



Nunavut Canada

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NUNAVUT

3rd Session

3rd Assembly

HANSARD

Official Report

DAY 55

Monday, October 29, 2012

Pages 3008 – 3069

Iqaluit

Speaker: The Honourable Hunter Tootoo, M.L.A.

Legislative Assembly of Nunavut

Speaker

Hon. Hunter Tootoo

(Iqaluit Centre)

Hon. Eva Aariak

(Iqaluit East)

*Premier; Minister of Education;
Minister of Executive and
Intergovernmental Affairs; Minister
responsible for Aboriginal Affairs;
Minister responsible for Immigration*

Hon. James Arreak

(Uqqummiut)

*Minister of Culture and Heritage;
Minister of Environment; Minister of
Languages; Minister responsible for the
Utility Rates Review Council*

Moses Aupaluktuq

(Baker Lake)

Tagak Curley

(Rankin Inlet North)

Hon. Monica Ell

(Iqaluit West)

*Minister of Human Resources;
Minister responsible for Homelessness;
Minister responsible for the Status of
Women*

Ron Elliott

(Quttiktuq)

Joe Enook

(Tununiq)

Deputy Chair, Committee of the Whole

Hon. Lorne Kusugak

(Rankin Inlet South – Whale Cove)

*Government House Leader; Minister of
Community and Government Services;
Minister responsible for the Qulliq
Energy Corporation; Minister
responsible for the Workers' Safety and
Compensation Commission*

John Ningark

(Akulliq)

Johnny Ningeongan

(Nanulik)

*Deputy Speaker and Chair of the
Committee of the Whole*

Hezakiah Oshutapik

(Pangnirtung)

Hon. Keith Peterson

(Cambridge Bay)

*Minister of Finance, Chair of the
Financial Management Board; Minister
of Health and Social Services*

Allan Rumbolt

(Hudson Bay)

Hon. Fred Schell

(South Baffin)

Hon. Daniel Shewchuk

(Arviat)

*Minister of Justice; Minister
responsible for Nunavut Arctic
College*

Louis Tapardjuk

(Amittuq)

*Deputy Chair, Committee of the
Whole*

Hon. Peter Taptuna

(Kugluktuk)

*Deputy Premier; Minister of
Economic Development and
Transportation; Minister of
Energy; Minister responsible for the
Nunavut Housing Corporation*

Jeannie Ugyuk

(Nattilik)

Officers

Clerk

John Quirke

Deputy Clerk

Nancy Tupik

Clerk Assistant

Stephen Innuksuk

Law Clerk

Michael Chandler

Sergeant-at-Arms

Sammy Josephie

Hansard Production

Innirvik Support Services

Box 1200

Iqaluit, Nunavut, X0A 0H0

Tel (867) 975-5000 Fax (867) 975-5190 Toll-Free (877) 334-7266

Website: www.assembly.nu.ca

Table of Contents

Opening Prayer.....	3008
Ministers' Statements	3008
Members' Statements	3011
Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery.....	3021
Oral Questions.....	3021
Written Questions.....	3035
Tabling of Documents.....	3035
Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills	3037
Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters	3038
Report of the Committee of the Whole	3068
Orders of the Day	3069

A.

Daily References

Monday, October 29, 2012.....3008

B.

Ministers' Statements

195 – 3(3): 25 KV Distribution System Upgrade – Iqaluit (Kusugak).....3008
196 – 3(3): Firearms Safety Initiative in Nunavut Launched (Shewchuk).....3009
197 – 3(3): Nunavut Partnership to Deliver BizPaL Service (Taptuna).....3010
198 – 3(3): Training Program Accomplishments (Ell).....3010

C.

Members' Statements

317 – 3(3): The Passing of Mrs. Kanayuk Bruce (Curley).....3011
318 – 3(3): Remembering Mrs. Kanayuk Bruce (Ningeongan)3013
319 – 3(3): Touring Saputi – Fishing Vessel (Ell)3014
320 – 3(3): Solid Waste Management (Ningark)3015
321 – 3(3): Arctic Council Consultations (Elliott)3016
322 – 3(3): Tribute to Nunavut's Volunteers (Aupaluktuq).....3017
323 – 3(3): Fair Hiring Practices (Oshutapik)3017
324 – 3(3): Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan (Tapardjuk).....3018
325 – 3(3): Condolences to Family (Ugyuk).....3019
326 – 3(3): Pond Inlet Weather Commentators (Enook).....3020

D.

Oral Questions

435 – 3(3): Review of the Government of Nunavut's Surplus Disposal Policy (Curley)3021

436 – 3(3): Nunavut’s Arctic Council Priorities (Elliott).....	3022
437 – 3(3): Lack of Daycare Spaces in Nunavut (Ugyuk)	3025
438 – 3(3): Government of Nunavut Hiring Practices (Oshutapik)	3027
439 – 3(3): Allocation of Conservation Officers (Enook).....	3029
440 – 3(3): Status of Implementation of Nunavut’s Education Act (Ningeongan).....	3031
441 – 3(3): Career Guidance for High School Students (Elliott)	3033

E.

Written Questions

019 – 3(3): NAC Courses to Support Early Childhood Education (Ugyuk)	3035
--	------

F.

Tabling of Documents

244 – 3(3): Draft Plebiscites Act (Speaker).....	3035
245 – 3(3): Public Consultation Materials on the Draft Plebiscites Act (Speaker)	3035
246 – 3(3): Interim Financial Report (Unaudited) March 31, 2012 (Peterson).....	3036
247 – 3(3): Procurement Activity Report, Fiscal Year 2011-2012 (Kusugak).....	3036
248 – 3(3): Contract Activity Report, Fiscal Year 2011-2012 (Kusugak)	3036
249 – 3(3): Lease Activity Report, Fiscal Year 2011-2012 (Kusugak).....	3036
250 – 3(3): Correspondence Concerning Return to Written Question 18 – 3(3) (Enook).....	3036
251 – 3(3): Annual Report 2008-2009, Nunavut Liquor Licensing Board (Shewchuk)	3036
252 – 3(3): Annual Report 2009-2010, Nunavut Liquor Licensing Board (Shewchuk)	3036
253 – 3(3): Annual Report 2010-2011, Nunavut Liquor Licensing Board (Shewchuk)	3036
254 – 3(3): Annual Report 2011-2012, Nunavut Liquor Licensing Board (Shewchuk)	3036
255 – 3(3): Articles Concerning Arctic Search and Rescue (Elliott)	3037
256 – 3(3): Towards a Representative Public Service, Statistics as of March 31, 2012 (Elliott)	3037
257 – 3(3): Towards a Representative Public Service, Statistics as of June 30, 2012 (Elliott)	3037

258 – 3(3): Executive Summary of the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan and the Baffin Island
Community Consultation Schedule (Tapardjuk)3037

G.

Bills

Bill 45 – An Act Respecting Constituency Names and Superannuation of Certain Independent
Officers of the Legislative Assembly – Notice3037

Bill 41 – Appropriation (Capital) Act, 2013-2014 – Nunavut Housing Corporation –
Consideration in Committee3038

Iqaluit, Nunavut
Monday, October 29, 2012

Members Present:

Honourable Eva Aariak, Honourable James Arreak, Mr. Moses Aupaluktuq, Mr. Tagak Curley, Honourable Monica Ell, Mr. Ron Elliott, Mr. Joe Enook, Honourable Lorne Kusugak, Mr. John Ningark, Mr. Johnny Ningeongan, Mr. Hezakiah Oshutapik, Honourable Keith Peterson, Mr. Allan Rumbolt, Honourable Fred Schell, Honourable Daniel Shewchuk, Mr. Louis Tapardjuk, Honourable Peter Taptuna, Honourable Hunter Tootoo, Ms. Jeannie Ugyuk.

>>House commenced at 13:30

Item 1: Opening Prayer

Speaker (Hon. Hunter Tootoo): *Qujannamiik*, Sergeant-at-Arms. Before we proceed, I would like to ask Mr. Ningeongan to lead us off with a prayer, please.

>>Prayer

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. Members, before we proceed with the orders of the day, I wish to make a statement.

Ten years ago, the Legislative Assembly passed a new *Nunavut Elections Act* at its fall sitting. This statute has served us well during the past decade.

Later today, at the appropriate time, I will be tabling a draft new *Plebiscites Act*. If passed by the House, this proposed legislation will replace the statute that was inherited on division with a modern and responsive legal framework for the conduct of plebiscites.

As members are aware, direct votes have been undertaken in the north to determine the public's view on important issues, including the creation of Nunavut itself.

As members are also aware, legislation concerning territory-wide elections falls under the jurisdiction of the Legislative Assembly itself.

Accordingly, I am announcing today that the Management and Services Board is inviting formal submissions from members of the public and interested organizations on the draft new *Plebiscites Act*. The deadline for submission will be January 18, 2013.

After colleagues and I have had the opportunity to review submissions, I anticipate being in a position to formally introduce the bill at the spring sitting of the House.

I thank members and the House for their attention.

We will now move on with our orders of the day. Item 2. Ministers' Statements. Minister responsible for the Qulliq Energy Corporation, Minister Kusugak.

Item 2: Ministers' Statements

Minister's Statement 195 – 3(3): 25
KV Distribution System Upgrade
– Iqaluit

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good day, our fellow Nunavummiut. (interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this time to inform Nunavummiut about the completion of the 25 kilovolt upgrade of Iqaluit's distribution system.

Finalizing this three-year project will have many benefits now and into the future for not only Iqaluit, but all of Nunavut. By reducing operating costs in our capital city, there will be an anticipated net project benefit of over \$20 million over the next 20 years for the Qulliq Energy Corporation overall.

Mr. Speaker, in addition to the financial benefits of this project, other immediate benefits of this project include reducing our greenhouse gas emissions, improved power quality with greater control, and shorter downtimes during planned and unplanned outages.

Mr. Speaker, upgrading from the original 5 kilovolt to the current 25 kV distribution system will also accommodate the growth of Iqaluit for the foreseeable future and simplify power integration from other sources if prospected renewable energy projects come to fruition.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the great work provided by our engineering and operations staff and also work done in sometimes less than ideal weather conditions by the contracted crew from Valard.

Mr. Speaker, while our crews worked continuously to work around personal and commercial clients' needs during these planned outages, I would like to recognize and thank all Iqalummiut for their patience and understanding during the planned outage cycles of this upgrade. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Item 2. Ministers' Statements. Minister of Justice, Minister Shewchuk.

**Minister's Statement 196 – 3(3):
Firearms Safety Initiative in
Nunavut Launched**

Hon. Daniel Shewchuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As Minister of Justice, it gives me great satisfaction to report on the joint initiative of the departments of Justice and Environment and the RCMP on an awareness campaign on firearm safety in our territory. The campaign is seeing RCMP and wildlife officers going house to house throughout the territory to discuss the safety protocols in storing firearms in an effort to enhance and protect community safety. The recent spike in firearm-related incidents has warranted a safety awareness campaign within each community throughout Nunavut.

This initiative began in Cape Dorset and was very successful there. Inuit members and local detachment members provided firearm safety information, including trigger locks, door to door. Building on that success, the RCMP implemented the same initiative in Clyde River during the week of September 25 and Baker Lake the week of October 15.

The Clyde River session included home visits resulting in approximately 80 homes being visited and 80 trigger locks being handed out; the delivery of a safety presentation to high school students; and a radio call-in discussion on firearm safety and security. This call-in discussion experienced a high volume of calls, with most callers being very positive and supportive of the initiative.

Callers all agreed with and supported the importance of firearm safety.

While recognizing and respecting our Inuit hunting traditions, we must ensure the safe handling and storage of firearms in order to improve and ensure the safety of our families and our RCMP members. This approach is critical to our efforts to make Nunavut communities safe.

The locks have been generously funded by Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated and the Canadian Firearms Program's chief firearms officer for Manitoba and Nunavut in Winnipeg.

The initial response has been very positive so far in the communities visited by the RCMP. In the coming weeks, the RCMP will continue visiting communities, with the next stops being Arviat and Igloolik during the month of November. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Shewchuk. Item 2. Ministers' Statements. Minister responsible for Economic Development and Transportation, Minister Taptuna.

**Minister's Statement 197 – 3(3):
Nunavut Partnership to Deliver
BizPaL Service**

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Good afternoon, colleagues. Good afternoon, Nunavummiut. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to thank my colleague, the Hon. Monica Ell, for assisting with the announcement of the BizPaL partnership between the Government of Canada and the Government of Nunavut. I am pleased to

say that the partnership will facilitate the delivery of BizPaL service for Nunavummiut.

Mr. Speaker, BizPaL is an innovative online tool that provides entrepreneurs with simplified access to the permits and licences they need to establish and run their business. This federal, provincial, and territorial partnership is designed to lower the burden of red tape that small business owners encounter when they're dealing with government. Partnerships such as these assist us in our commitment to supporting community-based and sustainable economies. We want to ensure that businesses in Nunavut have easy access to all the resources available to them for start-up and expansion.

Mr. Speaker, when the service is available in all of our official languages, it will be accessible online through a customized Nunavut portal and at www.bizpal.ca. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Item 2. Ministers' Statements. Minister responsible for the Department of Human Resources, Minister Ell.

**Minister's Statement 198 – 3(3):
Training Program
Accomplishments**

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As Minister of the Department of Human Resources, it is a great pleasure for me to rise today to acknowledge our training programs' accomplishments through the years and congratulate 291 graduates to date, 178 of whom are beneficiaries.

(interpretation ends) These numbers include 207 from various occupational training programs for 2009 to 2012 and 84 from the Nunavut Advanced Management Program for the years 2003 to 2012. Courses have been delivered in Iqaluit, Rankin Inlet, and Cambridge Bay previously and will be offered again in these communities in 2012-13.

(interpretation) These training initiatives are essential for us to build the capacity of our public service and create the ability to reach our Inuit employment targets in all sectors and levels of the public service.

(interpretation ends) All existing administrative, human resource, supervisory, and communication staff have been given the opportunity to strengthen their leadership, management, and communication skills. The job-specific knowledge and hands-on practise received from these excellent training programs have given them confidence and the working knowledge to perform more effectively in their current positions and advance in their careers.

(interpretation) Mr. Speaker, building on these achievements, we will continue to offer support and encouragement to all of our training participants to continue their educational pursuits in contribution to excellence in our public service. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Ell. Minister Ell, could I please ask you to send a copy of your Minister's Statement with the page up to the table as we don't have a copy of it. Can you give a copy of

your Minister's Statement to the page as we don't have a copy of it for the table? Thank you.

Item 2. Ministers' Statements. Moving on in our orders of the day. Item 3. Members' Statements. Member for Rankin Inlet North, Mr. Curley.

Item 3: Members' Statements

Member's Statement 317 – 3(3): The Passing of Mrs. Kanayuk Bruce

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to speak about something we take great pride in and to share this with my colleagues so that they may also share in our pride. I also wanted to have my colleague, the Member for Nanulik, support this statement. I thank my colleague, the Member for Nanulik, who will also speak to this matter later.

Many Nunavutmiut have been left behind by their elders. When a dear elder or loved one, especially an elder, passes on, the family left behind needs our condolences and our sympathy as they are usually devastated.

This summer, on July 28, we experienced this situation ourselves, although I am no longer resident in my birthplace of Coral Harbour, as my paternal aunt, my *Attakuluk*, Kanayuk Bruce, left behind her family. I am thankful that we have two of the siblings present at this time; one of her grandchildren is sitting right behind me.

It was very stressful. It is extremely difficult to speak as an individual because this person continued to express her love towards her fellow Inuit

throughout her life. She was especially moved by youth and young women in particular. If they were her grandchildren, she would assist them all the time.

This individual would pass on her sewing skills to everyone who wanted help and, if they were men, then she would advise them about the need for proper equipment, of the need to maintain their equipment, clothing, and camping gear. We should never just leave on a trip without the proper preparations, especially if we are going on the land. She provided this type of advice to youth and to the person sitting behind me.

With that being the case, my *Attakuluk*, which was my endearment term since she was my father's cousin, I knew her my whole life as she was very loving of her relatives which included me. I could never call her by her name, Mr. Speaker, as I was quite proud of my *Attakuluk*. I would call her my *Attalluakuluk*, which was my endearment term.

Whenever I would arrive into the community, she and her family knew that as soon as I arrived, the first place I would visit would be her home without going to my hotel room. Whenever I would first come in, I would just be dropped off at their doorstep by her family as they knew that was the first place I was to visit.

I would like to ask for unanimous consent to conclude my Member's Statement.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Curley. The member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statement. Are there any

nays? There being none. Please proceed, Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you.

Some days pass by where we need to acknowledge and recognize our elders. Even when they have passed on, we have to commemorate their lives by expressing our pride in their advice, as we have many young people who require assistance. That is why I rise today.

As I stated earlier, my endearment term for her was my *Attalluakuluk* ever since I was a young child. As I had difficulty in speaking proper Inuktitut, I apparently mistakenly called her my *Akkalluakuluk*, which means my paternal uncle.

Due to this reason and in remembering Mikittuq Bruce, who is now 91 years old and who lost his wife this summer, as well as their children were quite numerous, many of whom are well known by members. Leonie Duffy, who is the oldest, Louie Bruce, Rosemary Sandy, Manitok Thompson, and Cathy Towtongie, who is sitting in the Gallery, for which I am grateful, as well as Mona, who is the youngest daughter of the family. She is the wife of the previous MLA for Coral Harbour, Patterk. As well, Tommy Avalaa and Gabriel.

Mr. Speaker, I want to state that she loved her children tremendously. I even recall one time when she was worried about one of her children and this was when she was starting to lose her voice, that she would ask about one of her sons and whether he was okay. She would be told that her son was fine, that he now had a strong foundation, and that she shouldn't worry about him further.

Shortly after that episode, she passed away.

Her son, whom I would go hunting with, Louie Bruce, whenever we would return to the community after a hunting trip, his mother would have a meal ready, the type of meal young men prefer after a long hunting trip. What I want to state is that she would try to enlighten our spirit.

One time, when we were scheduled to return, she made pudding using the same ingredients that her mother used without any type of recipe. She made it using only her memory; she boiled it in water and made a kind of pudding. Once we arrived home, Louie and I enjoyed that pudding tremendously and we wondered whether or not it had a proper name. I asked my aunt what it was since I was more curious than Louie. She stated that it didn't have a name, so my friend coined it "manna." That was the first time I ever had "manna," although it is quite a popular dish these days. That was the first time I ever had "manna" and some day we will see that dish.

Additionally, my *Attalluakuluk* was born in Wager Bay, and my colleague will elaborate with more details shortly. When she was at Wager Bay, the Sila Lodge was created. When she returned to the old camp where she was born and where she recalled her earlier childhood, she stated that she wanted to take some meat home as *Iluilli's* caribou meat tastes different from the island caribou. Many Inuit elders prefer the caribou from *Iluilli*, including those of us from the younger generations. We, too, prefer that taste. When the Sila Lodge opened, many tourists stayed there and it was almost impossible to hunt caribou since many of them were "special guests" and

there weren't any hunters in the camp to go hunting.

When my *Attalluakuluk* stated she wanted some caribou meat, even though I was a minister in the GNWT government at that time, I told John Hicks that if there was a Honda available, I could go caribou hunting. I was successful in catching a caribou, so I carefully wrapped up the carcass and hid the rifle from view as I came close to the camp and stealthily moved the meat into the shed. My aunt was able to take this caribou meat home and I was quite proud to provide that. If it had been any other person, I doubt that she would have tasked a minister to provide her with caribou meat, but since I held her in deep respect, I was happy to do so. This is one memory that I gladly remember.

Let us welcome her family members and her descendants. Although I know we are undergoing this difficult time, I know for a fact that my *Attalluakuluk* would have advised us to keep our spirits up, as she always stated up until her passing, which we regret deeply. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Curley. Item 3. Members' Statements. Member for Nanulik, Mr. Ningeongan.

**Member's Statement 318 – 3(3):
Remembering Mrs. Kanayuk
Bruce**

Mr. Ningeongan (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to pay my respects to the late Mrs. Kanayuk Bruce, who passed away in July of this year.

Mr. Speaker, on a very personal note, I would like to acknowledge the guidance that Mrs. Bruce gave to me when I most needed it, in support of my leadership. As an elder, she was always ready to advise me and had my utmost respect.

Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Bruce grew up in Wager Bay in the Kivalliq region, which is now part of a national park. She was educated by visiting priests and worked as a clerk at the Wager Bay trading post for many years, serving people from Gjoa Haven, Kugaaruk, Taloyoak, and the surrounding communities. She lived in Wager Bay until she got married.

Mrs. Bruce moved with her husband to the Coral Harbour area in the late 1950s. There, she was very much involved in the church and was a strong and supportive influence.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, (interpretation) I would like to ask for unanimous consent to conclude my statement. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. The member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statement. Are there any nays? There being none. Please proceed, Mr. Ningeongan.

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

The lady was a very nice person. That was why she was so dear to me. Ever since I was a child, she was welcoming to everyone and she was always willing to teach anyone the art of tanning the hides, preparing them, and sewing clothing.

Mrs. Bruce was never shy to give her opinion on matters affecting the community. She had very strong family values and principles that she was able to pass on to the young families. Her counselling helped many youth and young couples understand the importance of bringing up children, marriage, and home life.

Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Tuinnaq Kanayuk Bruce leaves behind her husband, Mikittuq Bruce, her children, many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. We dearly miss her in Coral Harbour. I ask my colleagues to send their prayers for the family to support them in their loss. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. Item 3. Members' Statements. Member for Iqaluit West, Ms. Ell.

**Member's Statement 319 – 3(3):
Touring Saputi – Fishing Vessel**

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I share in the sense of loss with the two previous speakers as the lady in question was our sister-in-law. Her husband was my mother's brother whom she has left behind. We have lost many of our relatives this year.

Mr. Speaker, on Friday, October 5, Iqalummiut were invited to visit the fishing vessel, Saputi, which had arrived. The Saputi made a crew change and unloaded a very good haul of shrimp and turbot while in Frobisher Bay. It was a very sunny day, but the winds were strong, so it was quite challenging to climb the rope ladder to get on and off the ship. I eventually got on. We also

had to get off the same way. I am glad that we all persevered because the tour of the newly expanded fishing vessel was very interesting. The processing of the catch was explained and the living quarters were displayed to us.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, it was obvious that many Inuit working on the boat enjoyed their work and took pride in the Saputi. I thank the crew of the Saputi and to QC for inviting us to the public event to view the newly elongated F/V Saputi.

At this time, Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask for an extension. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Ms. Ell. The member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude her statement. Are there any nays? There being none. Please proceed, Ms. Ell.

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, my colleagues, for allowing me to continue with my statement.

The 40-foot extension of the vessel was very impressive, as well as all the machinery. (interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, not so impressive was the returns to Iqaluit since, due to the lack of infrastructure, elders and mothers, with their Amautiit on, had to scramble over slippery walks at the causeway to return home.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward to the day when Iqaluit will have proper infrastructure for sealift, cruise ships, fishing vessels, and hunters here in Iqaluit. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Ms. Ell. Item 3. Members' Statements. Member for Akulliq, Mr. Ningark.

Member's Statement 320 – 3(3): Solid Waste Management

Mr. Ningark: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation) With respect to the people who lost a loved one, they are in my heart as well as in my prayers. When I was just a child in Repulse Bay, I started hearing her name mentioned, whom our colleagues spoke about.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about the important issue of solid waste management in our communities. Mr. Speaker, as guardians of our land, air, and water, we have a serious responsibility to ensure that we address the issue of solid waste management in a serious way.

Mr. Speaker, a recent publication by the Government of Nunavut indicates, and I quote, "In most communities, landfill operators are struggling to manage waste volume, and often rely on the practice of open burning to manage municipal waste. A number of upgrades are needed, including landfill operator training, infrastructure improvements and other updates..."

Mr. Speaker, just over a year ago, the Minister of Community and Government Services tabled a report on the current state of solid waste management and facilities in Nunavut.

I support initiatives to address this issue and I encourage the departments of CGS and Environment to continue the important work of identifying and

implementing actions to protect our environment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ningark. Item 3. Members' Statements. Member for Quttiktuq, Mr. Elliott.

**Member's Statement 321 – 3(3):
Arctic Council Consultations**

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to speak about the very productive meeting that I attended this weekend concerning the Arctic Council.

On August 23 of this year, our Member of Parliament was appointed Minister for the Arctic Council. I want to take this opportunity to publicly congratulate Minister Aglukkaq on this well-deserved appointment.

Mr. Speaker, as you know, the minister was in Iqaluit this weekend to launch a series of consultations to develop Canada's priorities for its upcoming two-year chairmanship of the Arctic Council, which begins next May.

Mr. Speaker, I have spoken on many occasions in this House about the issues of search and rescue, natural resource development, and the human dimension of arctic sovereignty.

As the Member of the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut representing three High Arctic communities, the work of the Arctic Council and its partners is critical to the well-being of my constituents.

Mr. Speaker, this weekend's meeting was an excellent opportunity for a

diverse range of stakeholders, including many Members of this Assembly, to express their concerns and recommendations.

Mr. Speaker, some of the issues that were discussed this weekend included the need for enhancements to arctic search and rescue capabilities, oil and gas development in the North, food security, and pan-Arctic approaches to suicide prevention.

Mr. Speaker, as you know, the President of the Inuit Circumpolar Conference Canada and ICC Vice-Chair for Canada, Duane Smith, participated in our meeting.

As the Arctic Council considers the process by which it designates official status to other bodies, including the European Union, we must be mindful of the importance of ensuring that the rights of indigenous peoples in the circumpolar world are respected. This includes continuing to take a firm stand on the issue of the EU's hypocritical ban on the importation of seal products.

Mr. Speaker, if this weekend's meeting in Iqaluit was any indication, Canada is off to an excellent start as we prepare for the important work ahead. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

An Hon. Member: Bravo!

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Item 3. Members' Statements. Member for Baker Lake, Mr. Aupaluktuq.

**Member's Statement 322 – 3(3):
Tribute to Nunavut's Volunteers**

Mr. Aupaluktuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is quite obvious that many Nunavummiut are undergoing difficult times at this time, so those families who are undergoing difficulties are in our thoughts and prayers.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Nunavut's volunteers. Mr. Speaker, in December of 1985, the United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution to designate December 5 as International Volunteers Day for Economic and Social Development.

Mr. Speaker, since the House will not be sitting on that day, I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the thousands of Nunavummiut who work selflessly to make our territory a better place for all.

Mr. Speaker, the tireless work of volunteers ensures that many social needs are met. The commitment of volunteers ensures that our youth can take advantage of numerous sport and recreational opportunities. The courage of volunteers ensures that life-saving search and rescue operations can take place.

Mr. Speaker, there are a number of programs to recognize the work of volunteers, including the Commissioner's Award for Volunteer and Community Service.

Earlier this year, the Commissioner travelled to Baker Lake to present a number of awards, and I congratulate the recipients.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all members to join me today in a salute to Nunavut's volunteers. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Aupaluktuq. Item 3. Members' Statements. Member for Pangnirtung, Mr. Oshutapik.

**Member's Statement 323 – 3(3): Fair
Hiring Practices**

Mr. Oshutapik (interpretation): Good afternoon, fellow Pangnirtung residents. (interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, before I begin my Member's Statement, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of my colleagues for their support to Pangnirtung during our recent difficult time. We join with the Kilabuk family in their time of grief and our hearts are with you.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address the importance of fair hiring practices in the government.

Mr. Speaker, as the Member of the Legislative Assembly for Pangnirtung, I represent a number of constituents who are employed by the Government of Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that it is very important that the government follows fair hiring practices in all of its departments and offices. Mr. Speaker, our employees need to have confidence that hiring is done in a transparent manner. Our employees need to have confidence that decisions are made in accordance with the government's legislation and policies, including its Priority Hiring Policy.

(interpretation) Mr. Speaker, although our communities are small, we need to make efforts to ensure that hiring decisions are made in a fair and unbiased manner. It is very important that managers are not placed in situations where they may need to make hiring decisions involving their own relatives.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, we all know that unemployment is high in our communities. Our constituents should be provided with every opportunity to compete openly and fairly for positions.

At this time, I seek unanimous consent to conclude my statement. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Oshutapik. The member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statement. Are there any nays? There being none. Please proceed, Mr. Oshutapik.

Mr. Oshutapik: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Our ability to effectively serve the Nunavut public will be strengthened if we ensure that our own workforce is strong. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Oshutapik. Item 3. Members' Statements. Member for Amittuq, Mr. Tapardjuk.

Member's Statement 324 – 3(3): Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan

Mr. Tapardjuk (interpretation): Good afternoon to the residents of Igloolik and Hall Beach. I would also like to thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to state

that the statements of my colleagues really impacted me, as we heard of this summer and earlier we heard on the news that there was an elder who just passed away this morning. It is quite obvious that the families left behind are in need of our sympathies. I just needed to state my feelings on that.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to announce that the Nunavut Planning Commission recently made public the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan for Nunavummiut to review and provide input.

Mr. Speaker, the Nunavut Planning Commission was established under Article 11 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement. The Nunavut Planning Commission is responsible for the development, implementation, and monitoring of land use plans which guide and direct resources use and development in the Nunavut Settlement Area.

Mr. Speaker, in 2007, the Nunavut Planning Commission's broad planning policies, objectives, and goals were formally supported by the Government of Nunavut and were used to create the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan.

Mr. Speaker, the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan, once it is approved, will replace the North Baffin and Keewatin regional land use plans. Currently, all project proposals in the North Baffin Planning Region that require a licence or authorization from a land use authorizing agency... .

At this time, I would like to ask for unanimous consent to conclude my statement, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Tapardjuk. The member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statement. Are there any nays? There being none. Please proceed, Mr. Tapardjuk.

Mr. Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, my colleagues, for the unanimous consent.

Mr. Speaker, currently, all project proposals in the North Baffin Planning Region that require a licence or authorization from a land use authorizing agency must be assessed by the Nunavut Planning Commission for conformity with the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan, such as the Baffinland Mary River Project.

Mr. Speaker, the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan has received strong support from industry, Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated, the Nunavut Association of Municipalities, and the regional Inuit organizations because this document reflects their interests, needs, and aspirations.

Mr. Speaker, the Nunavut Planning Commission will be travelling to every Nunavut community to present the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan and accept input and recommendations which will be included into the Final Nunavut Land Use Plan.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage all Nunavummiut and interested stakeholders to participate, engage, and work with the representatives of the Nunavut Planning Commission. I applaud the NPC's approach to ensuring all communities will have input into this important document.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the Government of Nunavut and all Members of the Legislative Assembly to formally support and recognize all the hard work the NPC has done concerning the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan.

Mr. Speaker, later today, I will table a copy the Baffin Island community consultation schedule and a copy of the Executive Summary of the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan for those interested in this document. Further information concerning the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan can be obtained from the Nunavut Planning Commission's website. Mr. Speaker, I encourage all Nunavummiut to visit the NPC's website and learn how they can provide input concerning the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Tapardjuk. Item 3. Members' Statements. Member for Nattilik, Ms. Ugyuk.

Member's Statement 325 – 3(3): Condolences to Family

Ms. Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I send my regards to the people of Nattilik. As a family, such as my older and younger sisters and brothers, we have lost a family member. It's unfortunate, but we believe that we can get some assistance through a prayer. I would like everyone to pray for my brother's adopted son and his family. You have to be able to stay together and love each other at this time of hardship. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Ms. Ugyuk. Item 3. Members' Statements. Member for Tununiq, Mr. Enook.

Member's Statement 326 – 3(3): Pond Inlet Weather Commentators

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to offer some celebratory news for our community and to express my thanks.

Mr. Speaker, we all know that in the summer, many residents go out camping via boat, sometimes to very long distances and sometimes to closer places. Furthermore, we are aware and it's become obvious that the weather now changes very quickly without any signs. In particular, our elders have really noted that the weather signs are no longer spot-on and the weather changes very dramatically. Mr. Speaker, with that being the case, when you are a long distance away from the community, it becomes very important to hear weather forecasts, especially if you have to travel many miles to reach your community.

Additionally, at least in our community, we use the VHF radios. I believe they used to be called XBX-11s; I don't know what they are called now. In any event, these VHF radios are used for long distance communication, which is very useful, especially when trying to find out about the weather on the route home, and these people provide their insight as to the weather and what may develop.

Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to express my thanks to three of my fellow community residents in Pond Inlet. As a community, we need to work together even without being asked to do so

because many people want to assist their fellow citizens.

Mr. Speaker, these three people I wish to name are individuals whom I really wish to thank and to share in my gratitude for their selflessness, as they provide this service without anybody tasking them to do so. They do so simply to provide this type of public service and they provide this at all times of the day; in the morning, in the afternoon, or even nighttime.

These individuals go on the VHF radio to broadcast their views on the developing weather during the summer months to those of us who are on the land. They broadcast the weather conditions and their opinions about how it may develop. These individuals broadcast this information, even if no one acknowledges their broadcast, as sometimes the reception is not that great, which we all have experienced in using this technology.

I would like name these individuals because, as a community, Pond Inlet residents appreciate their service provision. These three people are Elijah Nashook, Panuile Okango, and Joanasie Mucpa. Thank you for your invaluable service. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Enook. Item 3. Members' Statements. Moving on in our orders of the day. Item 4. Returns to Oral Questions. Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Nanulik, Mr. Ningeongan.

Item 5: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery

Mr. Ningeongan (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am starting to stand regularly as of late, for which I am grateful for, as another fellow resident of Coral Harbour, Mr. Dino Bruce, is sitting right behind Mr. Curley.

I want to recognize this Coral Harbour resident. Although he spends some time in Nova Scotia, he is one of our local businesspeople and he has assisted his father in running their business. I also call him my *Piqatialuk*, even though he is fairly young. When he was younger, I have often discussed life's challenges with him, especially the fact that one has to be strong. He has provided me with assistance, although he is quite young. I try to reciprocate whenever I can. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and welcoming my friend to the Gallery. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. Welcome to the Gallery. I feel not as nervous facing you here as I used to be in the baseball diamond in Rankin Inlet.

>> *Laughter*

Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Moving on in our orders of the day. Item 6. Oral Questions. Member for Rankin Inlet North, Mr. Curley.

Item 6: Oral Questions

Question 435 – 3(3): Review of the Government of Nunavut's Surplus Disposal Policy

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions today are for the Minister of Community and Government Services. Mr. Speaker, my questions should be very understandable because they're on behalf of Nunavutmiut.

As the minister is aware, he has responsibility for the Government of Nunavut's Surplus Disposal Policy. Mr. Speaker, this policy has two parts. Part A deals with the disposal of fixed assets and Part B deals with the disposal of non-fixed assets, including office equipment, furnishings, and mobile equipment.

Part B of the Policy states in part, and I quote, "This policy is based on the following principles... that everyone has an equal chance to acquire items that have been declared surplus..." However, Mr. Speaker, the policy also creates an order of preference for the disposal of assets. GN departments and agencies are at the top of this priority list and ordinary members of the general public are at the bottom of the list. Can the minister explain this contradiction? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister responsible for Community and Government Services; Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon, Dino. I am very happy to see you in the Gallery.

Mr. Speaker, the policy was drafted specifically to ensure that prior to any government infrastructure being disposed of, such as old office buildings,

facilities, or even old vehicles. . . . For example, I know that some hamlets express interest, especially if it is an office building. The hamlets are among the first bodies that are consulted. The government tends to have internal notifications to its departments to see if there is any interest. If no department expresses interest, the hamlets are usually the next in line for an expression of interest. Sometimes other organizations are consulted, such as the search and rescue societies, and asked for an expression of interest. When none of these parties express an interest, it is put out for public tender for anyone to bid upon. That is generally how this process is laid out step by step for disposal of government assets.

Hopefully that is understandable to my colleague. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Kusugak. Your first supplementary, Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you. Yes, I understood the response provided by the minister. Part of what I talked about was the last place status of the public. There are several layers listed here and my reasoning was based on my reading of the policy. It states that (interpretation ends) “everyone has an equal chance to acquire items that have been declared surplus,” but there is a contradiction, as I indicated, because there are at least five institutions and organizations that have preference.

So my next question is this: will the minister commit to changing his department’s Surplus Disposal Policy so that ordinary members of the general public have an equal opportunity to bid

for surplus assets, yes or no? If not, why not? Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister responsible for Community and Government Services, Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I’ll look into it further. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. Minister Kusugak. Your second supplementary, Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley: Thank you. The minister indicated he will look into it. The minister may want to indicate that he will actually review and change the policy. Number two, the Nunavut Housing Corporation and the territorial power corporation are exempted from the provisions of the government’s Surplus Disposal Policy. Can the minister clearly explain why these Crown corporations are not subject to this policy? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister responsible for Community and Government Services Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I’ll take that question as notice

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Kusugak. The question has been taken as notice. Moving on. Oral Questions. Member for Quttiktuq, Mr. Elliott.

Question 436 – 3(3): Nunavut’s Arctic Council Priorities

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions today are for the Premier.

On August 23 of this year, our Member of Parliament was appointed Minister for the Arctic Council. I want to take this opportunity to congratulate Minister Aglukkaq on this well-deserved appointment. This weekend, I had the opportunity to attend her consultations as she begins to develop priorities for Canada's upcoming two-year chairmanship of the Arctic Council, which begins next May.

One of the four pillars of Canada's Northern Strategy is to "promote social and economic development." Can the Premier advise the House what recommendations the Government of Nunavut has made to the federal government in this area? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Minister responsible for Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, Madam Premier

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for the question. First of all, I would also like to congratulate Leona Aglukkaq. She's now the Chair of the Arctic Council.

We recently had a meeting with Ms. Aglukkaq and I am happy to announce that she invited us to this meeting to gather our thoughts on the issue as residents of Nunavut and our priorities and issues of importance. I am also quite happy that she invited all of the elected Members of this House and everyone was provided an opportunity to voice their thoughts on the matter.

During this time, I also had the opportunity to meet Ms. Aglukkaq

personally to speak about the issues I spoke to. Although it wasn't comprehensive, we spoke about other matters, such as oil spills and the need to have the proper (interpretation ends) oil spill prevention, (interpretation) if I were to say it in English. This continues to be a source of concern for Nunavut, especially as our waters are being used by more ships as well as being explored by oil drilling companies. More ships are starting to use our waters as well.

Another issue we spoke about was with respect to the climate change that is causing challenges as the Arctic warms up and the ice is melting faster, which is resulting in our waters being opened up. Ship traffic will increase as more of our arctic waters open up. The people of Nunavut, including the wildlife, as well as our marine mammals, require protection, which I stressed was one of the most important issues we face.

Another matter which has continued to be a priority for this government not just here in Nunavut but in other territories as well is the challenges associated with suicide prevention. Again, I stressed that this is one of our foremost challenges. I also asked whether or not any best practices are readily available or alternatively, pooling our resources that we can share.

There were various matters we discussed related to health and social services, which the Minister of H&SS also voiced, as these were topics of importance to this government.

These were the topics we discussed ever since she started her position in the federal government and that she consulted us about. (interpretation ends)

I would say that these are preliminary areas that we have voiced our opinion and I'm sure that there will be other explorations as to what the other priorities are. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Madam Premier. Your first supplementary, Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On October 18, 2011, I asked questions in the House concerning the issue of search and rescue in the north and the role of the Arctic Council.

On June 27, 2012, the three territorial Premiers issued a communiqué following a meeting of the Northern Premiers' Forum. In their communiqué, the Premiers stated that, and I quote, "improvements to Canada's Arctic search and rescue capabilities North of 60 are necessary to prepare for the increased pressures of resource development activity and growing air and marine traffic, and to demonstrate Arctic sovereignty." Can the Premier advise the House what actions the Government of Nunavut has undertaken to address this priority with the federal government? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Minister responsible for Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, Madam Premier.

Hon. Eva Aariak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The search and rescue issue is very important and a priority in our territory. The land-based search and rescue efforts in Nunavut are led by the RCMP, in cooperation with the communities, as well as our municipal and territorial government departments collectively. Most search and rescue

incidents in the north involve ground searches. I guess the specific question about Nunavut's search and rescue capabilities are best directed to the Minister of Community and Government Services, of which his department is working very hard in continuing on that issue.

That being said, Nunavut has long been concerned about a lack of resources for air and sea search and rescue in the north. These efforts are assisted by the Canadian Forces and Canadian Coast Guard. I think the coordination centre, of course, for this is in Trenton, which is many miles away from our arctic location. I continue to raise this concern with the federal government and with representatives of the Canadian Armed Forces when they come up here to brief us on their activities in the Arctic. In my meetings with the federal officials, I have raised this issue and I will continue to raise that as well. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Madam Premier. Your second supplementary, Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In its response to the questions that I asked last October, the government indicated that one of the specific priorities that it wants to see addressed in the next Agreement on Cooperation on Aeronautical and Maritime Search and Rescue in the Arctic is "consideration of the addition of a small, dedicated northern search and rescue contingent stationed in Nunavut." Can the Premier advise the House if she has raised this specific issue directly with the federal government and, if so, what has been the federal response? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Minister responsible for Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, Madam Premier.

Hon. Eva Aariak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This area, once again, was also a topic of discussion with the northern premiers, and I have also brought up the issue with a number of federal ministers over the last year, such as Minister Aglukqaq, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, the Hon. John Baird, and Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Minister Lebel, during his consultation this past July. Although there have been no specific commitments yet from the Government of Canada, we continue to press the federal officials on this issue. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Madam Premier. Your final supplementary, Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for that response. It's good to see the Government of Nunavut working towards that. I know, in terms of Resolute Bay, we have pushed continually with the whole government approach that the federal government takes in terms of DND there and the Polar Continental Shelf Program. I think search and rescue assets in Resolute Bay would be an excellent addition and welcomed by the community.

My final question, Mr. Speaker, is the Government of Nunavut has also stated that one of its other priorities in this area is "improved communications, including allocation of bandwidth for emergency response." Can the Premier update the House on recent developments in this area? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Minister responsible for Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, Madam Premier.

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Improvement of communications is very important, especially for emergency responses. When we had a glitch in that satellite communications system, we had to look through it. From what I understand, CGS and the community government are working together to look at how they can improve the communications system, including for emergency responses. They would be an excellent department to ask if you want to get an update because the minister responsible places this as a high priority. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Madam Premier. Oral Questions. Member for Natilik, Ms. Ugyuk.

Question 437 – 3(3): Lack of Daycare Spaces in Nunavut

Ms. Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to say "good day" to my mother, who is in Yellowknife, and I love her.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct my questions to the Minister of Education.

Mr. Speaker, there continues to be lack of daycare spaces available across Nunavut. This service is an important one, not only to provide early childhood education to our children, but to support parents and families who wish to participate in a working economy or

improve their level of education and training.

Last week, I asked the minister a question about the number of daycares operating in Nunavut. While we are waiting for the information to be provided, as committed by the Minister of Education, I would like to ask the Minister of Education to describe what criteria must be met in order to open a daycare facility. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Ms. Ugyuk. Minister responsible for the Department of Environment, Minister Aariak.

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank the member for posing that question. In regard to the education committees, part of their responsibility is to take care of the preschool programs and daycare services. Those are available under the *Education Act*.

When it comes to early childhood education programs, they need a licence under the *Child Day Care Act* to make sure that the children are in a safe environment. (interpretation ends) Licensing requirements, as an example, are staff ratios, space requirements, etcetera, that apply to early childhood education programs. They do not apply to the supervision or instruction of school aged children offered by a school delivering the education program in accordance with the *Education Act*.

The early childhood education program runs out of the school, is not part of the school program, and as such, still requires licensing under the *Education Act*.

DEAs must meet the *Education Act* requirements to provide early childhood education programs which promote the Inuit language and Inuit culture. The *Education Act* is not intended to meet the daycare and learning needs of children aged zero to five, but it was not designated to include junior kindergarten. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister of Education. Your first supplementary, Ms. Ugyuk.

Ms. Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank the minister for her response. (interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, can the minister update this House on the status of her department's review of the *Child Day Care Act* and whether the results of this review will change the criteria for opening community daycares? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Ms. Ugyuk. Minister responsible for the Department of Environment, Minister Aariak.

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At this time, these are the early childhood programs currently being reviewed. Once the review has been completed, we will have a better idea as to whether we need to revise the *Child Day Care Act*. It is only after this review that this will be identified. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Aariak. Your second supplementary, Ms. Ugyuk.

Ms. Ugyuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank the minister for answering my question. As I mentioned

in my preamble, there are not enough daycare spaces available across Nunavut. Can the minister update this House on how many daycare spaces are currently available across Nunavut? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Ms. Ugyuk. Minister responsible for the Department of Education, Minister Aariak.

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just last week, our colleague asked a question related to daycare services, and in order to provide a full response, I wanted to provide my response in writing. That is still my intention at this time, so I will be providing a written response later on this week. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Aariak. Your final supplementary, Ms. Ugyuk.

Ms. Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) There are specific requirements under Nunavut's new *Education Act* to provide early childhood education programs in Nunavut communities. Can the minister update this House on the challenges her department has faced in implementing this aspect of the legislation? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Ms. Ugyuk. Minister responsible for the Department of Education, Minister Aariak.

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Currently, daycare facilities are one of our most urgent needs in all of Nunavut. At this time, we don't have enough daycare facilities. This issue is still being researched and it will be included in my

written response later on this week. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Aariak. Oral Questions. Member for Pangnirtung, Mr. Oshutapik.

Question 438 – 3(3): Government of Nunavut Hiring Practices

Mr. Oshutapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) My questions today are for the Minister of Human Resources.

In my Member's Statement today, I spoke about the need for the government to have fair hiring practices and the need for the government to follow the Priority Hiring Policy. Can the minister explain how the Department of Human Resources enforces the Priority Hiring Policy? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Oshutapik. Minister responsible for the Department of Human Resources, Minister Ell.

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank the member for asking that question and I will try to provide a response. This issue you spoke to regarding the Priority Hiring Policy, the objective is to prioritize certain categories for positions within the government. This prioritization is specifically for Inuit who are Nunavut land claims beneficiaries. The beneficiaries, whom are Inuit, are part of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement and, if any beneficiary has applied for a government position, then they are supposed to be a priority. At least that is what is supposed to happen when positions are being filled.

With respect to the Priority Hiring Policy, it isn't the sole responsibility of a single department. The cabinet follows this hiring policy and it has to be approved by cabinet. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Ell. Your first supplementary, Mr. Oshutapik.

Mr. Oshutapik: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation) I would like to thank the minister for responding to my question. (interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, can the minister clarify how the Department of Human Resources ensures that managers are not involved in hiring decisions involving their own relatives? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Oshutapik. Minister responsible for the Department of Human Resources, Minister Ell.

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm not exactly sure about your question, but I believe you were talking about managers not being involved in hiring decisions involving their own relatives. It is usually referred to cabinet and goes through the approval process. Again, we have to look at each individual, directly look at the education level and experience, and so on. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Ell. Your second supplementary, Mr. Oshutapik.

Mr. Oshutapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for your response. In circumstances where an employee of the Government of Nunavut believes that the government's hiring procedures have not been followed, what

is the process for the employee to request that a formal investigation be undertaken? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Oshutapik. Minister responsible for the Department of Human Resources, Minister Ell.

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Could the member clarify his question? There are a lot of jobs that are available within the government, so I would like to ask the member to clarify his question. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Ell. Mr. Oshutapik, can you clarify your question for the minister, please.

Mr. Oshutapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question was: if the government's hiring procedures had not been followed, what is the process for the employee to request a formal investigation to be undertaken by your department? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Oshutapik. Minister responsible for the Department of Human Resources, Minister Ell.

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A copy of the Priority Hiring Policy is available on the Internet for anyone and all the government employees have a copy about the government hiring procedures. If those procedures have not been followed, our department would like to be informed. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Ms. Ell. Your first supplementary, Mr. Oshutapik.

Mr. Oshutapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for understanding my question. I was going to try and speak in French if you didn't understand me. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(interpretation ends) According to information on the government's website, which you talked about, the Department of Human Resources is currently developing a new directive for its Human Resources Manual concerning "Offences and Integrity Management." Can the minister clarify what this directive will address and can she indicate when it will be finalized? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Oshutapik. Minister responsible for the Department of Human Resources, Minister Ell.

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To elaborate further on that policy, as I mentioned earlier in regard to having cabinet make a decision, in regard to direct appointments, priority hiring is to urge beneficiaries to get into the workforce. In regard to your question, I will look into that and pass on the information to you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Ell. Item 6. Oral Questions. Member for Tununiq, Mr. Enook.

Question 439 – 3(3): Allocation of Conservation Officers

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon to the people of Pond Inlet and to my fellow Nunavummiut. Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct my questions to the Minister of Environment, Hon. Arreak.

Mr. Speaker, as the minister will recall, I asked questions during the Committee of the Whole's review of his department's 2012-13 main estimates and business plan concerning how his department allocates conservation officers throughout the territory. The minister indicated to me that his department "works closely with local hunters and trappers organizations. Once they have made a request, we review those requests to determine if they need additional renewable resource officers."

Can the minister indicate if the Mittimatalik Hunters and Trappers Organization in Pond Inlet made a request for an additional conservation officer for our community? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Enook. Minister responsible for the Department of Environment, Minister Arreak.

Hon. James Arreak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for asking the question on conservation officers. At this time, we did not receive a request for additional conservation officers for Pond Inlet. We work with the community conservation officers and keep monitoring them to make sure that they don't get overloaded. I'm replying with the same response as the spring session. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Arreak. Your first supplementary, Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the minister will also recall, I sent him correspondence on this issue in May of this year. The response to me indicated that the minister had

“instructed his officials to review the allocation of staff in association with the budget planning process.” Can the minister indicate if this review has been completed and can he describe what changes, if any, have been made to the allocation of conservation officers for my community of Pond Inlet? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Enook. Minister responsible for the Department of Environment, Minister Arreak.

Hon. James Arreak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As per my previous response, the situation still remains much like it was this spring; the set number of conservation officers in the communities hasn't changed. At this time, nothing is in the works to increase the number of conservation officers in the communities or even if we can get additional conservation officers.

Our staff monitors the community as to whether the conservation officer's workload is sufficient for one officer or whether two conservation officers are required. If the workload is sufficient for one conservation officer, the community retains the one officer. If the workload requires two conservation officers, the community would have two conservation officers. Alternatively, communities can request additional conservation officers through a training program. This has occurred in other communities.

Currently, the number of conservation officers hasn't changed to date and we haven't identified any further positions to be transferred to the community. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Arreak. Your second supplementary, Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The minister knows this for a fact and his response to me also indicated that “the department, like all others, has a limited number of positions and resources. These are allocated among the department's program areas in consideration of Government of Nunavut priorities, regional needs, community needs, legal obligations and many other factors.” Can the minister explain the exact formula for how his department determines the allocation of conservation officers and, if not, will he commit to tabling it in the House before the end of the fall sitting? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Enook. Minister responsible for the Department of Environment, Minister Arreak.

Hon. James Arreak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Likewise, our department keeps monitoring the conservation officers in the communities to make sure that their workload is not going over and we monitor the communities to see if they need additional conservation officers or not.

In regard to his community of Pond Inlet, they currently have just one conservation officer. However, the North Baffin manager position is currently vacant and this position is being dealt with. When was the end date? Indeed, the position is being readied for filling.

However, at this time, with respect to the member's request for the formula used, I don't have the information handy. Once I am able or need to provide that

information, I may provide that information directly to the member via written correspondence. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Arreak. Your final supplementary, Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook: (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Perhaps I should preface my question to make it understandable. With respect to the consultant, the minister knows for a fact that this position he alluded to isn't just for the community of Pond Inlet. It is a position for the entire Baffin region, with no ties to the community of Pond Inlet. It is set as a regional position and he can't include it as a position working for the community of Pond Inlet.

I want to raise this question: does the department have any written guidelines that are used to determine whether or not a community requires another conservation officer? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Enook. Minister responsible for the Department of Environment, Minister Arreak.

Hon. James Arreak (interpretation): Mr. Speaker, for various reasons, we monitor the conservation officers' workload. I can only respond the way I did. If the workload is sufficient enough for one conservation officer, then we have one conservation officer, but it depends on the workload and various other factors.

In the community of Pond Inlet, we have noticed and we know that one conservation officer is sufficient enough for the community. We look at the

community's needs when we make a decision, whether we need to hire additional conservation officers or not. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Arreak. Oral Questions. Member for Nanulik, Mr. Ningeongan.

Question 440 – 3(3): Status of Implementation of Nunavut's Education Act

Mr. Ningeongan (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Education. I want my colleagues to know that I do not ask questions just because these questions are popping out. I have been asked to ask these questions on education and other topics.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, in my Member's Statement last week, I spoke of our government's opportunity to reform our education system in such a way as to offer our high school graduates the best chance of success in their future academic careers.

At this time, can the minister provide an update on what progress has been [made] in implementing the made-in-Nunavut *Education Act* which came into force in 2009? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. Minister responsible for the Department of Education, Minister Aariak.

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, I would like to say that as Nunavummiut, we are very pleased about hearing from Nunavummiut. We consulted with Nunavummiut first before we made

Nunavut's *Education Act*. This *Education Act* came into force in July. To date, we are now working very hard to implement the provisions of this Act and we have not completely implemented all the provisions. I will find out what the status is and I will explain further to my colleague. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Aariak. Your first supplementary, Mr. Ningeongan.

Mr. Ningeongan (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As you and my colleagues will be aware, I have serious concerns that our education system is not adequately preparing our high school graduates for continuing in post-secondary education. Can the minister clearly identify what changes or reforms are being considered to ensure that our graduates have the necessary knowledge and skills to enter and succeed in post-secondary education after graduation? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. Minister responsible for the Department of Education, Minister Aariak.

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's very important to have grade 12 graduates and it's also very important to continue post-secondary education because we would like to hire Nunavummiut, we would like to hire post-secondary graduates, and there are more employment opportunities for those graduates.

We have to work together on education and we have to work together so that there are more graduated students

entering into post-secondary education. We have to work together to make sure that the students do their homework and make sure our students attend school on a daily basis, and provide some kind of support to the parents when they seek more support.

When the students go to school, they do tests. For example, the last year's achievements, the teachers work on what the students need to learn more and what the subjects they need to be assisted on. With the assistance from the principal, they do a checkup on the student for the upcoming school year, what the student needs to be taught and what the student requires. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Aariak. Your second supplementary, Mr. Ningeongan.

Mr. Ningeongan (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank the minister for her response. (interpretation ends) Can the minister explain why Nunavut's curriculum has moved away from a system that focused on the three Rs, which I spoke about last week, which ensured that the students had the essential skills in reading, writing, and arithmetic, and how, under Nunavut's new education system, students are expected to achieve these basic skill levels? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. Minister responsible for the Department of Education, Minister Aariak.

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank the member for remembering the three Rs. It has been a few weeks since I

spoke to the deputy minister in regard to this issue and we discussed the topic of what else needs to be looked at. We also discussed reading, writing, and arithmetic. We spoke about the three Rs and we're now in the reviewing stages. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Aariak. Your final supplementary, Mr. Ningeongan.

Mr. Ningeongan (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for the response. Thank you for telling me that your department will be looking at the three Rs.

I recognize that great efforts have been made to include a Nunavut-specific cultural component into the curriculum and that this component for grades 10, 11, and 12 is a requirement to graduate. Can the minister explain how this curriculum requirement for Nunavut graduates will benefit them in their pursuit of higher education in Winnipeg, Ottawa, Edmonton, or elsewhere in the south? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. Minister responsible for the Department of Education, Minister Aariak.

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As we are aware, anyone who knows and is proud of where they come from, it really helps the individual with furthering their education. With that good foundation, they're apt to learn. We had to look at that during the development of the legislation and it was the request by Inuit to include the Inuktitut language.

Yes, they benefit. When the students leave, they know and feel comfortable about themselves. It helps the students more and lets us remember that other subjects have to be learned, such as other curriculum. If the student wants to graduate and go to further education, they can only graduate if they gain the required credits. It benefits the students. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Aariak. Oral Questions. Member for Quttiktuq, Mr. Elliott.

Question 441 – 3(3): Career Guidance for High School Students

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions are directed to the Minister of Education.

Mr. Speaker, as you will recall from your days in the Education portfolio, the implementation of Nunavut's new *Education Act* resulted in the creation of several new positions, including student support assistants and language specialists, as well as 43 community school counsellors, one for every school in Nunavut.

One critical role that school counsellors can play is to assist students in career planning guidance and to ensure that they are taking the appropriate courses so that when they graduate, they will have the basic skills necessary to enter the post-secondary field of their choice.

Can the minister update this House on how many of those school counsellor positions are currently filled in Nunavut schools? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott.
Minister responsible for the Department of Education, Minister Aariak.

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation):
Thank you, Mr. Speaker. These school counsellors in the schools were all here in Iqaluit to take some training so they can take upgrading in order to help the students. I will check to see exactly how many counsellors there are and I'll answer your question later on once I get the information. I will get a number as soon as I find out. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Aariak.
Your first supplementary, Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
Can the minister clarify which entity has the responsibility for hiring school counsellors for each school? Is it the district education authority, the Department of Education, or the Department of Human Resources?
Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott.
Minister responsible for the Department of Education, Minister Aariak.

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation):
Thank you, Mr. Speaker. With respect to prospective staff members within the school system, the DEA is involved in the hiring process for school positions.
Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Aariak.
Your second supplementary, Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
Section 89(1)(d) of the *Education Act* includes the "individuals who perform the functions of school community

counsellors." Can the minister confirm that one of those functions is to provide career planning and guidance to students? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott.
Minister responsible for the Department of Education, Minister Aariak.

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation):
Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The guidance counsellors have different responsibilities within the school. If a student needs further help, then they go and help them. They also work, looking at what they would like to do in the future when they have grades 10, 11, and 12. It also includes guidance counselling. That's what they deal with as the guidance counsellors. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Aariak.
Your final supplementary, Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In February, during our Committee of the Whole debate on the main estimates for the Department of Education, there was some discussion of the Career and Program Planning Program. Can the minister provide an update on how this program will support students in planning for their careers and what role student guidance counsellors have in delivering it? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott.
Minister responsible for the Department of Education, Minister Aariak.

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation):
Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When they're at the higher grades, it gets important that the students are prepared for graduation. When they're finishing

grade 12, they are assisted. Whether they want to go to school or take counselling, they don't have different guidance. Teachers also help out. They usually know their students and what they like to do, so they can guide them to where they want to go in further education. They are not dealt with by one counsellor; the preparation for their graduation is supported by different groups. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Madam Minister. Members will note that the allotted time for question period has expired. We will move on in our orders of the day. Item 7. Written Questions. Member for Nattilik, Ms. Ugyuk.

Item 7: Written Questions

Written Question 019 – 3(3): NAC Courses to Support Early Childhood Education

Ms. Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) Many of our communities need more support to provide adequate daycare services. My written question is related to early childhood education courses delivered by Nunavut Arctic College. I ask that the questions be entered into the record as read.

1. Broken down by community, what Nunavut Arctic College courses have been delivered to provide education and training to daycare operators and early childhood educators from the 2004-05 fiscal year through to 2012-13 (to date) fiscal year?
2. What considerations need to be met in order for NAC to decide to deliver

community-based courses in early childhood education?

3. Broken down by community, what Nunavut Arctic College courses are being planned to provide education and training to daycare operators and early childhood educators for the remainder of the 2012-13 fiscal year and the 2013-14 fiscal year?

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Do members agree that the questions be entered into the record as read?

Some Members: Agreed.

Speaker: And so they shall be. Item 7. Written Questions. Item 8. Returns to Written Questions. Item 9. Replies to Opening Address. 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.

Item 13: Tabling of Documents

Tabled Document 244 – 3(3): Draft Plebiscites Act

Tabled Document 245 – 3(3): Public Consultation Materials on the Draft Plebiscites Act

Members, I have two documents to table today, the first one being the Proposed New *Plebiscites Act* and the second is the Election Nunavut's Public Consultation Materials on the Draft *Plebiscites Act*. Thank you.

Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Minister of Finance, Minister Peterson.

**Tabled Document 246 – 3(3): Interim
Financial Report (Unaudited)
March 31, 2012**

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to table the Interim Financial Report (Unaudited) for March 31, 2012. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Peterson. Tabling of Documents. Minister responsible for Community and Government Services, Minister Kusugak.

**Tabled Document 247 – 3(3):
Procurement Activity Report,
Fiscal Year 2011-2012**

**Tabled Document 248 – 3(3): Contract
Activity Report, Fiscal Year 2011-
2012**

**Tabled Document 249 – 3(3): Lease
Activity Report, Fiscal Year 2011-
2012**

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to table the three following documents:

The Procurement Activity Report for the Fiscal Year 2011-12. I would like to point out to the Assembly that this report has a correction page on the inside of the cover page. The error is only in the English version; they only made a mistake in English.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to table the Contract Activity Report for the Fiscal Year 2011-12.

While I'm at it, Mr. Speaker, I would like to table the Lease Activity Report

for the Fiscal Year 2011-12. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Tabling of Documents. Member for Tununiq, Mr. Enook.

**Tabled Document 250 – 3(3):
Correspondence Concerning
Return to Written Question 18 –
3(3)**

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table a copy of my July 10, 2012 correspondence to the Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation concerning the minister's incomplete responses to my recent written questions. I still have not had the courtesy of a reply to my letter, and I will continue to pursue this issue with the minister. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Enook. Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Minister responsible for the Liquor Licensing Board, Minister Shewchuk.

**Tabled Document 251 – 3(3): Annual
Report 2008-2009, Nunavut
Liquor Licensing Board**

**Tabled Document 252 – 3(3): Annual
Report 2009-2010, Nunavut
Liquor Licensing Board**

**Tabled Document 253 – 3(3): Annual
Report 2010-2011, Nunavut
Liquor Licensing Board**

**Tabled Document 254 – 3(3): Annual
Report 2011-2012, Nunavut
Liquor Licensing Board**

Hon. Daniel Shewchuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to table four documents today, that is, the Nunavut Liquor Licensing Board's 2008-09, 2009-2010, 2010-11, and 2011-12 annual reports. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Shewchuk, for tabling those four documents. Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Member for Quttiktuq, Mr. Elliott.

Tabled Document 255 – 3(3): Articles Concerning Arctic Search and Rescue

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table a collection of three recent articles concerning the issue of arctic search and rescue, one of which was written by our colleague, the Hon. Member for Akulliq. I urge all members to review these with care. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Laughter*

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Minister responsible for the Department of Human Resources, Minister Ell.

Tabled Document 256 – 3(3): Towards a Representative Public Service, Statistics as of March 31, 2012

Tabled Document 257 – 3(3): Towards a Representative Public Service, Statistics as of June 30, 2012

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I am pleased to table two documents:

Towards a Representative Public Service, Statistics as of March 31, 2012; and the other one, as of June 30, 2012. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Ell. Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Member for Amittuq, Mr. Tapardjuk.

Tabled Document 258 – 3(3): Executive Summary of the Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan and the Baffin Island Community Consultation Schedule

Mr. Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Further to my Member's Statement earlier today, I wish to table today a copy of the Executive Summary of the Nunavut Planning Commission's Draft Nunavut Land Use Plan and the Baffin Island community consultation schedule. I encourage all Nunavummiut to learn more about this important document and participate in the consultations when the Nunavut Planning Commission visits their community. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Tapardjuk. Item 13. Tabling of Documents. A heavy table today. Item 14. Notices of Motions. Item 15. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Mr. Elliott.

Item 15: Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills

Bill 45 – An Act Respecting Constituency Names and Superannuation of Certain Independent Officers of the Legislative Assembly – Notice

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Wednesday, October 31, 2012, I will move that Bill 45, *An Act Respecting Constituency Names and Superannuation of Certain Independent Officers of the Legislative Assembly*, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Item 16. Motions. Item 17. First Reading of Bills. Item 18. Second Reading of Bills. Item 19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters. Bills 41, 42, and 43 with Mr. Tapardjuk in the Chair.

Before we proceed to the Committee of the Whole, we will take a 20-minute break.

Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>*House adjourned at 15:31 and Committee resumed at 15:57*

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

Chairman (Mr. Tapardjuk) (interpretation): Thank you. I would now like to call the committee meeting to order. I would like to thank you again for being here. In Committee of the Whole, we have the following items to deal with: Bills 41, 42, and 43. What is the wish of the committee this afternoon? Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We wish to continue with the review of Bill 41, *Appropriation (Capital) Act, 2013-2014*, and the Nunavut Housing Corporation, followed

by the departments of Health and Social Services and Economic Development and Transportation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Rumbolt. Does the committee agree to continue with our review of the Nunavut Housing Corporation?

Some Members: Agreed.

Bill 41 – Appropriation (Capital) Act, 2013-2014 – Nunavut Housing Corporation – Consideration in Committee

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Do you agree to bring in Minister Taptuna and his witnesses?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you very much. Sergeant-at-Arms, please escort the witnesses in.

Thank you. We will now continue with our review. Minister Taptuna, for the record, please introduce your witnesses. Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On my right is Mr. Alain Barriault, President of the Nunavut Housing Corporation, and on my immediate left is Lori Kimball, Chief Financial Officer. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Welcome, Mr. Barriault and Ms. Kimball. We're on page J-3. (interpretation ends) Nunavut Housing Corporation. Branch Summary. Nunavut Housing Corporation. Total

Capital Expenditures. \$28,841,000. (interpretation) Those people who wanted to ask questions included Mr. Enook and he didn't get his response on Friday. If you have any questions, Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Good afternoon, Mr. Minister and your officials. I would like to start out with staff housing construction in the amount of \$5 million. The question I had on Friday, Mr. Chairman, was that \$5 million is going to be used for staff housing units. I think I was going to ask where it's going to be. Where are those staff houses going to be located or constructed? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Enook. Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the committee member for that question. Mr. Chairman, the staff housing units aren't allocated yet. At this time, we're discussing and meeting with Human Resources. We are partners in determining where these units are going to be going and we're meeting with them tomorrow. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Do you have any more questions? Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The \$5 million is a huge amount of money. The question that I had or whether I was thinking about it or not. If I hadn't asked the question, I will ask the question again. You need \$5 million for constructing staff housing. How do you figure it out without

knowing where they're going to be constructed? How can you figure out you need \$5 million for staff housing even if you don't know where they're going to be constructed? Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Enook. Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Although \$5 million is a fair amount, we do need a bigger budget than that. The housing demands, the housing needs are rampant in Nunavut, including staff housing. At this time, we're using our best estimates, as we have always used. It's approximately three duplexes for that amount. At this time, we're doing that to work with Human Resources to get the best value for that small amount of money to provide staff housing. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Do you have any more questions? Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Maybe I just don't understand it. When I first became a member, I said that money has to be spent properly and they have to spend the money wisely because it's public funds. The only thing that I cannot understand, Mr. Chairman, is the housing corporation does not know where those staff houses will be built. How do you know which departments might be built public housing for which departments?

For instance, let's just guess \$5 million. Somebody has to make me believe that the \$5 million is an accurate number. To date, I have not had any understanding of where that \$5 million came from

because they don't know yet. There is nothing written of where the staff houses will be built, although they are going to meet tomorrow. It doesn't say what staff housing are going to be built and which departments they will be built for. There is nothing in there. There is nothing written.

The concern that I have, Mr. Chairman, is this and I will use Pond Inlet as an example. In Pond Inlet, there is a lot of staff housing that has never been used. Are we just going to build staff housing for the sake of building them in other communities? Since we got Nunavut, those houses in Pond Inlet have not been occupied. Is that how the department estimates that amount of money and which department it is going to be used for?

I still don't understand exactly where that \$5 million is going to be used to build staff housing. I just don't want to agree to something where I don't know where the location is going to be. Could somebody give me a little bit of information on that? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Enook. Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the committee member for that question. Mr. Chairman, to meet the needs of staff housing in Nunavut, we need 907 units. With this small amount, we're talking about three duplexes or two five-plexes. That's a very small impact on the total needs.

We're taking recommendations from committee members on how to maximize the value for that small

budget. We have been working with Human Resources and looking at other options, as recommended, to either buy or renovate some older units out there, to maximize the amount that we're allocated. At this time, we're taking a good look with Human Resources to try and come up with the best value for that small budget. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Maybe if I ask this question, I will get a good response. Wouldn't it be better if the Department of Human Resources first states whether we need staff housing here and here? Wouldn't it be better like that? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Enook. Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As I have indicated the need for 907 units, it's very difficult to come up with an immediate allocation for that budget, but as recommended, we're looking at other various ways of maximizing that \$5 million. As I indicated, we do have a needs assessment done and we're looking at the GN employment positions with Human Resources to maximize that again. There are 25 communities and the need is just so huge. To get the 907 units needed, we will need a huge budget, which we don't have. We're trying to, again, maximize the budget that we're allotted. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Do you have any more questions? Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the minister for his response. I just don't want the minister to make a mistake. I know that there needs to be staff housing. We could all agree as members, but the problem that some of us members have is when you walk around in my community, there are lots of staff housing that have never been used before, and they tell us that this is staff housing. They have to be utilized. I know there's \$5 million for staff housing, but how do I know that this amount of money is going to end up the same as in Pond Inlet? Are we going to be building staff housing and not have them occupied like in Pond Inlet? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Enook. Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That's why we're working closely with the human resources department to determine the best allocation of resources to actually locate where we're going to be building these staff units. The member is absolutely right. There are six units that are vacant at this time, but these vacant units do tie in with a position, and there is a requirement to keep the staff units available for some of these positions that are going into some of these communities. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will probably have more questions on the staff housing units. Can I ask another question on J-5?

Chairman (interpretation): Yes.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On the same page, J-5, under Homeownership Programs, I think there's \$2 million in Qikiqtaaluk – various. What's the difference between that amount and the \$500,000 above it for the Homeownership Program – HOTRP? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Enook. Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll have my president respond to that question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Barriault.

Mr. Barriault: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The HOTRP program is the Heating Oil Tank Replacement Program. That's a targeted program with a specific number of years of life in the program. As well, we have miscellaneous homeownership programs and those encompass the other entire portfolio of homeownership programs, from the Nunavut Down Payment Assistance Program, the Home Repair Program, etcetera. We have a number of smaller programs that fall within that category and those are allocated based on need, so they're not broken down by individual programs. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Barriault. Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the minister and his officials for that information. I thought that \$2 million was for

homeownership programs that you can apply to. Do they usually use up all that amount of money, the \$2 million? For instance, they just replaced the foundations in July for people with homeownership, and the \$2 million will be used for other things rather than foundations. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Enook. Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the committee member for that question. At this time, the application process is ongoing. Mr. Chairman, I would like my financial officer to respond to that question in detail. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Ms. Kimball.

Ms. Kimball: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Year to date, we have spent \$1.4 million. We have allocated the majority of the homeownership monies that we received this year towards projects, but they haven't necessarily been spent yet in terms of the actual cash out the door. We do have commitments. One of the challenges, though, is finding contractors available in the communities to administer all of these programs. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Kimball. Mr. Ningark.

Mr. Ningark: Thank you. I had wanted to speak on Friday, right? So my name is still on that list. Yes, I was so focused when my friend, Mr. Curley, spoke about the importance of rental review, but I had a nightmare about the rental

review with no ceiling. So I don't have any more questions, okay?

>>*Laughter*

Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Ningark. Ms. Ugyuk.

Ms. Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also thank the minister as, ever since I started in 2010, he is the fourth minister holding the NHC portfolio and I tend to ask the same questions about the construction of housing units. I appreciate his responses. I hope that you will remain as the Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation, Mr. Taptuna. I also am grateful for his work as he provides good support for the members.

(interpretation ends) As the minister is aware, I am concerned about the issue of adequate staff housing in our communities for frontline workers, such as nurses and teachers. Can the minister or his officials indicate how many new staff housing units will be constructed in Taloyoak and Gjoa Haven during the next fiscal year? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Ugyuk. Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the committee member for that question. Mr. Chairman, right at this time, there's a five-plex being constructed in Taloyoak and so is that in Gjoa Haven for staff units. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Anything else? Ms. Ugyuk.

Ms. Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) How does the Nunavut Housing Corporation work with the departments of Human Resources, Education, and Health and Social Services to determine the number of new staff housing units that are required in each community? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Ugyuk. Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As I indicated earlier, the need for 907 units is a huge task for the departments to work with. With this small budget, we're trying to figure out ways, including consultations with Education, the human resources department, including Finance, to find ways to maximize and allocate those staff housing to the most... Everything is based on the availability of lots in certain communities and the positions that are required for these communities. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Anything else? Ms. Ugyuk.

Ms. Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) I have raised issues concerning overcrowding in existing staff housing units. Can the minister or his officials explain the process by which it works with other departments to resolve these situations? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Ugyuk. Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We're not aware of overcrowding in some of these staff units, but as I indicated earlier, we're trying to find ways to either buy some of these homes or renovate some of the existing homes to, again, maximize the best use for our budget. We have never heard of any overcrowding in staff units. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Ms. Ugyuk.

Ms. Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to thank the minister for his responses. (interpretation ends) Can the minister or his officials indicate how many new staff housing units have been constructed in Gjoa Haven and Taloyoak over the last three years? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Ugyuk. Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll have the president, Mr. Barriault, respond to that question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Barriault.

Mr. Barriault: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm just looking through one of our spreadsheets for summary in the Kitikmeot. Actually, I guess, these are more current year. For Gjoa Haven, five units and Taloyoak was the other. Pardon me. In Taloyoak, there's a five-plex that has currently been awarded and the materials are on site, but I believe the work will be starting this spring. Thank

you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Barriault. Anything else? Ms. Ugyuk.

Ms. Ugyuk (interpretation): I don't think he understood my question. (interpretation ends) Can the minister or his officials indicate how many new staff housing units have been constructed in Gjoa Haven and Taloyoak over the last three years? (interpretation) I believe he understands the question now. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Ugyuk. Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for the clarification. I'll have Mr. Barriault respond to that question.

Chairman: Mr. Barriault.

Mr. Barriault: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In the past five years, five units of staff housing have been constructed, completed, and allocated in Gjoa Haven. There is currently another five-plex under construction in Gjoa Haven and that would be it for the three-year period. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Barriault. Ms. Ugyuk.

Ms. Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have combined both Gjoa Haven and Taloyoak in my line of questioning. As the minister didn't mention Taloyoak, I would like to know what the situation is for Taloyoak. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Ugyuk. Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Barriault will respond to that question. Thank you.

Chairman: Mr. Barriault.

Mr. Barriault: *Nakurmiik*, Mr. Chairman. My apologies; I didn't give a full answer on the previous question. In Taloyoak, the only construction that has taken place for staff housing is the current five-plex being built. So that's for the past three years. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Barriault. Ms. Ugyuk.

Ms. Ugyuk (interpretation): I am so grateful whenever my name is mentioned. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Can the minister or his officials indicate if there have been any concerns raised with the Nunavut Housing Corporation regarding such matters as land lot availability in Gjoa Haven and Taloyoak? Thank you, Mr. Speaker...Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Ugyuk. (interpretation ends) You are forgiven.

>>*Laughter*

Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Barriault will respond to that question in detail. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Barriault.

Mr. Barriault: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do not have any specific information in terms of land development shortages specific to Gjoa Haven or Taloyoak. I do know that in many communities, a lot of the old existing lots within communities have been used up, but with all of the construction we have done in the past four or five years, so many communities now are struggling to develop more land.

I have been speaking with the Nunavut Association of Municipalities senior admin officers to engage in some discussion on better ways to do lot development and lower the cost for homeowners as well as for the Nunavut Housing Corporation and other users. So it is an issue that's becoming more and more predominant in many of our communities and we wish to work closely with the municipalities to help resolve that. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Barriault. Ms. Ugyuk.

Ms. Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We all know that in Taloyoak, they have built a five-plex and there are some road problems. When we're looking at building the five-plex for staff housing, I hope that there's easy access for the water and sewage trucks. If it's not accessible, then they won't be able to occupy those units.

My next question is: (interpretation ends) how does the Nunavut Housing Corporation work with municipalities and such bodies as the Kitikmeot Corporation to address issues concerning land use and land lot availability? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Ugyuk. Let me remind you that we are reviewing the capital expenditures, specifically the \$28,841,000 which is listed on pages J-4 and J-5, broken down into various line items. If you have any questions to the pages under review, (interpretation ends) please (interpretation) confine it to the items listed within the pages so we can have a more effective committee meeting.

Minister Taptuna, if you wish to respond, I will allow you to respond to the question.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll try and respond to that question. Of course, we work with the municipalities to try and expedite the lots needed for building public units and staff housing. At this time, we haven't contacted the birthright corporation of Kitikmeot Corporation. We do, in fact, work with the municipalities to best determine how to deal with lot shortages within the communities. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Taptuna. (interpretation ends) Ms. Ugyuk, capital expenditures, please.

Ms. Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have concluded my questions on housing construction. I would also like to ask this question. (interpretation ends) Can the minister or his officials indicate if capital funding is available to local housing organizations to construct modern warehouses? (interpretation) That will be my last question. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Ugyuk. Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll have Mr. Barriault respond to that question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Barriault.

Mr. Barriault: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The warehousing needs of local housing organizations are usually addressed through the capital planning process. We are currently in the process of identifying what those needs would be on a longer term basis, and then to create a warehouse replacement and renovation plan.

There were many new 40-by-80-foot warehouses built over a number of years. Many of our warehousing is aging and in some cases, the housing stock that we are maintaining has doubled since the warehouses were built. So part of the exercise we're going through is to try to remove material that has been stored over the years that is no longer useful and to provide some cold storage as well for the local housing organizations to free up space in their heated warehouses.

Once we have done that work and finished our assessments of the buildings, we will be able to put together a multi-year plan and try to access some of the limited capital dollars to do something about that, but we're also looking at the most cost-effective options that are available to us to meet those needs. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Barriault. I have Mr. Aupaluktuq, Mr. Oshutapik, Mr. Elliott, Mr. Curley, and I believe Mr. Ningark's name is there. Mr. Aupaluktuq.

Mr. Aupaluktuq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to welcome the hon. minister, as well as Mr. Barriault and Ms. Kimball. Along the lines of staffing, as raised by my colleagues here, Mr. Chairman, I believe this would also apply to modernization and improvement in regard to staff.

The Baker Lake LHO was inspected by Nunavut Housing Corporation administration a couple of years ago. It was noted that the workshop and office administration needed expansion and renovations to meet the needs of staff as well as safety concerns. Will the 2013-14 capital include the Baker Lake housing workshop and administrative office for renovations and expansions? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Aupaluktuq. Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We haven't gotten that far yet to the future determination of Baker Lake's warehousing and administrative needs. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Mr. Aupaluktuq.

Mr. Aupaluktuq: Thank you. I will pursue the matter in other avenues in the House, Mr. Chairman.

I wanted to ask as a formality: can the minister update the staff and residents of Baker Lake of future plans for the renovations and expansions of the Baker Lake office? Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Aupaluktuq. Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We will consider it at that time, but so far, we have no determination on the needs of warehousing and office space for Baker Lake. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Mr. Aupaluktuq.

Mr. Aupaluktuq: Thank you. Under homeownership, as we all know in Nunavut, there are a lot more graduates pursuing post-secondary as well as other employment opportunities. With our growing population, these young adults and young people are enhancing their lives by contributing to Baker Lake by furthering their education, gaining employment, as noted.

Also, with the shortage of units and private sector rentals, my question is directed, as I have indicated, to homeownership. Mr. Chairman, my question is the proposed budget for 2013-14 is estimated at \$4 million, same as last year, 2012-13. Does the Nunavut Housing Corporation anticipate that its 2013-14 proposed budget for homeownership programs will be sufficient to meet public demand for the programs? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Aupaluktuq. Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Our budgets are never enough. We want to encourage homeownership within Nunavut. Through that, we want more economic activity to be happening in Nunavut. Homelessness and housing shortages; we do have to get people employed and the

budget for homeownership is never enough. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Mr. Aupaluktuq.

Mr. Aupaluktuq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Very understandable the budget is never satisfactory to meet the demands, but earlier, there was a statement by the Nunavut Housing Corporation in support of homeownership. I believe that would include the Nunavut Down Payment Assistance Program.

Mr. Chairman, I want to ask: the corporation's previous down payment assistance program included an income threshold level in order to qualify for funding. Your corporation's new information pamphlet does not refer to an income threshold level. Does the new down payment assistance program have an income threshold level? If so, what is it? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Aupaluktuq. Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll have Mr. Barriault respond to that question. Thank you.

Chairman: Mr. Barriault.

Mr. Barriault: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There is still an income threshold level to qualify for the Nunavut Down Payment Assistance Program and that level has remained the same as before the revisions to the program.

I do have a copy of the pamphlet with me and I will review it. If we are missing

that income threshold information, we will make sure to add that and revise the pamphlet accordingly. The income threshold level is \$125,000 and that is adjusted based on family size and a number of other factors. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Barriault. Mr. Aupaluktuq.

Mr. Aupaluktuq (interpretation): Thank you. I wanted to ask a question on J-4 with respect to capital projects specific to Baker Lake. In the 2013-14 capital estimates, \$514,000 is listed, which is for modernization and improvement/retrofit. That is the stated purpose, so I wonder if the minister can provide a brief overview of what exactly this entails and how it will impact the community of Baker Lake. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Aupaluktuq. Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The member is absolutely right. That is what is budgeted for, \$514,000, and this is related to public units only. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Mr. Oshutapik.

Mr. Oshutapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also thank Mr. Minister and his officials for being available to respond to quite a few of our questions.

I want to ask about this matter, which is listed on J-5, with respect to elders' increased dependence on housing maintenance workers. The Seniors and Disabled Persons Preventative

Maintenance Program is listed at \$116,000. Since this line item doesn't specify which units, is this for NHC units? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Oshutapik. Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The allotted amount is for private homeowners. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Do you have any further questions? Mr. Oshutapik.

Mr. Oshutapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also thank Mr. Minister for providing that response. Additionally, regarding the public housing units that require modernization and improvement in all communities, they are listed from A-Z. If we had communities starting with zed, that is how it is written for all of these renovations.

So my question is: if a unit requires renovation and modernization, what criteria are used to determine that a unit is in need of modernization and improvement? Do you simply follow the age of the unit or do you base this work on the assessment of the unit? I would like that clarified, so if you can please respond to the question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The criteria are set through the local housing organization with consultations with the Nunavut Housing

Corporation on necessary projects and improvements that's needed on public units. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Do you have any further questions? Mr. Oshutapik.

Mr. Oshutapik (interpretation): Thank you for that response. Yes, we will now know that is how it is determined.

With respect to the same line item for M&I, at this current time, we are provided updates on the projects and we now know that contractors are required to have the proper training and accreditation. This is also in line with the government position, and not just the Nunavut Housing Corporation requirements. How does the department determine that a contractor is qualified for the work?

I know for a fact that carpenters need certification in order to work on the building. There are also specialists for insulation installation, plumbing, and electrical work which require properly certified workers with up-to-date licences. These individuals need to be certified because that's their job. How do you know or get the qualifications of the individuals who work at modernization and improvement? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Oshutapik. Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Through the Nunavut Housing Corporation and the local housing organizations, there is a requirement for some of these contractors who are local to have

business licensing and qualified technicians, as you have indicated.

Mr. Chairman, I would like Mr. Barriault to respond to that question in more detail. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Mr. Barriault.

Mr. Barriault: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As Minister Taptuna has noted, there are some basic requirements, such as business licensing, general contractor's liability coverage with the Workers' Compensation and Safety [Commission].

As well, there is also some trade specialty requirements based on the legislation in Nunavut. To perform electrical work, you must be a licensed electrician. To perform work on oil-fired appliances, such as furnaces and boilers, you have to be a licensed oil burner mechanic. So within those provisions of the codes and the Building Code of Nunavut, we make sure that those are included in the contract requirements. Likewise, local housing organizations have skills and training to be able to perform this type of work. So there are limitations that they can do with the training and certification they have. When work is contracted out, we ensure that these qualifications are met.

Other work does not require the same stringent requirements. Some of the carpentry repairs, if they're more cosmetic, do not need to have structural expertise you would get from a journeyman carpenter, for example. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Barriault. Do you have any additional questions? Mr. Oshutapik.

Mr. Oshutapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This will be my last question because my colleagues would like to have the opportunity to ask questions. When you're limited for time, it's not too much fun to ask questions. Thank you.

As we are all aware, the communities outside of Iqaluit are smaller. When a community has a small population, the criteria that you just mentioned are not being followed. I am not usually one to speak hearsay, but I would like to speak about what I have seen in regard to plumbing, electrical, and boilers. This occurred, but not recently, in a smaller community.

When it comes to oil burner workers, there are some individuals who have never gone to oil burner training courses. This individual was asked to work on a furnace. That's what the public notices. That's why I have asked those questions. Who ensures that the contractors have the qualifications? That's why I had asked that question. I will leave it at that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Oshutapik. I didn't hear a question, but I will give you an opportunity to speak to it, Minister Taptuna, if you so wish.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Nunavut Housing Corporation will make the best efforts to get qualified companies and individuals who do this type of work. If we're given notice that these things may be

happening, we would like to be notified about that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Thank you, Mr. Oshutapik. Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My questions are in regard to the minister's opening comments on page 2 regarding the Nunavut Housing Trust and CMHC Affordable Housing Initiative.

It's nice to know that we have almost all of the houses complete to date, but I think there are a few unanswered questions I was hoping to get today since we are going to continue on with... . It's nice to see one of the priorities I know that the Premier had in her letter to our Member of Parliament when she was re-elected was the need for more public housing. We're now looking at, on J-5, \$8 million towards public housing.

Through the whole Nunavut Housing Trust, in terms of what we were told and from our questions that we had asked, we were informed that the Government of Nunavut, through the Nunavut Housing Corporation, was going to move from stick-built construction to SIP houses. That's why there was a huge investment for telehandlers and we were led to believe that this was going to be a cost-saving measure.

In terms of the \$8 million that we will approving for new housing units across the territory, will that be for stick build or would that be used for the new SIP houses that we were supposed to be following? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll have Mr. Barriault respond to that question. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Barriault.

Mr. Barriault: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The SIP, or structural insulated panel, construction that was initiated in, I believe, early 2009 was intended to provide housing which is much more energy efficient, and it was designed to be built using telehandlers.

From our experience, when you're shipping Styrofoam panels, you're paying a lot to ship volume, and that is an expense that may have not been foreseen when that project was devised prior to my start with the housing corporation. We know, ourselves, if we were building again, importing Styrofoam panels is not a cost-effective way to business; it's very expensive for freight.

The telehandlers, meanwhile, are a very useful tool. If you go to any construction worksite anywhere in North America or anywhere in the world, you will see them in use. Whether there would be future SIP panel construction or not, they're a very valuable tool for local housing organizations or any construction-based organization.

Our intention for the spending of the \$8 million within this budget is to go through a design-build process, whereby a contractor will provide the design based on our performance specifications. We will specify insulation levels, room

sizes, and so on, and then from there, the contractor will be responsible for all stages of the construction and the material supply. They will be responsible for material, for labour, and will assume all the risk related to that.

We have had good success in doing that with the 24-plex that was built here in Iqaluit across from the Arctic Ventures store, and as well with the 33-unit apartment building that has recently been constructed and turned over in Rankin Inlet. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Barriault. Do you have any additional questions? Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It's too bad in terms of the experience that the Nunavut Housing Corporation has that no one actually thought that Styrofoam would have been more expensive right from the start in terms of shipping it up with the experience that the Nunavut Housing Corporation actually has, but I guess it's good that we have learned from our mistakes.

In terms of one of the things that we were told as well through the whole process, and Mr. Barriault did mention the fact that it was rated higher for and hopefully saving money on higher insulation ratings. At one point, I remember one of our discussions that there was going to be... . You said 2009 is when we started, so I thought it was a two-year study period that was going to be done on whether there was a cost savings in terms of fuel with the SIP houses. So I was wondering if we could get an update on that, whether there has been empirical data collected to actually

show that they are saving money on heating fuel. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll have Mr. Barriault respond to that question in detail. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Barriault.

Mr. Barriault: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Although the material was ordered in 2009, a lot of the construction only started at that point. Many of the units were not turned over until 2011. The very last ones are actually being constructed right now in Taloyoak and hopefully will be ready within the next few days. So it is a little early to have much data to be able to compare and actually see what the results are. We are tracking that information and we will be able to report back at some point, hopefully in the near future. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Barriault. Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Barriault mentioned the telehandlers and how useful they are in the different communities. I'm just wondering: do all of the housing associations still own those telehandlers and they're actually the property of the housing associations to use how they see fit? At one point, there was talk of them being sold, I think, at a price tag of \$100,000. \$110,000 is what we purchased them for. I'm wondering: are they owned by the Nunavut Housing Corporation or are

they an asset of the Nunavut housing associations? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The telehandlers are owned by the Nunavut Housing Corporation and the local housing organizations do make good use of them. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Do you have anything else? Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As well, one of the things that came up was there was, I think, over 1,000 sea cans across the territory at a price tag or resale value of \$3,000, which would be \$3 million that could be added to possibly new construction. At one point, we were told that constituents could actually purchase them. Is that still an option or what's actually happening? If we could get an update with the sea cans that are across the territory at this time. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Minister Taptuna, if you would like to respond.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Although it's not within the capital discussions here, I'll have Mr. Barriault respond to that in detail. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Mr. Barriault.

Mr. Barriault: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As we have noted earlier, we

have finished most of the construction under the Nunavut Housing Trust and Canada's Economic Action Plan. Since then, we have been taking stock of surplus materials as well as sea cans, and making sure that we get the best possible use and return on our investment on this product.

So our first use for these sea cans is identifying what use the local housing organizations may have for them. We don't want them to be derelict in the communities. At the same time, we do want to make use, first and foremost, for cold storage for our own operations. From there, we're identifying what we have as surplus for sea cans and we will be making them available for sale to government departments and as well, from there, to the general public.

We do not intend them to be causing a clutter within the communities, so we have to be organized, I guess, in the fashion that we do disclose of them. Many are very close to being available for sale now to the public, so you should be seeing notices locally in some of your communities in the very near future. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Barriault. Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thanks to the minister for the update because I know he had mentioned it in his opening comments, opening the door for questions on this. At one point, when we received an update there, the housing corporation was working on a detailed list or itemized list of what was in the communities, which I think would be nice to know, possibly, a dollar figure as to how much excess stock is in there.

Again, it may not seem like a viable question, but at the same time, at one time, when talking to one of the managers who was doing a rough estimate, he felt that with the excess materials in the community from the projects that we were doing in Arctic Bay specifically, there was enough to build another five-plex, which is quite a considerable amount of money, which could be used, again, to help. Every dollar counts. So if there was an estimated dollar figure of what's out there in terms of stock, it would be nice to know, Mr. Chairman. Thanks.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. At this time, the Nunavut Housing Corporation is working on logging the stock that's out there and at this time, we do not have clear information on the entire necessary inventory that's out there to make any kind of determination on what the cost of the inventory is actually out there. Once we have that, we will surely make it available to the committee member. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Again I'm a little surprised that we don't have that dollar figure yet since the project is actually almost finished, but it should be finished.

I guess my last question is around an issue that's come up. With representing three communities, it has been coming up in all three of the communities and it is based around some of the new public

housing units. I know that Mr. Barriault was talking about the idea of a 24-unit complex. One of the issues we're finding in the High Arctic is the number of single individuals who are applying for housing.

I think, at the last housing association meeting I went to, there were 50 individuals who would need one-bedroom apartments of sorts, not necessarily two bedrooms, and then the other side of the coin was the concern that small families were having where single individuals were being put into a two-bedroom unit where maybe that's not the best allocation of assets.

So is there any thought by the Nunavut Housing Corporation to look into single-unit...? I'm not talking about single-unit homes, but I'm talking about single-bedroom, maybe apartment is a better word for it. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The committee member is absolutely right. There is a big demand for one-bedroom units, what we would call bachelor apartments. In Nunavut, there are 663 requests for one-bedroom units. For two-bedroom units, there is a request and demand for 593 units. In total, there are 1,417 units requested by the communities. This, of course, involves family units. At this time, the demand for bachelor apartments is still the highest on the request list from each community. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley: Thank you, *Iksivautaaq*. In order to try and move along, I'm going to speak in English to make my point clear and understandable to the minister and his staff.

First of all, I just want to make a statement. I would respect your advice. I think it is very helpful to us that we stick to the capital.

Having said that, the information provided by the Nunavut Housing Corporation in terms of the estimates, they do provide a departmental mission statement which is really quite clear and a very short Nunavut Housing Corporation Branch Summary that supports funding through contributions provided through Canada Mortgage Housing Corporation and Infrastructure Canada for tenant rentals and other income. So having said that, we normally had to try and figure out exactly what the policies or whatnot are with respect to rental policy.

Mr. Chairman, I have a number of questions and I want to clarify information from the minister. Last week, he indicated to the committee that the threshold for assessing income is from 10 percent up to 28 percent. Can the minister also provide information on exactly what the max rental can be assessed to an individual household member? Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll have Mr. Barriault respond to that question. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Barriault.

Mr. Barriault: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The maximum rental currently within the public housing rent scale is somewhere in the order of \$1,500 per month, but this does vary by community and by the number of bedrooms in the unit. There's actually a fairly large table that we refer to that gives a list of these and they're determined based in part to the cost of living in the communities. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Barriault. Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The reason I asked that question is because it did look attractive when the minister stated that it was only up to 28 percent, but what is not clear is: is that based on the net income or gross income? Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll have Mr. Barriault respond to that question in detail. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Barriault.

Mr. Barriault: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The percent of income is actually based on an adjusted net income at this point. If I recall correctly, it's based on Line 150 of the tax return. I may not be accurate in that response, but it does take into consideration some of the deductions that are allowed through taxation. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Barriault. Do you have any more questions? Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley: Thank you. I appreciate that. I think we need clear information. If there has been a policy change with respect to those, then it would be helpful if the members could have that. One thing that I'm fully not clear is I don't believe a change... We're talking about household income. Am I correct in that? Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The committee member is right; it is based on household income. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley: Thank you. Mr. Chairman, the reason I'm asking the question is we need the rent scale amended so that the household income is done away with and we deal with the leasehold tenant. How is the household income arrived at and who makes that determination? Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll have Mr. Barriault respond to that question in detail. Thank you.

Chairman: Mr. Barriault.

Mr. Barriault: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Those determinations are

made through our local housing organizations. Usually the tenant relations officer who has familiarity with the community will get each of our tenants to fill out annually an update as to who the members of the household are and anyone over the age of 19 would be included either as a primary leaseholder or non-primary leaseholder. All of those incomes are then totalled and included in the assessment for rent. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Barriault. Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley: Thank you. As an example, if an elder is a leaseholder in the community, they could have three or four young people who are staying with her. Her lease could be maxed up to 28 percent. Is it the responsibility of the leaseholder or tenant, in that case, an elder, for collecting that rent from members of the household? Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate the question, even though it's not on the capital list here, but yes to that question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley: Thank you. I think, in my preamble, I did indicate that the branch summary statement does include tenant rentals and other income. So based on that, I felt it was my privilege to ask that question.

My next question is there are two items there on the list of details of the capital, one for the staff housing, which is not allocated to a community, and the other is the \$8 million public housing allocation on the same page, page J-5, that is also not clear exactly where they're supposed to be. Am I correct in saying that the details have not been provided in terms of where the staff housing and public housing in the amount of \$8 million will be allocated? Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The committee member is right. We have no determination on the details of that yet, but as I indicated earlier, we are working on that with other departments of the government to, again, maximize the best value for the small amount. Even for staff housing, there's a need for 907 units. Of course, for public units, it's 3,580. So it does make a small impact on these numbers, but we're trying to find the best value for these amounts. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am curious. I think many of us are because the government has made it a policy that transparency is most important within the life of this Assembly, but it doesn't appear to be a priority that we provide details. When you're asking the committee members to vote and approve amounts in the amount of \$13 million that don't have any details as to where they're supposed to

be, it really suggests to, I think, many of us that it will be the discretion of the minister to allocate them wherever he may want them in the 2013 election year.

So, Mr. Chairman, I believe the minister has an obligation to provide that detail to the committee. One would be to say, at least in part if he could, exactly how many units of the staff housing will be accomplished or perhaps tendered for the construction for these units for \$5 million for staff housing. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In some cases, we have difficulty in the amount of staff we have within the corporation, and we do have to work with other governmental departments, including the municipalities. In some certain cases, the timing just doesn't fit right, although I'm asking for this budget to be passed so it would carry on with construction and it would start the process of putting out public tenders, and whatnot.

Mr. Chairman, again, we have taken some recommendations of the committee and that's exactly what we have been doing. We are looking at other options, alternative options of either purchasing or renovating existing units that are out there to maximize the use of these public funds. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley: Thank you. I appreciate the minister's attempt to explain the details that are missing in the budget

documents. One question that I have further is: exactly what is the square-footage cost of building a single unit for staff housing? Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Again, some of these things depend on the number of bedrooms. For a five-plex, I believe it's 350,000. That's the estimate that we have been using for the construction of a five-plex. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Is that kind of cost ratio also the same for the public housing units? Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If you do your math basically for the \$5 million, you're talking about 14 units for staff housing for \$5 million and probably slightly more for public housing units, and I would say about 16 or 18 units for public housing, but there are no details. Where are they going to be allocated? Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Committee members, write down the staff housing units, it's about 14 units, and for public units, it's about 22. As I indicated, we have made no determination of the location or the communities that they're going into and this is partly due to a number of different things; the availability of lots. One of the housing corporation's immediate priorities is to identify lots within the communities. Of course, we work with the Department of Human Resources to make certain that we're allocating the units with the best possible needs according to the data that we have in front of us. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley: Thank you, *Iksivautaaq*. Mr. Chairman, it is a concern to... Can the minister at least explain to the committee what role will the MLAs have in having some input into where these units should be built, particularly the public housing as well as staff housing? Will you be asking the members or is the vote to approve it enough to proceed with building these units? Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We do go through a process and we have taken the recommendations of the committee to, again, maximize the best value. I'm asking you for this amount in the budget to be passed because it's going to be very difficult to satisfy everybody. There are going to be only two or three communities that do get these five-plexes that we're hoping to get out there, including some other

possible purchase of existing buildings or renovations of existing buildings, again, to maximize the small budget. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley: Thank you. Mr. Chairman, I understand what the minister wants, but we also have an obligation to make sure the public funds, the taxpayers' funds that are spent are allocated prior to having the budget and details approved.

We have examples last week where the public was made to believe that for the local project here, which is really quite important in many respects here, the Department of Justice proposed to the public that we need to build a temporary facility here in Iqaluit to house the people who are being incarcerated. That was misleading; the newspaper indicated that the temporary facility would cost \$8.5 million. It is not a temporary facility. Even budget documents that were submitted indicated for a temporary facility. The fact is this is not a temporary facility, as it should be, and we need proper information.

When will the proper detailed budget be submitted, if not submitted already to the board of directors or to the minister? Who makes the determination exactly where the details of the at least \$15 million public funds will be spent? Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Again, we had made no determination on where the units were

going to be constructed. As the committee member requested, I will be consulting with the committee members on our final decision on where the units are going to be constructed. As a government, we do have an obligation to maximize the best possible value for public funds and we intend to do that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley: Mr. Chairman, I don't disagree with him at all on that. Everybody will applaud him for that. In order to prove that you are serious, you need to provide details. Without details, you're leaving a bit of a question mark whether or not you are being sincere with all the MLAs when the details are not presented.

The public expects us to be transparent and the government has made it a policy that this government will be the most transparent government for the Nunavutmiut. To ask the committee members to approve \$15 million worth of public money without details, that's the first time I have ever heard of a department or agency presenting something without details. We need those units, but we need them in a place where they're needed.

During the last spring session, I believe we were told that there was at least a five-plex that had been misplaced in the Kitikmeot and details have not been provided yet exactly what has been done with it. There was some indication from the member from the local community that materials were being damaged and all that kind of stuff.

We need the minister, I think, at least a couple days, it shouldn't be too long, if he's going to have an information meeting tomorrow, to provide more details on the first part of the item. I believe you indicated you will be dealing with the staff housing allocation and consideration for staff housing units to be built. Assuming that they won't be in Pond Inlet, it shouldn't be too difficult. There are houses that are not being used up there and have not been for years. So can the minister indicate to us whether or not to defer this item would be helpful until you provide the details? Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As I have indicated earlier, I am hoping that this budget can be passed so we could get down to work on determining, with the consultation of the committee members, to start the public tendering process. We do use the needs assessment and there's a process that we are going to continue to use.

In some communities, as the committee member indicated, there are some staff units that haven't been used. So some of these communities are automatically in a position where they won't be considered because there is staff housing in some of these communities. Throughout Nunavut, there is still a need for 907 units, and for public housing, there's a need for 3,600 units. It's very difficult to get to a point where these are going to be addressed.

Mr. Chairman, I'm hoping that this budget can be passed because it's probably going to be transparent. That is a set budget. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Taptuna. You have run out of time, Mr. Curley. I still have two other names on my list. Once they're done, you may ask more questions. Mr. Ningark.

Mr. Ningark: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Earlier, my friend and colleague from Taloyoak spoke about overcrowding in staff housing, and other hon. members talked about houses being not utilized, they're heated, the lights are on. In my community of Kugaaruk, every house that is built, inspected, and released according to standards is utilized.

When Jeannie Ugyuk talks about overcrowding, it doesn't necessarily mean that every bedroom is full. I'm talking about a single house. It could also mean that that house is shared by two teaching staff equivalent to two families. That's how the shortage of housing is interpreted in our community in the Kitikmeot region.

When I was coming here, I passed through Repulse Bay and I talked to the school principal. He indicated to me on a one-on-one meeting that we had, a very short, brief meeting, that Repulse Bay does need two apartments. I think the apartments are very popular because our teaching staff, in some cases, has to resort to sharing one single home, two families.

That, Mr. Chairman, brings to mind, makes you wonder, and I think it's noteworthy: what is the student-teacher ratio in Nunavut? We should get to the bottom and find out how many more teaching staff we need in Nunavut and

how many more staff housing we need in Nunavut.

So when we talk about, "Well, there's no overcrowding," maybe, but there are teaching staff that share the same home. It could also mean two families sharing the same home. So that indicates to me that yes, we need more staff housing.

Earlier, I think my colleague from Rankin Inlet, Mr. Curley, and Mr. Taptuna shared an idea about what is \$5 million. Maybe we can build 13 staff houses or 18 public units. Where does this real value come in this amount of \$5 million? Well, I think, from my own perspective, that if you're going to build homeownership with the amount of \$5 million, you can build 35. So that's just an idea I put in there. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Ningark. I didn't hear a question. Thank you. Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank you for recognizing me again, Mr. Chairman. I just want to ask another question about the same thing that I asked because I want to find out where I'm going to be at. I'll ask the question again and I will get clearer.

Like I stated earlier, we want you guys to build houses in Nunavut. It states that we all have to in the news and whatever. It states that we need housing in Nunavut. I think about a year and half ago, I hadn't had a home. I didn't have a real house because we have lack of housing in Pond Inlet. It's sort of a different community we want the housing corporation to build houses.

However, I believe what Mr. Curley said. The government has to be transparent. We can vote to approve the money if we are clear in where it's going, but if we approve funding without knowing where the houses are going to be, then I can't approve it. I'll be in support if I know what's happening.

My question is, Mr. Chairman, if you will allow me, I think the minister stated earlier... First of all, when will you find out or when will the minister know where the staff houses are going to be located in which communities? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We don't have the determination yet of where the units are going to be going, but we're hoping that for public units, it will be within two weeks and possibly even earlier for staff housing. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I kind of understood that you are going to have a meeting concerning the staff housing units tomorrow. Was that my understanding? Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Enook. Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There is going to be a deputy ministers' meeting on this and hopefully it will be conducted tomorrow or the next day. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I want to vote on this budget being happy and being satisfied, and not wondering if I made a mistake or not because it might change. So I'm not sure exactly how I'm going to vote because I don't know where those houses are going to be built.

My reason is that the community's services are already expensive. If you bring a ship to Rankin Inlet, it would cost differently than to ship to Pond Inlet or Sanikiluaq. I'm just using that example. That \$5 million does not state. I think we are talking about 13 units to be built with the \$5 million. How can they be 13 if you put them to the High Arctic? Will there still be 13 units built with \$5 million or if they are going to Sanikiluaq, will it be cheaper to ship them there and will there still be 13 units? Those are the types of questions that I have. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Enook. Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That's a determination we still have yet to make. The requirement is 907 units and we're not even getting close to impacting that. For public units, of course, they're 3,580 units that are required for Nunavut. Again, I've got to state that the budget is set at these amounts. At this time, we're trying to maximize the best possible use out of that and as I indicated, I have taken the recommendation of the committee to try and do that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the minister for that response. I'm totally confused with the dollar figures because I'm not really good with numbers. I don't want to be stuck in that \$5 million, but I just want to get more information. That \$5 million would be used for building 13 units. That's my understanding. Do I understand now that the \$5 million will be able to build 13 units? It doesn't matter where or which community, the price won't change. There will always be 13 units for \$5 million. It doesn't matter whether it's in the High Arctic or some other community. You will be building 13 units. You're not worried about where you are going to build the units and it's not going to cost more based on how far the community is. Is that my understanding? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Enook. Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The committee member is absolutely right. There are different costs to every community when you compare the freight costs, but we're hoping to build 14 staff units and approximately 22 units for public housing. Depending on the outcome of the things we're trying to do, as I indicated earlier, we're looking at alternative ways to do some of the things. We're looking at buying existing units that are available out there or doing renovations to some of the existing units that may become available. No, there is no determination yet of where the units are going to be going. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Perhaps this will be my last question and, if I get a good response, I will not ask again. What would happen...? Is it a problem that we have another week before the end of the session? Just to make me happy and to make the ordinary members happy, can I ask the minister and his officials to defer and then give us another detailed set of capital? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Enook. Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As the minister responsible for the housing corporation, we do have to make some of these hard decisions and we have tried our best to maximize the funding that we're allotted for public units and staff housing.

Mr. Chairman, I'm hoping that we can get this budget approved so that we can carry on in determining and discussing with our departmental partners on where the best value is going to be at. As I indicated, there are possibly only two five-plexes for staff housing and possibly plus a three-plex for public housing. One of these things that made this come about is that we're taking the recommendations of the committee from the past, where we're hoping and again I've got to state that we're absolutely hoping that it would maximize the amounts that were allotted to us. It clearly indicates that it's \$5 million for staff housing and \$8 million for public units.

Mr. Chairman, there are units out there that have been foreclosed and we're looking into that. Again, that's a way to maximize the public money that we're hoping to benefit much needed housing for our people in Nunavut. We will never get to that point where we will supply all the units. It has become one of those things where there have been the CEAP and Nunavut Housing Trust that have completed some of these units, 1,011, I believe, or 1,111, approximately that number. It cost the government over \$23 million just for the O&M part and to keep the units warm.

So it does impact our government units and we're trying to find ways where the government budgets and we're trying to find ways to minimize the cost of getting much needed units for Nunavummiut, including government employees. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The minister keeps referring to prudently use the government monies and to obtain some funds. When you're from a smaller community, it's very obvious that there are houses very much needed. I seem to be hearing that if we don't get this money approved, then there's going to be no housing built. I am very much for building houses, but we do have to know how those monies are going to be used. We would like the information and the documentation because I'm going to have to vote for or against this amount. I have to be an informed voter, and I'm all for building houses of any kind. There's nobody here who doesn't want to see any more houses built.

However, I know that we will have to vote on this page. If we had the opportunity to deliberate this further and since we don't have to go through this exercise again, maybe we will just use this as an exercise model. Some of us regular members want to know the backup information. We're not just going to approve just because there are figures in a book. We have been told that we have to be well-informed in order to properly represent our constituents, and that's my bottom line. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Enook. I don't hear a question, but I will give you the opportunity to respond, Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank you for that opportunity. Mr. Chairman, I understand where the committee member is coming from. Absolutely, it's one of those determinations that the housing corporation has been trying to come up with because it has been difficult at times to make these determinations at a moment's notice. It takes a lot of time to look at all the issues that are in front of us, that being land, locations, positions of the government, employees, and whatnot.

One of the things that have become a problem for the housing corporation too is the cost of lots that are out there. So we have to make that determination on what's available within the municipalities for lots. As every committee member knows, lots vary, costs vary from community to community, and that's one of the things that we're taking into consideration when we try and figure out ways to

allocate the small amount of units that are allotted to us. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Taptuna. I have no more names on my list. Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We fully support the minister's objective to build staff housing, but even during the standing committee meetings, we urged the minister, where possible, in terms of the staff housing, to use a mode of private housing. There are companies that can practically build all the staff housing for Nunavut's public service staff housing needs. It can be done. If they are tendered, if they are budgeted, and if they're allocated, they should be.

Mr. Chairman, it's unfortunate that we're going through this kind of exchange. I think the minister should at least acknowledge that we're trying to be helpful. We have gone through a very difficult, questionable Nunavut Housing Corporation budgeting process. All the ministers have indicated that there was a fiasco, there was a terrible... Public housing funds were not properly budgeted and they caused a lot of grief for Nunavutmiut and, to say the least, embarrassment for the public, including the Auditor General, including the assessments in terms of the audits that were conducted all indicated that there were seriously fraud budget estimates that were applied and used by the managers.

Now, you're telling us to "Just trust me. We will get it done properly." And we're asking that the government do its part in accounting and be properly accountable with the public funds by at least

detailing the cost estimates. Like my colleague indicated, it costs more to ship to the High Arctic in some places. No doubt about it, the minister is well aware of that. We don't question him on those abilities to do that.

For the minister to challenge his own policy that says that we're going to be transparent, it means we're going to be honest with the public and we're going to be open with the public, now he wants us to vote for the \$15 million for two items, but he cannot tell us where they're going to be allocated and how much they're actually going to cost. We're going back; we're not moving forward.

I can understand the minister saying to the committee, "Trust me. We will get it done." The minister has at least ten months to begin the construction of these units. He's not running out of time. So how can the minister assure us and help us that the details of the budget will be presented to the committee so that we understand fully where they are being allocated and when can he present those requirements so that the public is transparently aware of the details the minister had said he would do when this term of the office began? Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Of course, one of the things that come to light is that it has been very difficult to identify the locations that we are hoping to build, construct in, both for staff housing and public units. Again, I'm not questioning committee's recommendations that were made to me, to find the best possible value for the amount of budgeting we're getting for

building staff housing and public units. I had intended to do that, to find alternative ways, and this is the first time this is being done, to maximize the best use of public funds.

We're looking at other ways. I indicated that we're looking at foreclosures that are out there, which nobody had purchased and there's no intention from anybody to purchase these units. We want to take a good, hard look at them and also other existing units that are out there that have been built and not used. We are looking at these. In fact, there may be something out there where we can actually purchase units for a small amount of money. I'm not going to say exactly how much, but that's our intention to maximize the budget that we are allotted for the housing corporation.

One of the comments made earlier before about a missing five-plex, there's no such thing as a missing five-plex.

Working with our regional districts of the three other regions, it has been a challenge to coordinate and do so many things, especially when it comes to supply and construction, and we intend to do that. I know that this may be one of the first times it has been happening with the housing corporation, to find alternative ways to maximize the value of the taxpayers' money. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley: Thank you. The minister indicated earlier that there are roughly 900 units needed for staff housing. Where did that information come from? How was it conducted? Is it possible to

have that information tabled in the House? Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll have Mr. Barriault respond to that question in detail. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Barriault.

Mr. Barriault: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That information is on the 907 units that are short and that would be units required to meet vacant GN staff housing positions. So the Nunavut Housing Corporation works very closely with the GN Department of Human Resources to identify what all the staff housing needs are within all of Nunavut's communities. GNHR tracks vacancies and competitions that are active and works closely with the Nunavut Housing Corporation to identify which ones are getting close to completion so that we can properly allocate and make use of the vacant staff housing that we do have.

As well, we work with GN Human Resources to identify where the main pressures and priorities are of all the government departments. Staff housing is primarily a recruitment and retention tool of the Government of Nunavut. As such, although we are the primary property managing agent for the Government of Nunavut, we want to ensure that the needs are confirmed through Human Resources, which is the primary recruiting agent of Nunavut. All government departments provide information to them, to HR, that is, in

terms of what their needs are and in terms of their vacancies. That is tracked through GNHR. We prepare these reports in terms of shortages and pressures on staff housing in consultation with Human Resources.

There are four allocation committees, one within each region and one for Iqaluit as well, that are represented by a number of government departments, including HR, and that is where we derive our information. So the 907 units that would be required to fill all vacant GN positions are a combination of the data that the housing corporation maintains for staff housing and the data that's maintained by Human Resources.

Part of our intention within these budgets, as Minister Taptuna stated, is to maximize our use of funding and we are aware that there are opportunities to acquire units at a much lower cost than if we were constructing them ourselves. We have an expression of interest that should actually be in the newspapers as early as Wednesday of this week to try to identify properties available for purchase and for lease in all Nunavut communities. Based on that information, it gives us an opportunity to try to maximize the limited dollars that are available within the GN budget. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Barriault. Do you have any more questions? Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley: Thank you. Fascinating, interesting information. Assuming that I understand it correctly, these 900 extra units that the minister and his team have gathered from the various departments, and so on, and probably some of them

are within the public service vacancy positions, are we assuming that all of these 900 staff positions are going to be imported? Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We don't expect that, and no, not all positions are going to be imported. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley: Thank you. Further to that, Mr. Chairman, how will we determine that the staff housing is needed? Not having that information begs the question for me. If the individuals that will be considered are locally based and they do have a staff housing unit, how do we know that they're actually going to require staff housing units? Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Again, these determinations are in conjunction and working with the HR department to determine which positions come with staff housing. As the president has indicated, the need for 907 units is based on the current information that we have with HR and the positions that are out there.

Mr. Chairman, even with some of these positions, it doesn't necessarily mean that locals who are getting these positions will have to stay in public units if staff housing is available for some of

these positions that are advertised out there. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. We're on page J-3. Capital. Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley: Yes, Mr. Chairman, my next question has to do with... I understand the housing corporation and the minister have already indicated that they will use the mode of supply, ship, and build. That means the cost factor that will be established, depending on where they are tendered, if they are allocated by then, will differ from southern parts of the Nunavut territory and those in the High Arctic portion or the Kitikmeot region will cost significantly higher than some.

How do we know the exact amount of housing requirement? We don't know how many you're going to be asking for in the final figure, even for the public staff housing. How will it be determined that the amount that you're proposing to us is sufficient in view of the fact that the cost ratio will be significantly different from region to region and north to south? Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Very good question and I thank the committee member for that. The costs are always different, but the budget we're talking about is a set amount of \$5 million for staff housing and \$8 million for public units. The number will be determined. Again, we have indicated that we're looking at alternatives, ways of maximizing that amount, and we do have information and the process started on actually

purchasing some existing buildings that are quite a bit under the cost of construction.

When I say, "quite a bit," I'm not set at this point to start giving out some of these costs associated with the existing buildings that we're looking at, but once that determination is made, there will be a clear picture of what the Nunavut Housing Corporation is trying to do because this is the first time we're trying to go this route. I have taken the recommendation from the committee to find an alternative way and that's one of the things that we're doing at this time with the housing corporation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think the best advice this committee has been asking the minister to do is to come up with the details of exactly where, number one, you need these staff housing units and public housing units. Once you have made that determination, it's a lot easier to determine and work out the details as to costs. Right now, you're asking us to just give you a certain amount and not having the details.

The costs, obviously, are not going to go down. Compared to a ratio that we have been used, they may be completely out of details. So which is going to come first? The costs, once they're figured out, will determine how many units are going to be built. You're not going to determine how many units you're proposing in each location where you're going to choose and, if so, who's going to make that determination? Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Again, as I indicated, the Nunavut Housing Corporation hasn't made that determination, but we're looking for alternative ways to maximize the allotted budget. We do need 3,580 public units and this amount is not anywhere impacting the needs of Nunavummiut, including the needs for our GN employees for staff housing.

One of those things that, again, are being tried for the first time through the Nunavut Housing Corporation is to look at other alternative ways. As I indicated, we have identified some cost savings and this, in a sense, is to maximize, again, the much needed public units and staff housing. Mr. Chairman, at this time, we don't have the determination of where the locations are going to be at. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Mr. Curley, you have less than two minutes.

Mr. Curley: Thank you, *Iksivautaaq*. I understand that. I believe what you're looking for is a mix of housing modes, whether it be private, public, or modernizing some of the units that are maybe befit to rebuild, but it would be useful to have that information. How and when is that going to be made? Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It does involve a lot of work, it does involve a lot of research, and it

involves a lot of communities to consult and have some of these discussions on especially lots. We could make that determination by December. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Using my discretion as the Chair, pursuant to Rule 6(1), I will now recognize the clock and report progress.

Minister Taptuna, I thank you for appearing before us, as well as your officials. You're probably aware that we're not done and that we will ask you to come back to the next committee meeting. Minister Taptuna, President Barriault, and Ms. Kimball, I thank you for being here. Sergeant-at-Arms, please escort the witnesses out.

Speaker: *Qujannamiik*, Sergeant-at-Arms. Moving on in our orders of the day. Item 20. Report of the Committee of the Whole. Mr. Tapardjuk.

Item 20: Report of the Committee of the Whole

Mr. Tapardjuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Your committee has been considering Bill 41 and the capital estimates, and would like to report progress. Also, Mr. Speaker, I move that the Report of the Committee of the Whole be concurred with. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Tapardjuk. (interpretation ends) There is a motion on the floor. Is there a seconder? Thank you very much, Mr. Ningark. The motion is in order. All those in favour. Any opposed? The motion is carried.

Item 21. Third Reading of Bills. Item 22.
Orders of the Day. Mr. Clerk.

Item 22: Orders of the Day

Clerk (Mr. Quirke): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A reminder of the meeting tomorrow morning at nine o'clock in the Tuktu Boardroom with the Standing Committee on Legislation.

Orders of the Day for October 30:

1. Prayer
2. Ministers' Statements
3. Members' Statements
4. Returns to Oral Questions
5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery
6. Oral Questions
7. Written Questions
8. Returns to Written Questions
9. Replies to Opening Address
10. Petitions
11. Responses to Petitions
12. 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
16. Motions
17. First Reading of Bills
18. Second Reading of Bills

19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters

- Bill 41
- Bill 42
- Bill 43

20. Report of the Committee of the Whole

21. Third Reading of Bills

22. Orders of the Day

Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you very much, Mr. Clerk. This House stands adjourned until Tuesday, October 30, at 1:30 p.m.

Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>*House adjourned at 18:04*

