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#### Iqaluit, Nunavut Tuesday, October 23, 2018 Members Present:

Hon. David Akeeagok, Hon. Pat Angnakak, Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak, Hon. Joe Enook, Hon. George Hickes, Hon. David Joanasie, Mr. Joelie Kaernerk, Ms. Mila Kamingoak, Mr. Pauloosie Keyootak, Mr. Adam Lightstone, Mr. John Main, Mr. Emiliano Qirngnuq, Mr. Paul Quassa, Mr. Allan Rumbolt, Hon. Joe Savikataaq, Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik, Ms. Cathy Towtongie.

#### >>House commenced at 13:30

## **Item 1: Opening Prayer**

**Speaker** (Hon. Joe Enook) (interpretation): Ms. Towtongie, can you say the opening prayer, please.

#### >>Prayer

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Towtongie. (interpretation ends) Premier, ministers, (interpretation) and members, good afternoon. Nunavummiut who are listening to the radio broadcast and watching the televised proceedings, welcome to your Legislative Assembly. As we begin our fall session, I would like to welcome you all to the Chamber.

Due to the weather and delays, the Members for Netsilik, Gjoa Haven and Aivlik are not able to be here at this time, but we are looking forward to seeing them here on Thursday. Again, with the plane delays, the Member for Pangnirtung will not be able to attend today, but we do hope that she will arrive tomorrow. Again, the Member for Baker Lake is not able to be here with just cause and immediate family being in the hospital.

Before we go to the orders of the day, I will read the following communication that I have received from the Commissioner of Nunavut. It reads:

### **Money Message**

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I wish to advise that I recommend to the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut the passage of the following bills during the Second Session of the Fifth Assembly:

- Bill 9, Appropriation (Capital) Act, 2019-2020;
- Bill 10, Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 2, 2018-2019;
- Bill 11, Supplementary Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, No. 4, 2017-2018;

Sincerely, Nellie T. Kusugak Commissioner of Nunavut

(interpretation) We will now go to the orders of the day. Item 2. Ministers' Statements. Government House Leader, Minister Sheutiapik.

It seems that there are technical difficulties. Please wait a moment, Minister Sheutiapik.

I believe it's fixed now. Where are we now? Can you see me on TV? My clock has disappeared.

Minister Sheutiapik, if it's okay with you, I'll go on to the next minister to see if the system will work. Ministers' Statements. Premier of Nunavut, Premier Savikataaq, please go ahead.

Okay. I think we're tired, so let's take a break.

#### >>Laughter

(interpretation ends) We have nothing, eh?

(interpretation) My fellow members, I'm sorry. We were having technical difficulties with the video and audio systems. Nunavummiut, I'm sorry.

I believe we can now proceed. Let's go back to the orders of the day. Item 2. Ministers' Statements. Government House Leader, Minister Sheutiapik.

#### Item 2: Ministers' Statements

## Minister's Statement 065 – 5(2): Minister Absent from the House

#### Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik

(interpretation): Good afternoon. I'm very glad that we're back in the House. Welcome to the capital.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to advise members that the Hon. Lorne Kusugak will be absent from the House for October 23 and 24, 2018 for family reasons. Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements. Premier of Nunavut, Premier Savikataaq.

## Minister's Statement 066 – 5(2): Orange Shirt Day

**Hon. Joe Savikataaq** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I rise today to speak with my fellow members about Orange Shirt Day, an annual event that gives us all an opportunity to carry on and discuss about the intergenerational impacts of residential schools on survivors, their families and their communities. September 30 has been chosen as the date for Orange Shirt Day.

Mr. Speaker, Orange Shirt Day helps support reconciliation, something that is important to all who are affected by the residential school experience. Reconciliation also helps Canadians gain a deeper understanding and respect for those who have been forever changed by this dark part of our Canadian history.

On Orange Shirt Day we remember the indigenous children taken from their homes and placed in residential schools across Canada. This lasting impact lingers in Nunavut, where generations of Inuit are affected by the suffering and disruption of their childhoods.

Mr. Speaker, Orange Shirt Day also focuses on creating awareness of the concept, "Every Child Matters." Children are individuals and it is important that they know they are loved and valued. We must make sure we support and encourage them.

As a government, guided by *Inuuqatigiitsiarniq*, we have chosen Inuusivut as one of the priorities all Members of this Legislative Assembly agreed to focus on when we develop legislation and policies.

Mr. Speaker, we continue working to give our young people the support they need through quality health care and social programs and services. I believe we know that how very much "Every Child Matters." Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

#### >>Applause

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

## Minister's Statement 067 – 5(2): Get Your Influenza Vaccination to Prepare for Flu Season

**Hon. George Hickes**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Influenza season, commonly referred to as flu season, is quickly approaching our communities. It's not a season we look forward to, but it's one we can be prepared for. This afternoon in the foyer, I will be receiving my vaccine to help protect my family, friends, and my community against the flu.

The flu is a respiratory illness that cannot be fought off using antibiotics. Our best defence against the flu is to let our bodies fight it off. Those with weak immune systems, such as our elders and young children, are at risk. It is for this reason that we need to prepare as a community to prevent the spread of the flu virus.

Mr. Speaker, in addition to getting vaccinated, Health encourages Nunavummiut to continue frequent handwashing with warm water, covering your cough, and staying home to rest if you are feeling unwell.

We can all do our part to keep our community safe by participating in the Health Influenza Campaign. The free flu vaccine is now available in all of our health centres across the territory. Mr. Speaker, I encourage everyone, including guests and media, to join me at the break to get your flu vaccination in the foyer and set an example for our communities.

Let's work together to beat the flu this season and keep our communities safe. Nunavummiut can find more information and helpful resources on the flu at www.flunu.ca. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

#### >>Applause

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

### Minister's Statement 068 – 5(2): Cannabis Legislation

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you again, Mr. Speaker. As most people are aware, on October 17 cannabis became legal across Canada. We are the largest country in the world to legalize cannabis and as such, we have a responsibility to set good precedents and lead the way forward while making sure that Nunavummiut have access to information and services that allow them to make informed decisions, know the laws, and understand how to legally purchase recreational cannabis if they should choose to do so.

Mr. Speaker, the months leading up to the legalization of cannabis were extremely busy and in order to prepare, an interdepartmental working group was created to put forward the elements that would allow our government to make the right decisions. Throughout this planning process, our government was very keen on finding out what Nunavummiut thought about legalization and what they wanted to see in Nunavut's cannabis legislation. Our intention is to continue to interact with Nunavummiut on this important subject.

Mr. Speaker, although cannabis is now legal, our government will continue to adapt to this new reality. Obviously there are a lot of unknowns at this time, but I am confident that interdepartmental collaboration will ensure that our government can manage expectations.

Mr. Speaker, I would invite my colleagues and all Nunavummiut to visit www.nulc.ca, the Nunavut Liquor and Cannabis Commission's new website, for information about cannabis and the rules surrounding its purchase, possession, and consumption in Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, Health has also produced many educational materials on the effects of cannabis, which are available both online and in health centres across the territory, and I recommend all Nunavummiut read these prior to consumption or speak with a local health and wellness worker or health care provider if they have any concerns.

Another important change in our territory is that the [legislation] on smoking tobacco and consuming cannabis in public places has changed. The buffer zone around most workplaces and public places where goods and services are provided has increased from three metres to nine metres.

Additionally, you cannot smoke tobacco, e-cigarettes, or consume cannabis in any form within nine metres of the following property lines: schools; the grounds of a hospital, health centre, or public health office; the grounds of a place where child daycare services are provided for money; a playground; an arena, sports or playing fields; and any concert, feast, or other public event. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

#### >>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements. Minister of Justice, Minister Ehaloak.

## Minister's Statement 069 – 5(2): RCMP Policing Oversight

**Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) Good afternoon and hello to my constituents.

Mr. Speaker, when a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police is involved in a serious incident, strict guidelines are followed in order to ensure that the incident is examined by an external and independent investigator. These investigations take time as they involve a number of levels of law enforcement and independent oversight.

Serious incidents are anything that causes injury or death of an individual that involves an RCMP employee or when it appears that an employee of the RCMP may have contravened a provision of the *Criminal Code of Canada* or other enactments. Serious incidents are reviewed by the Ottawa Police Service or the Calgary Police Service under the terms of a memorandum of understanding that the Department of Justice has with those police forces. I am confident of the impartiality and professionalism of these investigations. Serious incidents could be reviewed by a civilian oversight board. The department is open to considering what options might be available to us.

In the meantime serious incidents as well as other complaints can also be reviewed by the Civilian Review and Complaints Commission for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. I encourage anyone who has a complaint to report it to the Civilian Review and Complaints Commission for the RCMP. This is an independent agency which ensures that complaints are examined fairly and impartially. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

#### >>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements. Premier of Nunavut, Premier Savikataaq.

## Minister's Statement 070 – 5(2): 2018 Sport and Recreation Award Recipients

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is my pleasure to congratulate the recipients of the 2018 Sport and Recreation Awards which were presented at the Recreation Parks Association of Nunavut (RPAN). This occurred on October 20, 2018 in Iqaluit.

The Sport and Recreation Division awards are presented in the following six categories:

- Male Athlete of the Year Samprass Okah (Iqaluit)
- Female Athlete of the Year Natalie Baker (Arviat)
- Team of the Year Team Nunavut

Arctic Winter Games speed skating team

- Official of the Year Paul Stroeder (Rankin Inlet)
- Coach of the Year John Legate (Iqaluit)
- Special Recognition Award for outstanding contribution to sport Doris Bruce (Coral Harbour), Guillaume Ittukssarjuat Saladin (Igloolik), Rob Strutz (Iqaluit), and Sonja Lonsdale (Iqaluit)

As well, the Recreation and Parks Association of Nunavut presented six awards recognizing outstanding accomplishments and contributions to community recreation. These awards were presented to:

- One Ocean Expeditions Youth Leader of the Year: Hayden Hickey (Iqaluit)
- Baffinland Iron Ore Mines Recreation Leader of the Year: Terry Killiktee (Clyde River)
- Calm Air Community Achievement Award: Cambridge Bay Minor Hockey Association
- First Air President's Award of Excellence: David Clark (Rankin Inlet)
- CPRA Merit Award: North West Company
- CPRA Emerging Leader Award: Vikki Niptanatiak (Kugluktuk)

On behalf of my colleagues, I wish to

acknowledge their accomplishments and congratulate all of the recipients of the 2018 Sport and Recreation Awards. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

#### >>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements. Minister responsible for Nunavut Arctic College, Minister Joanasie.

#### Minister's Statement 071 – 5(2): College-University Partnership

**Hon. David Joanasie** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good day, my fellow members.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise today to announce that Nunavut Arctic College has partnered with Memorial University to improve and expand post-secondary options for Nunavummiut.

Mr. Speaker, in 2016 the Department of Education conducted a university feasibility study for the territory. Through that initiative, several promising opportunities for Nunavut Arctic College were identified to build capacity and expand post-secondary options available to Nunavut students here in the territory. In pursuit of these goals, Nunavut Arctic College and the Department of Education jointly began exploring the possibility of a partnership with a post-secondary institution.

(interpretation) Mr. Speaker, throughout this partnership process, we received proposals from 11 institutions across Canada, invited seven universities to Iqaluit to give presentations, and conducted follow-up trips to the institutions to find the very best opportunity for Nunavummiut.

As a result, Memorial University was ultimately selected as an ideal fit and they most closely aligned with our vision for education in the territory. (interpretation ends) Memorial has a long history of research and engagement in the Arctic and extensive knowledge around oceanography and the fisheries industry. Most importantly they have experience delivering Inuit-relevant programming in Nunatsiavut, where they recently delivered their Inuit Bachelor of Education Program and will soon begin an Inuit Bachelor of Social Work program. At the same time Nunavut Arctic College has entered into negotiations with Memorial University for a 10-year memorandum of understanding.

(interpretation) Mr. Speaker and members, we are committed to *Turaaqtavut*'s Sivumuaqpalliajjutivut priority to provide Nunavummiut with post-secondary opportunities through this new partnership. I would like to thank the Department of Education, Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated, and all the universities we visited for their hard work and enthusiasm in this exciting endeavour. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

#### >>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements. Moving on. Members' Statements. Member for Kugluktuk, Ms. Kamingoak.

#### Item 3: Members' Statements

## Member's Statement 118 – 5(2): Kugluktuk Liquor Plebiscite

**Ms. Kamingoak**: *Koana*, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon, colleagues. Good afternoon, Kuglukturmiut.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to thank my constituents in the community of Kugluktuk for making their voices heard in yesterday's plebiscite.

Mr. Speaker, as you know, a vote was held yesterday on the question of whether or not to move to an unrestricted system under the territorial *Liquor Act*. Mr. Speaker, over 460 votes were cast in the plebiscite and roughly two-thirds of eligible voters participated. 281 votes were in favour of moving to an unrestricted system and 181 votes were in favour of retaining a restricted system.

Mr. Speaker, the strong turnout in the plebiscite shows that residents are fully engaged on this issue facing the community. This is healthy for democracy and healthy for the community.

Mr. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to thank Elections Nunavut for their excellent work in administrating the plebiscite as well as the staff from the Department of Finance who organized a public meeting in advance of the vote. I also want to thank the residents of the community who previously served on the alcohol education committee for their service.

Mr. Speaker, at the appropriate time I will have questions for the minister on

the next steps for the community. *Koana*, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Uqqummiut, Mr. Keyootak.

## Member's Statement 119 – 5(2): Problems with Air Travel

**Mr. Keyootak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, I say "good day" to my constituents in Clyde River and Qikiqtarjuaq and also good day to my colleagues.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today especially first of all to apologize to my constituents for not being able to visit them for quite some time due to transportation issues. Scheduled flights in Nunavut are inadequate, so I was unable to go to one of my constituency communities. I apologize for that, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, at the appropriate time I will be asking questions in regard to the flight schedules that are used nowadays which are inappropriate. It's causing a lot of problems, especially up here. It has an impact on our employees. Even our constituents are impacted by the flight schedules. The schedules are causing problems. We have a serious concern in regard to this issue in my constituency because I know it's one of the very difficult times to try to fly out from my constituency community.

At the appropriate time, it doesn't have to be today but before the session is over, I will be pushing for and asking in regard to the flight schedules for that community. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you.

Members' Statements. Member for Iqaluit-Manirajak, Mr. Lightstone.

### Member's Statement 120 – 5(2): National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls

**Mr. Lightstone**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today I rise to show my gratitude and support for the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls National Inquiry into the violence faced by indigenous women and girls.

I would like to personally thank the commission for holding a public hearing in Rankin Inlet as well as the more recent institutional hearing in Iqaluit. Panellists included experts and knowledge-keepers, including our very own Elisapee Davidee Aningmiuq, Hagar Idlout Sudlovenick, Inukshuk Aksalnik, Jasmine Redfern, and T.J. Lightfoot.

The focus on the hearing was colonial violence and many of the panellists described the effects commonly referred to as intergenerational trauma. Unfortunately too many families in Nunavut suffer from domestic violence and sexual abuse, unfortunately both of which have a stigma associated with them and are difficult to talk about both publicly and otherwise.

Over the last year our Assembly has brought up these difficult topics and it's our responsibility to do so. We must set the example to discuss the difficult topics in the hopes that our communities will do the same. Let's end violence against women. Let's end child sexual abuse. I agree with the Premier and must say that every child matters. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

## Member's Statement 121 – 5(2): Reflections on Looking Ahead

**Mr. Quassa** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, welcome to the residents of my community who are watching the proceedings and Nunavummiut.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to first of all express my appreciation to my constituents in the community of Igloolik.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, it is often said that there are both ups and downs in public life.

(interpretation) I believe that I can safely say that I speak from experience on this matter, which is why I believe it is so important to focus on that which is a source of strength.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, if a week is a long time in politics, the past four months have provided time in which to reflect.

(interpretation) Mr. Speaker, a number of my constituents in Igloolik took the opportunity this past summer to wish me well, and I want to express my gratitude and that of my family for their ongoing support.

Mr. Speaker, I have always believed that although we must never forget where we

came from or who we are, we should also never stop looking ahead to the future.

Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to conclude my statement.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. The member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statement. Are there are any nays? There are no nays. Mr. Quassa, please proceed.

**Mr. Quassa** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank my colleagues.

(interpretation ends) I want to take this opportunity today to clearly and publicly assure my constituents of Aggu that I am not going anywhere and that I will be focusing on the community's priorities and those of the territory for the remainder of our term.

Mr. Speaker, nobody who chooses to enter public life should be under any illusions; there can be difficult moments. However, it is how we face those moments that matters.

(interpretation) Mr. Speaker, in recent weeks I have joined with my new colleagues on this side of the House to participate fully in our important committee work on behalf of Nunavummiut, which I enjoy.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank members for the collegial way in which I have been welcomed, which I believe is a reflection of the strength of our nonpartisan institution.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I spoke earlier about focusing on the needs of the community that I have the honour of representing in this House. Infrastructure, housing, and economic development are all examples of issues that face my constituents in Igloolik.

Mr. Speaker, I am confident that you will agree when I say that there are also issues that face all of our communities, which is why I look forward to working with my colleagues in my new role to effectively raise and address them in this House.

Mr. Speaker, another important feature of our non-partisan government is the way in which all members work together at the beginning of a new term to collectively decide on a number of key priorities.

(interpretation) Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to note and I remember very well that the mandate statement which we collectively agreed to earlier this year in your beautiful community remains our government's guiding document, and I look forward to also working to hold it to account for its effective and timely implementation.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I want to conclude by again thanking my constituents and family for their ongoing support.

(interpretation) It has always been and will continue to be a tremendous honour to serve in this institution, and I am very much looking forward to the next few years. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

#### >>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for South Baffin, Mr. Joanasie.

## Member's Statement 122 – 5(2): Grand Opening of the Kenojuak Cultural Centre and Print Shop

**Hon. David Joanasie** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good day to the people of Cape Dorset and Kimmirut.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the people of Cape Dorset. On September 5 they had the official opening of the Kenojuak Cultural Centre and Print Shop. It was under construction for quite some time with many organizations involved. I would like to acknowledge the Hamlet Council of Cape Dorset and the (interpretation ends) West Baffin Eskimo Co-op (interpretation) because they worked together and initiated this project. The federal government, the Government of Nunavut, and Inuit organizations all contributed to the fundraising as well as private businesses. With their help, they eventually raised the funds they needed which led to the official opening ceremony on September 5.

After the official opening, the residents of Cape Dorset were able to go in and see the centre with their own eyes. It was a joyous occasion. The late Kenojuak's family was able to attend the official opening and we thank them very much for being there because her artwork is world-renowned. There are other people from Cape Dorset who are carvers and artists who are also very well known.

I know that this facility will help the community and residents financially for many years to come, and it will be a source of pride for the people of Cape Dorset, Nunavummiut, and Canadians. I thank each and every one who helped to make this dream become a reality on behalf of the people of Cape Dorset. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

#### >>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Cambridge Bay, Ms. Ehaloak.

## Member's Statement 123 – 5(2): Condolences to Cambridge Bay Family

**Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) We lost a respected elder in my community. I want to express my deepest heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of the late Lena Kamoayok.

She was instrumental in teaching our traditional culture, she had a heart of gold, and her laugh when heard from afar was recognizable. She will be missed. Please share with me my condolences. Rest in peace. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Arviat South, Mr. Savikataaq.

#### Member's Statement 124 – 5(2): Recent Passing of Thomas Suluk

**Hon. Joe Savikataaq** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I say "good day" to the residents of Arviat.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to say that a resident of Arviat passed away the day before yesterday and left us and his family. Thomas Suluk, a fellow resident of Arviat, is regretfully no longer with us.

(interpretation ends) As my colleagues are aware, Mr. Suluk left a lasting impact on Nunavut's political landscape. He began work with the Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami before being elected as Nunatsiaq's Member of Parliament in 1984. I remember when he was in Parliament, he was colourful and he did make the news on at least one occasion that I remember.

Mr. Speaker, during his time in the House of Commons, Mr. Suluk focused on land claims rights and was actively involved in the Tunngavik Federation of Nunavut, which would later become Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the late Mr. Suluk for his contribution to helping to shape Nunavut and to his work to the development of the *Nunavut Agreement*.

On behalf of Nunavummiut, I send my condolences to his family and his friends, and he will be dearly missed. I remember going to his house on the day of the election. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Moving on. Returns to Oral Questions. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Iqaluit-Tasiluk, Mr. Hickes.

## Item 5: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery

**Hon. George Hickes**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I recognized this person a few times in the past, but as it's the first day of the sitting and it might not be her first or last time attending the proceedings

with her political interest, I would like to welcome Lili Weemen to the House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

### >>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Welcome. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Moving on. Oral Questions. Member for Hudson Bay, Mr. Rumbolt.

## **Item 6: Oral Questions**

## Question 162 – 5(2): Driver's Licences and Examinations

**Mr. Rumbolt**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon to the people of Sanikiluaq and the people of Nunavut.

I would like to direct my questions today to the Minister of Economic Development and Transportation.

As the minister is well aware, the decision by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to stop administering written and practical driver's exams for class 5 and 7 licences has had a negative impact on communities across the territory, as residents of smaller communities like Sanikiluaq have faced problems in obtaining driver's licences in a timely manner.

Mr. Speaker, this is an issue that I have raised in this House on a number of occasions, and I am glad to report that over 20 of my constituents in Sanikiluaq were able to take their written driver's exam last month, as I understand that the department arranged for staff to travel to the community, and I thank the minister for his efforts.

Can the minister update us today on

when his department will arrange for the practical tests to be administered in the community? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank the member for his good question. We are always in the process of planning and we have the assistance of the hamlets for people to administer it in the community. I'm happy to report that the Hamlet of Sanikiluaq has asked to work with us and we are in the planning stages to provide training to staff. We don't have a set date yet, but our staff and the hamlet are in communications on this and I look forward to it coming into fruition. We have finished one with the community of Arviat. If any hamlet wants to do this type of work, we would like to hear of names if you know of anyone who wants to administer it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Rumbolt**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The member may have answered part of my next question, but I will ask anyway for more information.

The current business plan of the Department of Economic Development and Transportation indicates that one of its current priorities is to "Develop and implement programs to make Class 7 and Class 5 Driver's Licence examinations available in all Nunavut communities."

Could the minister update the House

today on the status of this work, including what training is being provided to the government liaison officers so that they can administer both written and practical tests? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Akeeagok.

**Hon. David Akeeagok**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for the question; I did answer part of it.

There are two fronts that we are dealing with right now. One is to train examiners so they can do the practical examinations for that. We are also right now in the midst of doing a test on our Motor Vehicles Information System. That's to be rolled out over this year and that's going to assist the GLOs or whoever does the licensing with the ability to send and to fill out the forms so that our residents will be able to apply for licences and get their photos in the communities. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Rumbolt**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. During our spring sitting back in June of this year, the Legislative Assembly was informed that the department was considering different options in this area, including contracting with private businesses to administer written and practical tests. Can the minister confirm today what the backlog is for the residents who are waiting to take their written and/or practical driver's tests? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you.

**Hon. David Akeeagok**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For the backlog of the requests, what our department has been trying to do is to send our current driver examiners and help each of the communities. We were planning on trying to get as many communities as possible before the end of November to catch up and ensure that those who have applied will be examined.

At the same time we are trying to get the new Motor Vehicles Information System up and running and that's also with the same staff that we currently have. I applaud my staff for working as hard and for visiting as many communities as possible to reduce that backlog. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

#### Question 163 – 5(2): Local Housing Organizations

**Mr. Quassa** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions are for the new Minister of Housing.

Mr. Speaker, as we know, every one of our territory's 25 communities is served by a local housing organization. Some LHOs are associations formed under the provisions of the territorial *Societies Act* while others are authorities formed under section 45 of the *Nunavut Housing Corporation Act*.

Mr. Speaker, as the minister is aware, the Nunavut Housing Corporation's current business plan indicates that one of its recent priorities has been to, and I'll say it in English, (interpretation ends) "Finalize an updated Local Housing Organization management agreement..."

Mr. Speaker, this important initiative would cover everything from how the Nunavut Housing Corporation supports local housing organizations in ensuring effective financial management to helping them administer the housing allocation system in our communities.

Can the minister inform the House today as to when the new master management agreement will be completed and tabled in the Legislative Assembly? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation, Minister Angnakak.

**Hon. Pat Angnakak**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation) Good day and thank you. The (interpretation ends) management agreement (interpretation) has been worked on since the summer and they're still working on it. The chairs of the local housing organization boards will be part of a meeting once that's completed. The (interpretation ends) management agreement (interpretation) will probably be tabled at the next session. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**Mr. Quassa** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) As I noted in the preamble to my first question, some local housing organizations are associations that are formed under the *Societies Act* while others are authorities that are formed under section 45 of the *Nunavut Housing Corporation Act*. In the case of a local housing organization that is formed under the *Nunavut Housing Corporation Act*, the members of its board of directors are appointed by the minister.

For the benefit of residents who are following our proceedings today, can the minister clearly explain what the process is for changing the status of a local housing organization? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Angnakak.

**Hon. Pat Angnakak**: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Thank you for that question. Whether or not one is an association or is an authority, the Nunavut Housing Corporation works with the local housing association to determine what the community wants. For example, in your community where they are unable to elect a new board, if your community of Igloolik decided that it's better for a minister to appoint the members instead of an election, then that's something that we can discuss with the manager and the community. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Quassa** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the minister stated and will recall, I wrote correspondence to her last month with respect to concerns that have been brought to my attention from constituents regarding the status of Igloolik's local housing organization. I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your reply to my correspondence, which I received yesterday.

Can the minister assure me and my colleague from Amittuq that she will fully engage with the municipal leadership and the community's two MLAs, as you stated, as the NHC works to ensure that the community has a fully functional local housing organization in place as soon as possible? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Angnakak.

Hon. Pat Angnakak (interpretation): I apologize. Yes, I can agree to that. That is what we want to do with the (interpretation ends) management agreements. (interpretation) They are still being worked on and haven't been completed yet, so there is room for the local housing organizations to have a say in any community. If they have any concerns at all or any ideas on how it can be fixed or amended, I would love to hear that as a minister. (interpretation ends) *Qujannamiik*, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Minister Angnakak, you are the minister; I am the Speaker.

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I don't want to take away your title.

>>Laughter

(interpretation) Oral Questions. Member for Uqqummiut, Mr. Keyootak.

## Question 164 – 5(2): Results of Tuberculosis Testing in Qikiqtarjuaq

**Mr. Keyootak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Health.

Mr. Speaker, we are all aware about the tuberculosis screening that was done in my community and that it was the first community to be screened for tuberculosis. There was major work done and all of the residents were tested to see how many people were infected with TB in my community.

Mr. Speaker, have all the community residents been tested and has the screening been completed in my constituency community of Qikiqtarjuaq? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Hon. George Hickes**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for that question. I consider the community screening project that we did in Qikiqtarjuaq a big success. We had 86 percent of the population that was screened. There were a number of latent TB cases that were brought to light and those people were put on medications.

That being said, that specific project has been completed. We are analyzing the information from it, and have learned a lot of positive outcomes from it and have moved on to the community of Whale Cove as of yesterday with our next community screening. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you.

Your first supplementary, Mr. Keyootak.

**Mr. Keyootak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The minister just informed us that the screening project in Qikiqtarjuaq has been completed.

Mr. Speaker, at the launch of the screening project, the minister went to the community and they explained what was going to be done. Mr. Speaker, once the results of the screening have been determined, can the minister go back to the community and explain to them what happened and what they found so that the community can be fully aware of how many people were diagnosed with TB?

We know that it is a confidential matter and you can't talk about a person's health, but I think it would be better if the whole community could be told about the statistics and how many people tested positive for TB. Can the minister come to our community and provide that information? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Hickes.

**Hon. George Hickes**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I really sincerely appreciate the member's invitation to go to Qikiqtarjuaq. It has been a few years since I have been there and it's a very beautiful community.

With regard to the exact details of what I could provide to the community, there are a number of issues regarding privacy on the exact numbers, but I would be happy to accept the member's invitation to go to the community to help explain to residents of some of the outcomes that were successful and that.

I will say that it won't be next week or anything like that, but I would like to coordinate with the member on a time that would be appropriate to visit the community of Qikiqtarjuaq, and I look forward to updating and corresponding with the member on picking a time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Keyootak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank the minister for explaining that. I was going to ask when he would be able to visit the community, but I would be very happy if the minister could come to our community. I would like him to indicate to me at some point when he will be free to come to Qikiqtarjuaq because we would have to notify the hamlet council about his impending arrival and things like that.

We all know a lot of people leave town for camping and hunting in the summertime and there are very few people in Qikiqtarjuaq during that time. If you could schedule your visit properly, thinking about those things and try not to come to our community when a lot of people are out of town, we would be very happy. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Although I didn't hear a question, perhaps you would like to add to it, Minister Hickes.

**Hon. George Hickes**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will correspond with the member to pick a suitable time. I did and I appreciate the Speaker acknowledging me again. I did want to stress to the remaining residents who didn't get screened in Qikiqtarjuaq and all of our communities across the territory: you don't have to wait for a community screening program to come to your community to go into the health centre to be screened for tuberculosis. I recommend to anyone, if they feel that they have come in contact, to go into the health centre and arrange a screening test.

I can assure the member that I will work with you to pick an appropriate time so that we can maximize the impact of my visit. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Amittuq, Mr. Kaernerk.

## Question 165 – 5(2): Medical Professional Visits per Community

**Mr. Kaernerk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good day to my fellow residents of Amittuq and Nunavummiut.

I will direct my question to the Minister of Health.

Those of us who live in the smaller communities are all aware that doctors rarely come to our communities. The first question I would like to pose is: for the communities that don't have resident doctors, can the Department of Health bring in doctors to the smaller communities more frequently? To use my constituency of Amittuq for example, doctors rarely come to our communities. Maybe you could make the intervals between the visits more frequent like monthly. That's my first question. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. **Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Health, Minister Hickes.

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the member's question. I know he has raised it in the past and the difficulty of making sure that we have enough physicians across the territory to meet our needs is a continual challenge. That being said, there are parameters or goals that we achieve to strive for within the Department of Health and for every thousand residents, we work to have five physician days per month visit the communities. Does that scheduling always work as we would like? I can stand here and say no.

I can assure the member that we work very hard to make sure that not just general practising but to look at opportunities to bring physicians and specialists into the communities. I can cite a recent example where we had our surgeon go into a community and there were 35 people who were scheduled to travel to Iqaluit for surgical consults. After sending that surgeon to the community, it turned out only five people had to travel to Iqaluit for a surgical consult.

I can say that there are efficiencies that are identified by sending physicians to the communities. I look forward to making improvements and working with the department and all of our physicians that we bring to the territory to maximize the impact that they bring to visiting our communities, not just to our regional centres. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Your first supplementary, Mr. Kaernerk. **Mr. Kaernerk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for explaining that, minister. The reason I'm bringing this up is when people go to the health centre, they are just given pills even though they know they are in pain and they are ill. That's why they go to the health centre. We see this in the smaller communities. When a person gets sick, they go to the health centre and then they are usually just given Tylenol when the person really needs to be seen by a doctor. That is the worst problem in the smaller communities. They don't know who to turn to.

I'm glad that the government has created the Office of Patient Relations. People who really should go to the health centre and be seen by a doctor don't want to go to the health centre anymore because they are just going to be given pills. Can this be looked at properly by the Department of Health? They should not just be a pill dispensary anymore and recognize people who are sick that need to go see the doctor. Can you revisit the policy about this? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Hickes.

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the member's passion on advocating on behalf of his constituents because it's an important issue. I have said it before to health care professionals. I have said it to groups at hamlet meetings or mayors' meetings that as an individual, we know our body and when there is something wrong, we go to the health centre.

The perception is that all you're going to do is get there and be given a pill or

Tylenol or something and sent along on your merry way. The health care professionals are there to provide a service to Nunavummiut and I know that they're trying very hard. I apologize to the member if he feels that some of his constituents aren't being taken seriously. I would look forward to working with the member to identify those people and outline their specific cases.

I know that in the past there have been directives given to health centres on Tylenol protocol, as an example, to make sure that when people go to the health centre, if they are prescribed Tylenol to treat their illness or their discomfort or their pain, it is appropriately provided. I will speak to the department. Maybe it's time to redo that protocol across the territory again, but I look forward to working with the member on any individual examples that he may want to discuss with me and I can look into their specific circumstances. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Kaernerk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank you for that explanation. With regard to patient relations, I will be going to see you in your office to discuss this further. This needs improvement not only my constituency but all over Nunavut. I would like to applaud the nurses for helping us when it comes to the health of our fellow residents. As the Minister of Health, if I were to send you a letter on this issue and invite you to come to my communities, would you commit to coming to visit us, yes or no? That's what I wanted to ask you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Hickes.

**Hon. George Hickes**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess my travel calendar is filling up by the moment.

#### >>Laughter

Again, I welcome any invitation to visit the communities across the territory. I haven't been to Hall Beach yet, so I look forward to the opportunity to visit that community. I will coordinate with the member to find an appropriate time when I can visit.

My goal and one of the parts of my role that I really appreciate is the ability to travel to different communities across the territory and speak directly to the health care staff in the health centres to show them the level of appreciation that I have and that the communities have for the service that they are providing for us.

I look forward to again communicating with the member on an appropriate time when I would be happy to visit both of the communities that the member represents. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Kugluktuk, Ms. Kamingoak.

## Question 166 – 5(2): Liquor Sales and Regulation

**Ms. Kamingoak**: *Koana*, Mr. Speaker. My questions are for the Minister responsible for the Nunavut Liquor and Cannabis Commission.

As I noted in my member's statement today, the residents of Kugluktuk have

voted to change the status of our community under the territorial *Liquor Act.* I again want to take this opportunity to thank the minister's department for its efforts to provide information to the community in advance of the vote.

For the record, can the minister confirm the date on which this change will become legally effective through the repeal of the *Kugluktuk Liquor Restriction Regulations*? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for acknowledging the staff from the Nunavut Liquor Division of the Department of Finance when they travelled to Kugluktuk to help educate the community. I would also like to take the time to thank the Elections Nunavut people who also participated in the plebiscite. I spoke to one of my staff at Finance this morning who participated in that tour and the feedback I got was that it was very positive, that they felt very welcome, that there were some really good questions and some good examples that were provided from the community. I appreciate the member's acknowledgment of the staff that went there.

With regard to the plebiscite, the vote just occurred yesterday. We are still analyzing and we have to make regulation changes. There are going to be decisions that have to be made with regard to the exact timing. Unfortunately today I can't give the member an exact date, but I can assure the member that with the plebiscite happening yesterday, this has now become a very high priority to get those regulations adapted to allow the results of the plebiscite to take into effect in Kugluktuk. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Ms. Kamingoak**: *Koana*, Mr. Speaker. Although the residents of Kugluktuk have made a clear decision about how the sale of liquor should be regulated in the community, there is also a clear need for the government to provide ongoing support to communities about the importance of responsible and moderate consumption. Section 59.1 of the territorial *Liquor Act* provides that "Sums in the Liquor Revolving Fund may be used for expenses related to education campaigns promoting the socially responsible use of liquor, up to the prescribed amount."

Mr. Speaker, I note that the regulations made under the *Liquor Act* were recently amended last month to increase this amount from \$500,000 to \$750,000. We are now a little over halfway through the current 2018-19 fiscal year. Can the minister indicate how much has been spent to date under this fund on education campaigns promoting the socially responsible use of liquor? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Hickes.

**Hon. George Hickes**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the member's question. With the increase that also

came into the cannabis legalization, there are a lot of education and components revolved around that. With the harm reduction programs with the Department of Health and the education programs and material through the Department of Finance through the Liquor Division, I don't have that exact number in front of me right now, Mr. Speaker. I can get back to the member on that, but I can say that it's a very fluid number as of right now with the legalization of cannabis coming in, so it would be a snapshot would be the best that I would be able to provide for the member. Thank you.

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

## Question 167 – 5(2): Staff Housing

**Mr. Lightstone**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions are for the Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation.

Mr. Speaker, information that was provided in response to one of the written questions that I asked during the Legislative Assembly's recent spring sitting revealed that 80 out of 157 filled Government of Nunavut executive and senior manager positions are currently living in subsidized government staff housing.

Mr. Speaker, it is no secret that the government's most senior officials are well compensated. Mr. Speaker, my question is: why does the government continue to provide subsidized staff housing to the employees who least need this benefit and who can most afford to demonstrate their long-term commitment to the territory by becoming private homeowners? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation, Minister Angnakak.

**Hon. Pat Angnakak**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for that question. I think that's a concern of all of us here.

We want to find a way where we can equalize, I guess what you would call, the playing field where people who are in subsidized housing versus those who are homeowners, those who are in private rental agreements is really being a slanted picture. Because of that, we have initiated a review of the Staff Housing Policy. We have been working with the Department of Finance. In fact Finance is really the lead on this. We have gone forward with this.

We have directed the Nunavut Housing Corporation to work with the Department of Finance on a number of changes to the Staff Housing Policy. These changes include adjusting staff housing rents and subsidy levels so that we can encourage employees to transition out of staff housing and to go into their own homes, like homeownership programs, or into private rentals.

This is set out in the *Blueprint for Action on Housing*. We have Actions 21 and 22 that specifically refer to us doing this work and going forward and making it so that it's more fair and transparent to all staff in the GN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. **Speaker**: Thank you. (interpretation) Your first supplementary, Mr. Lightstone.

**Mr. Lightstone**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for that response and I found the response to be very intriguing as well as great to hear actually. As a former GN employee, I was fully aware of the inequalities for those employees in staff housing and those employees who are not.

My next question for the minister will be: as the Nunavut Housing Corporation is carrying out their review with the Department of Finance on the GN Staff Housing Policy, when will the minister be sharing a copy of the results with all Members of the Legislative Assembly? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Angnakak.

**Hon. Pat Angnakak**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We have recently taken the draft policy amendments to cabinet and cabinet had supported a lot of the amendments. The next step is for staff to work out the details and how it can be implemented. As for a timeline, I don't have an exact timeline, but I'm hoping that we're not going to take forever on this. I think the interest is there to try to get this fixed as soon as possible. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Lightstone**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I hope that we will be able to see that information before the end of this fiscal year.

My final question, Mr. Speaker, I have been very clear in expressing my position that subsidized staff housing benefits should be targeted to those who are most in need of them. Does the minister share my position that the government should reduce subsidized staff housing for high-income employees and instead focus its limited resources on enhancing staff housing benefits for lower income employees? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Angnakak.

**Hon. Pat Angnakak**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I do share that opinion. In fact I think we all do.

We have committed to working in the following areas, so I'll just expand a little bit on my answer to you with your second question. We also have the Rental Assistance Program through the Department of Finance. If you can't afford your rent, we do have a program to help make your housing affordable. We also have committed to working in the following areas:

- We want to gradually increase staff housing rents over the long-term; we don't want to do it immediately, but over the long term;
- We want to gradually increase the household allowance for homeowners and private market renters to make subsidies and household allowances more equitable;
- We want to explore the potential of more condominium programs to increase the potential of

homeownership;

- We want to explore the potential to expand an income-based down payment assistance program for Inuit employees and long-life northern residents;
- We want to develop a down payment savings matching program, and this will encourage employees to save for home purchases;
- We want to revise the allocation process and eligibility criteria for the staff housing program;
- We want to establish more clearly defined policy parameters for forced shared tenancies; and
- We want to remove staff housing and the household allowance eligibility for deputy ministers.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

## Question 168 – 5(2): Timeline for Reviewing Harassment Policy

**Mr. Main** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good day, my fellow members.

I rise to direct my question to the Premier.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, the Premier issued a statement on October 11 regarding International Day of the Girl. I'll quote from the statement. "I also commit to reviewing the current Government of Nunavut harassment policy, to ensure supports and resources are in place for any women who feel they have experienced inappropriate behavior or sexual harassment."

My first question for the Premier is: what is the timeline for this review of the harassment policy? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for the question. The timeline would be to coincide with the separation of HR from Finance as a stand-alone department. All policies in there will be examined and enhanced at the time. This will be part of the study but on its own to make sure that there are adequate reporting and support structures in place for when the time when HR is on its own. I'm hoping that HR will be partially on its own early in the new year. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Main** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Premier. I would like to get further clarification in regard to the review as to who is going to be taking the lead, whether the government will be taking the lead and doing the review themselves or if the government is going to use a consultant. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Premier Savikataaq.

**Hon. Joe Savikataaq**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have asked for the creation of

a working group to study this and the people involved in this working group will be female DMs, human resource experts, and *Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit* coordinators among others, but those are the main key areas that will be in the working group to examine that because we have to have the women's view in there.

As a guy, I have a hard time getting the women's view in there. I'm not saying it is right or wrong; it's just different. I'm a guy and we need the women's perspective on this on exactly how they feel and we want women to be able to report any kind of harassment they have and feel safe that it's okay to report it and that it will be dealt with in a proper and timely manner. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Main** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Premier. I'm very pleased with the fact that there will be a working group. This is a very important issue because, no matter where we are in Nunavut, women have to be treated fairly. We all know that.

Lastly, perhaps would the (interpretation ends) Nunavut ethics officer (interpretation) be involved? (interpretation ends) It's my understanding is that the ethics officer is sometimes involved in cases of alleged harassment. I'm just interested to understand whether the ethics officer will be involved in this review. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Premier Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I believe I'm not in a position to answer that question fully. I think the Minister of Finance with HR would be in a position to answer that, but this working group that's going to be working is going to be on their own. I know at times ethics officers are involved in certain things, but I would recommend to the member that he ask the Minister of HR to get a better answer to his question. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

#### Question 169 – 5(2): Staff Housing

**Mr. Lightstone**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have some more questions for the Minister of the Nunavut Housing Corporation.

During your response to my final supplementary question, you did provide a great amount of detail and I'm grateful for that, but one item that stood out was the allocation and eligibility criteria for staff housing. It's my understanding that the Government of Nunavut has a staff housing allocation committee that, I guess, distributes staff housing to job advertisements.

My first question is: do the positions in the Nunavut Housing Corporation have to go through that staff housing allocation committee to attach staff housing to their advertised positions? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation, Minister Angnakak.

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you to the member for the question. As this is a new portfolio I, too, am learning about some of these things. I understand that the allocation process and the eligibility criteria for the staff housing program will be revised. As the work goes forward with this policy and the review, they're also going to look at how staff housing is allocated. We do want to bring the level up to an ADM level. We do want to get away from regional housing allocation boards. We want to make it more central and I think the plan is to use the HR office as a way of organizing this activity. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My first question was: does the Nunavut Housing Corporation have to go through that allocation committee to give staff housing to their staff? I asked that question for a reason because, as a former GN employee, I felt like there was some sort of unequal distribution of staff housing. When I received the response to my written question on staff housing, I did notice that the Nunavut Housing Corporation actually has the highest ratio of employees in staff housing next to the Nunavut Business Credit Corporation with their six employees. My supplementary question is: is it a coincidence that the Nunavut Housing Corporation has the highest ratio of employees in staff housing? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Angnakak.

**Hon. Pat Angnakak**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm sorry I didn't answer your question the first time around; I misunderstood you. I really can't answer your second question because I don't know that yet, but I can promise to get back to you on that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

## Question 170 – 5(2): Local Housing Organizations

**Mr. Quassa** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for recognizing me again. I would like to direct my question to the same minister, the Minister of Housing.

Local housing organizations in any community hold AGMs before electing their board of directors. My first question to the minister is: how many people need to attend the AGM in order to have quorum to elect board members for the LHOs? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation, Minister Angnakak.

Hon. Pat Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't know the answer to his question. I would be assuming to say that it would be a majority of.... I guess you need more than the number of board members that you elect. I am guessing and I apologize. I don't know that information, but yet again it's something I can get back to him on. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you.

Your first supplementary, Mr. Quassa.

**Mr. Quassa** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. According to my understanding from a recent visit to Igloolik, prior to the local housing organization holding an AGM, they were told that there weren't enough people attending the AGM, so they couldn't elect their board of directors. I believe that because there were not enough people showing up. That's why I'm asking the question.

What's the requirement to have the number of people attending the AGM to hold an election? When there are not enough people or members of the public attending the AGM, they can't vote the board of directors. That's what they had experienced in Igloolik. That's why they haven't had a board of directors for a very long time. It seems senseless to have a manager operating the whole housing issue in the community. That's why I'm asking this question.

I will also want to get a clear understanding on exactly what the status is. I believe that during the housing corporation's review of the policy.... As she said, (interpretation ends) the new management agreement, (interpretation) perhaps they will come up with a new program through there. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Angnakak.

**Hon. Pat Angnakak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I didn't know how many people there have to be for a majority and I will look into it. I will look into why they don't have a board of directors and I will try to get the clarification as to why this is that way and I will get back to you tomorrow. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Quassa** (interpretation): Thank you. I also thank the minister for her response and I will expect her response because our community of Igloolik and the other communities are interested in what the policy states. The communities require a board of directors when they become an association. I know that Igloolik hasn't had a local housing association for quite some time.

The people of the community are quite concerned and it has an impact on people with housing arrears. These issues have to be reviewed properly because people who have rental arrears can't become board members. The population of Igloolik is not too big, but the majority of residents are in public housing. That's why I'm asking this question to make sure that they review this. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Quassa. I don't think I heard a question, but Minister Angnakak, if you want to comment on this further, I will give you the opportunity to do so. Minister Angnakak.

**Hon. Pat Angnakak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, we have to talk about the concerns. Once the housing corporation works on the (interpretation ends) management agreement, (interpretation) they want to hear about the concerns and they want to have discussions on that. They agreed to have discussions and they want to hear how this can be improved because this has been a concern.

The issue of whether people with arrears can be members of the board has to be addressed. If I was a member of the board and I was in arrears, how can I urge a tenant to pay off their arrears? Those are the things that have to be discussed. We have to strategize on that in order to solve these problems. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I meant to say "Mr. Speaker." I'm sorry.

**Speaker**: We will have a better day tomorrow.

#### >>Laughter

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

## Question 171 – 5(2): Screening for Tuberculosis in Whale Cove

**Mr. Main** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for recognizing me again. My question is for the Minister of Health.

Tuberculosis was discussed earlier. Mr. Speaker, the rates of tuberculosis in Nunavut are amongst the highest in the country. I fully support the government's efforts to identify and treat this disease which has had a historically devastating impact on the people of Nunavut and we are aware that there have been deaths because of that.

Following the successful TB screening clinic in Qikiqtarjuaq, the next community to participate in this screening will be in Whale Cove. First of all, could the minister provide a brief overview and a timeline for the tuberculosis screening clinic and what exactly they will be doing in Whale Cove? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Hon. George Hickes**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for that question. The stage for tuberculosis has grown exponentially, even so far as a recent United Nations agenda item on tuberculosis where our president for NTI had the opportunity to speak at.

That being said, when you look at the numbers of tuberculosis across Nunavut, they are alarming and that's why we have been very aggressive with the community screening program, for one, successfully in Qikiqtarjuaq and I look forward to rolling it out on a more community basis.

Specifically to Whale Cove, just to give the member a quick synopsis of what's going on, as I am sure he is aware, the screening started yesterday. We have flown in 15 staff that are contracted through the Department of Health to provide the screening, a lot of the same people who were in Qikiqtarjuaq, so they already have some experience of working in Nunavut with Nunavummiut. Those people are staying in hotels in Whale Cove, so the economic development side of things, as I am sure my colleague here is happy to hear.

Preliminarily what we are looking at doing is not just identifying active cases of TB, but one of the real goals out of this other than just education is to identify latent TB, which again can lead to people getting the illness of active TB. We want to make sure that through the screening process, there is also an education component to it.

I really want to commend the Hamlet of Whale Cove for their cooperation in how we roll this out into the community, educating the residents of Whale Cove and the cooperation even so far as to rent us the facility so that we can provide the screening outside the health centre so that it does not put any undue pressure on our own infrastructure.

I hope that answers the member's question sufficiently. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Main** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, minister. In March 2018 the federal government announced that \$27.5 million would be dedicated to eliminating tuberculosis and that the funding would be funnelled through Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami.

Minister, we all know the Department of Health is always lacking funds. (interpretation ends) I think maybe my colleagues would agree with me if I said that the finances of the health department need a shot in the arm.

#### >>Laughter

My second question is: can the minister provide an update on what funding ITK has allocated towards tuberculosis activities in Nunavut to date and if any of that funding is being used to help pay for the activities in Whale Cove? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you.

Minister Hickes.

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for raising that. I guess it's a question in regard to how we are working with ITK to flow federal money to our own programs and services across the territory. I would like to commend ITK for lobbying very successfully to gain access to those funds. Those funds are accessed by the Department of Health based on proposals. We submitted a proposal to put community screening through Qikiqtarjuaq and again a proposal that was accepted. We're receiving \$1 million of that money that was allocated to ITK to roll out again another community screening project. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Main** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) Thank you to the minister. Mr. Speaker, in the media regarding tuberculosis, the Department of Health stated that 17 out of Nunavut's 25 communities have tuberculosis. If we consider that Whale Cove is the second community to have a screening clinic, what does the longer term picture look like in terms of rolling out additional or subsequent screening clinics across Nunavut?

If we are trying to achieve the goal of eliminating tuberculosis by 2030, it seems to me that we would need to speed things up a bit or increase our presence on the ground across Nunavut in terms of the longer term plans for screening clinics in other communities. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. **Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Hickes.

**Hon. George Hickes**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for that question. I think it's an exciting time that we have been able to have this level of aggression against this disease. In early 2018 Qikiqtarjuaq had a screening project. Here we are in the fall of 2018 and we're rolling out another community screening initiative in Whale Cove.

We're learning best practices from every time we do this. This is our second venture down this path of such an aggressive screening program. We're going to learn more and we're going to find efficiencies. We're going to discover ways to improve and maybe look at piggybacking with our partners on making an even more aggressive foray into different communities for this disease that shouldn't exist in today's world.

I thank the member for highlighting that and I appreciate the opportunity to be able to learn lessons from the screening program that has started yesterday in Whale Cove so that we can further finetune further community screening initiatives. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Colleagues, please be aware that the time for question period has expired. Therefore we will proceed with the orders of the day. Going to Item 7. Written Questions. Item 8. Returns to Written Questions. Mr. Clerk.

## Item 8: Returns to Written Questions\*

Return to Written Question 012 – 5(2): Recommendation of the Domestic Violence Death Review Committee

## Return to Written Question 013 – 5(2): Administration of the Government of Nunavut's Staff Housing Policy

**Clerk** (Mr. Quirke): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table the returns to the written questions that were asked during the spring 2018 sitting of the House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Moving on. Item 9. Replies to Opening Address. There are none. Item 10. Petitions. Item 11. Responses to Petitions. Item 12. Reports of Standing and Special Committees on Bills and Other Matters. Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation, Minister Angnakak.

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

## Tabled Document 056 – 5(2): NHC 2019-2020 Proposed Construction Report

**Hon. Pat Angnakak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I'm tabling today the Nunavut Housing Corporation's 2019-2020 Proposed Construction Report hot off the press. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

#### >>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Once we have read the report, perhaps we will be happy.

## >>Laughter

Tabling of Documents. Moving on. Item 14. Notices of Motions. I'm sorry. Tabling of Documents. Minister of Environment, Minister Ehaloak.

Tabled Document 057 – 5(2): GN Response to the Standing Committee OGOPA Report on the Auditor General of Canada's Report on Climate Change in Nunavut

**Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) Today I table the Government of Nunavut's Response to the Oversight of Government Operations and Public Accounts Standing Committee Report on the Auditor General of Canada's Report on Climate Change in Nunavut, August 2018. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Tabling of Documents. Member for Iqaluit-Manirajak, Mr. Lightstone.

## Tabled Document 058 – 5(2): Staff Housing Statistics

**Mr. Lightstone**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table today some detailed statistics that I have compiled concerning the Government of Nunavut's provision of subsidized staff housing to its employees. These statistics build on the figures that were provided in the government's response to my recent written question on this subject.

Mr. Speaker, as I noted in my questions today to the Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation, these statistics clearly reveal the need for some major shifts in government policy in this area, which is why I have brought them to the attention of all of my colleagues and I encourage them to review this information with care, as well as the general public. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Tabling of Documents. There being none. Moving on. Item 14. Notices of Motions. Member for Hudson Bay, Mr. Rumbolt.

#### **Item 14: Notices of Motions**

## Motion 012 – 5(2): Appointment of the Integrity Commissioner of Nunavut – Notice

**Mr. Rumbolt**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Thursday, October 25, 2018, I will move the following motion:

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Hon. Member for Iqaluit-Tasiluk, that the Legislative Assembly recommends to the Commissioner of Nunavut that Ms. Katherine Peterson, Q.C., be appointed as Integrity Commissioner of Nunavut, effective this day.

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

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Notices of Motions. Moving on. Item 15. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Minister responsible for the Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission, Minister Hickes.

## Item 15: Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills

#### Bill 08 – An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act – Notice

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Wednesday, October 24, 2018, that Bill 8, *An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act*, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Orders of the day. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Minister of Finance, Minister Hickes.

#### Bill 09 – Appropriation (Capital) Act, 2019-2020 – Notice

Bill 10 – Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 2, 2018-2019 – Notice

## Bill 11 – Supplementary Appropriation (Operations & Maintenance) Act, No. 4, 2017-2018 – Notice

#### Bill 13 – Write-off of Assets Act, 2017-2018 – Notice

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you again, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Wednesday, October 24, 2018, that the following bills, Bill 9, Appropriation (Capital) Act, 2019-2020; Bill 10, Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 2, 2018-2019; Bill 11, Supplementary Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, No. 4, 2017-2018; and Bill 13, Write-off of Assets Act, 2017-2018, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. **Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Minister of Finance, Minister Hickes.

**Hon. George Hickes**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I request consent of this Assembly to waive the one-day notice requirement to allow for the first reading of Bill 9, *Appropriation (Capital) Act*, 2019-2020. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Trust me, we're okay.

#### >>Laughter

(interpretation) Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. I have no more names on my list. Item 15. I'm wrong. Item 16.

>>Laughter

We will have a better day tomorrow.

Motions. Member for Hudson Bay, Mr. Rumbolt.

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

**Mr. Rumbolt**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I seek unanimous consent to deal with my motion today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. The member is seeking unanimous consent to deal with his motion today. Are there any nays? There are none. Please proceed, Mr. Rumbolt.

## Motion 012 – 5(2): Appointment of the Integrity Commissioner of Nunavut

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, colleagues.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

WHEREAS section 24 of the *Integrity Act* provides that the Integrity Commissioner is appointed by the Commissioner of Nunavut on the recommendation of the Legislative Assembly to hold office for a term of five years during good behaviour;

AND WHEREAS the appointment of the present incumbent has expired;

AND WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly's Management and Services Board has undertaken a merit-based selection process for this position;

AND WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly is prepared to recommend an appointment to this position;

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Hon. Member for Iqaluit-Tasiluk, that the Legislative Assembly recommends to the Commissioner of Nunavut that Ms. Katherine Peterson, Q.C., be appointed as Integrity Commissioner of Nunavut, effective this day.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. The motion is in order. Comments to the motion. Mr. Rumbolt.

**Mr. Rumbolt**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the mover of the motion that is before the House today, I am pleased to take this opportunity to make some comments in support of it.

Mr. Speaker, as you know, the *Integrity Act* was passed by the Legislative Assembly in the year 2001. The legislation provides for the appointment of an Integrity Commissioner, who serves as an independent officer of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, as you will recall, the Management and Services Board issued an invitation for applications for this position in June of this year in anticipation of the pending retirement of the Hon. Ted Richard.

As a member of the Management and Services Board, I took part in our recent selection and interview process for this position.

Mr. Speaker, the position of Integrity Commissioner requires the office-holder to be an individual who combines legal expertise, sound judgment, maturity, good character, and familiarity with the north and its peoples.

Mr. Speaker, the board was very pleased to unanimously recommend that Ms. Katherine Peterson be appointed to serve in this role.

Ms. Peterson was admitted to the Law Society of the Northwest Territories in 1978 and to the Law Society of Nunavut in 1999.

Ms. Peterson has held a number of appointments and positions during her career, including:

- Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel to the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories;
- President of the Law Society of the Northwest Territories;
- Senior Partner in the firm of

Peterson, Stang and Malakoe;

- Chairperson of the Family Law Subsection of the Yellowknife Branch of the Canadian Bar Association;
- Special Advisor to the Minister of Justice on Gender Equality in the Administration of Justice;
- Investigator and Fact-Finder in the Chesterfield Inlet Residential School Investigation; and
- External Reviewer in the Matter of the Government of Nunavut's Actions Following the Death of Baby Makibi in Cape Dorset.

Ms. Peterson was appointed to Queen's Counsel in 1989 and was awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Medal in 2002.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Peterson's professional qualifications and four decades of experience make her an exceptionally well-qualified candidate for this important position, and I am very pleased to note that she has joined us in the gallery today and is sitting directly behind me.

Mr. Speaker, I want to close by paying tribute to the distinguished service of former Integrity Commissioner Ted Richard, and to urge all members to support the motion before the House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. To the motion. All those in favour of the motion, please raise your hand. Thank you. All those opposed to the motion. The motion is carried.

# >>Applause

Thank you. Item 16. Motions. Item 17. First Reading of Bills. Minister of Finance, Minister Hickes.

# Item 17: First Reading of Bills

**Hon. George Hickes**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. After much confusion, I request consent of this Assembly to waive the one-day notice requirement to allow for the first reading of Bill 9, *Appropriation (Capital) Act, 2019-2020*. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. The minister is requesting consent to waive the one-day notice requirement to allow for the first reading of Bill 9 today. Members, do you agree?

# Some Members: Agreed.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Do you really agree?

Some Members: Agreed!

Speaker: Thank you.

>>Laughter

(interpretation) They agreed. Minister Hickes.

# Bill 09 – Appropriation (Capital) Act, 2019-2020 – First Reading

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, colleagues and Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Arviat South that Bill 9, *Appropriation* (*Capital*) *Act*, 2019-2020, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. **Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. The motion is in order. To the motion. Member for Rankin Inlet North-Chesterfield Inlet, Ms. Towtongie.

**Ms. Towtongie** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The motion reads as the *Write-Off of Assets Act* for 2019-2020. I want to know how much the write-off is, as I don't recall it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Maybe we are not on the same page. We're dealing with Bill 9 right now. The minister asked for unanimous consent to have the bill read for the first time and he was approved. That is the first matter at hand. If the member didn't understand where we're at, I apologize. Can the Clerk advise me of what to do next?

Ms. Towtongie, I believe you're referring to Bill 13, but we're on Bill 9 right now. To the motion. All those in favour of the motion, please raise your hand. Thank you. All those opposed to the motion, please raise your hand. The motion is carried and Bill 9 has been read for the first time.

Going to the orders of the day. Item 17. First Reading of Bills. Going to Item 18. Second Reading of Bills. Minister of Finance, Minister Hickes.

### **Item 18: Second Reading of Bills**

# Bill 09 – Appropriation (Capital) Act, 2019-2020 – Second Reading

**Hon. George Hickes**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Hon. Member Joe Savikataaq, that Bill 9, *Appropriation (Capital) Act, 2019-2020*, be read for the second time. Mr. Speaker, this bill authorizes the Government of Nunavut to make capital expenditures for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2020. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. The motion is in order. To the motion. All those in favour of the motion, please raise your hand. Thank you. All those opposed. The motion is carried and Bill 9 is referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Orders of the day. Second Reading of Bills. Item 19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters. Member for Arviat North-Whale Cove, Mr. Main.

# Motion 013 – 5(2): Adjournment for the Day

**Mr. Main** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) Pursuant to Rule 46, I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Hudson Bay, that the House adjourn for the day. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. The motion is in order and is not debatable. All those in favour of the motion, please raise your hand. Thank you. All those opposed. The motion is carried and we will proceed directly to Item 22 in the *Orders of the Day. Orders of the Day.* Item 22. Mr. Clerk.

### Item 22: Orders of the Day

**Clerk**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just a reminder that the Standing Committee on Legislation meets tomorrow at nine o'clock in the Nanuq Boardroom.

Orders of the Day for October 24:

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

Matters

• Bill 9

- 20. Report of the Committee of the Whole
- 21. Third Reading of Bills
- 22. Orders of the Day

## Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. This House stands adjourned until Wednesday, October 24, at 1:30 p.m.

Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>House adjourned at 15:53

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# RESPONSE TO WRITTEN QUESTION

Asked by:	Adam Arreak Lightstone, MLA
Asked of:	Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak, Minister of Justice
Number:	12-5(2)
Date:	June 25, 2018
Subject:	Recommendations of the Domestic Violence Death Review Committee

 What specific actions has the Government of Nunavut taken to date in response to the recommendations of the Domestic Violence Death Review Committee that were contained in the Office of the Chief Coroner of Nunavut's news release that was tabled in the Legislative Assembly at its sitting of June 7, 2018 (TD 31-5(2))?

Thank you for your question. The Department of Justice takes very seriously the role of the Office of the Chief Coroner of Nunavut and the recommendations that come from this office. When the recommendations in the media release were tabled on June 7, 2018 they had been already forwarded to the responsible departments. The responsible departments and the RCMP received the recommendations and report in the fall of 2016. While I can't speak to the specific actions of my cabinet colleagues, my department is working with the Department of Family Services to specifically address recommendations A-D. Our departments are liaising on a high level on initiatives to meet these recommendations.

It's important to note that Community Justice Outreach Workers and Community Justice Specialists do receive training on Domestic Violence and the cycle of violence. The Department is collaborating with the Department of Family Services on identifying additional training for these key frontline workers.



# RETURN TO WRITTEN QUESTION

Asked by:	Adam Arreak Lightstone, MLA for Iqaluit- Manirajak
Asked of:	Hon. David Akeeagok, Minister of Finance
Number:	WQ 013-5(2)
Date:	June 14, 2018
Subject:	Administration of the Government of Nunavut's Staff Housing Policy

# Questions:

- As of June 1, 2018, broken down by community, employing entity (Government of Nunavut department, Crown agency and territorial corporation) and category of position (within the meaning of subsection 2(c) of Schedule A of the Government of Nunavut's Staff Housing Policy), how many staff housing units were rented to employees who were Nunavut Inuit?
- 2. As of June 1, 2018, broken down by community, employing entity (Government of Nunavut department, Crown agency and territorial corporation) and category of position (within the meaning of subsection 2(c) of Schedule A of the Government of Nunavut's *Staff Housing Policy*), how many staff housing units were rented to employees who were not Nunavut Inuit?
- 3. As of June 1, 2018, how many employees under the jurisdiction of the Government of Nunavut's Senior Personnel Secretariat (within the meaning of the "Definitions" section of the Government of Nunavut's *Staff Housing Policy*) were renting staff housing units?
- 4. How many of the employees referred to in question #3 were Nunavut Inuit?
- 5. How many of the employees referred to in question #3 were not Nunavut Inuit?
- 6. As of June 1, 2018, what was the average monthly value of the staff housing subsidy provided to employees under the jurisdiction of the Government of Nunavut's Senior Personnel Secretariat (within the meaning of the "Definitions" section of the Government of Nunavut's Staff Housing Policy) renting staff housing units?
- 7. Broken down by community, how many of the 146 employees listed in the

government's response to question #11 in Written Question 7-5(2) were Nunavut Inuit?

- 8. Broken down by community, how many of the 146 employees listed in the government's response to question #11 in Written Question 7-5(2) were not Nunavut Inuit?
- 9. As of June 1, 2018, broken down by community, employing entity (Government of Nunavut department, Crown agency and territorial corporation) and category of position (within the meaning of subsection 2(c) of Schedule A of the Government of Nunavut's *Staff Housing Policy*), how many employees were participating in the Rental Assistance Program that is provided for in Schedule F of the Government of Nunavut's *Staff Housing Policy*?

10. How many of the individuals referred to in question #9 were Nunavut Inuit?

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11. How many of the individuals referred to in question #9 were not Nunavut Inuit?

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# Responses:

 The Government of Nunavut (GN) uses "category of position" (within the meaning of 2(c), Schedule A, Staff Housing Policy) for allocation of housing at the advertising stage of competitions only. Information in the Human Resource Information System only relates to employees, not competitions.

All other requested information related to staff housing rented to Nunavut Inuit is presented in *Appendix A*.

Please note that this information does not indicate the number of units or number of employees in units. For example, a couple who both work for the GN, and live together in a unit may be represented twice in the data table, depending on how their rent is deducted from their pay.

- 2. All comments related to question #1 apply equally to question #2. Data related to employees that are not Nunavut Inuit can be found in *Appendix B*.
- Employees under the jurisdiction of the GN's Senior Personnel Secretariat are defined as Deputy Minister, President, Assistant Deputy Minister, or Vice President. Data available is as of March 1, 2018, and indicates that 10 of these employees were renting staff housing units
- 4. Of the 10 employees referred to in question #3, two (2) are Nunavut Inuit.
- 5. Of the 10 employees referred to in question #3, eight (8) are not Nunavut Inuit.
- Based on information provided by the Nunavut Housing Corporation (NHC), of the employees referred to in question #3, where information was available, the average monthly staff housing subsidy is \$1,507.

Please note that the subsidy for each employee varies depending on the cost of the unit to NHC, and the size of the unit.

- Based on information provided by the NHC, *Table 1* in Appendix C indicates, by community, how many individuals on the staff housing waiting list are Nunavut Inuit. Please note that the numbers on the list are as of July 2018, and have changed slightly since March 2018.
- Based on information provided by the NHC, *Table 1* in Appendix C indicates, by community, how many individuals on the staff housing waiting list are not Nunavut Inuit. Please note that the numbers on the list are as of July 2018, and have changed slightly since March 2018.
- Based on information received from the NHC, *Table 2* in Appendix D indicates the number of employees who currently access the Rental Assistance Program, broken down by community and category of position. In order to protect the privacy of individuals accessing the program, employing entities have not been listed.

10. Eight (8) of the individuals identified in question #9 are Nunavut Inuit.

One (1) of the individuals identified in question #9 is not Nunavut Inuit.

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# Appendix C – GN Employees on the Staff Housing Waitlist

COMMUNITY	TOTAL ACTIVE APPLICANTS	NUMBER OF NUNAVUT	NUMBER OF NON NUNAVUT INUIT
Arviat	7	6	1
Baker Lake	1	1	0
Cambridge Bay	4	4	0
Coral Harbour	1	1	0
Gjoa Haven	2	2	0
lgloolik	4	4	0
Iqaluit	108	58	50
Kimmirut	1	1	0
Kugaaruk	1	1 1	0
Kugluktuk	1	1	0
Pangnirtung	2	2	0
Pond Inlet	2	1	1
Qikiqtarjuaq	1	1	0
Rankin Inlet	16	11	5
Taloyoak	2	2	0
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# Table 1 – GN Employees on the Staff Housing Waiting List as of July 12, 2018

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# Appendix D – GN Employees Accessing Rental Assistance

Table 2 – GN Employees Accessing the Renta	Assistance Program as of July 4, 2018
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006	Iqaluit	3	1.001-0.00
007	Iqaluit	3	
008	Iqaluit	3	
009	Kugluktuk	3	1.1

# Position Category Legend

-	Category 1	Health/Safety/Security	
1.11	Category 2	Operations	-
1	Category 3	Administrative Support	1.00

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