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**Iqaluit, Nunavut  
Tuesday, February 19, 2008**

**Members Present:**

Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, Honourable Olayuk Akesuk, Mr. David Alagalak, Mr. James Arreak, Mr. James Arvaluk, Mr. Levi Barnabas, Honourable Levinia Brown, Mr. Tagak Curley, Mr. Joe Allen Evyagotailak, Mr. Peter Kattuk, Honourable Peter Kilabuk, Mr. Steve Mapsalak, Honourable Patterk Netser, Honourable Paul Okalik, Mr. Keith Peterson, Honourable Edward Picco, Mr. David Simailak, Honourable Louis Tapardjuk, Mr. Hunter Tootoo.

**Item 1: Opening Prayer**

**Speaker** (Hon. Peter Kilabuk)(interpretation): Good afternoon, Members. I would like to ask the Member for Rankin Inlet North, Mr. Curley, to say the opening prayer.

>>*Prayer*

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Premier, Ministers, Members, and visitors. Members, before we go to the Orders of the Day, I wish to welcome all of you back. Before we proceed with the Orders of the Day, I also would like to welcome our viewing audience. First of all, I would like to welcome the people who are watching us.

Members are aware that the Legislative Assembly has been working towards implementing our new broadcasting system. Ultimately, as part of our live coverage, the first two hours of our daily proceedings will be broadcast in the floor language. Viewers in communities will have a choice of languages for the evening rebroadcast.

As members will appreciate, this is an ambitious endeavour, and we are working hard to finalize the technical details of the system and install some remaining technical components and equipment.

For this week, our live broadcast will be in the floor language. I will continue to keep you abreast of what's happening. Thank you.

Members, we have a letter from the commissioner addressed to Mr. Speaker.  
(interpretation ends)

**Money Message**

February 6, 2008

Mr. Peter Kilabuk, Speaker of the House  
Legislative Assembly of Nunavut  
Iqaluit, Nunavut  
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Mr. Speaker, I wish to advise that I recommend to the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut, the passage of the following bills during the Fourth Session of the Second Legislative Assembly:

- Bill 23, *Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, 2008-2009*
- Bill 24, *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 3, 2007-2008*
- Bill 25, *Supplementary Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, No. 3, 2007-2008*

Sincerely, Ann Meekitjuk Hanson C.M.,  
Commissioner of Nunavut

(interpretation) Members, we will now be sitting with Stephen Innuksuk. He just joined the Clerk's Office and we would like to welcome him as our Clerk Assistant. I welcome Mr. Innuksuk to the Gallery.

>>Applause

Thank you. Orders of the Day. Ministers' Statements. Mr. Premier.

## **Item 2: Ministers' Statements**

### **Minister's Statement 125 – 2(4): Notice of Budget Address**

**Hon. Paul Okalik** (interpretation): Good afternoon. Welcome to Iqaluit, my colleagues.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to notify my colleagues that tomorrow, Wednesday, February 20, 2008, the Minister of Finance will introduce Budget 2008 on behalf of the Government of Nunavut. This budget will outline our government's financial priorities for fiscal year 2008-09. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Premier. Item 2. Ministers' Statements. Item 3. Members' Statements. Member for Arviat, Mr. Alagalak.

## **Item 3: Members' Statements**

### **Member's Statement 275 – 2(4): Gold Medal Winners: Arviat Hockey Players**

**Mr. Alagalak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to state that I'm very proud of the peewee hockey players who played in Rankin Inlet because they won the gold for Arviat. We're so pleased in Arviat because these minor hockey leaguers are given an opportunity to be role models to their peers. So we're very happy about this.



I rise today to express my gratitude because I was not here during the fall session and I was unable to come here due to my heart surgery. I would like to thank all of the people in Nunavut who called me to wish me well and I would also like to thank the people who prayed for me and my family. I have wanted to state that in the House.

We would like to repay the people who wished us well and I also wish them all well, too. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Alagalak. Welcome back. Members' Statements. Member for Rankin Inlet and Whale Cove, Ms. Brown.

### **Member's Statement 276 – 2(4): Whale Cove Liquor Plebiscite**

**Hon. Levinia Brown** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Since I'm second to be speaking in Members' Statements, I am very pleased to see my colleague here attending the meeting and we have full membership here. I am also very pleased that we'll be seeing each other face-to-face again. Nunavummiut will be watching the proceedings. They say that they learn a great deal when they're viewing the proceedings and they're kept abreast of what has been happening with the proceedings. On behalf of Nunavummiut, I wish the proceedings to go well and to use our authority wisely.

The reason why I rose today is that in Whale Cove, on February 11, there was an election for an alcohol plebiscite and they wanted to have controlled liquor. The community of Whale Cove is very pleased to have that occur.

We have heard that we'll be on live broadcast so I send all residents of the communities of Whale Cove and Rankin Inlet my greetings and I would also like to say hello to all of them. I will also try and represent all of them to the best of my ability and I encourage them to keep calling me. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Brown. Members' Statements. Member for Akulliq, Mr. Mapsalak.

### **Member's Statement 277 – 2(4): Recognition of Peter Mannik's Walk for Togetherness**

**Mr. Mapsalak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, I would like to say that I am very pleased that our constituencies are able to watch the broadcast and I wish them a wonderful day.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my colleagues, I rise today to acknowledge an individual who has moved to Repulse Bay, Peter Mannik, who is originally from Baker Lake. He started

walking a little bit over three miles every year starting on February 14, Valentine's Day. This is the third year that he has been doing this in an attempt to make the smaller communities more focussed on love and compassion and less on arguments and fighting amongst people.

I would like to acknowledge him, and on behalf of the Legislative Assembly, I congratulate Peter Mannik, who had been walking over three miles annually, even when the weather has been extremely cold. He has been accompanied by his small son.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my colleagues, I would like to acknowledge Peter Mannik. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Mapsalak. Members' Statements. Member for Iqaluit Centre, Mr. Tootoo.

#### **Member's Statement 278 – 2(4): Outstanding Principal Terry Young**

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I welcome everybody back. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of Canada's Outstanding Principals of 2008.

Mr. Speaker, Terry Young is the principal at Inuksuk High School here in Iqaluit. He has been working in this community for the past eight years and prior to that he worked in your community of Pangnirtung and Cape Dorset.

Mr. Speaker, Terry Young is the type of person who really makes a difference in the lives of our students and in our communities. He is a dynamic leader who not only takes an active role by visiting every classroom every single day, but is also involved in after school activities such as sports and theatre.

Mr. Speaker, the Outstanding Principal honour is awarded every year by the Learning Partnership, a non-profit organization that offers support to Canada's public schools.

This year, Terry Young and 32 other principals across Canada received this award and later this month they will meet up for a leadership training program at the University of Toronto.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Young on this award, and I do believe that we all feel that we are very fortunate to have a dedicated individual such as Mr. Young in our schools and in our system. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Members' Statements. Member for High Arctic, Mr. Barnabas.

**Member's Statement 279 – 2(4): Meteorite Sighting at Arctic Bay**

**Mr. Barnabas** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would also like to welcome all Nunavummiut. I would also like to welcome my colleagues.

Mr. Speaker, on February 17, something strange occurred in the High Arctic. My constituents saw a strange flying object in the sky.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to state that there have been some concerns raised over this. They were concerned about this dead satellite that the United States wanted to shoot down but I don't want my constituents to be concerned about that. I want my colleagues to know that this object was a meteorite and this flying object was seen by many people in my constituency and also in Mary River. This flying object was also seen by residents of Greenland.

So I just wanted to raise and explain this situation to the constituents who were concerned. It occurred on Sunday at seven o'clock in the morning. They saw this light and there were different colours coming from that falling object. We were quite concerned about the dead satellite that the United States wanted to shoot down. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Barnabas. Members' Statement. Member for Rankin Inlet North, Mr. Curley.

**Member's Statement 280 – 2(4): No Public Announcement on Rate Rider**

**Mr. Curley** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today, first of all, to say how happy I am that our constituents will be listening to the live broadcast for two hours during the session and I also welcome the people who are viewing the broadcast.

First of all, Mr. Speaker, on behalf of all the members, I am requesting support. Just last month, we had lost a young person in Rankin Inlet. We send our condolences to this individual's parents, grandparents and immediate family. We were very proud of this young person who had passed away and we struggle with the loss today. This was felt very much by the community of Rankin Inlet.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to state while the government is listening that we have to be visible to Nunavut, not just with speeches but with Acts and bills and the processes involved.

On October 31 I asked the Minister of Energy whether the energy cost will increase or not. He said he will not increase the price of energy and he told us that the price was

decreased but the minister didn't state that we will increase the cost of energy through a fuel rate rider of 6.40 cents tomorrow.

Before the end the day on October 31, the Cabinet had decreed it to be in effect for the rest of the year, even though there was no public announcement to Nunavummiut. I believe that Nunavummiut will want to know more about the rate rider; it seems like the rate rider is permanent and it seems to be continually approved annually by the Cabinet.

At the appropriate time, in order to get clarification, we would like to request the Minister of Energy to reply adequately. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Item 3. Members' Statements. Member for (interpretation ends) Iqaluit East, Mr. Picco.

### **Member's Statement 281 – 2(4): Passing of Nino Wischnewski**

**Hon. Ed. Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of this House were certainly saddened to learn that since our last sitting, a long-term hard working senior employee of our government died very suddenly.

Mr. Nino Wischnewski appeared before the Members in this House shortly before his passing in the Committee of the Whole with me to discuss Bill 13, the *Energy Efficiency Act*.

As members know, Mr. Speaker, Nino worked in various capacities within our government, including with EIA and later transferring to the Energy Secretariat. Nino's dedication, hard work, and love of Nunavut was evident, Mr. Speaker, every day when people came across him, worked with him, and they spoke with him. Nino had a great sense of humour and was a very dedicated family person and a husband and father.

Mr. Speaker, Nino was instrumental in the foundation of *Ikummatiit*, our Energy Strategy that has been tabled before our House.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the members, I'm sure, of our House, we would like to take this opportunity, our first public opportunity since our last session, to wish the very best to his wife, Heather, and their family on the very sudden passing of Mr. Wischnewski. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Picco. Member for Hudson Bay, Mr. Kattuk.

### **Member's Statement 282 – 2(4): Poor Quality Air at Sanikiluaq School**

**Mr. Kattuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today in regard to the concerns that my constituents have. First of all, I would like to smile at my grandchild; he was going to watch.

Mr. Speaker, education is very important to our children. In my constituency, they close down the school for too many days because of the quality of air within the school. At our session this last fall in November, I asked the minister and up to now, nothing has changed. They still close down the school because of the quality of air and maybe because of the ventilation system.

So during the sitting, I will be asking the Ministers of Education and Community and Government Services in regard to the school. That will be my concern during this session. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Kattuk. Members' Statements. Member for Nattilik, Ms. Aglukkaq.

**Member's Statement 283 – 2(4): Governor General Northern Medal – Nellie Cournoyea**

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, I would like to thank you, Mr. Speaker, for being able to allow all people in Nunavut to see us, hear us, and participate in our proceedings today. They are much closer to us today. I would also like to welcome all of the members here.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my warmest congratulations to Nellie Cournoyea on being awarded the Governor General Northern Medal.

Mr. Speaker, the Governor General Northern Medal was created in 2005 to recognize the contributions of outstanding northerners. Past recipients of this award include Nobel Peace Prize Nominee, Sheila Watt-Cloutier, of Iqaluit. The Governor General announced Nellie's award on January 30 of this year.

Mr. Speaker, Nellie Cournoyea needs no introduction to the Members of this House. For over 30 years, Nellie has been a leader who has worked tirelessly on behalf of all northerners, NWT, and Nunavummiut. As the first female Premier of the Northwest Territories, Nellie advanced many issues of concern and was a strong supporter of Nunavut's aspirations. In fact, I believe Nellie was the Premier at the time when our Nunavut Land Claims Agreement was signed here in Iqaluit.

As the Chair of the Inuvialuit Regional Corporation, Nellie continued to work for the better future for the north. I am also pleased to note that Nellie will be inducted into the Canadian Council of Aboriginal Hall of Fame tonight at an event in Toronto.

Mr. Speaker, Nellie's career and life stories are an inspiration for me and to my constituents. She has shown what hard work and perseverance can achieve. So on behalf of Nattilingmiut, I want to offer my congratulations to Nellie and I ask all members to join me in congratulating Nellie Cournoyea for achieving the national recognition she so deserves. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Aglukkaq. Item 3. Members' Statements. Member for Cambridge Bay, Mr. Peterson.

**Member's Statement 284 – 2(4): Showcasing Cambridge Bay's Tourism Potential to the World**

**Mr. Peterson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, I would like to welcome my constituents back home in Cambridge Bay, Bathurst Inlet and Bay Chimo, and also the Kitikmeot region and all Nunavummiut to the proceedings today.

Mr. Speaker, today is our first sitting day of 2008 and I am pleased to rise and share a good news story with the House.

Mr. Speaker, the tourism sector of our economy holds great promise for the future. Nunavut has the potential to become one of the world's top destinations for such activities as sport fishing and ecotourism.

Mr. Speaker, the economic development office of the Municipality of Cambridge Bay has recently entered into a partnership to welcome the popular television show *The Dimestore Fishermen* to our community later this year.

Mr. Speaker, Cambridge Bay is excited at the prospect of having our community and its surrounding natural attractions showcased to the world. Our pristine waters and magnificent fishing opportunities are an outdoor paradise.

Mr. Speaker, I have risen in this House on a number of occasions to highlight the need for strategic investments that will support our economic development initiatives. The tourism sector relies on modern and reliable transportation infrastructure.

Cambridge Bay continues to call for improvements to our airport's runway which will strengthen the community's position as the gateway to the Kitikmeot.

I was pleased to note that the GN has recently signed a framework agreement with the federal government under the Building Canada Infrastructure Plan. I continue to urge our government to vigorously push for much needed investments in Cambridge Bay's transportation infrastructure.

Mr. Speaker, a dynamic tourism sector can be environmentally friendly, job creating, and economically sustainable. Cambridge Bay looks forward to welcoming the world. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Peterson. Members' Statements. Going back to the Orders of the Day. Item 4. Returns to Oral Questions. Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery.

### **Item 5: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery**

**Speaker** (interpretation): Before I recognize anybody, at this time, I am happy to recognize Mr. Paul Dewar, who is a Member for Ottawa Centre with the NDP opposition, and I would like to welcome him to the Gallery.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Minister Picco.

**Hon. Ed. Picco**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It gives me great pleasure today to introduce into the Gallery Mr. Kirt Ejesiak. Kirt's a well-known business person and a nominee for the Liberal Party of Canada for the upcoming Federal Election for MP.

I also wanted to thank Kirt, Mr. Speaker, very quickly for coming to our constituency meeting last night in Apex. We had some really good discussion and debate there and I look forward to talking to Kirt at some point or later on about that meeting. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome him to the Gallery. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Picco. Welcome to the Gallery. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Baker Lake, Mr. Simailak.

**Mr. Simailak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize the residents of Baker Lake and I hope everything will go well. I would like to welcome my younger son sitting behind me who is visiting Iqaluit but works at Qulliq Energy Corporation's Baker Lake office. He is also on the hamlet council and he was recently elected as Deputy Mayor of Baker Lake. I would like to welcome my son, Craig. Thank you.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Simailak. Welcome to the Gallery. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for High Arctic, Mr. Barnabas.

**Mr. Barnabas** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize my older brother, Paul Irgaut, who is with the NTI Communications Department. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Barnabas. Item 6. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. My apologies. Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. I don't think there's anyone else. Item 6. Oral Questions. Member for Akulliq, Mr. Mapsalak.

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

#### **Question 357 – 2(4): Update on Repulse Bay Health Centre**

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

Mr. Speaker, I am sure that the minister will recall that on November 8, a motion in this House was passed without opposition to move the Repulse Bay Health Centre Project forward in the department's Five-Year Capital Plan, with construction to begin in 2009-2010. Can the minister provide an update today on what has been done to bring this project forward in the capital plan? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Mapsalak. Minister of Health and Social Services, Minister Aglukkaq.

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Within the next couple of weeks, I hope to have an announcement in the House on those projects. As members know, recently our Premier and the Minister of CG&S signed an agreement for \$232 million with the federal government.

We hope to make some adjustments to the current Five-Year Capital Plan of the Government of Nunavut to address the capital plans for not just Health but the various departments for this coming year, and I hope to have some announcements for the member during this sitting on those initiatives. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Mapsalak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think the minister is well aware about the poor condition that the Repulse Bay Health Centre is in. There's no backup generator and I think that has been like that for a whole year. We have the most outages in Repulse Bay and there has been no improvement to the situation. I don't think that it's going to improve anytime soon. I think it's quite urgent to move this project forward because they're using a generator right now that's very small for the size of the building.



The Taloyoak Health Centre Replacement Project indicates that it will be able to proceed in 2008-09 because it will be duplicating the design for the Repulse Bay Health Centre. Could the minister clarify whether the Repulse Bay Health Centre will go ahead? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Mapsalak. Please keep your supplementary to your questions as short as possible. I will have the Premier respond.

**Hon. Paul Okalik** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We will do all we can to make sure that this project goes ahead. We have to make sure that there is an emergency generator available. We know exactly what your concern is and this government will do all it can to make sure that there is an improvement in this situation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Premier. Your second supplementary, Mr. Mapsalak.

**Mr. Mapsalak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would also like to thank the minister. We have been informed about that for I don't know how many years now. We keep looking forward year after year and there has been a delay each time.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask another question. I would like some clarity on this, Mr. Speaker; it states that the Taloyoak Health Centre Replacement Project will be used to build the one in Repulse Bay. Has the design been completed yet? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Mapsalak. I will have the Premier respond.

**Hon. Paul Okalik** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I stated earlier, we are going to deal with it during this sitting. It might possibly be tomorrow but I can't say exactly when we're going to deal with the concerns that you have. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Premier. Item 6. Oral Questions. Member for Cambridge Bay, Mr. Peterson.

### **Question 358 – 2(4): Status of Cambridge Bay Airport Expansion**

**Mr. Peterson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Economic Development and Transportation and it concerns the Cambridge Bay Airport expansion.

First of all, I would like to thank the minister for his recent letter in January giving me an update. Mr. Speaker, as everybody knows, I have been making a case for a Cambridge Bay Airport expansion four years as MLA and four years before that as a Mayor of

Cambridge Bay and I have been getting nowhere with it. Several Airport Capital Assistance proposals have been rejected; we've heard that for years as well.

Mr. Speaker, recently, the Building Canada Fund was announced with \$242 million available over seven years for projects in Nunavut. I noted in the press release that regional community airports are included for funding through there.

Mr. Speaker, I heard in November that the recent estimated cost for the airport expansion is \$22 million. So my question for the minister: can the minister tell the House what the status is of the Cambridge Bay Airport Project within his department? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Hon. Patterk Netser:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Our hope is that with the announcement recently by the feds that we would address the Member for Cambridge Bay's issues surrounding his airport. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. Your first supplementary, Member for Cambridge Bay, Mr. Peterson.

**Mr. Peterson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for that information. Mr. Speaker, the Department of Economic Development and Transportation has a considerable amount of data they have collected over the years that they use to prepare for the ACAP proposals to the federal government. I believe that information and data are still valid; it wouldn't be that far out of date. Can the minister tell me if that data will be used to fast track the Cambridge Bay Airport Expansion Project? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Hon. Patterk Netser:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I said in my answer to the member, that is one of our top priorities within our department and we will use what we can to address his concerns for the airport at Cambridge Bay. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. Your second supplementary, Mr. Peterson.

**Mr. Peterson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for the answer. Mr. Speaker, the Government of Nunavut's Finance Minister stated in November 2007 that no new capital projects will be initiated in the next three years.

Can the minister tell me that with the announcement of the Building Canada Fund, the monies now available under that program, will the Cambridge Bay Airport Expansion

Project now advance through the GN's current capital planning process? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Hon. Patterk Netser:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The \$242 million that we will be receiving from the federal government will allow us, like the Premier said, to reallocate some capital projects in the Five-Year Capital Plan and we hope to again address his wishes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Peterson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It seems like it's been close to a decade that Cambridge Bay has been asking for help to expand the airport. During that decade, the costs have escalated tremendously. As I mentioned earlier, the costs have gone from \$6 million to \$22 million in that span of time and it could continue to increase going forward.

So I would like to ask the minister if he could commit today to the House to include the Cambridge Bay Airport Project in the capital planning process for the 2009-2010 capital planning period. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Hon. Patterk Netser:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. All of the projects that we want to do have to, obviously, have Cabinet approval, so I cannot commit to the member's request at the moment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Oral Questions. Member for Rankin Inlet North, Mr. Curley.

#### **Question 359 – 2(4): Qulliq Energy Corporation**

**Mr. Curley** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is in reference to the Member's Statement that I made earlier. Last fall, I asked the minister a number of questions on October 31, and I remember vividly because it was Halloween and I think that's why we couldn't make any sense out of the response that I got. I asked the minister a number of questions concerning the power rates that are charged by Qulliq to our constituents.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, the minister at that time made a big deal about his answer, and he stated that in a matter of fact, we decreased the Fuel Stabilization Rider by few percentage points of one cent I believe. But he did not tell Nunavummiut that he

had in his pocket to continue the rate rider until October 31, 2008. My question is: why did you not tell Nunavummiut that you had this trick in your pocket? Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Just a reminder, please keep your questions as brief as possible. Minister of Energy, Minister Picco.

**Hon. Ed. Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to just take this opportunity, first of all, to thank the member for again providing information for all Nunavummiut. Although some of the information that has been given is not exactly correct in a sense of the answers that were given that day and the tricks that were in my pockets, indeed, there were no tricks in my pocket and I think that's what we said during that debate.

What I did say was, when the member asked me that question in October, the Power Corporation has the right under regulations and legislations to ask for a fuel rider. The fuel rider is put in place so that we don't have a general rate increase and it is only to cover the fuel surcharge on fuel for the Power Corporation.

At that time, we had a rider in place that was 6.55 cents and the Power Corporation, because we actually did a little better on the purchase of our fuel this year, didn't need such a high rider. The Power Corporation asked for a decrease in the rider to 6.40 cents.

So when they asked for that rider decrease, by regulation under legislation, the Cabinet has the opportunity and the minister to say, "Yes, we accept the lower rate," and then the Power Corporation submits their application to the URRC who will review that and respond back and say, "Yes, you should have your decrease and it should be decreased more," or may not be agreed to. That information comes to the minister and the minister brings it to the Cabinet, and that's what's occurred.

So for the record, Mr. Speaker, the information that the member is saying isn't entirely correct, and indeed, there was a decrease in the rider. Actually, the rider that the member talks about has actually gone down from 7.87 cents to 6.40 cents, and it's a mechanism that's in place to work and it is working. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Curley:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate that part of the clarification but what is important, Mr. Speaker, is that the rate rider imposed at any given period of time is only for a certain time.

He's talking about the 2007 rate rider that was to expire on October 31, 2007. The decrease that he's talking about applied that time to October 31, 2007. What he failed to tell the Nunavummiut; and I consider that a trick in his pocket; is this: that a new rate rider to be applied was to come into affect on November 1, 2007 and to continue until October 31, 2008. That required a Cabinet decision.

Did you receive a Cabinet decision on October 31 or before October 31? That was my question then and you did not say to Nunavummiut that that is to come into effect, and by the way, if URRC considers it otherwise, your account will be credited. Am I correct? Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister of Energy, Minister Picco.

**Hon. Ed. Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. No, you are not correct. The amount of the rider, again, Mr. Speaker, it's in regulation and legislation. When the price of oil goes up, instead of the Power Corporation asking people to put in a General Rate Application or increasing all of their prices, they're not allowed to do that, but they can do, under legislation so that the consumer is protected, is to put an application to the URRC to be able to look at putting a rider in place.

That rider can be in place for a six-month period or a 12-month period, whatever the Power Corporation decides based on the money that's expended and based on the total amount of dollar values that are available to it for what it needs to recoup from the rider; meaning if the price of oil went up \$1 million and they had to recoup \$1 million, then they would be able to apply that rider in place.

What the Power Corporation did, for the record, on October 23, 2007, is said that they would like to have a rider and applied for the rider under regulations as the minister and the government were unable to put the rider that they have asked for in place.

If they never received that rider, say if they put in an application for 6.40 cents and the URRC said, "No, you don't get that. You only get 4.00 cents," then yes, the Power Corporation would have had to pay it back to the customers any excess money that they received but that didn't occur because when they put their application in, the URRC agreed that the 6.40 cents was the correct amount, and again, Mr. Speaker, that was a decrease from what was previously in place, which was 6.55 cents and that was in place from July 1, 2007 to October. July, August, September, October, not 12 months, Mr. Speaker; four months. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Your second supplementary, Mr. Curley.

**Mr. Curley:** Thank you. Mr. Speaker, the latest information that I read on *Nunavut Gazette* states and it's clear that from October, the rate rider that you approved prior to October 31 for the coming winter season applied from November 1, 2007 to October 31. That's in *Nunavut Gazette* and it's supplied now to the consumers. Unless the URRC has considered otherwise, then our accounts will be credited.

My additional question to you, minister, is this: QEC purchases fuel from CGS, and if that is the case, do you purchase fuel on wholesale price at cost landed to Nunavummiut? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister of Energy, Minister Picco.

**Hon. Ed. Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again, I just want to clarify because the member keeps throwing numbers in and we want to make sure everyone is clear that the rider that was in place was 6.55 cents and that was in place from July 1, 2007 to October 31, and the URRC implemented and agreed to the request for a rider, which was lower, to 6.40 cents from November 1 on to where we are right now, and the member is correct on that amount.

The Power Corporation, and that again is correct, purchases fuel from POL at the same cost as it costs POL to purchase the fuel at what's called a nominated cost of fuel. The POL doesn't go out to charge the Power Corporation a markup of 20 cents or anything like that, and because of that, those costs are not passed on to the consumer, and indeed, we actually get a good price because we are a volume buyer of fuel. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Curley:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Nunavummiut cannot afford any longer for the price of fuel as well as electricity. Rate riders, I believe, are putting additional pressures on homeowners, as well as the private consumers and businesses.

The question I'm asking the minister is: if the QEC is buying directly from QEC the total cost, whether it is at a nominated price or not, why do you have to charge an additional Fuel Stabilization Rider? Are you not double-dipping and asking the consumers to pay extra for fuel when you in fact have purchased it at cost? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister for Energy, Minister Picco.

**Hon. Ed. Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think it's important again to point out that what the government did last year, or actually almost two years ago now, was actually put new subsidies in place.

We actually subsidize all homeowners for the first 800 to the first 1,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity. Yes, that's right. Thank you, Mr. Curley. That was a good thing to put in place.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Curley's second question was: how we calculate the price of fuel and what are those costs? QEC, Mr. Speaker, calculates the fuel cost based on the total cost of fuel; the cost of labour, fees, or transaction costs and so on, those are in the base price of electricity and that was part of the last GRA. Those are not included when we say the cost of what the purchase of fuel is.

An example, Mr. Speaker, was in 2006-07, the actual cost of fuel that the Power Corporation purchased was a little over \$34 million, and we're projecting for this year,

and I don't have the final figure, it would be about \$33.7 million. One of the reasons for that was the stronger Canadian dollar. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Oral Questions. Member for Iqaluit Centre, Mr. Tootoo.

**Question 360 – 2(4): Request for Proposal – Medical Travel**

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister responsible for Health and Social Services.

Mr. Speaker, I know in the fall the government put out an RFP for a new medical travel contract, and I would like to ask the minister if she can indicate the start and finish dates of the current contract that's in place right now. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Minister of Health and Social Services, Minister Aglukkaq.

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Those contracts expire March 31, 2008 and have been in place for three years. Thank you.

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

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My next question for the minister is: in the contract that's in place right now, were there any extension options that were available? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Minister of Health and Social Services, Minister Aglukkaq.

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There was an option to extend for a year. Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. Your second supplementary, Mr. Tootoo.

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is that if we had another opportunity to extend the current contract on a three-year-old price for another year, why has the Department of Health and Social Services decided to not take that option and use the three-year-old price on the contract, then put out an RFP for a new contract immediately after they increased the fuel costs to the airlines and things like that?

I'm just wondering if I could get a rationale as to why they decided to do that and not use the extension option that was there that one would assume would be cheaper than a three-year-old price than the current one. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Minister of Health and Social Services, Minister Aglukkaq.

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The member will recall that he introduced the motion in this House for us to do an RFP and not sole source any contracts. The decision to proceed with an RFP was to comply with the motion that was introduced in this House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Tootoo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think she missed the point on that; she got some bad advice from down the row. My point was that it wasn't required or necessary to go out to an RFP. There was an option to extend that contract for a year and one would assume that it would have been cheaper for the government to extend the contract on a three-year-old price than to go out to a new contract just after they increased the cost of aviation fuel to the airlines.

So my question was: why did the government choose to go to an RFP when there were still extension options there, that one would think would have been a cheaper option for the government to go with; to go with that extension or use a three-year-old price for another year prior to going to an RFP for a new contract? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tootoo. Minister of Health and Social Services, Minister Aglukkaq.

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I mentioned earlier, the option was there but the motion in the House that was introduced was to also go out for tender to make the process public and to allow other competitors in the organizations in Nunavut to also bid on those contracts.

As I mentioned earlier, it was to comply with a motion introduced in this House; when we had the similar issue with an extension of another contract in Nunavut, that was debated in the House for two or three days. A motion was introduced and at that time, our Premier and this government made a commitment to go through the public process and the decision from the government to go out to an RFP process as it relates to the medical travel contract was to comply with that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. Oral Questions. Member for High Arctic, Mr. Barnabas.

#### **Question 361 – 2(4): Fuel Subsidies to Municipalities**

**Mr. Barnabas** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Finance.



Mr. Speaker, recently, as we are all aware, we are now paying \$99 per barrel of oil. It goes close to \$100 per barrel and it's obvious now that the Government of Nunavut will be buying fuel again in the near future for the communities in the beginning of April. For that reason, some of the small businesses in sectors that aren't commercially oriented are going to have to pay very high costs for fuel following the criteria and the rate. The government will be buying fuel in April for the communities. So once they buy the fuel, they will have to follow it along to the communities.

Mr. Speaker, what will happen to the situation for those that are not commercially oriented in the communities? How will they be affected with the new price of fuel at \$99 per barrel? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Barnabas. Minister of Finance, Minister Tapardjuk.

**Hon. Louis Tapardjuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank you for your question and I welcome you all to the House. It's dealt with by the Department of Community and Government Services and we follow the policy. If we are going to buy the fuel and the rates are increasing, and if we didn't have a subsidy, all of the communities would not be able to afford it if they're not commercially oriented.

We would have to increase the cost of the fuel to each homeowner and we will have to increase it in the near future. I cannot tell you now how it will be but we will fix the rate. We are not sure how we're going to fix the rate but we are in the process of working on that concerning the fuel that will be sent out to the communities at true cost. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Barnabas** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The cost of the groceries is very expensive because everything is flown in by airlines, particularly for my constituents in the High Arctic. When you try to buy groceries in the community, there's also a subsidy for groceries.

When the cost per barrel of oil is going to cost about \$100, individuals without regular wages in the communities are not able to keep up. Even in the middle of the month, the stores are empty and the airplanes are sometimes unable to come into the communities because they're following the increasing cost of the fuel. The subsidy programs that are run by the government and the hamlet council are behind because of the rising costs of everything in the communities.

Will the minister inform the communities when they are going to buy \$100 per barrel of oil and when will you deliver these forecasts to the communities? Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Barnabas. Just to remind the members, please keep your preambles short. Minister of Finance, Minister Tapardjuk.

**Hon. Louis Tapardjuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For this coming summer during the shipping season, I think that's what you're asking for, the fuel prices; I'll have to look into that for sure.

The subsidy that we provide for harvesters is the Gas Tax Rebate Program, which we had informed the public or the hunters that they can get a rebate through that avenue. The paperwork was quite gruesome, so therefore, we had simplified the application and I will announce the Gas Tax Rebate Program in the House.

That's the only response I could give you at this time, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Tapardjuk. Your second supplementary, Member for High Arctic, Mr. Barnabas.

**Mr. Barnabas** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. During this session, we will have to review the main estimates of the departments of the government. After we approve the main estimates, it will be evident what the increase will be on fuel prices. Will there be any budget cutbacks such as on line items and on capital items because of the fuel prices? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Barnabas. Minister of Finance, Minister Tapardjuk.

**Hon. Louis Tapardjuk** (interpretation): In regard to the fuel prices, we're now working on the policy and we will be tabling it in the House and it will show how the prices are set up.

Mr. Speaker, during this session, I will be asking for support from the members when we start dealing with capital issues. Perhaps tomorrow, I will be able to provide more input when I deliver the Budget Address and we will be able to respond to some of those questions that were posed today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Oral Questions. Member for Arviat, Mr. Alagalak.

### **Question 362 – 2(4): \$242 Million Federal Funding**

**Mr. Alagalak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Premier. I'm sure I could have asked the Minister of Finance but I would like to ask the Premier because my questions aren't detailed.

Mr. Speaker, although you may have heard that this \$242 million will be provided for Nunavut, the federal government minister had made that announcement here in Nunavut that this funding would be to help the infrastructure program. Could you tell me if this

will be a one-time funding, or will it be ongoing funding that will be allocated from the federal government? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Alagalak. Mr. Premier.

**Hon. Paul Okalik** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This agreement is for seven years and it does not stop anyone from doing anything. If we want to get additional support, I'm sure we can. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Alagalak** (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Premier, we would appreciate it if we were given some additional funding.

It's evident now that for many years, especially in my community, we haven't seen any funding allocated there. There are 25 communities within Nunavut and I'm sure all of the communities are interested in obtaining some of those funds for capital items. There are some very basic needs at the community level for infrastructure and we are unable to provide that funding to the communities.

There's a lot of funding used for one side since you became a Premier. I don't want to state these things but there are 25 communities within Nunavut that will have to have some funding for infrastructure and capital items. In view of that, how will this funding be divvied up to the communities? Will you allocate this funding that is coming from the federal government to the communities evenly, or will some communities not receive any funding? I would like you to elaborate on that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Alagalak. Mr. Premier.

**Hon. Paul Okalik** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There are various needs in all the communities. So therefore, I cannot respond to your question instantly how this funding will be allocated to the communities. Some communities require more needs than other communities, so we'll use that guideline.

This funding is going to be allocated and we won't be able to fund everything for the communities. We'll have to review it carefully. Although we know that the communities all have their requirements, we will make plans to the best of our abilities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Premier. Your second supplementary, Mr. Alagalak.

**Mr. Alagalak** (interpretation): I am very pleased, Mr. Speaker. I am very pleased and that's why I'm smiling, Mr. Premier. I know that you have compassion for all of the people and that's what you say to them. We feel your compassion as Nunavummiut.

It's also evident that in looking at the seven-year agreement, if all of the communities are allocated funding equally, it would be in the millions - \$8 million to \$9 million - if it's distributed evenly.

I do have another question. Will this funding be divvied up equally for seven years in total or will you be using it all in one shot? How will this funding be allocated for seven years and how will it be set up? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Alagalak. Mr. Premier.

**Hon. Paul Okalik** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If I could remember correctly, it would be a little over \$20 million per year for seven years but that's on top of our additional capital budget. This is in addition to our capital budget to provide support. I wanted to clarify that and if we're unable to get additional funding outside of this, then we'll look for more ways to find funding. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Alagalak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am very pleased now because \$20 million is quite a huge sum of money annually and I am glad that it's on top of our capital budget.

Now, I expect to see funding for next year and then for the next seven years, I expect to see some major infrastructure being developed in our communities, especially since some of our communities have been neglected and some of our communities do not even receive capital funding.

I want the Premier to know that we will appreciate him when he starts to provide funding to the communities, including details. I want you to know that we won't be forgetting this funding that will be allocated to the communities that are in dire need.

I also would like you to know that this funding is quite a huge sum and looking at the mining sectors developing in our communities, it will require more consideration. This is more a comment than a question. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Alagalak. Oral Questions. Member for Baker Lake, Mr. Simailak, welcome.

### **Question 363 – 2(4): Process for Determining Number of Community Nurses**

**Mr. Simailak** (interpretation): Thank you. I would like to ask a question, Mr. Speaker. I think it's more fun to ask questions than being on the receiving end.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct my question to Minister of Health and Social Services and it's with regards to how they allocate nurses to the communities and how many

nurses we require in each community. What's your setup on this or your policy on that? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Simailak. Minister of Health and Social Services, Minister Aglukkaq.

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Currently, from 2004 to now, we have increased our staffing compliments for nurses the last few years. Basically, for an example, the three new health facilities that we had opened in Rankin Inlet, Cambridge Bay, and Iqaluit, using those as examples, we determined what kind of services would be needed in those three facilities with the establishment of the implementation plan of those facilities to determine the number of PYs that would be required to deliver these kind of services in those sectors.

At the same time, population growth in each community is also a factor in deciding the number of PYs that would be required in the communities for nursing positions. Thank you.

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

**Mr. Simailak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In view of the population growth, what about Baker Lake, especially when the mining sector is developing in our community of Baker Lake and there are going to be over 300 employees at that mine outside of Baker Lake? For that reason, what kind of considerations are you making in regard to the Baker Lake situation? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Simailak. Minister of Health and Social Services, Minister Aglukkaq.

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The current statistics show that there has been an increase of approximately 200 people in Baker Lake and it is an area that we are looking at, but as it is right now, we also look at the number of cases per community that are dealt with through the health centres, so there are a number of factors.

The regional managers of each region - Kivalliq, Kitikmeot, and the Baffin - would do a needs basis assessment to put in the necessary PY allocation requirement for each community. Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. Your second supplementary, Member for Baker Lake, Mr. Simailak.

**Mr. Simailak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was told this morning that on Friday, or during the weekend, that they're in a shortage of nurses in Baker Lake. They had to see and treat 80 patients within two and a half days.

I was wondering if the minister had considered if they can provide public health nurses in Baker Lake to make sure that these individuals can work outside of the health facilities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Simailak. Minister of Health and Social Services, Minister Aglukkaq.

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Under the Public Health Strategy that we introduced in the House in November, there is work in place to start putting in public health nurses in our communities to address the whole issue around keeping people healthy and that applies to all communities in Nunavut.

As it is right now in Baker Lake, we have five nurses and that's not including the mental health or homecare nurses and so on. When we have outbreaks of illnesses, yes, we have a huge caseload particularly with children or infants. One example is in Cambridge Bay. Over December, we had to close down the schools and various sectors just to respond to people going into the health centre requiring treatment. In instances like that, the regional managers would assign support to health clinics from other communities, or through agency, or through casuals, and so on.

In terms of trying to deal with the development issues around the impacts of mining, I would have to get back to the member in terms of what that looks like for Baker Lake with the increase in population as a result of mining development and see what work is in place.

I do know that in the Kivalliq region, we have implementation plans to deal with the enhanced services for Rankin Inlet that will be providing more services to the various surrounding communities as well. So how that works out in terms of numbers, I will report back to the member. Thank you.

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

**Mr. Simailak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for giving me a clear response. With the population growing in the community of Baker Lake, we get doctors every month and they can't see all of the patients that they have to see. Has the minister considered having a full-time doctor in Baker Lake? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Simailak. Minister of Health and Social Services, Minister Aglukkaq.

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The doctors that are working in Nunavut are assigned by region and not specifically by community. In the Keewatin, I believe we have three doctors allocated without including the specialist that do come into the communities.

If there is a need based on cases requiring treatment, we will look at that. In most instances where people require specialized treatment, as the member knows, we need to send those people out to Winnipeg and so on where the treatment is provided.

Strictly on general practice with doctors and so on, I will have to see whether there are future plans on that. As far as I know, for the region itself, there are three allocated through the Kivalliq. Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. Item 6. Oral Questions. Member for Akulliq, Mr. Mapsalak.

### **Question 364 – 2(4): Number of Vacant SAO Positions**

**Mr. Mapsalak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Community and Government Services.

Mr. Speaker, we have heard in the communities that most of the hamlets don't have senior administrative officers. Can the minister indicate to us how many communities don't have senior administrative officers? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Mapsalak. Minister of Community and Government Services, Minister Brown.

**Hon. Levinia Brown:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for that question. I don't have that information. Basically, I understand what the member is asking because it's very similar to any organization, agency, or department where recruitment and retention is very important, and likewise, in the communities for the SAOs, it's very important to recruit and retain them as well.

I'm not sure what the factor is why there are so many resignations, or why we're not attracting as many SAOs to some of these communities. I don't have the answer to the question right here in front of me but I am aware that there are some vacancies in some communities for their SAOs. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Mapsalak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I believe that this is a very important issue in that the hamlets are the local government and without SAOs, the hamlets are not able to fulfill their mandate under the Act. Can the minister clarify this after she has researched this issue?

My supplementary question is: is the lack of funding part of the problem? Most of the competent SAOs tend to leave the hamlets due to the fact that the salary ranges are not competitive and that quite a few get government jobs. So can she find out what the issues are facing our hamlets, whether it is limited funding or other issues? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Mapsalak. Minister of Community and Government Services, Minister Brown.

**Hon. Levinia Brown** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, definitely. I fully agree with the member that we have to study why there are not enough SAOs and it's very similar to southern Canada. When you look at CEOs in southern Canada, they make about \$250,000 and those responsibilities are very similar to those of CEOs.

I will have to check to see what the reasoning might be and then I can give him a definite answer because I also feel this too. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. Your second supplementary, Mr. Mapsalak.

**Mr. Mapsalak** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We will be dealing with the budget and with the travel because it touches on that. Can the minister give consideration to increased funding to hamlets during this budget period? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Mapsalak. Minister of Community and Government Services, Minister Brown.

**Hon. Levinia Brown** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, we can look at this and we can also start discussing this. I don't think they fall under the union, the SAOs that is; I believe they're excluded.

I want your full participation when we're dealing with the estimates and I think that's the best way we can deal with it. I will look into this and include my CGS staff. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. Oral Questions. Member for Hudson Bay, Mr. Kattuk.

#### **Question 365 – 2(4): Release of Inmates Not Returned to Community**

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

It's probably different in every community but my concern is that sometimes when people in correctional centres are due to return home, they just stay in Iqaluit. The reasoning I have heard is that the communities don't want those people back even after they're released.

I believe we have the right to choose wherever we want to live in Canada. I wonder if the minister can inform us why those people aren't allowed to return to their original communities. Is that appropriate, or can they do that? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.



**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Kattuk. (interpretation ends) Minister of Justice, Mr. Premier.

**Hon. Paul Okalik** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Looking at that, they have to return to their communities. That's one of the policies that I am aware of to date. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Kattuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I really do not understand why this process was not followed in this case. However, the minister's response is adequate, given that we have to deal with this matter when the person who wishes to return gets back to be with his children. I would like to work with the minister during this session to resolve the matter. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Kattuk. Mr. Premier.

**Hon. Paul Okalik** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, if you can give me the information, I would be more than happy to help you even if it's outside the session. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Premier. Oral Questions. Member for Cambridge Bay, Mr. Peterson.

#### **Question 366 – 2(4): Treatment of Chronic Pain**

**Mr. Peterson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Health and Social Services.

Mr. Speaker, I have many constituents who come to visit me with their concerns about suffering and the suffering to them is a serious issue; it's the suffering from chronic pain. Mr. Speaker, I have written to the minister about their issues and I wish I could include their tears that they shed in my office to show you how affected they are.

My question for the minister: can the minister tell the House what procedures Health and Social Services follows to treat patients who suffer from chronic pain? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Peterson. Minister of Health and Social Services, Minister Aglukkaq.

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Not being in the medical profession and all, the centres are available for any individual who requires medical attention, and there are doctors and nurses in each health centre that would review a person's case.

Again, it's on a case-by-case basis and based on the assessment of the nurse and so on, usually, the patients are treated immediately, or that they are referred to a visiting specialist, or referred to a doctor in Yellowknife, Edmonton, or Winnipeg, and so on, but the normal practice of the assessment in each clinic is applied. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Mr. Peterson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Many of the chronic pain sufferers that come and visit me tell me that they're treated with Tylenol for the pain. I raised this issue before and I don't believe personally that Tylenol is suitable for all patients. In fact, some patients turn into sort of drug addicts where they become addicted and need stronger pain killers to help them get through the day. Many of my constituents and the patients in Cambridge Bay riding are feeling a sense of hopelessness that their chronic pain will not be treated and/or cured.

My question for the minister as she mentioned the assessments: can the minister tell the House how long a chronic pain sufferer needs to suffer before they are referred to a specialist who can diagnose their illness? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Peterson. Minister of Health and Social Services, Minister Aglukkaq.

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm not in the medical profession to answer the question in terms of each of those cases, but what I can say is that if the member has constituents who are suffering from chronic pain, then, perhaps, the best way to deal with that is to refer those individuals to the executive director in the region to respond to review the case-by-case of each of those patients and deal with it from that perspective.

I had also offered Members of the House to go through an information session with staff that deal with Tylenol and prescribing Tylenol to patients, and to provide that kind of information that they're in a profession to respond to. That offer is still open to members to have an information session on the issue of Tylenol because Tylenol is used as medication for certain kind of illnesses and so on. So I offer that to the members as well.

In terms of how long, I'm not prepared to answer that because I'm not in the profession to make that kind of medical assessment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. Your second supplementary, Mr. Peterson.

**Mr. Peterson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for the answer. Can the minister tell me and tell the House what medical options are available to chronic pain sufferers who learn 12 to 16 months after an initial visit or visits to health centres that they may have a life threatening illness such as cancer? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**An Hon. Member:** Hear, hear.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Peterson. Minister of Health and Social Services, Ms. Aglukkaq.

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will have to speak to my staff, the chief of staff, on that file before I can respond to the member. Thank you.

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

**Mr. Peterson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm aware that some of my constituents either on personal travel or business travel in Yellowknife seek medical treatment on their own. Can the minister tell me: our Kitikmeot medical patients, who do seek medical treatment on their own, are they eligible for reimbursement of all of their medical and/or related travel expenses if they do so? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Peterson. Minister of Health and Social Services, Minister Aglukkaq.

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Any person can seek medical attention as they see fit as well. If they're travelling down to Yellowknife or are in Ottawa and want to go and get their eyes examined, or see a dentist, and so on, or get sick, any person who is in that situation is free to go and seek the assistance of the professionals that are in place in those jurisdictions for treatment.

Do they get reimbursed? If you go for an eye exam, if you meet the criteria, yes, you get reimbursed after an assessment. There are also procedures that are elective; cosmetic elective procedures are not covered through the Non Insured Health Benefits Program. So again, it all depends on the type of treatment the constituent is seeking and so on.

Again, to answer that broadly is difficult; it's on the type of procedure that is offered or requested and we take it from there. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. Question Period is now over. Going back to the Orders of the Day. Item 7. Written Questions. Item 8. Returns to Written Questions. Mr. Clerk.

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

#### **Return to Written Question 008 – 2(4): Meetings and Directives of Executive Council and its Committees**

**Clerk** (Mr. Quirke): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm tabling the Return to Written Question 8 – 2(4) filed with my Office by the Premier. Thank you.

\*See Appendix for full text of Return to Written Question 8 – 2(4) filed with the Clerk.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Item 9. Replies to Opening Address. Item 10. Petitions. Item 11. Reports of Standing and Special Committees. Item 12. Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills. Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Mr. Premier.

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

#### **Tabled Document 158 – 2(4): RCMP “V” Division Annual Report 2006-2007 – The Year in Review**

#### **Tabled Document 159 – 2(4): Government of Nunavut Response to 2006-2007 Annual Report of the Information & Privacy Commissioner**

**Hon. Paul Okalik:** Merci, Monsieur le President. (interpretation) I am very pleased to present the 2006-2007 Annual Report, A Year of a Review of the RCMP “V” Division; and the Government of Nunavut’s Response to the 2006-2007 Annual Report of the Information and Privacy Commissioner. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Premier. Could the member please provide the Tabled Document to the Clerk’s table?

Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Member for Hudson Bay, Mr. Kattuk.

#### **Tabled Document 160 – 2(4): Hamlet of Sanikiluaq Motion on Nuiyak School**

**Mr. Kattuk:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table a motion that was passed by the Hamlet of Sanikiluaq on the air conditions at the Nuiyak School.

Mr. Speaker, it is important that the government take immediate steps to address this situation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Kattuk. (interpretation ends) Can we have that document brought forward to the table, please?

Thank you. Tabling of Documents. Member for Iqaluit East, Mr. Picco.

#### **Tabled Document 161 – 2(4): NAC Annual Report for 2006-2007**

**Hon. Ed. Picco:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to be able to table the following document: the Nunavut Arctic College Annual Report for 2006-2007. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Can we have that document brought forward to the table, please?

Thank you. (interpretation) Item 13. Tabling of Documents. I apologize. Minister Aglukkaq.

**Tabled Document 162 – 2(4): Tobacco Control Act Annual Report 2007**

**Tabled Document 163 – 2(4): Qullit Nunavut Status of Women Council**

**Tabled Document 164 – 2(4): Director of Medical Insurance Annual Report 2006-2007**

**Tabled Document 165 – 2(4): Annual Report of the Director of Child and Family Services 2005-2006 and 2006-2007**

**Hon. Leona Aglukkaq:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have four documents that I would like to table today. I would like to table the “2007 Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH) Tobacco Control Act Annual Report”; the “Qullit Nunavut Status of Women Council” Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2006-2007; I would also like to table the “Director of Medical Insurance Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2006-2007”; and the “Annual Report of the Director of Child and Family Services for 2005-2006 and 2006-2007.” Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Minister. (interpretation ends) Can we have those documents brought forward to the table, please?

(interpretation) Thank you. (interpretation ends) Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Minister Netser.

**Tabled Document 166 – 2(4): Nunavut Development Corporation Annual Report 2005-2006**

**Tabled Document 167 – 2(4): Business Plan 2007-2008 – Nunavut Development Corporation**

**Hon. Patterk Netser:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table two documents. The first one is: the Annual Report for the Nunavut Development Corporation for 2005-2006; and also the Business Plan for the Nunavut Development Corporation for 2007-2008. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. Please bring the documents to the Clerk’s table.

Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Mr. Clerk.

**Tabled Document 168 – 2(4): Response to Petition 2 – 2(4) – Funding & Construction of Pond Inlet Arena**

**Clerk:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table a Response to Petition 2 – 2(4) filed with my office by the Minister of Community and Government Services. Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Tabling of Documents. I, too, have documents to table.

**Tabled Document 169 – 2(4): Report of Integrity Commissioner to Speaker on David Simailak, MLA January 3, 2008**

**Tabled Document 170 – 2(4): Statutory Requirements for Tabling of Reports and Other Documents February 2008**

**Tabled Document 171 – 2(4): Correspondence to the Federal Minister of Finance Concerning Northern Residents Deduction Motion**

**Tabled Document 172 – 2(4): Pension Administration Report for Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2007**

**Tabled Document 173 – 2(4): Funding Valuation of the Retiring Allowances Fund for Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2007**

**Tabled Document 174 – 2(4): Funding Valuation of the Supplementary Retiring Allowances Fund for Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2007**

**Speaker:** Thank you, Members. I wish to table today the Report of the Integrity Commissioner of Nunavut to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly concerning Mr. David Simailak, MLA. Thank you.

Also, members, I wish to table today the document: Statutory Requirements for Tabling of Reports and Other Documents in the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut. This list is regularly updated by the Legislative Assembly and tracks the status of documents that are legally required to be tabled in the House.

This listing is current to February 18, 2008, and includes backdoor tablings made after the House adjourned in the fall of 2007. Thank you.

Also, I wish to table today a copy of my correspondence to the federal Minister of Finance, the Honourable James Flaherty, concerning the motion regarding the Northern Residents Deduction that was passed by the Legislative Assembly on November 8, 2007.

>>*Applause*

However, to date, I have not received a reply. Thank you.

**Some Hon. Members:** Shame, shame.

**Speaker:** And further, members, as required by the *Legislative Assembly Retiring Allowances Act* and the *Supplementary Retiring Allowances Act*, I wish to table today the pension administration report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2007.

Finally, members, as required by the *Legislative Assembly Retiring Allowances Act*, I wish to table today the funding valuation of the Retiring Allowances Fund for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2007.

I'll correct myself, I have one more document.

Members, as required by the *Supplementary Retiring Allowances Act*, I wish to table today the funding valuation of the Supplementary Retiring Allowances Fund for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2007. Thank you.

(interpretation) Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Item 14. Notices of Motions. Item 15. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Item 16. Motions. Member for High Arctic, Mr. Barnabas.

### **Item 16: Motions**

#### **Motion 024 – 2(4): Adjournment for the Day**

**Mr. Barnabas:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to Rule 46, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Kugluktuk, that the House adjourn for the day. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you. The motion is in order. Question has been called. All those in favour. All those opposed. The motion is carried.

Item 16. Motions. I apologize, there are no more motions. Item 22. Orders of the Day. Mr. Clerk.

### **Item 22: Orders of the Day**

**Clerk:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Orders of the Day for February 20:

1. Prayer
2. Budget Address
3. Ministers' Statements
4. Members' Statements
5. Returns to Oral Questions
6. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery
7. Oral Questions

8. Written Questions
9. Returns to Written Questions
10. Replies to Opening Address
11. Replies to Budget Address
12. Petitions
13. Reports of Standing and Special Committees
14. Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills
15. Tabling of Documents
16. Notices of Motions
17. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills
18. Motions
19. First Reading of Bills
20. Second Reading of Bills
21. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters
22. Report of the Committee of the Whole
23. Third Reading of Bills
24. Orders of the Day

Thank you.

**Speaker** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Members, we stand adjourned until Wednesday, February 20, at 1:30 in the afternoon.

Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>*House adjourned at 15:18*



# **Appendix – February 19, 2008**

**Return to Written Question 008 – 2(4): Meetings and Directives of Executive Council and its Committees**

**Asked by:** Hunter Tootoo, MLA (Iqaluit Centre)

**Asked of:** Hon. Paul Okalik, Minister of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs

**Date:** October 25, 2007

**Question:**

1. How many formal meetings of the Executive Council of Nunavut took place between June 7, 2007 and September 10, 2007, and which of its members were in attendance at each one?

**Response:**

The Executive Council of Nunavut had four formal meetings during the period of June 7 to September 10, 2007. Cabinet convention and confidentiality does not permit disclosure of the participants in Cabinet meetings.

**Question:**

2. How many meetings of the committee of the Executive Council called the Financial Management Board<sup>1</sup> took place between June 7, 2007, and September 10, 2007 and which of its members were in attendance at each one?

<sup>1</sup>As defined in section 3 of the *Financial Administration Act*

**Response:**

The Financial Management Board of Nunavut had three formal meetings during the period of June 7 to September 10, 2007. Cabinet convention and confidentiality does not permit disclosure of the participants in Cabinet and Cabinet Committee meetings.

**Question:**

3. How many meetings of the committee of the Executive Council called the Cabinet Committee on Legislation took place between June 7, 2007 and September 10, 2007, and which of its members were in attendance at each one?

**Response:**

The Cabinet Committee on Legislation (CCL) of Nunavut had no meetings over that time period.

**Question:**

4. Within the meaning of the *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act*, what directives, instructions and orders have been made by the Executive Council of Nunavut since January 1, 2007, in respect to Government of Nunavut departments and Crown agencies?

**Response:**

Cabinet decisions are transmitted/communicated to departments and Crowns by a Cabinet Extract. These Extracts are bound by and are subject to Cabinet Confidentiality. Below are two decisions that have been made which led to an instruction being made to a Crown:

Fuel Stabilization Rider	QEC
URRC Final Report on FSR	QEC

The following is a list of policies that have been approved and apply to the departments and/or Crowns listed following each item:

Direction for Qangataut - Client Travel Policy (2007)	HSS
Grants and Contributions Policy	HSS
Leasing of Real Property Consolidated Policy	CGS
Grants and Contributions Policy	CLEY
Geographic Names Policy	CLEY
Acceptable Use of Handheld Wireless Devices Policy	CGS
Grants & Contributions Policy	CLEY
Archives Policy	CLEY
Nunavut Nursing Recruitment and Retention Strategy	H&SS
Client Travel Policy	HSS
Nunavut Public Health Strategy	HSS

The following is a list of Regulations that were approved by Cabinet and apply to the departments and/or Crowns listed following each. As is normal practice, Regulations are published in the *Nunavut Gazette*:

Amendments to the Workers' Compensation General Regulations	WCB/DOE
Student Financial Assistance Regulations Amendment	EDU
Approval of Baker Lake/Chesterfield Inlet Liquor Plebiscite Orders and Baker Lake/Chesterfield Inlet Liquor Plebiscite Regulations	Finance/Justice
Daylight Saving Time (DST)	All GN Departments/Crowns
Regulation for an Interim Fuel Stabilization Rider	QEC
Expired Operating Authority for NTPC	QEC
Tabling of Tobacco Regulations Sections II & III (signage & proof of age)	HSS
Order to bring <i>FAA</i> amendments into force	Finance
Mill Rate Establishment Order for 2007	Finance/ED/CGS
Consolidation of Electrical Protection Regulations	CGS
Order to Vary – Arviat Audit to March 31, 2007	Finance/CGS
Approval of the <i>Pharmacy Act</i> draft regulations	HSS
Small Claims Rules	Justice
NWMB Decision Concerning Total Allowable Harvest for Western Hudson Bay Polar Bears	DOE
Approval of Kugluktuk Special Prohibition Order	Finance
<i>Access to Information and Privacy Act</i> – Minor changes to Schedule A	EIA
Hamlet of Cambridge Bay Audited Financial Statements Extension Order	CGS
Approval of Kugluktuk Liquor Plebiscite and Kugluktuk Liquor Plebiscite Regulations	Finance
Hamlet of Arviat Audited Financial Statement Extension Order	CGS
Approval of Coral Harbour Liquor Plebiscite Order and Coral Harbour Liquor Plebiscite Regulations	Finance
Approval of Kimmirut Liquor Plebiscite Order and Kimmirut Liquor Plebiscite Regulations	Finance

Cambridge Bay Liquor Plebiscite Order and Cambridge Bay Liquor Plebiscite Regulations Finance

Regulation enacting an Interim Fuel Stabilization Rider QEC

This list is not inclusive of all the issues that Cabinet has dealt with but includes the matters that could be seen as providing directives, instructions or orders.

**Question:**

5. Within the meaning of the *Financial Administration Act*, what directives, instructions and orders have been made since January 1, 2007, in respect to the Government of Nunavut departments and Crown agencies?

**Response:**

FMB decisions are transmitted/communicated to departments and Crowns by a FMB Record of Decision (ROD). These RODs are bound by and are subject to Cabinet Confidentiality. The following is a list of directives that have been approved and apply to all departments and Crowns:

Financial Administration Manual Directives Changes:

803-4 Payment of interest

805 Issue of Cheques to Department, Direct Deposit EFT

806 Revolving Funds

811 Extending and Accepting Hospitality, Gifts and Token Gifts

815 Aircraft Chartering

820-1 Duty Travel

850 Insurance – Damage Claims by Students

851 Work Experience Programs – Damage Claims

860 Departmental Cheque Issue Systems

The following is a list of Regulations that were approved by FMB and apply to the departments and/or Crowns listed following each. As is normal practice, Regulations are published in the *Nunavut Gazette*:

Contract of Indemnification Exemption Regulations – Amendment

Finance/CGS

Investment Regulations

Finance/CGS