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Iqaluit, Nunavut**Wednesday, October 31, 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 13:32*

Item 1: Opening Prayer

Speaker (Hon. Hunter Tootoo):

Qujannamiik, Sergeant-at-Arms. Before we proceed with today's proceedings, I would like to ask Mr. Taptuna to lead us off with a prayer, please.

>>*Prayer*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Taptuna. (interpretation ends) Moving on in our orders of the day. Item 2. Ministers' Statements. Minister responsible for Economic Development and Transportation, Minister Taptuna.

Item 2: Ministers' Statements**Minister's Statement 204 – 3(3): The Passing of Lorne Balshine**

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon, colleagues and Nunavummiut. Mr. Speaker, I stand today to recognize the life of one of the world's premier collectors of Inuit art, Lorne Balshine.

Mr. Balshine passed away in Vancouver on Sunday, September 16, 2012, after a battle with cancer. Lorne's vocation was as a lawyer until his sister introduced him to Inuit art after her trip to Greenland in 1969. From that moment on, he devoted his life to collecting and promoting Inuit art.

The commercial success of Inuit art is built on the skill and creativity of artists, but also on the passion of buyers and collectors, and on this score Lorne Balshine had few equals.

His accomplishments include the formation of the Arctic Art Museum Society, which promotes contemporary Inuit art as fine art. Through his vast collection, he ensured that travellers passing through the Vancouver airport are introduced to a range of quality Inuit art. His dream was to open a museum in Vancouver to celebrate and raise awareness of Canadian and other circumpolar societies and their artwork.

Most importantly, Lorne liked to connect with Inuit artists as individuals and would joyfully act as tour guide for those who visited Vancouver, ensuring they felt as comfortable and welcomed in his home city as they did in their home communities.

The contribution Lorne Balshine made to the world of Inuit art is impossible to duplicate, and our condolences go out to his family, his friends, and Nunavut artists whose lives were touched by this incredible individual. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Item 2. Ministers' Statements. Minister responsible for the Department of Education, Minister Aariak.

**Minister's Statement 205 – 3(3):
Leadership Resiliency Program**

Hon. Eva Aariak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to tell my colleagues about an inventive Department of Education initiative in Arviat.

The Leadership Resiliency Program is a school and community-based crime prevention project for at-risk students. This program is offered through the John Arnalukjuak High School in Arviat, and targets 14- to 19-year-old boys and girls who are not attending school on a regular basis or are not thriving in school. There are three main components to the program: resiliency sessions, service learning, and high adventure activities.

Resiliency lessons focus on healthy relationships, family violence, substance abuse, suicide, positive parenting, and coping strategies. Service learning centres on building empathy by recording elders' stories and wisdom, cooking meals for families, and developing a community park. High-adventure activities like rock climbing and sea kayaking are helping to make these students more self-sufficient and build resiliency in themselves and their community.

Mr. Speaker, I am thrilled to announce that this project was submitted to Public Safety Canada and has received \$2.2 million in funding over five years. The Leadership Resiliency Program is

designed by staff at John Arnalukjuak school with full support from the community, the DEA, RCMP, elders, and many others.

Thank you to the educators, staff, the Arviat DEA, and community members for demonstrating self-reliance in action and for making this important program a reality. This tremendous community and federal should be an inspiration to us all. I am proud to see this kind of community-level enthusiasm and determination. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Aariak. Item 2. Ministers' Statements. Minister responsible for the Department of Justice, Minister Shewchuk.

**Minister's Statement 206 – 3(3):
Victims' Travel Assistance
Funding**

Hon. Daniel Shewchuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As Minister of Justice, it gives me great pleasure to announce that the federal Minister of Justice approved funding of \$1.3 million over five years to benefit and assist the Government of Nunavut with travel assistance and access to justice for victims of crime in Nunavut.

>> *Applause*

The funding is to assist families of victims of homicides and victims of other serious crimes to attend court hearings. As a result, \$200,000 is allotted annually for travel assistance until 2016. A portion of the funding has been used by the Department of Justice to develop policies, procedures, and a

manual for providing and managing this travel assistance program. The policy manual outlines the details of the approval process for applicants who are wishing to travel.

We are happy to be able to provide the opportunity for victims or their immediate family members to attend court hearings and look forward to continuing to support victims and their families through this program. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Shewchuk. Item 2. Ministers' Statements. Minister responsible for the Status of Women, Minister Ell.

**Minister's Statement 207 – 3(3):
Breast Cancer Awareness Month**

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the Minister responsible for the Status of Women, I would like to acknowledge that while October is designated as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. I want to stress to all Nunavummiut that we all should be aware of the signs of breast cancer every month.

Early detection and prevention is so important in the battle against breast cancer. I urge all women to self-examine themselves every month. If you are not sure how, ask your community health nurse or at a Well Woman Clinic.

Mr. Speaker, breast cancer rates in Nunavut may be low, but it is the most frequently diagnosed cancer in Canadian women. (interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, this year alone, the Canadian

Cancer Society estimates that 22,700 women in Canada will be diagnosed with breast cancer and that 5,100 women will die from the disease.

However, this disease also affects men and we should not forget that. Mr. Speaker, let us take this time to celebrate breast cancer survivors and honour those who have lost their lives to breast cancer, those who are now battling this disease, the families, and all those affected by it. We can do this by spreading the word of the importance of prevention and early detection.

Remember, in my view, every month should be Breast Cancer Awareness Month and we are all at risk. So minimize your risks and think about quitting smoking. As one of my old teachers would say, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cures.

I would also like to thank my colleagues for wearing their pink ribbons today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Ell. Item 2. Ministers' Statements. Moving on in our orders of the day. Item 3. Members' Statements. Member for Baker Lake, Mr. Aupaluktuq.

Item 3: Members' Statements

**Member's Statement 336 – 3(3):
Congratulations to Baker Lake's
2012 Graduates**

Mr. Aupaluktuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to congratulate this year's graduates from Baker Lake's Jonah Amitnaaq High

School. This year, a total of 15 students graduated from school. This achievement is a reflection of their hard work and dedication.

As the Member of the Legislative Assembly for Baker Lake, I had the honour of presenting this year's Pilimmaksarniq Award at the graduation ceremonies. The Pilimmaksarniq Award is presented each year to a graduating student who has demonstrated the quality of acquiring and developing skills through observation, practise, effort, and action. This year's deserving recipient was Gage Inukpak.

As the Member of the Legislative Assembly, I believe that support for education and lifelong learning must be a key priority for our government. (interpretation ends) Education is the strongest tool by which our youth will succeed in the future and contribute to their community.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to take this opportunity to again recognize the commitment of our teachers, school staff, parents, and volunteers.

I would also like to note that many of the community's youth continue to talk to me about the need for a drop-in centre in the community. This is an ongoing priority for the community.

I would like to conclude by honouring each of our graduates by name:

- Surya Angatajuak
- Theresa Aylward
- Alannah Ikinilik
- Erik Ikoe
- Gage Inukpak
- Charmaine Kasaluak Angoo

- Chris Kashla
- Malachi Kashla
- Marlon Kayuryuk
- Anoe Nanauq
- Brandon Owingayak
- Josee Stasila-Boyer
- Samo Tookoomie
- Chris Tootoo
- Gail Uqayuittuq

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating this year's graduates. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Aupaluktuq. I recognize at least one of those names. Congratulations to them.

Item 3. Members' Statements. Member for Nattilik, Ms. Ugyuk.

**Member's Statement 337 – 3(3):
Honouring the Murdered Women
of Nunavut**

Ms. Ugyuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to respectfully honour those women and girls of Nunavut who have lost their lives to violence.

Mr. Speaker, it is a sad statistic that twice as many women as men are murdered in our territory. Spousal homicide rates across the north are far higher than another other jurisdiction in Canada. Mr. Speaker, my thoughts and prayers go out to the loved ones who have lost a mother, sister, daughter, or family member in such an unnecessary and brutal way.

Mr. Speaker, I will be joining my colleague from Iqaluit West in a ceremony to honour missing and

murdered aboriginal women in Canada. I feel that to stand up and acknowledge such an issue is an important step towards addressing it.

Mr. Speaker, December 6 is our national day of remembrance and action on violence against women, and I hope on that day, we will all make a special effort to recognize it. However, every day is a day to remember and honour the women who have been murdered across Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

**Member's Statement 338 – 3(3):
Cancellation of the Use of 737s to
Kugaaruk**

Mr. Ningark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I send my regards to the people. I agree with my colleague from Nattilik that violence against women is not acceptable.

Mr. Speaker, we get two major airlines in my community: First Air and Canadian North. The bigger airplane, a 737, used to come through Kugaaruk on a regular basis. It is a pleasure to have those airlines come to our community on a regular basis, bringing freight and passengers.

It was very comfortable to have the 737 from Yellowknife to Kugaaruk without any stops. They cancelled the flights last fall because they could not have regular passengers, but they only brought freight in to Kugaaruk. Sometimes the people of Taloyoak and Gjoa Haven had to go to

Kugaaruk to get to Yellowknife. It would be good if they can have passengers on that plane, and it's supported by the hamlet council in Kugaaruk.

At the appropriate time, Mr. Speaker, I will be asking the Minister of Transportation in regard to that flight. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Member's Statement 339 – 3(3):
UNESCO Audiovisual History –
IBC's Archives**

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I send my regards to residents in Iqaluit West. To Nunavummiut, during Halloween, I hope you have a safe evening.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, UNESCO designated October 27 as World Day for Audiovisual Heritage in order to raise awareness of the challenges linked to audiovisual heritage preservation.

If we do not protect and preserve the film, radio, and television programs which make up our audiovisual heritage, we will lose a significant part of our history and culture. That is why I support the efforts of the Inuit Broadcasting Corporation to build a Nunavut media arts centre.

Many of you know that I once worked at IBC, so I can tell you firsthand how important it is to preserve the archives held at IBC in a much safer environment. It would be a loss of

unimaginable horror if the Inuit audiovisual history created by IBC over the last 30 years or so became damaged or lost. I don't even want to imagine that.

Super Samu, with the call-in shows, interviews with the gone elders, and the other shows which are so precious to us should be safe and in good condition for future generations. So I take this opportunity to thank all the past and current IBC staff for their dedication and good work.

Mr. Speaker I should mention that the show which has been inspiring our youth to learn, to improve their Inuktitut skills, and which has had all family members laughing together, "Qanurli?/What now?," has received the go-ahead for a second season. Congratulations!

I also recommend that Nunavummiut check out the building website, which has all the background information on the Nunavut Media Arts Centre by going to www.buildingfordreams.ca. This could be the jewel of Nunavut's crown.

Happy Halloween. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

**Member's Statement 340 – 3(3):
Intergenerational Harmony in the
High Arctic**

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to speak about how proud I

am of the parents and youth in my constituency.

One of the important guiding principles of our Tamapta Mandate is self-reliance. In my constituency, many parents take this principle very seriously and are working every day to move our communities forward.

Mr. Speaker, my communities are doing the very best that they can with limited resources.

In Grise Fiord, which continues to lack an arena, the hamlet has recently undertaken an innovative project to purchase a yurt. This will give the community a place in which residents can interact and learn from each other.

In Resolute Bay and Arctic Bay, the church and youth choir are actively fundraising. Aqsarniq is raising money to have our youth travel to Resolute Bay for inspiring performances.

Mr. Speaker, I spent a significant amount of time last summer in Resolute Bay and was very proud of the community's young hunters who harvested their first walrus under the guidance of their elders.

Mr. Speaker, in Arctic Bay, youth saw a need for a place in which to meet as peers. They worked hard with elders to put together the resources necessary to renovate an existing building in the community.

Mr. Speaker, the Nunavut Quest remains an ongoing source of pride for the residents of the High Arctic and an incredible time in which to pass on skills

and values from one generation to the next.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to have had this opportunity to share some examples of the creative way in which people are working together in the High Arctic. These initiatives serve to bring the generations together and provide positive alternatives for our youth that will help them avoid crime, substance abuse, and other problems.

Mr. Speaker, as their elected MLA, I will continue to be a strong advocate for new investments in community infrastructure. However, as we are frequently reminded by the government, our dollars are limited.

I want to pay tribute to the creativity and perseverance of the many Nunavummiut who are turning limited resources into opportunity. Mr. Speaker, I ask all members to join me in this tribute. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

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

Member's Statement 341 – 3(3): Plans for Government Restructuring

Mr. Ningeongan: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to ask the government to provide further information on the upcoming plans for the restructuring of government services.

Mr. Speaker, on July 11, 2012, the government issued a three-page news release with respect to upcoming changes in the government structure and

the delivery of critical services. As regular MLAs, we have not received any more information about how this is going to occur and we have not been involved in determining how the new system will be implemented. We were simply advised that effective April 1, 2013, a new structure will be in place. Mr. Speaker, as you are aware, when we come back to this House in the new year to review the 2013-14 operations and maintenance budget, it will reflect the proposed changes.

Mr. Speaker, when we decide to set out on a trip, it is always wise to plan and prepare. It is not enough to give our boat a new coat of paint. We also need to check that the engine is running smoothly and that the cables and components are all properly connected and in good working order, not to mention enough gas and oil. It is not enough for the captain to know where they are going, but that everyone else on the trip is aware of what lies ahead.

Mr. Speaker, as regular members and, indeed, all Members of this Legislative Assembly, we play a role in assisting our constituents in navigating the often confusing sea of bureaucracy and government services.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to encourage the government to bring forward, sooner rather than later, a clear overview of how we should anticipate this restructuring to come into effect. Mr. Speaker, it would be to everyone's benefit if we could all share the vision of what our voyage will be like in 2013-14. Being prepared and forewarned is an important step in ensuring the success of any new venture.

As we all know, the lack of communication often leads to more questions and even greater confusion. I look forward to the government providing us with a comprehensive overview of what we can expect to see as we approach the new year. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. Item 3. Members' Statements. Member for Rankin Inlet South and Whale Cove, Mr. Kusugak.

**Member's Statement 342 – 3(3):
Movember – Prostate Cancer
Awareness Month**

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Also, look after your children while they're going out trick-or-treating for Halloween. (interpretation ends) Happy Halloween. I went to work today to find out Austin Powers works in my office; much better looking than the one who was working there yesterday.

Mr. Speaker, as we're all aware, and if we're not, we should be aware, November has become Movember to bring awareness to prostate cancer. I would like to encourage my colleagues, when they go home today, to shave their moustache, and if they don't shave where their moustache would be, then don't shave again until the end of November. It's important we bring attention to this very serious disease of prostate cancer.

I challenge those in Nunavut out there to participate in Movember. I am pleased to go home this evening and shave, and I

understand Mr. Elliott will also. I encourage everyone in this House to partake in this very important cause. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Kusugak. Item 3. Members' Statements. Moving right along in our orders of the day. Item 4. Returns to Oral Questions. Minister responsible for the Department of Environment, Minister Aariak.

Item 4: Returns to Oral Questions

**Return to Oral Question 425 – 3(3):
Issuing of Welfare Cheques**

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I have a question that was posed to me, "does the local income support worker have full authority to issue cheques without consulting with the regional office?"

Response:

Income support workers must contact their regional supervisors when:

- Issuing to relatives. Assessments must be made by a supervisor.
- Issuing early or any change in the time or amount being issued.
- They suspect that there is fraud or there is some irregularity in the assessment.
- The client is requesting extra cash.
- There is a change in the assessment, such as spouse removed, but an income support worker is not sure

how to confirm or if the client is requesting that their cheque be issued to someone other than themselves if they are out on medical.

- There is a request for furniture or equipment. Income support workers must complete a request for approval. Depending on the amount, it goes to various levels. However, the request for approval always requires a regional supervisor's signature.
- Any time the income support worker feels threatened by a client due to either past violence or fraud.
- Any time the income support worker feels there is a need to discuss a case.

Income support workers are encouraged to discuss any issues they have with their supervisors, as they are often isolated in their communities and have few that they can discuss their issues with. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Aariak. Item 4. Returns to Oral Questions. Minister responsible for the Department of Human Resources, Minister Ell.

**Return to Oral Question 438 – 3(3):
Government of Nunavut Hiring
Practices**

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) This is a question asked a few days ago by MLA Oshutapik. The question was, “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?”

Answer:

The current draft of the Offences and Integrity Management Directive ties a number of human resources policies together with respect to ethics, employee conduct, and Inuit societal values. The purpose of the directive is to provide guidance on assessing the implications of public servants who find themselves charged, investigated, convicted of an offence, or have committed improper conduct. The directive also outlines the roles and responsibilities of those officials who conduct investigations on behalf of the government.

The directive is guided by the principles of *Inuuqatigiitsiarniq*, reinforcing the Inuit value of respecting others, relationships, and caring for people. Also, as an employer, the Government of Nunavut cannot tolerate misconduct of public servants that could have a negative operational impact or risk to the public interest.

The draft of this human resources directive is currently being circulated to the Department of Justice for their review and input with regard to territorial and federal statutes. With these consultations as well as required input from other government stakeholders, we expect the directive to be adopted early in the new year. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Ell. Item 4. Returns to Oral Questions. Item 5.

Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery.
Mr. Ningark.

Item 5: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery

Mr. Ningark: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is an honour and privilege to finally recognize in this House the former Clerk of the NWT legislature, Mr. David Hamilton.

When I was the Deputy Speaker of the NWT, his advice to me, “When you’re presiding, Mr. Ningark, make sure you are fair to both sides of the House.” One week, we noticed that the list of members who wanted to conclude, asking for unanimous consent to conclude their statements, the list was growing. I was the presiding officer for that certain week. He said, “Make sure that members are not asking for unanimous consent just to gain the floor.” I never forgot that. Thank you.

>> *Laughter*

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ningark. Welcome, Mr. Hamilton. Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have the great pleasure of recognizing key folks of national recognition. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize the members of the National Energy Board: Gaetan Caron, Chair and CEO of the National Energy Board; Mr. David Hamilton, Board Member; Brian Chambers, Northern Advisor; Susan Galleon, Legal Services; and Marie-

Anick Elie, Northern Coordinator and Operations.

Mr. Speaker, they have been travelling throughout the north doing community consultations. Here in the Baffin region, they have come from Pond Inlet, Clyde River, did some community consultations here in Iqaluit, and they’re moving onto Qikiqtarjuaq. I appreciate the work that they are doing. Of course, they do this throughout the whole north.

I want to speak a little bit about Mr. Chambers. Mr. Speaker, Brian Chambers was involved in building the Kugluktuk High School in the early years. Of course, the high school I attended was in Kugluktuk, and he was involved in that. So I appreciate the dexterity and multi-talents that he has. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Welcome to the Gallery. I think you got us all energized today.

>> *Laughter*

Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery.
Minister Ell.

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There are a number of people that I would like to recognize in the Gallery. First of all, I would like to recognize my cousin, Leonie Duffy, who owns the hotel in Coral Harbour and also helps out the elders in meetings.

I would also like to recognize Okalik Eegeesiak, President of QIA, who used to be the president of the Inuit Broadcasting Corporation, and the

people who work at IBC are Debbie Brisebois, Angie Pajek, Keenan Lindell, Joshua Qaumariaq, my younger sister's son, welcome, Mike Kerr, Jeannie Petooolosie, Cynthia Pitseolak, Bonnie Ammaq, Henry Naulaq, Madeleine d'Argencourt, and Johnny the Lemming, who is being carried in an amauti.

>>Laughter

I also recognize Michael Ipeelie, who plays Johnny, and Stacey Aglok-MacDonald. Thank you.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Ell. Welcome to the Gallery. Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Nanulik, Mr. Ningeongan.

Mr. Ningeongan (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It gives me great pride in welcoming a fellow Coral Harbour resident. I would like to welcome Leonie Duffy, who is the daughter of Mrs. Kanayuk Bruce, whom I made a Member's Statement earlier this week. She owns Leonie's Place Hotel & Crafts Shop in Coral Harbour. She is also a leader at the church. As someone mentioned, she is always helping out the elders of the community, which is why she is here in town. Please welcome her. Thank you.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. Welcome to the Gallery. Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery.

I, too, would like to acknowledge a former officer of the House, Mr. Hamilton, to the Gallery. I'm sure sitting

on that side of the ropes brings back some fond memories and a few good giggles.

Moving on in our orders of the day. Item 6. Oral Questions. Sorry. Go back to Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley: Thank you. Yes, Mr. Speaker, I must rise. Mr. Hamilton certainly remembers me a lot.

>>Laughter

My eight years in the NWT legislature were very much part of his mandate as the chair. So I beg all of you not to ask Mr. Hamilton about me.

>>Laughter

Thank you.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Curley. Moving on in our orders of the day. That was a trick, not a treat. So now we go on in our orders of the day. Item 6. Oral Questions. Member for Nattilik, Ms Ugyuk.

Item 6: Oral Questions

Question 450 – 3(3): Arranging Specialist Visits to Nunavut Communities

Ms. Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish my constituents a good Halloween and have good costumes.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Health and Social Services.

Mr. Speaker, I recognize that the Department of Health and Social Services is moving forward with a health information data system that will better enable departmental officials to determine the types of specialist health services that are needed in different communities. However, until that system is up and running for all of Nunavut, there are needs for specialist visits in some communities.

Can the minister clarify how the need for specialist services is currently determined for Nunavut communities and what process is followed to arrange those visits? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Ms. Ugyuk. Minister responsible for the Department of Health and Social Services, Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank Ms. Ugyuk for the question. Mr. Speaker, I know we talked about this yesterday. Mr. Speaker, there are contracts with specialists from companies, dental, optometrists, ophthalmology, with the Department of Health and Social Services. There are RFPs every year. The work that they need to provide in each community is determined by the statistics and size of the community. Every community, depending on its size, could get 30 to 100 days of specialist visits for dentistry, for example. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for the answer. (interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, earlier in this session, my colleague from Tununig raised the need for community visits from the dental specialist and the eye care team. Can the minister clarify how community visits from other types of medical specialists, such as dermatologists, who specialize in skin complaints, are arranged? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Ms. Ugyuk. Minister responsible for the Department of Health and Social Services, Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank Ms. Ugyuk for that question. Mr. Speaker, I wish I had that level of detail of information in my binder. I already have 140 briefing notes in there; I probably need three briefing binders for the health department. Mr. Speaker, I don't have that level of information. I can commit to providing that information to Ms. Ugyuk when time is available. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I know that there is a lot of information, but we are servicing Nunavummiut.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, as you know, the primary point of contact for health care in most Nunavut communities is the health centre. While the nurses are competent professionals, they do not always have the expertise to address very specific complaints. Can

the minister clarify how referrals are made for individuals needing specialized care in the area of dermatology? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Ms. Ugyuk. Minister responsible for Health and Social Services, Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank Ms. Ugyuk for that question. I can't give her that specific information. I'm sure if the nurse has a patient who has that medical condition, they talk to or call one of the doctors up. We have doctors in Ottawa, up at the Qikiqtani General Hospital, Yellowknife, and other hospitals. They can talk to those doctors and they can assist the nurse or other health professionals to make that determination. If it is determined that they need to see a specialist, then we could make arrangements for the individual to see the specialist. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank the minister for responding to my question. (interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, when certain services are required by a number of individuals in one community, it makes much more sense to have one specialist come into the community instead of flying every person out individually. Would the minister commit to asking his officials to look into the possibility of arranging a dermatology clinic for the communities in my constituency? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Ms. Ugyuk. Minister responsible for Health and Social Services, Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank Ms. Ugyuk again for the question. Mr. Speaker, my officials are listening in and they will be taking notes. We will investigate the issue for Ms. Ugyuk. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Peterson. Item 6. Oral Questions. Member for Tununig, Mr. Enook.

Question 451 – 3(3): Restructuring of the Department of Human Resources

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to wish a good afternoon to the residents of Pond Inlet, particularly my partner, who is celebrating her birthday. Please enjoy your birthday today.

Mr. Speaker, I have some more questions today for the Minister of Human Resources.

On July 11, the government announced a major restructuring of its operations. The announcement indicated that the "Core functions of the Department of Human Resources [will] move to the Department of Finance and the Department of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs."

Can the minister tell the House today how many current employees of the Department of Human Resources will be transferred to the Department of Finance and how many will be transferred to the Department of Executive and

Intergovernmental Affairs? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I believe it would be more appropriate if you direct this to the Minister of Finance. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Speaker: Thank you, Ms. Ell. Minister of Finance, Minister Peterson, are you prepared to respond to that question? Okay. Minister of Finance.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In my other briefing binder, I have a hundred and something briefing notes. Unfortunately that briefing note is not in my briefing binder. I'll take a crack at it.

Mr. Speaker, when we started off in this endeavour, we committed that no individuals would lose their positions. I don't have exact numbers in the human resources department; approximately 100 or thereabouts. Approximately 60 percent of those employees will be coming to the Department of Finance and 40 percent will be going to Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will direct this question to the minister who is able to answer my question. I leave it to whomever minister can respond.

Yesterday, I asked questions concerning the government's Priority Hiring Policy. Under the government's new organizational structure, which department will be responsible for administering and enforcing the Priority Hiring Policy? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Enook. Minister of Finance, Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I believe that the department responsible for that would be Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. During my questions yesterday to the minister, I raised the issue of how employees can report situations where the government's hiring rules may have been broken. One of the ongoing priorities of the Department of Human Resources has been to develop and introduce a new *Public Service Act*. Which department will be responsible for this initiative? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Enook. Minister of Finance, Minister Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank Mr. Enook for the question. I believe that will fall under the Department of Finance. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Enook (interpretation): For the last

question, Mr. Speaker, can the minister confirm if the government is still committed to introducing whistle-blower protection for our employees? Do you still believe that this legislation should be drafted, yes or no? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Enook. I have to rule that question out of order because it doesn't tie in to your original question; it's a different subject matter altogether.

We will move on in our orders of the day. Oral Questions. Member for Pangnirtung, Mr. Oshutapik. No? Moving right along then. Member for Quttiktuq, Mr. Elliott.

Question 452 – 3(3): Operations of the Qulliq Energy Corporation

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions are for the Minister responsible for the Qulliq Energy Corporation.

As the minister will recall, the Legislative Assembly's Standing Committee on Oversight of Government Operations and Public Accounts held hearings earlier this year on the 2012 *Report of the Auditor General on Procurement of Goods and Services*. Last week, the government's formal response to the standing committee's report and recommendations was tabled in the House, as were a variety of departmental and Crown agency action plans.

In our standing committee's report, we noted that the Qulliq Energy Corporation's own corporate plan specifically acknowledges that it operates, and I quote, "within the

context...of Article 24 which sets up a procurement preference for Inuit, Nunavut and local contractors." However, the QEC's action plan states that it is of the view that it is exempt from the provisions of the NNI Policy.

Can the minister responsible for the Qulliq Energy Corporation indicate if he approved the QEC's action plan prior to it being tabled in the Legislative Assembly? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Minister responsible for the Qulliq Energy Corporation, Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to take that question as notice. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Kusugak. The question has been taken as notice. Item 6. Oral Questions. Member for Hudson Bay, Mr. Rumbolt.

Question 453 – 3(3): Proposal to Up-List Polar Bear to CITES

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Apparently, yesterday afternoon, I said "good morning," so I'll make sure I say "good afternoon" today.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Environment.

Mr. Speaker, yesterday, the minister informed the House that the United States government has submitted a proposal to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species to try and up-list the polar bear.

The minister indicated in his Minister's Statement that the GN, along with our partners at Environment Canada, NTI, and ITK, and I quote, "met with the US Fish and Wildlife Service last month in an attempt to educate them on the implications and negative consequences that such an up-listing would have on Inuit and to point out that the polar bear does not meet the criteria for up-listing. Our voices seem to have fallen on deaf ears."

Can the minister indicate what his department's next steps will be concerning the US proposal to up-list the polar bear to CITES? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. James Arreak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank the member for asking that question. When the Canadian delegation met with the US officials, they informed the US officials and tried to educate them about the impacts on Canadians regarding polar bears, the fact that they were in no immediate danger, and that polar bears should not be up-listed to prevent trade in polar bear products.

This coming March, there will be meetings held in Thailand to debate the request to up-list polar bears to category 1 and to vote on this request. Furthermore, the Nunavut government has been collaborating with the federal government on this issue to fight the request to move it up to the first level. They falsely believe that polar bears are endangered.

Currently, we are cooperating with the federal government's Department of the Environment, and when the vote takes place, Canada will have only one vote. The federal Minister of the Environment would vote on behalf of Canada since Canada has only one vote on this issue. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for his update. He basically mentioned the Government of Canada having a vote, but my question is: what is our government doing for its next steps in educating people on the fact that polar bears are not endangered in Nunavut? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. James Arreak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Every year, we commission polar bear population studies in the various polar bear management zones, which are zones separating different polar bear populations. In the majority of these studies, the results generally indicate that polar bear populations are not declining in Canada, particularly in Nunavut. The population is not declining, but indicates it is increasing, which is our position as a government. We maintain this fact when we speak about this issue.

We partner with various jurisdictions, such as Ontario, Quebec, the NWT, and we collaborate with them on polar bear research studies. Additionally, through correspondence and meetings, we present our findings that polar bears are

not in a perilous situation and that the population isn't decreasing. Conversely, the populations seem to be increasing. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for his response. Mr. Speaker, as we all know, there have been many television and media campaigns produced by animal rights groups concerning climate change and its possible impact on the polar bear population.

Can the minister indicate if his department has done any advertising to promote Nunavut's sustainable harvesting practices and effective co-management system of the polar bears? If not, why not? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. James Arreak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to apologize that I have not been briefed on this subject as to what type of marketing or advertising has been put into the public. Once I have looked into this issue, I will be able to provide the information to my colleague. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Arreak. Oral Questions. Member for Rankin Inlet North, Mr. Curley.

Question 454 – 3(3): Ministerial Accountability

Mr. Curley: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation) I really want this understood very clearly. (interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, my questions today are for the Premier.

Yesterday, the report of the Integrity Commissioner to the Legislative Assembly identified some significant problems with respect to the government's handling of this matter. The report stated, and I quote, "As I conducted this review," the Integrity Commissioner stated, "it became obvious to me that there were several missed opportunities where senior public servants and Ministerial staff could have and should have questioned Mr. Schell about the propriety of what he was doing. Alternatively, reports should have been made sooner than they were to either the Cabinet Secretary or directly to the Premier."

Now my question is this: what will the Premier do to ensure that these situations do not arise again in the future?

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, Madam Premier.

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Due to these reasons and our recent experiences, I have directed our staff to provide information to the Integrity Commissioner that they have requested, pertaining to the ministers and further, what the staff are required to undertake in order to fully disclose the facts. (interpretation ends) In that, I mean our

orientation to the Integrity Commissioner's recommendations in terms of informing the ministers and the minister's staff as to what they're responsibilities are. I have informed my officials to prepare orientations on those kinds of things. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Curley: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I certainly appreciate the comment by the Premier. Mr. Speaker, in my language, as I read the report, there appears to be a bit of a witch hunt on the whole nature of some of the allegations.

Mr. Speaker, my first supplementary is this: the report of the Integrity Commissioner made it clear to me also that her advisors provided her with wrong advice. In view of this, will the Premier shake up her senior staff to ensure that she's better served in the future?

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

Hon. Eva Aariak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think I was very well served. I received information from the Department of Justice and based on that information, I made actions. It is that action that enabled further action to be done by the Integrity Commissioner. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Curley: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, it's not an adequate advice or right

advice when individuals, just by being associated with the employee, should be investigated, and so on, and speaking to an official when your department has some responsibility or obligation to ensure that programs are being implemented and served.

My next question is the report also indicated that a subpoena had to be issued to one of her senior staff to appear at the Integrity Commissioner's hearing. Why was it necessary for a subpoena to be issued after all they made the allegations? Thank you.

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

Hon. Eva Aariak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I believe, at that time, I didn't know there was such a request made. So I can only imagine that there were some discussions whether my principal secretary should be involved in this or not and after the discussions, perhaps that's when the subpoena came in. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Curley: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My third supplementary is this: it is now clear to me and to Nunavutmiut more than ever that the *Integrity Act* of Nunavut is not adequate to guide cabinet ministers' behaviour and conduct. My question is very simple: will the Premier develop conflict of interest guidelines for the cabinet ministers as soon as possible? If not, why not? Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Curley. Minister of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, Madam Premier.

Hon. Eva Aariak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think it is very clear. Since 1999, we've had this government in place and each minister is aware of certain things that they are to do. When I received the information from the Department of Justice, the fact that I acted upon that was based on a couple of things; one is the conflict of interest in the position of the minister of the time and abused authority as a minister of the time. This is very clear information that I received from the Department of Justice and I acted upon those. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Madam Premier. Oral Questions. Member for Akulliq, Mr. Ningark.

Question 455 – 3(3): The Use of 737s to Kugaaruk

Mr. Ningark: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. About two years ago, the Kugaaruk Airport runway started to serve the 737 heavy aircraft on a weekly basis, on charter basis only. Taking off and landing was so routine in that community, except from creating dust storms.

The community started asking, "Why not service the passengers from this community, including the other two communities in Kitikmeot east, Taloyoak and Gjoa Haven?" When that question arose, we were told by the authorities of the transportation system, namely, Transport Canada, the request was a little more complicated.

We learned that certain things were not certified in Kugaaruk's airport. We learned that we need approach lighting in order to accommodate heavy 737 aircraft. My question to the Hon. Minister of Transportation is: will the hon. minister endeavour to work with Transport Canada to address that requirement? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ningark. Minister responsible for Economic Development and Transportation, Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the Member for Akulliq for that. Mr. Speaker, the service provided into Kugaaruk is adequate for the amount of freight and passengers going into the community.

At this time, there have been some discussions and, in the past, where a 737 had to actually go in there on an emergency basis for resupply. If airline companies do want to fly in there and pick up passengers, it's their prerogative to make an application to Transport Canada and Nunavut airports to see what is required.

At this time, we believe that the airport and infrastructure there is adequate for the purpose to serve Kugaaruk. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Your first supplementary, Mr. Ningark.

Mr. Ningark: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the hon. minister for his response. In the recent Kitikmeot mayors meeting in Cambridge Bay, this issue was brought up and one of the major airlines in Nunavut was in attendance of

that meeting. The answer of the airline rep given to the Hamlet of Kugaaruk was: it's complicated, but all we need basically is an approach runway lighting system. So there is that requirement. There is that demand.

Given the airline that was servicing the community has already indicated what is required, will the minister now endeavour to work with Transport Canada to address that need? Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ningark. Minister responsible for Economic Development and Transportation, Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I indicated, the infrastructure there, the airport, is adequate for the aircraft that do fly into Kugaaruk.

As the member is well aware, even if we do build a state-of-the-art airport there, an airstrip, that doesn't necessarily mean that the airlines are going to fly their jet planes in there. The jet planes are only going into communities where they can actually make money, where it's feasible. If they're not going to be making any money or profits off these routes, the airlines aren't certainly flying into these communities.

At this time, the infrastructure and the airstrip is adequate for the community of Kugaaruk. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Your second supplementary, Mr. Ningark.

Mr. Ningark: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the hon. minister. The Hamlet of

Kugaaruk, the prime public body of that community, has already stated that we need to have 737 aircraft service to the community. Will the hon. minister communicate with the Hamlet of Kugaaruk about their request? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ningark. Minister responsible for Economic Development and Transportation, Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We're communicating that right now to the Hamlet of Kugaaruk. Mr. Speaker, again, the airlines go to where it's feasible, where they can make profits. If Kugaaruk has 100 passengers a day, I'm sure the airlines are going to be rushing in there to have the airport infrastructure requirements put back in shape where they can actually fly in 737s.

At this time, as I said Mr. Speaker, the airport and airport infrastructure for Kugaaruk is adequate at this time. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Your final supplementary, Mr. Ningark.

Mr. Ningark: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The aircraft and the company in question were flying for more than a year. The payload being cargo only, when we add the passengers to that type of aircraft, then there is a possibility that regularly [scheduled flights] would be feasible.

With the hon. minister, again, communicate with the Hamlet of Kugaaruk by way of a letter using the bureaucracy under his good office? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ningark. Minister responsible for Economic Development and Transportation, Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, Mr. Speaker, we will contact the Mayor of Kugaaruk and exchange information on what is required and what the wishes of the community are.

Again, Mr. Speaker, as I indicated, at this time, the airport at Kugaaruk is adequate for the amount of freight and passengers going through the community of Kugaaruk. The airport infrastructure is adequate, including the airstrip infrastructure. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Item 6. Oral Questions. Member for Nanulik, Mr. Ningeongan.

Question 456 – 3(3): Airport Equipment Shelter for Chesterfield Inlet

Mr. Ningeongan (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Economic Development and Transportation.

I believe the minister knows of the situation in Chesterfield Inlet related to what is called in English (interpretation ends) airport equipment shelter. (interpretation) The community has been requesting a new shelter I don't think Chesterfield Inlet is the only community that hasn't received a new shelter as there are three other communities in Nunavut that have requested that same type of shelter.

Although they have identified these capital projects, the shelters haven't been completed as of yet. It has now reached four years since these capital projects were approved for allocation.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, (interpretation) I would like to ask the minister to provide an update on these shelters, particularly with respect to the situation in Chesterfield Inlet. When will the airport equipment shelter be completed? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. Minister responsible for Economic Development and Transportation, Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the member's question. Mr. Speaker, it has proven to be a bit of a challenge, but I don't have that information with me at this time. Once I have that, I will provide it to the member. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Ningeongan (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank the minister for agreeing to look into this matter as to the exact status. In Chesterfield Inlet, the hamlet council has been informed that the shelter would eventually be completed this upcoming summer.

However, when I was last in Chesterfield Inlet, I noted that the piles form the foundation and the facility has been raised, but they will need to place gravel inside. It was felt to be too big of a project to be undertaken by the hamlet council, especially the large garage

doors that would have to be opened in order to place the gravel inside. Wouldn't it be easier to pour concrete on the floor instead of the labour-intensive gravel placement in this facility? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. Minister responsible for Economic Development and Transportation, Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the question from the member. Mr. Speaker, as I indicated, I will look into the current status, the present status of the situation, and get back to the member with an update. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Ningeongan (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I stated earlier, Chesterfield Inlet is not the only one with this issue. If I'm not mistaken, Igloolik, Repulse Bay, and Whale Cove are in the same situation. Can the minister commit to informing those communities I just mentioned? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. Minister of Economic Development and Transportation, Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I certainly will provide an update to each of the communities and the members where we're getting shelters for the airport equipment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Item 6. Oral Questions. Moving on in our orders of the day. 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. Minister responsible for Nunavut Arctic College, Minister Shewchuk.

Item 13: Tabling of Documents

Tabled Document 267 – 3(3): 2011-2012 Annual Report for Nunavut Arctic College

Hon. Daniel Shewchuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to table the 2011-12 Annual Report for Nunavut Arctic College. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Shewchuk. Tabling of Documents. Member for Quttiktuq, Mr. Elliott.

Tabled Document 268 – 3(3): Adopted Resolutions from the Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated October 2012 Annual General Meeting

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to table today copies of two resolutions that were adopted at last week's annual general meeting of Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated. These resolutions concern suicide prevention and search and rescue, both of which are issues that I have been raising during our sitting. I would note that the resolution concerning search and rescue was moved by one of my constituents, Larry Audlaluk of Grise Fiord.

Mr. Speaker, the resolution calls on the Government of Canada to establish a search and rescue centre in Nunavut, a centre I know the community of Resolute Bay would be more than happy to accept. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

An Hon. Member: Agreed.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Elliott.

>>*Laughter*

Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Minister responsible for Community and Government Services, Minister Kusugak.

**Tabled Document 269 – 3(3):
Federal/Provincial/Territorial
Meeting of Ministers on Local
Government, July 10 to 11, 2012**

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to table the Provincial/Territorial Ministers' Meeting on Local Government, July 10 to 11, 2012. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Minister responsible for the Department of Justice, Minister Shewchuk.

**Tabled Document 270 – 3(3):
Community Justice Annual Report
on Victims Assistance Committee
April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011**

Hon. Daniel Shewchuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to table the Community Justice 2010-11 Annual Report on Victims Assistance Committee. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Minister Shewchuk. Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Moving on in our orders of the day. Item 14. Notices of Motions. Mr. Ningeongan.

Item 14: Notices of Motions

**Motion 035 – 3(3): Extended
Adjournment – Notice**

Mr. Ningeongan: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Friday, November 2, 2012, I will move the following motion:

I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Rankin Inlet South and Whale Cove, that pursuant to the provisions of Rule 3, that when the House concludes its fall 2012 sitting, it shall be adjourned until February 26, 2013.

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

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. Item 14. Notices of Motions. Item 15. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Item 16. Motions. Mr. Ningeongan.

Item 16: Motions

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

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

**Motion 035 – 3(3): Extended
Adjournment**

Mr. Ningeongan: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, members. I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Rankin Inlet South and Whale Cove, that pursuant to the provisions of Rule 3, that when the House concludes its fall 2012 sitting, it shall be adjourned until February 26, 2013.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. The motion is in order. All those in favour. Any opposed? The motion is carried.

Item 16. Motions. Item 17. First Reading of Bills. Mr. Elliott.

Item 17: First Reading of Bills**Bill 45 – An Act Respecting
Constituency Names and
Superannuation of Certain
Independent Officers of the
Legislative Assembly – First
Reading**

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Hudson Bay, 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. The motion is in order. All those in favour. Any opposed? The motion is carried and the bill has had first reading.

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. Enook 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 14:57 and
Committee resumed at 15:24*

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

Chairman (Mr. Enook)(interpretation): Good afternoon, my colleagues. I would now like to call the committee meeting to order. We will continue from yesterday. 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? 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 Department of Economic Development and Transportation, followed by the departments of Education, Environment, Culture and Heritage, and, if time permits, the Legislative Assembly. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Rumbolt. Do we agree that we will continue with the capital estimates for the Department of Economic Development and Transportation?

Some Members: Agreed.

**Bill 41 – Appropriation (Capital) Act,
2013-2014 – Economic
Development and Transportation
– Consideration in Committee**

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Taptuna would you like to have your officials sit with you at the witness table?

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

Chairman (interpretation): Does the committee agree that the minister's officials go to the witness table?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Sergeant-at-Arms if you can assist the officials. Thank you Sergeant-at-Arms. Minister Taptuna for the record could you introduce your officials. Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On my right I have Deputy Minister Bob Long and on my left Methuselah Kunuk, Assistant Deputy Minister of Transportation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Taptuna. Welcome minister and your officials. Yesterday we finished with the opening remarks of the minister and the chairman of the committee of the whole was completed and then we reported progress then. We are now in general comments in regard to Economic Development and Transportation, any general comments? Mr. Ningeongan.

Mr. Ningeongan (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It's not in the minister's opening comments but just for consideration I would like to talk about. I asked a question in regard to the question that I made in my members' statement and my oral question, in regard to the airport shelters for Chesterfield Inlet and other communities.

I just wanted to make a comment about my communities were informed that whenever they sent out the request for proposal the department said it was too expensive and contractors did not for about three or four years, they figured that it was too expensive so they did not try again to do a contract.

So for that reason so that we would have someone to construct the things that we want done in the communities I would like to be, if there's going to be a request for proposal, maybe we can get the information to the Legislative Assembly and then ask for request for proposals for those projects that have not been completed. Because some of the construction that was going to be done in my community and other communities, they have to wait to have their projects completed. I just wanted to urge the minister that if there's any construction that has to be done from capital estimates.

I just want to make sure that this is done Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. Any general comments? Mr. Curley.

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you. Under general comments this has been

commented on before but in ministers opening statements or the opening comments of the committee chair.

The Rankin Inlet information tourism room, they talk about it a little bit, that there use to be about \$700,000 budgeted for that visitors centre. It was suppose to be finished last summer but when we get to the details of the capital I will be asking questions on that.

I know that there was \$2.5 million allotted for Rankin Inlet, I am not really sure exactly for that visitors centre at the airport perhaps. I just wanted to know weather that \$700,000 will be included in that budget of economic development and transportation. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): General comments. If there are no general comments, I just want to remind members that we're on page I-3. Economic Development and Transportation. Department Summary. Transportation. Total Capital Expenditures. \$20,075,000. Mr. Curley

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Under my members' statement I mentioned about the chairman of our committees comments there was \$700,000 last year for the tourism information centre in Rankin Inlet. I just wanted to know, I think, it's under item 4, \$26 million. Can the minister give me information, what states that tourism information centre at the airport what state is it in now in Rankin Inlet. Minister Taptuna.

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

Thank you.

Chairman: Mr. Long.

Mr. Long: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The \$700,000 is planning money for that visitors centre. It is not to actually build it and that work is underway. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Curley: Thank you. Like I said earlier, the chairman of our standing committee of ED&T did indicate that there was \$700,000. I do recall that it was specific last year that the design and planning phase would be completed by the summer of 2011, I believe, and now we're one year later. Having heard that the work is underway, can the minister indicate exactly when the design and planning phase will be completed. Thank you.

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

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We don't have that information in front of us, but we will make every effort to inform the committee on the process of that and the status of that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Curley: Thank you. I think that the minister is really quite well aware that if you don't provide details, it's difficult to approve project plans through this House. Having said that, it is really quite important whether or not the plans includes independent, separate,

standalone tourism information sent and proposed, or will it be incorporated into airport as it was before? Thank you.

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

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As I indicated, I'll provide the committee member and the chair of the committee with the information on the status of it. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Curley: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The allocation that was in last year's budget was the commitment towards the tourism industry because the region is significant. Rankin Inlet, particularly, is a hub for that region and gets service only coming into that region from Winnipeg and other locations east and west.

Having said that, why is it not your priority to proceed with the visitor tourism centre in Rankin Inlet? Thank you.

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

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. An excellent question. Mr. Chairman, at times, there is a lot of priorities within the government, including our department, as you know in Rankin Inlet, the airport has been a priority because of traffic going into Rankin Inlet both from industry and the public.

It's one of the things that have taken up a lot of time from our staff in trying to accommodate all of the traffic going through Rankin Inlet. Within our tourism strategy that we're hoping to table soon, tourism is one of our priorities, for sure, within our department. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Curley: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I'm not sure whether it's a priority. You cannot indicate or convince this House that it is a priority when this amount of \$700,000 that was in last year's budget simply disappeared. Has it been rolled into other projects? Thank you.

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

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll have deputy minister Long respond in detail to that. Thank you.

Chairman: Mr. Long.

Ms. Long: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The money has not disappeared. If it was not completely spent last year, then it would be carried forward as capital carried forward. The work will be completed and the money will not be lost. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Curley: Can the minister confirm and assure this House that you will provide further details about the nature of the project during the winter session? Thank you.

Chairman: Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, I assure the member yes. Thank you.

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

Mr. Ningeongan (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My question is on the opening remarks as well. The minister knows that two years have passed, and we had something to do with building houses and it had to be carried over.

I wanted to say that when the public/private partnership began in Iqaluit, maybe if we can get the minister to tell us that we don't want carryovers as much as possible. Are we protected from having carryovers again and again so that we don't have to spend way more than what is allotted? Thank you.

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

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. At times some of these projects and things that we want to do at the department has some unforeseen glitches in them. We do our best to make sure some of these projects are carried through on a timely basis. Then again, we do arrive to some of these unforeseeable circumstances that prevent us from completing some of these projects that we talk about throughout our planning processes.

In most cases, Mr. Chairman, the member is right. Some of these costs do escalate when they're not completed. At the same time, we can control some of

these things that do happen within some of these projects that we're trying to do. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Ningeongan (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. For that reason, we are the ones that approve or reject the budget. There was a motion a while ago that we need more information when you're drafting your capital estimates. The people that live in the communities have to understand clearly what the government is doing in spending capital money.

Mr. Chairman, while I am in the opening remarks, I don't usually say thank you, but I would like to say the runway inspection vehicles talks about having one in Coral Harbour, a compactor and loader for Chesterfield Inlet. I am very happy to see that in the capital estimates. We will be expecting that. That's it for now, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. I didn't hear a question. That was just a comment. Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to welcome the minister and his officials here today. Mr. Chairman, after we had our standing committee meeting in September, I wrote a letter to the minister requesting some information and some other items. I was hoping to get a reply to that letter before this meeting today.

Can the minister indicate when we will get a response to my letter? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Can the committee member clarify the question, please? Thank you.

Chairman: Please clarify, Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On September 27, I wrote a letter to the minister after our standing committee meeting. We were requesting various information based on some questions that were asked in the standing committee meeting, such as why the Iqaluit airport will be getting a wobbly wheeler when they don't have gravel runways. We also asked about navigational issues and some other issues in the letter. If the minister does not have a copy of the letter, I can provide it to him later. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll have my Assistant Deputy Minister of Transportation respond to that question in detail. Thank you.

Chairman: Mr. Kunuk.

Mr. Kunuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We looked into Mr. Rumbolt's letter as to why Iqaluit has to have a wobbly wheeler. They were going to acquire one from Rankin Inlet to have the wobbly wheeler here because they have to use a wobbly wheeler according to Transport Canada. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Kunuk. Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Also, during our standing committee meeting, there was some talk about the use of 24 automated weather stations in the communities. Can the minister give us an update today on what the plans for automated weather systems in our communities? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. At this time, there has been no decision made. There are still in discussions with NAV Canada. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Another question that came up during our standing committee meeting was the use of airport equipment by the municipalities. It seems that when airports want the use of loaders or dozers from the municipality, they seem to be able to get them fairly easily. When the municipalities want the use of the grater in the community, it seems very difficult to obtain.

Can the minister explain the official policy on the use of airport equipment in the communities? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Rumbolt. Please explain, Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll have the Assistant Deputy Minister of Transportation respond to that question. Thank you.

Chairman: Mr. Kunuk.

Mr. Kunuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In the cases where we don't really have equipment in the communities, we have been using local hamlet equipment to do some of our maintenance at the airports. At the same time, when we have equipment, we allow the community to use our equipment in the community if they need it. I'm a little bit surprised to hear that, but I'm going to have to follow it up if we're giving them a hard time to using our equipment.

I know that for construction purposes, we have not been allowing our equipment if they're going to be used for construction. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Kunuk. Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In the past, I've voiced concerns about the equipment shelter at the airport in Sanikiluaq. I'm just wondering if you can give us an update today on whether this building is up to par at this time or not? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

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

Chairman: Mr. Kunuk.

Mr. Kunuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, we had taken a little bit of time on that. Initially, it was a little bit more costly than we expected. We had to do inspections and how it's going to be repaired. Now that we know how much it's going to cost, we're going to be doing that next year using some of the Nunavut's airport O&M budget. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Kunuk. We are still under I-3. Economic Development and Transportation. Mr. Ningark.

Mr. Ningark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think the minister knows that in Repulse Bay, the air terminal, sometimes we call it air shelter; it's one of the newest airports. I think it was in the five-year plan. It's one of the oldest airports in Nunavut. Did you know that, minister? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

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

Chairman: Mr. Kunuk.

Mr. Kunuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, we know that Repulse Bay really needs an airport. It's one of the oldest shelters. We are trying our best, we have not forgotten it. Maybe once the Taloyoak Airport work has been completed... .

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Kunuk. Mr. Ningark.

Mr. Ningark (interpretation): Also, Mr. Chairman and Mr. Kunuk, I know that in Taloyoak the air terminal is being worked on and the place that the air terminal is near completion in Taloyoak because I usually pass through on my way home to Kugaaruk.

I hope that the Repulse Bay airport next time they do any planning because you already know about it, the condition it's in. I thank you for recognizing that it's one of the oldest air terminals. I hope it's going to be worked in the plan for Repulse Bay. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Ningark. Your comments are heard. Mr. Aupaluktuq.

Mr. Aupaluktuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We're on I-3. It's written in English. They are planning under policy and planning. In the information you had stated that Nunavut and Manitoba would get a highway. On September 1, 2010, our government and the people that they are partnering, consultants and I'm wondering how much money you're going to support that the people can use all year round, while the minister is here I'm just wondering what status that is in because I know you had spoken to consultants or your department, I'm wondering how you are supporting this. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There's a planned meeting of deputy ministers on what we call the Churchill Task Force and this involves a lot of other partners that are out there.

This planned meeting is going to be happening next week and this is to help us engage on what the real issues are and how this planning is going to take place.

I've indicated to the Minister of Transportation that this is happening and we did table the feasibility plan of the Nunavut/Manitoba road and I had indicated that we are going to be approaching and talking about this Manitoba-Nunavut road infrastructure and hopefully put in on the table to the federal government.

At this time, the member knows that once this infrastructure is done there's all kinds of opportunities for Nunavummiut, especially in the Kivalliq region, to take advantage of all the economic activity it brings. It's not only the economic activity; it has the potential to bring in power supply at a lower cost, which brings down cost living for people in the Kivalliq region.

At this time, we don't have a set amount of funding to either put out there for discussion. There is nothing at this time. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Aupaluktuq: Thank you. I know we're done with opening comments, but I recall the minister saying that the department looks at long-term efficiency of the freight operations in the Kivalliq and Kitikmeot regions.

In speaking informally with various levels and representatives from Manitoba, they had indicated that there would be a great partnership with

Nunavut in order to create an all-weather road.

Mr. Chairman, the minister indicated about the status of it. I wanted to ask as well that the department has not allocated capital funding in this area since June of 2007 when the Legislative Assembly approved a capital carryover to fund an earlier Manitoba-Nunavut Road study. Will your department require funding for this new cost benefit study? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I apologize. That's why initially the process is started for the meeting with interested partners, and other deputy ministers of other jurisdictions. This will determine on what the next steps are going to be. At this time this government does not have money for shelters and this and that, let alone \$1.6 billion road infrastructure from Manitoba into the Kivalliq region.

This initial meeting will establish some of the working points for how we're going to proceed so that we can move that project forward. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Aupaluktuq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As a formality while we're in the subject of Nunavut airports. I wanted to ask the minister; maybe some of my colleagues will recall that this issue was raised in June of last year in the Legislative Assembly, that approximately \$12 million was approved

in capital carryovers for the department. The majority of these carryovers were for airport-related projects.

I wanted to ask what factors are causing the department to carryover so many projects from year to year. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The capital carryovers are one of the things that are necessary for the department to do to continue on with our planned projects. It does not really hinder us in our future planning, but it does create a little bit of a backlog. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Aupaluktuq: Thank you. I just hope that we can continue improving the transportation services in Nunavut. As you know, there are people that do access the food mail service program, as well as travelling. Airports are an essential means of travel, as we only fly-in communities, as well. I'm sure my colleagues from Pangnirtung, Kimmirut, Qikiqtarjuaq, as well as Baker Lake would like to know that there was a number of capital carryover projects related to airports.

Mr. Chairman, I wanted to ask if the department anticipates any addition new major airport projects that will be added to your department's capital planning in the next two or three years? If so, which communities? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, one of the bigger projects is, of course, the Iqaluit International Airport under the P3 model. I'll have my Assistant Deputy Minister of Transportation respond to the other parts of the question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Kunuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, we're constantly looking at all of the airports to see if any improvements are required. Not only that, also Transport Canada to do their inspections every year. We do inspections twice a year as well, winter and summer.

All the things that require improvements in order to meet the regulations of Transport Canada, we do put them in the list of things that have to be improved. Some of them might not come through with our regular capital plan process. If they are qualified under ICAP, that's how we try to get the money, through ICAP as well for some of those projects. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Aupaluktuq: Thank you very much. I just want to ask as well if the department has identified which communities would be expecting projects to come about in the next two to three years, and which communities they would be. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll have the Assistant Deputy Minister of Transportation respond to that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Kunuk.

Mr. Kunuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I know that we have airstrip improvements in some communities and lighting improvements as well, but at this point, I don't have a list of who is next on the list. I'll have to get back to the member on that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Kunuk. As a reminder, we are on page I-3 and I-4. You can ask questions under those two pages. Mr. Oshutapik.

Mr. Oshutapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a comment to make to the minister and a question afterwards regarding my community or Pangnirtung. I believe that there's more and more communities that are coming to the same situation. I believe Pangnirtung was on the priority list a few years ago because, of course, our airstrip is right in the middle of the community. Under airport improvements, there is nothing that has been set aside for dust suppression in Pangnirtung, and dust suppressors are needed. Every time a plane lands and takes off, dust flies all over the community, on to the houses and on to the people and everywhere. We have made requests to put that under expenditures.

Something has to be done about the suppression of dust and mud. It says here the assistant deputy minister is responsible for that and the policies and planning. Is our community included in the airport improvements and requirements such as dust suppressors and so on? That's why I'm asking the question. Is it included in the capital items? That's my question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I hear the members' concern and yes, this issue that he is bringing forth is under O&M, so at this time, we have not prepared to discuss that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Oshutapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I was wondering if it was going to be under capital projects, if it's under O&M then I would assume that we would have that kind of project going for half the summer. The reason why I brought it up was because I thought it was a capital requirement so that I will be able to have that kind of project on the airstrip for the whole time that it is required.

I thank the minister and I'm very glad that we can get all types of aircraft landing in Pangnirtung but at times there's violations of air regulations. At times, if they can't land they should have a leeway if they can't land properly on the airstrip there should be enough room for them to either be able to go onto the side either left or right. If there is no

leeway for the airplanes is that a breach or a violation of any regulations? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll have assistant deputy minister Kunuk respond to that. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Mr. Kunuk.

Mr. Kunuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. First of all, regarding the dust suppressors, it has been used and we have done that in Pangnirtung and in other communities, for example Repulse Bay, but we have to make sure that we keep a close eye on the products that are being used to make sure that we get the best possible product. This is under O&M. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Mr. Kunuk.

Mr. Kunuk (interpretation): The other question, Mr. Chairman, I forgot what it was but we can't really do much about the present airstrip right now in Pangnirtung but we have done some studies on looking at other locations where we can relocate the airport. We have not come to any conclusions yet.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Kunuk. Mr. Oshutapik anything else?

Mr. Oshutapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for that information. The people of Pangnirtung are watching the proceedings and I'm sure that they're listening and now know that there are no definite results coming

out of the relocation of the study and violation of regulations.

If that's the case, since the airstrip was built and since we started air regulations we know that we'll never fix the problem as it is today. We have made repeated requests and nothing concrete has come out of it. I don't have anything else to add on capital issues and thank you for those responses and I know that we are not going to give up on our request.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Oshutapik. Mr. Ningeongan.

Mr. Ningeongan (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. During our proceedings, I asked a question and I would like to make reference to it again regarding the airport equipment shelters. When are the communities going to be informed about getting airport equipment shelters? When can we expect to get an update on that issue? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will get that status report immediately to the committee and the committee members. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Ningeongan (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Minister Taptuna. We will look forward to that information again.

I have another question regarding Taloyoak getting an air terminal building for \$400,000. Is that \$400,000 going to be used for the planning stage of the air terminal building? Member Ningark stated that they have a very old air terminal building. It's the same in Chesterfield Inlet. Do I understand correctly that communities that are mentioned, Repulse Bay and Chesterfield Inlet, are the only two communities that need air terminal buildings, including Whale Cove? When can we expect to see new air terminal buildings for Chesterfield Inlet, Repulse Bay, and Whale Cove? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The \$400,000 allotted for Taloyoak's ATB, or air terminal building, is for planning and design. Once that is complete, of course, we will have to submit for another capital amount for construction. Within this government, we do have a process. We want to be able to come up with a class "A" estimate before it's submitted for funding.

Mr. Chairman, the Nunavut government doesn't have any means of generating its own revenue. There's a need for a lot of infrastructure, including airports, terminal buildings, including Kugluktuk, Whale Cove, Chesterfield Inlet, and a number of other communities.

Mr. Chairman, I've got to state that this government doesn't have the ability of generating revenue like other provinces and jurisdictions, where they have devolution. Without that, it is difficult

for this government to access money from Ottawa for major infrastructure projects like the Pangnirtung Airport, which is estimated at over \$40 million. Even for marine infrastructure, it's a huge capital cost that this government does not have any funds for, so we depend on Ottawa for this because we have no means for generating our own revenue.

It's very difficult to get the entire infrastructure that we want as a department within these communities, transportation infrastructure. You're well aware that just for building basic infrastructure, it is well over \$6 billion, of which we don't have. So we continually and constantly lobby Ottawa and our counterparts down there to take a good, hard look at our situation up here. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Ningeongan: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do realize that there are costs associated to getting new infrastructure in Nunavut. However, the lobbying should perhaps even get stronger yet because the needs are there. If that's the only means of obtaining money, then I would ask the minister's department to lobby even stronger.

I kind of hate to ask this question, but for the record, for terminal buildings in the communities I mentioned, are they categorized as one, two, three and, if so, can you identify which community comes first? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Not wanting to be put on the spot, I'll have my Assistant Deputy Minister of Transportation respond to it. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

>> *Laughter*

Chairman: Mr. Kunuk.

Mr. Kunuk: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We don't really categorize in the communities, but once any funds are available either from the federal government or anywhere, I'm sure that we're going to make the one that is most needed to be placed as a priority. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Kunuk. Mr. Ningark.

Mr. Ningark: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Earlier today in this House, I was asking the Minister of Transportation, Mr. Taptuna, about the rather heavier aircraft servicing my community of Kugaaruk. We have landed many times with 737 routinely and they carry a heavy payload. We want to utilize that same aircraft to carry passengers between Yellowknife and Kugaaruk. We were told that there's a problem with certification within the community airport. When I made some requests or demands of the minister, his response was that right now, the small aircraft type, the light- or medium-size aircraft, is servicing that community and don't see any problem at all.

Well, it is not uncommon to hear two air carriers, when a request is made to deliver goods from Yellowknife, such as ATVs, snow machines, and heavier types of machines, saying, "Well, maybe

on the next regular flight, regular schedule,” that indicates to me and the community that they don’t have the capacity in some cases to deliver what the members of the community are requesting, meaning sometimes they are full.

It is not uncommon that when family members are trying to go home and going back home, “Look, I’m not able to get the flight because the flight is booked.” It is not uncommon also that when a member of the community wanted to go somewhere, flying south for a special occasion, only to find out that there is no room on the flight. So saying that, I find there is some capacity issue.

My understanding is that the hon. minister’s office works regularly with NAV Canada when the issue is about adding equipment needed, such as beacons and other navigational aids. Earlier today in this House, I asked if they could try and find an approach lighting system for my community. It seems that... Well, I don’t know what the minister wants. This is a request, again as I indicated, from the prime public body, the Hamlet of Kugaaruk, to be able to service heavy 737 aircraft because there is a need for that, as I indicated earlier. When your equipment from the south is not being flown in and delivered because of the bulk of that machine and aircraft may be fully loaded in those cases, then you know you need to get heavier, bigger aircraft.

Now, my question to the hon. minister, through you, Mr. Chairman, is: does the Department of Transportation work regularly with NAV Canada in addressing the needs for airport

equipment, beacons, and other navigational aids? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Ningark. We’re on page I-3. Even though it is not specifically referred to in the written material, I would like to provide an opportunity to Minister Taptuna to respond, if he so wishes to do so. Minister Taptuna.

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

Chairman: Please.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I responded “yes” to his question. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Taptuna. (interpretation ends) My apologies for not paying attention, as I was busy. Mr. Ningark.

Mr. Ningark: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am speaking under the airport improvements, just to ensure that I’m not being called out of order. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

So the indication and answer is yes, they work regularly with NAV Canada. NAV Canada is just an entity that deals with the needs for the Hamlet of Kugaaruk’s airport or community airport, meaning navigational aids. That’s what we need, as indicated by one of the airlines during the Kitikmeot mayors’ meeting in Cambridge Bay.

Now, having established that Mr. Minister is working regularly with NAV Canada, will the minister now communicate with NAV Canada and

talk about the needs in my community of Kugaaruk, other navigational aids, along with the airline that has serviced the community in the past? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, we're constantly communicating with NAV Canada and Transport Canada on many issues, not just one community. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Taptuna. I would like to remind you that we're on page I-3. Economic Development and Transportation. Branch Summary. Economic Development. Total Capital Expenditures. \$20,075,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Go back to page I-2. Department Summary. Economic Development and Transportation. Detail of Expenditures. Total Capital Expenditures. \$20,075,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Does the committee agree that we have concluded the review of the Department of Economic Development and Transportation?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Taptuna, while we are on the

conclusion of the review of the departmental capital estimates, do you have any closing remarks? Minister Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, I do. Mr. Chairman, I appreciate the fact that the standing committee and the Committee of the Whole put a lot of work into this and we take the recommendations very seriously.

At the same time, I want to thank my staff for trying to do some very difficult projects with the funding allotted to our department. I know that we go through a very difficult planning process and making efforts in trying to complete our projects on time, but I do know for a fact that at times, so many things are beyond our control.

I appreciate the suggestions and recommendations that come from the committee. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Taptuna and your officials. Sergeant-at-Arms, please escort the witnesses out.

Thank you, Sergeant-at-Arms. We will continue the review and we have ample time. At this time, we are going to be reviewing the Department of Education. Minister of Education, Minister Aariak, I would ask that you go down to the witness table to start with your opening comments. We can resume. Minister Aariak, you can now make your opening comments.

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Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation):

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My opening comments are written in English, so I'll read them in English.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Chairman, I am pleased to be here today to discuss the proposed 2013-14 Department of Education capital projects budget. Capital projects are considered to be any improvement that increases the value and life expectancy of buildings.

Our government has many capital priorities in the area of education. With 43 schools across Nunavut, there is a substantial capital investment in educational infrastructure in every community in Nunavut. We have 8,525 students from kindergarten to grade 12 in Nunavut; 1,480 in the Kitikmeot region, 2,975 in the Kivalliq region, and 4,069 in the Qikiqtani region. 96.5 percent of our students are Inuit.

The Department of Education's proposed capital budget for 2013-14 is \$16,910,000. This budget reflects the reality of fiscal restraint which is being implemented throughout the Government of Nunavut.

Mr. Chairman, the majority of the \$16.9 million for this upcoming fiscal year will be allocated to a number of existing projects. We have one new project: the planning of a new middle school for Baker Lake. The planning stage for this initiative will cost approximately \$50,000 this upcoming year.

We know that children begin learning long before they start school, and that experiences from 0 to the age of 6 can have a substantial impact on a child's life. The Department of Education is committed to providing our children with every opportunity to learn during those early years. This means providing space dedicated to early childhood programs in any renovated or new Department of Education building. Early childhood programs include licensed child care facilities, such as preschool programs and full-time daycare, language nests, Aboriginal Head Start programs, and/or parents and tots programs. Having daycare facilities in our schools provides quality care and supports early childhood development that benefits the whole community. As we plan for the new school in Baker Lake, we will include space for a daycare facility.

Projects across Nunavut that will continue during the 2013-14 fiscal year include:

- Renovation of the Qiqirtaq School in Gjoa Haven will continue, with a budget of \$9.3 million;
- Continued work on the planning and design of the addition to the Levi Angmak School in Arviat, with a budget of \$1.5 million;
- Work will continue on the renovations at Inuksuk High School in Iqaluit, with a budget of \$100,000; and
- Completion of the school renovations in Qikiqtarjuaq, which includes upgrade of the school and community learning centre, has a budget of \$50,000.

Over the past few years, my department has been faced with emergency and urgent situations requiring immediate attention. To help curb these reactionary measures, we initiated a program to thoroughly assess all of our schools beginning in 2010-11. This assessment was in the area of both special needs and the overall condition of the structures. The assessment team spent four to six days at each school and now all our schools have been assessed.

Mr. Chairman, now that the assessments are done, my department has action items for repairs and upgrades for each school. We will work with Community and Government Services to act on the items identified in the action item list.

We have increased our budget to \$5 million for the ongoing life cycle repairs initiative for our 43 schools in 2013-14. Life cycle items are the major components of a building, such as foundations, boilers, generators, roofs, siding, flooring, wall finishes, windows, and air handling units, that need periodic replacement based on length of time these items should last in a building. This initiative allows us to prioritize issues within our schools with the assistance of the Department of Community and Government Services and prepare a repair or replacement program in a proactive manner. Projects falling into this category are approved by the deputy minister.

Some of the projects initiated in 2012-13 included:

- Siding replacement at Joamie School in Iqaluit at a cost of \$500,000;
- Standby generator replacement for both schools in Kugluktuk at a cost of \$450,000;
- Roof replacement at Clyde River's Quluaq School at a cost of \$300,000; and
- Piles repaired at Leo Ussak Middle School in Rankin Inlet at a cost of \$180,000.

Mr. Chairman, my department also has a minor capital budget. This funding allows for a variety of minor capital projects across the territory. We have budgeted \$500,000 to cover the repairs, renovations, and upgrades approved under the minor capital budget for the 2013-14 fiscal year. Projects are primarily health and safety-related but also include small projects not identified in the capital planning process. Projects falling into this category are approved by the deputy minister.

Mr. Chairman, we gather information from hamlets, district education authorities, communities, schools, and the Department of Community and Government Services to develop, plan, and manage our capital priorities. Through our comprehensive facilities database, we are able to analyze school utilization and their physical condition, along with planned program requirements to determine our ongoing and future capital requirements.

Each year, we review requests for school buses and departmental vehicles. We have in place a 10-year replacement plan for buses. In 2012-13, we provided a new bus for Chesterfield Inlet. In 2013-14, we have budgeted \$185,000 for approved busing requests.

I look forward to your questions, comments, and discussion as we review the Department of Education's capital budget for 2013-14 and the subsequent four years. (interpretation) Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Aariak. (interpretation) Before we move on, do you have witnesses that you would like to bring to the table? Minister Aariak.

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Yes. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Does the committee agree to bring in the witnesses?

Some Members: Agreed.

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

Thank you, Sergeant-at-Arms. Minister Aariak, for the record, please introduce your witnesses. Minister Aariak.

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. To my left is Kathy Okpik, Deputy Minister, and to my right is Murray Horn, Director of Corporate Services. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Aariak. Welcome. Let me ask now ask if the chair of the standing committee has opening comments. Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm the co-chair, next best thing, but I do have opening comments. Thank you. Would you like me to continue?

Chairman: Please, Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Elliott: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am pleased to provide opening comments on behalf of the Standing Committee on Social Wellness as the Committee of the Whole begins its consideration of the Department of Education's proposed 2013-14 capital budget of \$16,910,000.

Mr. Chairman, the Department of Education's capital estimates for 2013-14 include five community-specific projects, four of which are ongoing from previous years, and five projects for which no specific communities or regions are identified.

Members note that funding is being requested for phase 2 of the long-term school renovation project in Gjoa Haven, which first got underway in 2004 but was delayed a number of times due to changes to the project scope. Extensive delays and changes to capital plans often lead to confusion and misunderstanding at the community level. The standing committee encourages the minister to keep DEAs and communities informed and up to date on the status of projects and, wherever possible, to provide an explanation for changes to the plan.

Also planned for 2013-14 are the final stages of the two school projects in Iqaluit and Qikiqtarjuaq, the school addition project in Arviat, which will proceed to the design stage, and planning for a new middle school in Baker Lake.

Standing committee members appreciated receiving details of recent minor capital expenditures as well as a listing of some of the smaller projects that have been undertaken with this type of funding in the current fiscal year. The

standing committee recommends that the minister and her officials provide additional detail on what projects are under consideration in the upcoming year and how they will be prioritized.

Mr. Chairman, the standing committee continues to support the department's ongoing life cycle repairs project, which addresses repair issues in Nunavut's schools, many of which relate to health and safety concerns. Now that assessments have been completed on all Nunavut schools, members encourage the minister and her officials to work with DEAs to identify where such repairs are urgent and with the Department of Community and Government Services to ensure that issues are addressed in a timely manner.

Mr. Chairman, the issue of adequate housing for teaching staff continues to be a major concern in several Nunavut communities. Nunavut's *Education Act*, which came into force in July of 2009, mandates a specific pupil-teacher ratio which, in turn, requires appropriate staffing levels. In addition, until sufficient numbers of Nunavummiut have been qualified to replace those teachers who are retiring, staff will have to be recruited from other parts of Canada. It is critical that adequate housing be available for teaching staff or hiring efforts will be compromised.

Mr. Chairman, the standing committee recognizes that efforts are being made within the department to address urgent housing needs, such as the plans to convert portable classroom units into housing units once school renovations are complete, or by grouping teachers into shared units. However, members continue to hear of situations where

teachers are living in uncomfortable conditions which, in turn, affect their ability to properly deliver educational programming.

The standing committee strongly urges the minister and her officials to work with their counterparts in the Department of Community and Government Services and the Nunavut Housing Corporation to plan for housing needs in this area and to develop a long-term strategy which will ensure that housing issues are not a barrier to teachers being able to provide the level of education that the children of Nunavut deserve. Members are concerned that the current lack of adequate and appropriate housing for teachers and other essential school staff is having a negative impact on the delivery of education across our communities and schools.

Mr. Chairman, that concludes my opening comments on the proposed 2013-14 Capital Estimates of the Department of Education. I am confident that individual members will also have questions and comments as we proceed. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Elliott. Before we go to E-3 for the Department of Education's capital estimates, are there any general comments? Mr. Ningeongan.

Mr. Ningeongan (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to welcome the minister and her officials. I would like to talk about something that has been a concern of the people and me. On page 1, I noticed that when Baker Lake is going to get a school, they would have a daycare, according to the minister's opening comments.

I'm sorry, but I just wonder when Chesterfield Inlet will be getting a new school. I'm not exactly sure whether they're going to get a new school. Are they going to have to wait for a while? They have wanted a daycare because their present daycare is very old and it used to be used as a three-bedroom house by the public and they had tried to get a daycare for quite some time. Because the house is so old, it cannot be used.

It seems like Chesterfield Inlet is going to have to wait for a long time for a new school. If they get a bigger building, they would be able to have a daycare alongside the school. I think the building is going to have to be destroyed before they get a new school with a daycare because there are people who work and they have to have a place for a daycare. So for that reason, I just want the minister and her department to think about getting a daycare for Chesterfield Inlet and I will be asking questions on that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. Mr. Ningark.

Mr. Ningark (interpretation): Yes, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Madam Minister and her officials. Along with my colleague, Mr. Rumbolt, there was a visit from Repulse Bay to Sanikiluaq to see what the design is like. Yes, I know what they went to go see in Sanikiluaq because they wanted to build a bigger high school in Repulse Bay.

We expect that high school because there was a visit. They figured that they were going to finally get a new school and there was also an assessment team. The monies for planning and design are

no longer here. I just wondered what happened to it because we expect and we hope to have the design work done. This is very unfortunate for the people of Repulse Bay because what they did was they give them expectation and they didn't follow through with their expectations.

I am sure that when they came back home, they were telling everybody that we are going to have a building put up. I don't want that happening again in Inuit communities. This is coming from my heart and I wanted to talk about it. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Aupaluktuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am very happy. Thank you very much for getting because we hear that were getting another school in Baker Lake. The population in Baker Lake is increasing. The DEA in Baker Lake, on their behalf, I saw thank you to the Government of Nunavut and we will be expecting that new school. If it's able to be completed and if the budget is not taken out, it will finally be finished.

When I was a child, Mrs. Anowtalik, an elder, told me that the people of Nunavut will finally start getting the needs in the communities fulfilled. She said to me that some will be hard, but we will eventually get what we want. I always tell the children and the young people that too as well and I am happy that we are getting a new school in Baker Lake because there are a lot of children in Baker Lake.

As an example, they have been going to

science camp regularly in Baker Lake. That is good to see and on behalf of Baker Lake, I thank you very much to the department. I just wanted to make a statement that way.

There's the NTEP program in Nunavut and they also have one in Baker Lake, but we have to plan for other things, such as... As an example, for the social services students, we also would like to have student counsellors so that they can plan for the students. Yes, I thank you very much to the government on behalf of Baker Lake. I thank the officials. Also on behalf of DEA, I thank you to hear the good news about Baker Lake.

I know that the people of Baker Lake will want a daycare beside the school that is going to be built. I would just like to say "thank you very much" on behalf of Baker Lake. Also, I will be asking other questions to the Department of Education, but I also wanted to say "thank you" first of all. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just have a very brief comment. When we get to questioning the minister on their budget, I will be asking a number of questions on the ongoing life cycle repairs on one school and one or two issues with the other.

Considering the working relationship between the departments of Education and Community and Government Services, I would just like to ask that the Minister of Community and Government Services be present during my questioning in the event that the

Department of Education is unable to provide the answers I seek. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Rumbolt. I have no more names on my list at this time for general comments. Before we go to page E-3, I wish to thank my colleagues tremendous assistance as you make my job as the chairperson easier, especially when the rules are followed properly, so for that I thank you.

At this time, let us proceed to E-3. Education. Branch Summary. Corporate Services. Total Capital Expenditures. \$16,910,000. Mr. Ningeongan.

Mr. Ningeongan (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I referred to this in my general comments and I wish to ask the minister about this matter. On a different note, for those communities that won't be receiving a new school in the near future, it seems that we will be waiting for quite some time.

This also applies to communities where the daycare facilities require extra maintenance, and I wonder whether or not we have enough grounds to start reviewing these daycare facilities separately, especially if the community won't be getting a new school down the road. This may lead to some communities waiting for a long time to get more daycare spaces in their community.

I wanted to know if this is an issue the department has taken into consideration and whether or not future plans have been made to meet the needs of the smaller communities that don't get large capital projects often. This tends to

result in capital projects too few and far in between. I would like to get a response on this first. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. Minister Aariak.

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, the member is correct in that all new schools include daycare centres, or if there will be an addition to the school; the daycare centres are included in these plans, due to the importance of the centres.

We have to understand that there is no separate funding for capital projects specifically for new daycare centres as we have no capital funds for construction of the centres, however, they are usually appended to new schools or added when a school needs an extension if there is no local daycare centre.

In Coral Harbour, during 2007, renovations were undertaken at their school which was a result of forecasted increases in the number of students that would eventually result in a new school, and that has been identified.

Currently, the school has 286 students with room for 335 students as it stands now. This is being carefully monitored and will continue to be monitored especially with respect to the amount of space required for the school, and further, in conjunction with CG&S, the Department of Education will be undertaking a review and initiating plans in the spring of 2014 for a new school. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Aariak. Mr. Ningeongan.

Mr. Ningeongan (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also thank the minister for updating me of the situation as it pertains to Coral Harbour, which is good news.

However, I was referring more to Chesterfield Inlet when I asked that question. The standalone daycare centre in Chesterfield Inlet is quite old, and we haven't heard whether or not they qualify for a new school, nor are there any plans in the upcoming five year capital plan, but I heard the minister say that if there's going to be improvement or addition to a school, is it possible that the daycare centre can be added to the school? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. I'm sorry, committee members, we don't have quorum. I will ring the bell. We can begin our committee meeting. Mr. Ningeongan, I'm sorry for interrupting. If you can continue with your questioning, Mr. Ningeongan.

Mr. Ningeongan (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I was asking questions about Chesterfield Inlet because we already have a daycare centre in Coral Harbour and Coral Harbour has started their own daycare, but I'm asking questions about Chesterfield Inlet. They have an old daycare centre because it was an old occupied house a quite some time ago. The question that I had because I heard the minister say that when they do a renovation or extension of the school, the question that I had was can you add a daycare into the existing school in

Chesterfield Inlet? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. I'm sorry, Minister Aariak, if you can respond to that. Minister Aariak.

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm sorry too, Mr. Chairman, I thought he was talking about Coral Harbour, not Chesterfield Inlet. Like I said, when they build a new school or if they make an addition to the school, the money is already in there for planning for daycare centres because we don't have any money for stand along daycare centres, but if we're building a new school or making an addition, what they do is they get a daycare centre built in that school. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Aariak. Mr. Ningeongan.

Mr. Ningeongan (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the minister for that response. I would like to ask the minister again. I didn't see in the five year capital plan when the Chesterfield will get a new school. Maybe if I get that response first, then I will have more questions later. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. Minister Aariak.

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, Chesterfield Inlet can still occupy that school because it's only at 64 percent capacity, but we are watching to see. There are a number of schools that we are watching to see. There is no new

school to be built in Chesterfield Inlet in the five-year capital plan. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Aariak. Mr. Ningeongan.

Mr. Ningeongan (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This will be my last question. I think it was in Igloolik that there's going to be \$250,000 to assist with the daycare centre. Looking at the Chesterfield Inlet old daycare centre, I wonder if they can be considered to get a daycare centre added to the school. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Aariak.

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As for the daycare centre in Chesterfield Inlet, the daycare centre in Igloolik was funded by the federal government. I hope I was understandable. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Aariak. Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have questions regarding both schools in my community and I'll start with the older school, the Nuiyak School. In 2012-13, the department's small capital funds for ongoing life cycle repairs of education buildings include a number of projects at the Nuiyak School in Sanikiluaq. However, serious repairs have still not been completed.

For example, the windows and doors were supposed to have been replaced and I understand that the materials have been in the community for some time.

According to my sources at the school, they are unable to lock the front doors properly and they have to use chains to secure the building.

Can the minister explain why, if contracts are in place to undertake repairs at Nuiyak School, they cannot do the repairs needed? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Rumbolt. Minister Aariak.

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. ... (no interpretation)...

Mr. Horn: There's no translation going through; it's coming through in Inuktitut.

Chairman (Mr. Ningeongan) (interpretation): As I just got here, I didn't quite understand. Minister Aariak, can you repeat that, please.

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Of course, Mr. Chairman. Thank you. The maintenance, like things that have to be worked on, like the windows and the doors, the Department of Education worked with Community and Government Services. I will ask Murray to answer the question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Aariak. Mr. Horn.

Mr. Horn: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We worked very closely with the Department of CGS. Currently, the windows caused a great deal of discussion between our two departments. This project was slated, as the member probably realizes or remembers, a couple

of years ago. For a variety of reasons, notwithstanding contractual arrangements being able to be made and timing kept to, the windows did not get repaired. We are currently getting that solved this fall. That is on the working orders right now with CGS and our colleagues in Pond Inlet to get that done. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Horn. Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Is there a contract in place right now to do the repairs in Sanikiluaq or are they still working on a contract. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Rumbolt. Minister Aariak.

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will get Mr. Horn to respond to that. Thank you.

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

Mr. Horn: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. At the moment there is no contract, the sculpt of work is still being laid out and I think the folks in Pond Inlet are working very hard with our own department along with contractors both near and far from Sanikiluaq to get both the doors and the other significant amount of work done this fall. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Horn. Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Considering there's still no contract in place and the materials have been in the community at least a year if

not two years, why is it taking so long to get a contract in place to get the work done? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Rumbolt. Minister Aariak.

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Whenever a school maintenance work order arises, the Department of Education informs the department of CG&S about the maintenance work required at various schools. The department then moves ahead with the required work, and here I mean the Department of CG&S. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Aariak. Minister Kusugak did you want to respond to Mr. Rumbolt's question?

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There was funding allocated in 2011-12 to fix the windows. The person contracted for this work was unable to perform this work due to other commitments (interpretation ends) So the funds that were allocated for that year were unused and expired, so there was no funding for that provided to CGS from education. That was part of the delay in the whole process. Thank you, Mr. Chairman I hope that clears the question.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Kusugak. Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In part of my preamble I talk about the inability to lock the doors and secure the building properly and it's my understanding that the doors that were ordered are not the proper size for the

doors that are needed.

Can the minister confirm weather the right material has been ordered for the building? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Rumbolt. I am kind of confused what question you directed to which minister.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will direct it to the minister of education if she wants to redirect it it's totally up to her. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Rumbolt. Minister Aariak.

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Department of Education isn't always aware of the exact materials ordered by CG&S, as they order these materials. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Aariak. Minister Kusugak, I'm sorry.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you. With respect to the doors the member is alluding to, I have no idea what they are. However, I will look into this matter and find out about the status by working with the Department of Education to find out what the situation is with respect to his question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm not trying to cause

confusion, but because both departments are involved with schools and school repairs, it's kind of difficult to know where to direct a question.

I want to move on now to the new school in the community, Paatsaali School. The school was completed in 2010-11 and in 2011-12, we voted to approve \$50,000 in warranty payments.

I have noted that computerized water pump systems at the school are not effective and they have to be reset on a daily basis. Sometimes simple mechanics are better than technology. In addition, there are a number of windows that have been broken prior to the school being opened.

Can the minister explain whether warranty costs for new schools call for ongoing problems and what actions the department takes when the problems are not fixed within the warranty period? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Rumbolt. I would like to apologize, Mr. Rumbolt, as my assistants just informed me that when the minister at the witness table requests another minister to provide a response, that she is able to do so. Due to that reason, Minister Aariak, would you like to respond to the question?

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also thank my colleague, as my fellow minister is present. We collaborate with CG&S, and in particular related to capital project planning. The new school in Sanikiluaq, is still under (interpretation ends) warranty. (interpretation) I would like to ask Mr. Horn to provide more details

about the school and what the current status is. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Aariak. Mr. Horn.

Mr. Horn: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The warranty process is the time when we try to fix all of these deficiencies, if you will. When things go awry, yes, we hear about it through our school principals and, working with CGS, make them aware of the problem and, between the two of us, try to get the problem resolved as quickly as we can.

Are there difficulties sometimes with the contractor? Yes and when those difficulties become almost insurmountable or very difficult, sadly, we have to take court action and that's when things really get drawn out for repairs. This may be one of those instances where some of the mechanical things that have not fully functioned according to the way they're supposed to, simplicity being the key, that is when we have the problem with the technology.

As far as broken windows and that kind of thing, my colleagues at CGS have advised us that they are trying to work on that as we speak. In fact, we're meeting tomorrow to put an action plan together to address Sanikiluaq as one of our issues. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Horn. Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. One final question: when does the warranty expire for the new school in Sanikiluaq? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Rumbolt. Minister Aariak.

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My ministerial colleague will respond to that question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Aariak. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for allowing me to answer this question. Maybe I'll answer, I think, all the issues surrounding your questions on this matter.

Mr. Chairman, if there is no response in resolving warranty issues, our department, with our client departments' support, we do take the contractors to litigation and, I believe, as such happened in this case.

In terms of the deficiencies that are still there, the asset management of the Baffin team is dealing with it currently through the O&M. The windows and doors, along with the rubber gaskets, were ordered on that facility. They arrived on sealift just about a week ago or a week and a half ago, and currently, we're working to sort them out and figure out how they're going to be installed. That should take care of the cracking and squeaking of doors and windows.

In terms of the issue on the computer-based system, that is supposed to be more of an asset. They've had problems with that in terms of the connection to the computer. The phone connection was not working. Hopefully, over the next few days, that will be fixed. I understand that a new phone line has been installed

on the system, so that should alleviate the issue and our department is now working to solve those issues.

In fact, if I can carry on, Mr. Chairman, hopefully that work will be completed on Tuesday. All things being equal, it should be resolved by Tuesday of next week. We will be sending in a crew from CGS, which will include a couple of electricians and a contractor into the community to solve those problems.

Mr. Chairman, I think those are the main issues that my colleague was enquiring about. I hope that answers his questions. Thank you for allowing me to answer, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (Mr. Enook)(interpretation): Thank you, Minister Kusugak. Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan, for taking my place. Moving on. Mr. Ningark.

Mr. Ningark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Although it's Halloween, I don't want you to worry about it.

>> *Laughter*

Mr. Chairman, I already mentioned the Repulse Bay school planning under E-3. It's under capital planning. I hope you haven't forgotten this because it was supposed to be a high school, so I would like to get the status of that project. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Ningark. Minister Aariak.

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank my colleague for asking this question. The school that is being used Tusarvik

School in Repulse Bay addition has to be planned, but at this time, there are 320 students going to school and there's room for 263 students.

There was a plan for the addition and it was discussed, but when the government was cutting the budget, 2012-13 capital plans were removed. At this time, the Department of Education will want to have a plan for the design phase for 2013-14 for the addition of the current school so that they won't be overcrowded in the school.

Community and Government Services was involved with helping the Department of Education. They purchased portable classrooms that will be used while the addition is being planned. The two portable classrooms arrived in the summer. They were planned to be used for 10 days and they were used for more than 10 days. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Aariak. Mr. Ningark.

Mr. Ningark (interpretation): Thank you, Madam Minister. On October 16, the two portable classrooms that you mentioned were already constructed or built when I was there, and I had a dinner there with the students. Sometimes I don't hear all the activities. Did you say the school addition was being planned for 2013-14 for Repulse Bay? Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Ningark. Did you say that, Madam Minister?

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, that's

what I said, (interpretation ends) the design phase of this project in 2013-14 fiscal year. (interpretation) Mr. Chairman, my witnesses will be going to Repulse Bay on November 14 to have a discussion on this issue with the school staff. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Minister Aariak. Mr. Ningark.

Mr. Ningark (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have no more questions all of a sudden. Thank you.

>> *Laughter*

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. I have no names on my list. Mr. Aupaluktuq.

Mr. Aupaluktuq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Baker Lake District Education Authority recently wrote a letter to your officials expressing concern over current critical lack of classroom space. While the DEA will be pleased with the long-term progress towards a new school, they're currently requesting a short-term solution of portable classrooms. Has this request been given any consideration and, if so, what has been decided? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The school in Baker Lake is at 85 percent capacity. Right now, there are 325 students and there is room for 382 students. Also, at the Rachael Arngnamaktiq School, kindergarten to grade 5 is at 72 percent capacity and they have 227 students and

there is room for 313. It is being recognized that they're going to need more rooms, so they're going to do some planning for the middle school. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Thank you. I have one question a capital item on page E-4. I would like to tell the minister, because of course she can read, to pronounce the names correctly because a lot of them are grandchildren, including the clerk, and that's in regard to the school in Baker Lake, and you have to say the names correctly. Again, in Arviat, Levi Angmak is clearly written in here, so those are very important.

I'm looking at Gjoa Haven, although it's not in my constituency, and it is \$25 million in total that has been used in prior year budgets, and \$15 million is planned for 2014 and on. Next year, they're looking at \$9 million. Isn't it better to build a totally new school altogether? All this money is going to be used for school renovations and it is way over \$20 million. Why don't you just build a new school altogether if you're going to be using that much money? I just wanted to hear about this. Thank you.

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

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. With school renovations, and prior to their getting renovated, the current school has to be reviewed completely by professionals. During that time, they decide whether it

should be a renovation or if they're going to be building a new school, looking at the foundation and structure and so on of this building. If the foundation and structure is sound, then they're slated to have additions done. It's only after this review do they decide whether it's going to be a renovation or if they're going to build a new school. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Curley (interpretation): Yes, we understand that, but this is just for renovations and it's not planning. Planning is very expensive, and then next year, they're looking at expending \$15,730,000. So that's why I suggested building a new school altogether because it's just going to be using up a lot of money if it's an old structure. It's just in the planning stages and is costing millions of dollars. I'm sure it will look now when it's renovated, but I just wanted further information on it. Thank you.

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

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will defer this to my Deputy Minister, Kathy Okpik. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Ms. Okpik.

Ms. Okpik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Regarding the budget, we were looking at the renovations of the elementary schools. Currently, we are looking at renovating both schools so that they could be renovated at the same time. Because of the cost, we decided

that the elementary school will have to be placed as a priority and once it's completed, we started working on the high school. There's going to be an addition and renovation of the high school after the elementary school is done. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Ms. Okpik, for that clarification. We are on page E-3 and it includes E-4. Education. Branch Summary. Corporate Services. Total Capital Expenditures. \$16,910,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Let's go back to page E-2. Education. Department Summary. Detail of Expenditures. Total Capital Expenditures. \$16,910,000. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Does the committee that we have concluded with the Department of Education?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Aariak, if you have any closing remarks, I give you the floor. Madam Minister.

Hon. Eva Aariak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Education is very important and we have to have proper schools. Thank you very much for your questions. I would also like to thank Ms. Okpik and Mr. Horn for being here.

I would especially like to thank Minister Kusugak, who was able to respond to some of the questions. I thank you very much. We work very closely together as CGS and Department of Education, especially for building of infrastructures and facilities. The Department of Education cannot set up those structures by themselves; we have to include the Department of Community and Government Services. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Madam Minister. Sergeant-at-Arms, please escort the witnesses out.

Thank you, Sergeant-at-Arms. Mr. Ningeongan.

Mr. Ningeongan (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We had quite a bit to do today. I would like move to report progress at this time. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Ningeongan. There's a motion on the floor to report progress and the motion is not debatable. All those in favour of the motion, raise your hand. All those opposed. Thank you. I will now rise to report progress to the Speaker.

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

Item 20: Report of the Committee of the Whole

Mr. Enook: 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: Thank you, Mr. Enook. There's a motion on the floor. Do I have a seconder? Thank you, Mr. Elliott. 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 that there's a meeting of the Full Caucus at ten o'clock tomorrow morning in the Nanuq Boardroom.

Orders of the Day for November 1:

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

- Bill 45

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. Before I adjourn, I just want to wish everyone a safe Halloween. As it is Halloween today, I am very happy that nobody called me "Mr. Spooker."

>>*Laughter*

This House stands adjourned Thursday, November 1, at 1:30 p.m.

Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>*House adjourned at 17:41*

