily available I'll commit to providing it. Otherwise if it is going to take extraordinary work then I'll speak to the member I guess about it. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Ng. Any more comments. Total Controllership and Regional Financial Services, 31 thousand dollars. Total Department, 3 million 419 thousand dollars. Any more comments. All those in favour.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): All those opposed. Carried. Page 12. Human Resources. Operations and Maintenance. Not previously authorized, 31 thousand. Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Total Human Resources, 31 thousand. Any comments. Ms. Williams.

**Ms. Williams**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Interdepartmental transfers of 13 thousand in the Department of Human Resources to Justice for the Akitsiraq Law School program. Can I get some clarification on what that is for. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Hon. Kelvin Ng**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That is basically to transfer funding from the Department of Human Resources as a contribution to Nunavut Arctic College towards the administration of the student support funding for the Akitsiraq Law School program. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Ms. Williams**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On the same 13 thousand dollars. Was there some federal funding to do some administration or to contribute to this Law School program. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Hon. Kelvin Ng**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I am not aware from my recollection that there were other contributors to the program. I don't have that detail in the Supplementary Appropriation that we are dealing with right now. I just have the specifics of the internal Government of Nunavut transfers. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Ng. Ms. Williams any more comments.

**Ms. Williams**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just one more comment that when they go to page 15, it looks like this 13 thousand dollars is in two places. Just so we could speak to it again. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Williams. I don't think you have a question there. Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, the minister indicated, I am sure he will correct me if I didn't hear it right, the administration of student support funding for the program. This funding is going towards staffing or for funding going to the students participating in the program. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Hon. Kelvin Ng**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I am not exactly sure but the wording that has been provided by the department certainly shows towards administration versus the students. Thank you.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Ng. Any more comments, Mr. Tootoo. Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I was just wondering, if the program is strictly through the Department of Justice, and their staffing would have been included in there. I don't understand why there needs to be additional funding for staffing from other departments. Especially the Department of Human Resources. I don't see the link there.

I am just wondering if maybe the minister could explain. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Hon. Kelvin Ng**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, in fact also the Department of Education later on has another 13 thousand dollars as well. I think from the perspective of trying to support the Akitsiraq law program, there were discussions between departments as to who would fund the programs and this is the mechanism that we are using to put the money in place to provide support for that program Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

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

**Mr. Tootoo**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, the mechanism that the minister talked about, is that something that is in place and is brought up specifically to this department, or could it be used for other programs for example the nursing program or teaching programs, to provide support for those programs as well. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Hon. Kelvin Ng**: Well thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, the specifics of what we are discussing right now is really for the Akitsiraq law school program. But having said that, I mean if there are other program needs out there and support for it, certainly that type of approach with other departments, co-operating and trying to identify funds and a mechanism to structure a program, it could take place.

But right now this is specific for the law program. Thank you.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Ng. Any more comments. Going back to Human Resources, 21 thousand. Any more comments. All those in favour.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Deputy Minister, 93 thousand. Any comments. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Page 13. Human Resources. Operations and maintenance. Not previously authorized. Total Job Evaluation and Organizational Design, 30 thousand. Any comments. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Total Training and Development, 46 thousand. Comments. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Labour Relations, 38 thousand. Comments. Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, just on this amount, I just wonder if the minister could inform us as to how many PY's that covers in that area of Labour Relations. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Hon. Kelvin Ng**: Well Mr. Chairman, I don't have the org chart or the capital estimates or the main estimates for the Department of Human Resources. This is just for the Northern Employees' Union increase. As I said with all departments there, it is just broken out into the different divisions in every department and that's why you have the different amounts.

We could have put in one block amount for each department, but based on the accounting structure we just conformed to each division. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Ng. Any more comments, Mr. Tootoo. Thank you. Total Labour Relations, 38 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Next page, 14. Human Resources. Operations and maintenance. Not previously authorized. Decentralization, 16 thousand. Any comments. Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Total Department, 275 thousand. Comments. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Page 15. Department of Justice. Operations & Maintenance. Not previously authorized, 120 thousand. Any comments. Agreed.

#### Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Total Directorate, 6 thousand. Law Enforcement, 6 thousand dollars. Ms. Williams.

**Ms. Williams**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That was the other 13 thousand two times from the Department of Education and Human Resources. I just want to get some clarification. On page 11, there was 13 thousand dollars from Human Resources and again there is Human Resources. Is that 26 thousand dollars now. Can I get some clarification Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Williams. If you read the document. It is pretty clear but Mr. Ng please proceed.

**Hon. Kelvin Ng**: The member is correct, it is 26 thousand dollars. Thirteen thousand from Education and 13 thousand from Human Resources. Thank you.

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

**Ms. Williams**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I can add that much. But on page 12, Human Resources gave some money to Justice. Right. At page 12 and page 15 is another one from Human Resources to Justice. Does that mean Human Resources is giving 26 thousand dollars. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Williams. Page 12 has to do with Human Resources and 15 is Justice. Can you clarify this Mr. Ng.

**Hon. Kelvin Ng**: Mr. Chairman, this 13 thousand dollars is coming from Human Resources through the Department of Justice. There is 13 thousand dollars coming from the Department of Education to the Department of Justice. So there is 26. It is basically a transfer from the two departments to make up the 26 for the Department of Justice that we are seeing here. Thank you.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Ng. Any more comments. We are still on Human Resources. Law Enforcement, 6 thousand dollars. We are still under Law Enforcement, 6 thousand. Law Enforcement, 6 thousand. Any comments. All those in favour. Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Page 16. Justice. Operations and Maintenance. Not previously authorized. Legal Services Board, 24 thousand. Any comments. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Lawyer Support Services, 137 thousand dollars. Any comments. Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, if I could ask the minister, this looks like it is for hiring a lawyer for the Department of Sustainable Development. I wonder if the minister could inform us as to why they need to hire lawyers. Thank you.

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

**Hon. Kelvin Ng**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, it is because the Department of Sustainable Development operates many programs. They require ongoing legal advice to ensure that the policies are developed and implemented within the accepted legal framework.

It was thought that having a dedicated legal counsel dedicated to the needs to the department was most appropriate way of dealing with that goal. Thank you.

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

**Mr. Tootoo**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I know I understand that we need a lawyer helping with their stuff but wouldn't they just use a lawyer from the Department of Justice, it's already existing there, I don't understand why they have to go out and hire someone else to do that and if this is, it says here transfer to Justice for that person.

Is it something the department needs, why don't they just get PY for it, to be there all the time instead of just you know whenever they need one they just, looks like they're just hiring someone that's on salary from the Department of Justice to work for Sustainable Development.

I'm just wondering, if that what happening with a lawyer working for Justice doing work for Sustainable Development or is it just someone else just coming in, someone else that's outside the public service just coming in to do that work. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Tootoo. Minister. Ng.

**Hon. Kelvin Ng**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, this one in effect a lawyer that's going to be working in the Department of Justice that's dedicated for Sustainable

Development work. I don't know if that clarifies it, not based on what they seem to work with the projected the workload with the Department of Sustainable Development agreement. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Minister Ng. Minister Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If I have for someone the lawyer working for the government in one department, why do we have to get money from the other department for him to do the work that he's supposed to be doing as a lawyer for the government, I don't understand why they're doing that.

I would think that the Department of Justice staff has x number, if you look at their org chart they've got PY's on there. I'm sure that some of those PY's are lawyers and they are included in there. I'm wondering if we're seeing extra on there, that is someone that is on the org chart being hired by Justice to do work for DSD or is it someone that is in an existing position of a lawyer working already and its just Sustainable Development just paying for those services. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Tootoo. Minister Ng.

**Hon. Kelvin Ng**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I don't know the full mechanics of who this individual is. I think the point here is though, that the Department of Sustainable Development feels there's enough need, based on their workload and if you look for example the new Wildlife Act that they are trying to put in place is an example of a high priority complex issue.

They have enough workload to support a full time legal position, at least in the short term. So they are funding that position so that their priority can be recognised based on the volume that they have in the department and the needs that they have in trying to meet some of the expectations that they have, that's why there's a transfer taking place. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you minister Ng. Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and so it is someone is being hired for a short term by Justice to do work specifically for Department of Sustainable Development, it's not someone that's exist in there, in their org chart already out there. Is that what the minister saying. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Minister Tootoo. Minister Ng.

**Hon. Kelvin Ng**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I don't have an answer that question unfortunately. I can commit to finding out on that but it is very for a short term, 2 to 3 years depending on that's what the Department Sustainable Development feels, gives them an opportunity to meet their needs, or catch up or things that their trying to do.

And at that time at the end of that period, obviously between the Department of Justice and Department of Sustainable Development, they'll re-evaluate what if any continued need for that specialized, dedicated individual. For whoever he or she may be. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ng. Anything else Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. For the record I thought it would be nice if he could find out and see if it is someone within the department or someone outside that is being hired on top of their org chart already. That is just a comment and he indicated that he would be willing to do so. I look forward to seeing that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. There was no question. Total Lawyer Support Services, 137 thousand dollars. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Total Justice, 130 thousand dollars. Any other comments. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Justice. Operations and Maintenance. Not previously authorized, 167 thousand dollars. Registrars and Court Services. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Total Community Justice and Corrections, 644 thousand dollars. Comments. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. I apologize. Total Department, 1 million 98 thousand dollars. Any comments. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Public Works and Services. Not previously authorized. Directorate, 543 thousand dollars. Comments. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Total Technical Services, 292 thousand dollars. Comments. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Total Operations. Negative 54 thousand dollars. Agreed. Ms. Williams.

Ms. Williams (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Are we going lower.

Chairperson (interpretation): I am looking at the last portion.

**Ms. Williams**: Qujannamiik, Itsivautaq. For the 27 thousand dollars, lease costs for office space in Ottawa for a position of Director of Nunavut Airports. Can I get some clarification why this is in Ottawa. Qujannamiik, Itsivautaq.

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

**Hon. Kelvin Ng**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The individual has been reassigned to work in Ottawa due to ongoing negotiations with the federal agencies for funding for airports and transportation projects. So it is a short term transfer at this time. Thank you.

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

**Ms. Williams** (interpretation): Thank you for your response. So how long is this short term lease that we are talking 2,4 months. How long are we talking about. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Hon. Kelvin Ng**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I don't have that information with me. I could find out from the Department of Community Government & Transportation. Thank you.

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

**Mr. Tootoo**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I know the government has offices in Ottawa. I am wondering if this is a separate office, like an additional office to the one that is already there. Or is it additional space in that existing office. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Hon. Kelvin Ng**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I don't have that information so I have to put that on the list along with the others in respect to information. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Ng. Anything else. Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I don't know if this lease has been signed or not. I think if it is a lease it is in a different place. Whether we could have looked at if we have an office there already. I know I've been there myself and not all the offices are being used. I was wondering if there was any look at utilizing the existing space the government leases down there prior to getting new leases. If not, if he could commit to make sure they look at that prior to entering into new leases down there. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Kelvin Ng: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, that is a good point.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Ng. Anything else. So that is that. Total Operations, negative 55 thousand dollars. Any other comments. Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): Why is it that we are in the negative. Thank you.

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

**Hon. Kelvin Ng**: Thank you. Because Mr. Chairman, there is a larger amount going out of the department in the transfer to the Legislative Assembly that 548 thousand dollars. Thank you.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Ng. Anything else. Total Operations. Negative 54 thousand. Any other comments. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Page 19. Department of Public Works and Services. Not previously authorized. Informatics, 2 million 531 thousand dollars. Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I am sure the minister recalls questionings I had on the IT stuff in the past. The cost I think it is close to 35 million dollars or over 35 million dollars that we have spent since Nunavut was created on informatics.

I was wondering if this ties into that our informatics set up. Or is something separate from that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Hon. Kelvin Ng**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, this specific amount is actually for a wide area network for schools, health centres, libraries and community learning centres. So it is specific to that infrastructure that we have in our communities. Thank you.

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

**Mr. Tootoo**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. So it is separate. Basically a separate issue than what the government's IT system that has been spent on to date. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Hon. Kelvin Ng**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The base budget for the informatics operations division in Public Works is only specific to satellite service for our core administrative offices. That is approximately 50 buildings in 11 communities right now where we have regional or decentralized offices. So this is over and above that. Thank you.

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

**Mr. Tootoo**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, on the 383 thousand dollars for Tele-health project. Is that on top what the Department of Health had and if so what was the result of the overruns that they need another 380 thousand dollars. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Hon. Kelvin Ng**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, there also 900 thousand dollars that's moving from capital for O&M for the Department of Health in this area, to support the Nunavut telehealth network.

That 383 thousand is over and above that and it's for implementation of the IIU telehealth network across Nunavut, and this is part of their Health Canada contribution in trying to maximize the 3 million 700 thousand dollars over two year period to try and expand the telehealth network in Nunavut. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Minister Ng. Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I'm wondering if that's going to be it, for getting that set up or are we going to be seeing more funding come forward, more supplementary funding requests for additional funding for that or did they anticipate that's going to cover it off. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Hon. Kelvin Ng**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, it will be more than likely operating and maintenance funding that'll be put into the main estimates and through the process that we're going to use and defended by all the departments and all those requests

come forward to Financial Management Board, sometime in the early new year. Thank you.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Ng. Anything else. We're still on Public Works and Services. Total informatics, 2 million 531 thousand. Any comments. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Total Department, 3 million 312 thousand. Comments. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Page 20. Community Government and Transportation. Operations and Maintenance. Not previously authorized. Directorate, 139 thousand. Comments. Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, again as I asked earlier, there's 185 thousand dollars being transferred from O&M to capital. I was wondering if the minister probably doesn't have a list of specifically where it came from if he can add that to his list of things to provide to the House after. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Hon. Kelvin Ng**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As I indicated earlier we'll try to provide, I don't know what level of detail the member is trying to get to, I mean certainly from the accounting structures you have operations and maintenance in several categories. I mean we'll try to do the best job we can, I don't know what the expectation is quite frankly, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

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

**Mr. Tootoo**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, what I'm looking for is I'm going to be asking it every time we see a transfer from O&M to capital, is where we're not spending our money. I think that in reports generated by the Department of Finance for the departments, it shouldn't be too difficult to pull that information out to see where it comes from. They have to know how much extra they have in order for them to say take this from there.

If they know how much they're transferring them out, they should have an idea of where it came from, so I don't imagine that's too difficult to get. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Hon. Kelvin Ng**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, like I said I'll make a commitment to have finance work with all the departments, find all the details of the other O&M that's available and provide it in a summary to Mr. Tootoo and all the members. Thank you.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Ng. Any thing else. We are still on Community Government & Transportation, 139 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Total Community Government, negative 690 thousand. Any comments. Mr. Tootoo

**Mr. Tootoo**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Again like I said earlier I would like to see exactly where this money was coming from. That is quite a substantial amount to be coming out of Community Government. I'm sure I know that a lot of the communities out there are always saying they don't have enough money. To see a little over a million dollars be taken out of the operation and maintenance for that division, I'd really like to see where it came from.

On this as well, I would also like to see if the minister has a list of capital short falls that are listed as to where these things are going. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Hon. Kelvin Ng**: Yes Mr. Chairman, I do have the list of the short falls. Kimmirut arena, 193 thousand, Grise Fiord water supply, 112 thousand, Cape Dorset water pipeline, 567 thousand, Pangnirtung fire hall, 485 thousand, Kugaaruk access road and bridge, 205 thousand, Clyde River air terminal building, 309 thousand. For a total of 1,871,000 Thank you.

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

**Mr. Tootoo**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I get five projects a little over two hundred thousand per project that has gone over. From my recollection or understanding usually when projects are committed, capital projects are committed they always leave an amount, either 10 or 15 percent for contingencies in there.

So is the minister saying that the projects have gone over the amount provided by including those contingencies being spent and it needs these additional dollars to pay for them. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Hon. Kelvin Ng**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, in this instance for additional appropriations for the short falls, the contingencies would have already been used up. So

this would be over and above that because the contingencies would have been accounted for, or else already committed for these projects. Thank you

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

**Mr. Tootoo**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The minister has a list of the projects, does he have an idea of what caused this, to me if you use up the 10 to 15 percent contingency amount plus on average an extra 200 thousand per project, it's quite a substantial miss, I would say, in the budget or to plan for the project. I'm just wondering if he has an idea what caused those overruns. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Hon. Kelvin Ng**: Mr Chairman, I guess a couple of things. First of all capital estimates when they are made are the best guesses of the department. Some of them are based on historical expenditures, but one thing that is always taken into account obviously, is the current climate and competitiveness of the environment of the construction industry.

There might be different reasons for the different projects I don't have any of the specifics at all, for each project as to why they would've been over budget. Certainly that is information I would be willing to go back to the department to find out and to report on as well. Thank you.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Ng. Total Community Government. Negative 690 thousand dollars. Comments. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Turn the page to 21. Community Govt. & Transportation. Operations and Maintenance. Not previously authorized. Negative 476 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, here is 583 thousand dollars for overruns. Again from O&M. I don't have to re-state that I am looking for where the money came from. Also are those the same projects that the minister mentioned earlier or are these different ones and what are they. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Hon. Kelvin Ng**: Those are all the same ones that were mentioned before. It is part of that overall total of 1 million 871 thousand dollars. Thank you.

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

**Mr. Tootoo**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Is it just a divisional transfer because total. I am wondering if this is an additional 583 to add on to the 1.1 million. That 583 is part of the 1.1 million dollars. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Hon. Kelvin Ng**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, this 583 thousand dollars is part of the 1 million 871 thousand dollars. Thank you.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Ng. Any further comments. Total Transportation, negative 476 thousand dollars. Any questions, Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, in the last paragraph in there it talks about transferring 110 thousand from Community Govt. & Transportation O&M to capital for the Bathurst Inlet road and port project engineering feasibility study. I was wondering if the minister could explain what that project is and where it came from. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Hon. Kelvin Ng**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There is 920 thousand dollars total. After there will be another 110 thousand dollars from the Department of Sustainable Development as well and another 350 thousand dollars each from Community Govt. & Transportation and Department of Sustainable Development, in respect of a total of 920 thousand dollars of the Government of Nunavut's contribution for the Bathurst Inlet road and port project engineering feasibility study and environmental study.

Which is basically to see whether or not to see it is economically and environmentally viable as a project. It is to develop some high calibre costing and risk information. Some assessment in respect to the biophysical and environmental scoping for that project.

It is our contribution, which is 25% of the overall cost of 7 million dollars. There is 50% being provided by the Government of Canada and in this instance of 3 million dollars. There is a matter of one and a half million dollars being provided by other private sector components as well. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Mr. Tootoo**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, this a new capital project that popped up out of nowhere I guess. I recall a few months back when the Federal Government announced that they were going to put in 3 million dollars for the study at that time there was no mention of any, I don't recall hearing any mention of the Government of Nunavut having to kick funding in there as well.

I guess I just wondered like with the very limited capital we have and this is something that wasn't even on the five year plan at all, last year or this year.

I just wondered how something can just all of a sudden appear on the books and go ahead and get funded when there are so many other projects that are on the on the five year capital plan that don't get funding. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Hon. Kelvin Ng**: Mr. Chairman, First of all, it could have been classified as a contribution versus a capital project with the result that it may lead to some long term capital and obviously some long term benefit to Nunavut overall from the economic perspective. The contribution is to Kitikmeot Inuit Association as the main proponents here in bringing forward the whole concept of this port and road.

So I guess it's a matter of weighing the criteria of the future economic prospects and potential development, potential benefit to all of Nunavut from the generation of economic activity, generation of taxation, generation of developing our resources. That is our ultimate goal in the long term to become more self sustainable, to provide a base from where our government can operate, a base of revenues.

Recognising that in other areas, there's mines that are leaving or closing down unfortunately and we have to find some opportunities to try to recoup those job and development opportunities for the overall benefit of Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Mr. Tootoo**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, on the 1.5 million that the minister indicated that the private sector is putting into.

How much, or does he know how much the mining industry that are going to benefit from this road, being that if they weren't there, the road wouldn't go there. So they're the ones that are pushing for this road because they're the ones that are going to benefit. It'll have some spin-off benefits no doubt to Nunavut, more specifically to the Kitikmeot which I don't have a problem with that.

Is the mining industry putting in, if they are going to be the main benefactors of such a project, why are they only putting in you know, how much are they putting in and it's an investment for them like.

Are we doing work for them I guess what I'm looking at is I just want to find out how much of a commitment the mining industry itself has put towards it. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. M. Ng.

**Hon. Kelvin Ng**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It's my understanding that it's almost all private sector all from mining industry that has their 25% of the contribution and certainly I think as a government it's our job to try and stimulate economic development, no matter what mechanism.

This is one of the ways to try to provide the report to see if economically viable, that funding is to identify the feasibility and get some firmer and higher calibre information as I indicated earlier, costing and risk assessment information that allows a decision to be made, to whether or not to proceed. If that's the case you know the financing alternatives that may be available for future development. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Mr. Tootoo**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I was just wondering if the commitment I guess on behalf of the government to look at potential connections that would have an impact all of Nunavut as far as mining and industry go, are you going to share that same path, that same commitment in looking into other links.

As was mentioned earlier in the House today, the road possibly from Manitoba or the power grid or connection to Saskatchewan. Can we expect to see something like this for one of those. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Hon. Kelvin Ng**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Definitely. In fact earlier we approved or we passed the Ikuma II working group, which is going to be identifying the same type of options for exploration in respect to alternative energy sources.

The Manitoba Hydro development is certainly a big portion of that and trying to find some alternative fuel sources for the territory. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Mr. Tootoo**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I know the Ikuma report looks at alternative energies. I know in the Kivalliq area around Rankin there are some good looking opportunities for a mine to open up there also some mines near Baker Lake. This deals specifically with a road to get that stuff out from the mine site to get it to a deep sea port to get it out. Will there be something, I know the Ikuma report looks at specifically alternative power sources. Will there be something to look at the feasibility of getting a road link to one of those southern Manitoba or Saskatchewan for the mining industry for them to be access. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Hon. Kelvin Ng**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I can't say that right now. This is specific Bathurst road and port project, which as you know the Kivalliq area, is quite a ways off if

he is talking about linking that. I don't think economically that probably is viable. That is why it is not part of the overall scope right now that is being reviewed.

I guess the second thing is the whole thrust of this Bathurst port and road project is the fact that there is heavy ore. Ore lead zinc concentrates, which are larger commodities to move versus right now in the Kivalliq are more inclined to precious metals. Gold in particular where there is not as much volumes involved in the finished product for exportation.

So I guess there are two different scenarios. Having said that, there is nothing to stop any proponent to forward plans for studies or feasibility studies or more detailed plans for approval that may warrant work that could potentially develop any area of Nunavut for anything right now. Because we are open to all opportunities provided that there are benefits to the constituents, the government and things are handled in an environmentally friendly way. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Mr. Tootoo**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Going back to the Bathurst Inlet road and port project. Can the minister indicate how long, I would imagine over 3 million dollars all together, 5 million dollars to do a study. How long has the government known about it. To put something together like that is not something that happens just like that.

I know I am on that Standing Committee. I don't recall seeing that the committee was aware of the possibility of something like this that may be coming down the line. I am wondering how long has the government known about this proposal looking at trying to do a study over there. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Hon. Kelvin Ng**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, as members know the concept have been thrown about in the media different times. There was more detailed work putting into preparing a pre-feasibility study. Some of the proponents lead by the Kitikmeot Inuit Association, and the Kitikmeot Corporation actually came over to Iqaluit. I believe it was this past spring and certainly for some of the Cabinet Members who gave briefing.

I believe it was offered to all members as well at different times. Whether it was while we were in Cambridge Bay or over here. I don't recall the exact timing of it. Mr. Chairman.

But it is relatively, as far as their efforts for pursuing some additional resources to further some of their work, it has been relatively in a short time frame of less than a year where it has kind of accelerated. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Mr. Tootoo**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, just a comment. If the government knows there is a potential of something like this coming it would probably be nice if they knew about it. We last looked at this stuff in the spring. If they know that something like this is coming it won't catch people off guard by seeing all of a sudden a new project put into a Supplementary Appropriation.

If the government knows that something like that is coming down the line it would probably be more prudent to advise members of that prior to seeing it all of a sudden in a supplementary. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Hon. Kelvin Ng**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, we try to give as much information as we can when it is readily available. It came down to, it is my understanding that the federal government was willing to contribute if there was support shown by our government. The private sector was willing to contribute if there was support shown by our government. So it was basically in our back yard. So I think that is why a lot of the commitment was made to show that we are supportive and we want to see development happen if we are going to benefit from them in the long run. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Ng. Total Department, negative 1 million 27 thousand dollars. Any comments. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Page 22. Department of Culture, Language, Elders & Youth. Not previously authorized. Directorate, 74 thousand. Comments. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Languages and Communications, 177 thousand. Comments. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Culture, Language, Elders & Youth, 123 thousand dollars. Comments. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Total Department, 374 thousand dollars. Comments. Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Page 23. Department of Education. Operations and Maintenance. Not previously authorized. Directorate, 34 thousand dollars. Comments. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Policy and Planning, 77 thousand dollars. Comments. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Total Corporate Services, 69 thousand dollars. Comments. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Department of Education. Operations and Maintenance. Not previously authorized. Income Support, 31 thousand dollars. Comments. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Adult Education and Post Secondary Services, negative 2 thousand dollars. Ms. Williams.

**Ms. Williams** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That 75 thousand dollars is to reflect the decrease in surplus funds, recorded from the audit of education. When will that be complete. Thank you.

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

**Hon. Kelvin Ng**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If the member is referring to the audit they are in fact complete from my understanding. Thank you.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Ng. Ms. Williams. Total Adult Education. Post Secondary Services, negative 2 thousand. Ms. Williams.

**Ms. Williams** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I didn't understand the minister's response because I didn't have my earpiece with me. Can he repeat his response.

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

**Hon. Kelvin Ng**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I guess we're even now Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I said that if the member was referring to audits of the board that they are complete, if that's what she was referring to. Thank you.

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

**Ms. Williams**: Thank you Mr. Chairman for interpreting for me. Will they be tabled. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Hon. Kelvin Ng**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I wouldn't necessarily say they'd be tabled but certainly if members want a copy I'm willing to provide it or show them a copy. Thank you.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Ng. Ms. Williams. Total Adult Education and Post Secondary Services, negative 2 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Page 25. Department of Education Operations and Maintenance. Not previously authorized. Early Childhood Education and School Services, negative 426 thousand dollars. Comments. Agreed. Ms. Williams

**Ms. Williams**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just some clarification on the 550 thousand dollars. Thank you.

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

**Hon. Kelvin Ng**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, there's three reduction areas that total 675 thousand dollars and this is 550 thousand of that. what it is, is to address the department's capital base. What happened was that the department had come forward and advised the FMB that they were expecting 2 million 475 thousand dollars in accumulated surpluses from the Divisional Boards of Education and they wanted to retain that for education purposes.

The audit actually came in quite a bit less than that but what we did was we allowed the department to keep 1 million 800 thousand dollars of the expected 2.4 but they would have to reduce the difference of 675 thousand dollars. So that's what this is, this 550 thousand is a portion of that reduction. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Ng. Ms. Williams. We're on page 25. Total Early Childhood Education and School services, negative 426 thousand dollars. Comments. Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Field Operations, 250 thousand. Comments. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Page 26. Department of Education. Operations and Maintenance, not previously authorized. Total School Operations, 934 thousand. Comments. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Total department, 967 thousand. Comments. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Department of Health and Social Services. Operations and Maintenance. Not previously authorized. Total Directorate, 2 million 701 thousand. Comments. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Total Healthy Children, Families and Communities, 2 million 280 thousand. Comments. Ms. Williams.

**Ms. Williams** (interpretation): I just want to get some clarification on the 1 million 750 thousand to meet anticipated operational expenditures. I wonder if the minister can give me some explanation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Hon. Kelvin Ng**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, the 1 million 750 thousand dollars was part of the overall 20 million 750 thousand dollars that we're requesting for the Department of Health to deal with what their expected short falls would be. That 1 million 750 thousand dollars is going towards the healthy children, family and communities branch within the department. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Ng. Total Healthy Children, Families and Communities, 2 million 280 thousand. Comments. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation):Opposed. Carried. Thank you. Health and Social Services. Operations and Maintenance, not previously authorized. Total Health Insurance Programs, 2 million. Any comments. Agreed. Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Total Health Protection, 172 thousand. Any comments. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Total Treatment, 19 million 611 thousand. Comments. Uqi. Ms. Williams.

**Ms. Williams**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have all kind of names. Seventeen million dollars. What percentage of this will be medical travel. Qujannamiik, Itsivautaq.

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

**Hon. Kelvin Ng**: The Minister of Health advises me that it is approximately 80 percent. Thank you

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Ng. I am going to ask the Minister of Health to respond to this question. Thank you, Minister Picco.

**Hon. Ed Picco**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We believe that about 15 million dollars of the 17 million would be for medical travel, which is approximately 80 percent. Thank you

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Picco. Any more comments or questions. Total Treatment, 19 million 611 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Total department, 26 million 764 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Page 29. Sustainable Development. Operations and Maintenance, not previously authorized. Total Corporate Management, 117 thousand total. Any comments. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Total Sustainable Development, 592 thousand dollars. Comments. Agreed.

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**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Total Department, 709 thousand dollars. Comments. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Page 30. Government of Nunavut. Nunavut Housing Corporation. Not previously authorized, 280 thousand dollars. Any comments. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Total Nunavut Housing Corporation, 280 thousand dollars. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Page 31. Department of Finance, not previously authorized. Comptrollership and Regional Financial Services, 200 thousand dollars. Any comments. Ms. Williams. Yes, page 31. Thank you. Total Comptrollership and Regional Financial Services, 200 thousand dollars. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Total Department, 200 thousand dollars. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Community Government & Transportation, 500 thousand dollars. Agreed. I have Ms. Williams.

**Ms. Williams**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The first one, 500 thousand dollars was approved on June 25th. Has this work been completed already and how much has been spent. Thank you.

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

**Hon. Kelvin Ng**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, actually this 500 thousand dollars was a special warrant. There is another 868 thousand in supplementaries for the Pond Inlet project, the sewage lagoon. I don't have the details on how much work has been done to date. I know they requested the money to deal with the emergency situation, for the emergency repairs for that sewage lagoon. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Ms. Williams**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On the same page, way at the bottom. Can the minister explain the 1 million 562 thousand dollars.

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

**Hon. Kelvin Ng**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That is part of the 1 million 871 thousand dollars over spent on capital projects that I identified earlier. Thank you.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Ng. Any more comments. We are still on the 500 thousand dollars, not previously authorized. Pardon me. Special warrants, 500 thousand dollars. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Not previously authorized, 3 million 350 thousand dollars. Any comments. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Community Government & Transportation. Total Community Government, 500 thousand dollars. Any comments. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Not previously authorized. Transportation, 309 thousand dollars. Any comments. Ms. Williams.

**Ms. Williams**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My question to that is what exactly is this 309 thousand dollars for, is that for EMO or what is it for. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you Ms. Williams. Mr. Ng.

**Hon. Kelvin Ng**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is another portion that makes up to 1 million 871 thousand dollars for those project that's identified earlier. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Ng. Any more comments. We're still under page 33, still dealing with 500 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. 309 thousand. Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Total Department, 3 million 659 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Page 34. Department Health and Social Services. Not previously authorized. Directorate. Negative 900 thousand. Any comments. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Total Department. Negative 900 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Going back to page 2. Operation and maintenance schedule 1. Appropriation authority required. Operation and maintenance. 37 million 588 thousand 500. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Page 3. schedule 2 capital Appropriation Authority required. Capital Appropriation 3 million 459 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Total Appropriation 41 million 47 thousand 500. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Bill 13, Supplementary Appropriation 2001/2002. Bill 13. Number 1. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Number 2.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Number 3. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Number 4. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Number 5. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Number 6. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Number 7. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Page 3. Vote 1. Supplementary Appropriation, 37 million 588 thousand 500 dollars. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Total Operations and Maintenance. Vote 2. Capital, 3 million 459 thousand. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Total Supplementary Appropriation in parts 1 and 2, 41 million 47 thousand 500. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson (interpretation): Opposed. Carried. Bill as a Whole. Agreed.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Does the committee agree that this bill is now ready for third reading.

Some Members: Agreed.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Good. I would like to thank Minister Ng and his officials for being with us for the last two days. If you have any last comments the floor is now open. Minister Ng.

**Hon. Kelvin Ng**: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to thank the committee for their patience and also thank Mr. Dingle for being here. Thank you.

>>Applause

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Ng and Ms. Sue Cooper for being available. What is the wish of the committee. Mr. Nutarak.

Mr. Nutarak (interpretation): I move that we report progress.

**Chairperson** (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Nutarak moves to report progress and it is not debatable. All those in favour. All those opposed. We will now ask the Speaker to come into the chamber.

**Speaker**: Returning to the Orders of the Day. Item 20. Report of the Committee of the Whole. Mr. Iqaqrialu.

## Item 20: Report of the Committee of the Whole

**Mr. Iqaqrialu** (interpretation): Mr. Speaker, your committee has been considering Bill 13 and would like to report that Bill 13 is now ready for third reading. Mr. Speaker, I move that Report of the Committee of the Whole be concurred with.

Speaker: Thank you. Item 21. Third Reading of Bills. Third Reading of Bills. Mr. Ng.

**Hon. Kelvin Ng**: Mr. Speaker, I move second by the Honourable Member for Iqaluit East that Bill 13 Supplementary Appropriation Act 2001/2002 be read for the third time. Thank you.

**Speaker**: We're just in too much in a hurry to get out of here. We have to go back to Item 20. We need a seconder for it.

Hon. Ed Picco: I'll second it.

**Speaker**: Mr. Picco. The motion is in order. To the motion. All those in favour. Thank you. The motion is carried. Item 21. Third Reading of Bills. Mr. Ng.

## Item 21: Third Reading of Bills

## Bill 13 - Supplementary Appropriation Act No. 2, 2001/2002 - Third Reading

**Hon. Kelvin Ng**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Pangnirtung, that Bill 13, Supplementary Appropriation Act No. 2, 2001/2002 be read for the third time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker**: Thank you Mr. Ng. The motion is in order. All those in favour. Opposed. Motion is carried. The Bill has had third reading. Item 22. Orders of the Day. Mr. Clerk.

## Item 22: Orders of the Day

**Clerk** (Mr. Quirke): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Meeting of Regular Caucus tomorrow morning at half past ten at the Natsiq Boardroom.

Orders of the Day for Tuesday December the 4th, 2001

- 1. Prayer
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Thank you.

**Speaker**: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. The House stands adjourned until December 4, 2001 at 1.30 p.m. Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>House adjourned at 5.47 p.m.