



Nunavut Canada

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NUNAVUT

2nd Session

4th Assembly

HANSARD

Official Report

DAY 4

Monday, May 26, 2014

Pages 82 – 135

Iqaluit

Speaker: The Honourable George Qulaut, M.L.A.

Legislative Assembly of Nunavut

Speaker

Hon. George Qulaut
(Amittuq)

Tony Akoak
(Gjoa Haven)
Deputy Chair, Committee of the Whole

Steve Mapsalak
(Aivilik)

Allan Rumbolt
(Hudson Bay)

Hon. Johnny Mike
(Pangnirtung)
Minister of Environment

Alex Sammurtok
(Rankin Inlet South)

Pat Angnakak
(Iqaluit-Niaqunnguu)

Hon. Tom Sammurtok
(Rankin Inlet North-Chesterfield Inlet)
Minister of Community and Government Services

Hon. Monica Ell
(Iqaluit-Manirajak)
Deputy Premier; Minister of Health

Simeon Mikkungwak
(Baker Lake)
Deputy Chair, Committee of the Whole

Samuel Nuqingaq
(Uqqummiut)

Joe Savikataaq
(Arviat South)

Joe Enook
(Tununiq)
Deputy Speaker and Chair of the Committee of the Whole

Hon. Paul Okalik
(Iqaluit-Sinaa)
Minister of Culture and Heritage; Minister of Justice; Minister of Languages; Minister responsible for Immigration; Minister responsible for Labour; Minister responsible for the Qulliq Energy Corporation

Isaac Shooyook
(Quttiktuq)

George Hickes
(Iqaluit-Tasiluk)

Hon. Peter Taptuna
(Kugluktuk)
Premier; Minister of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs; Minister responsible for Aboriginal Affairs; Minister responsible for the Utility Rates Review Council

David Joanasic
(South Baffin)

Hon. George Kuksuk
(Arviat North-Whale Cove)
Minister of Economic Development and Transportation; Minister of Energy; Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation

Hon. Keith Peterson
(Cambridge Bay)
Minister of Finance, Chair of the Financial Management Board; Minister responsible for the Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission

Hon. Jeannie Ugyuk
(Netsilik)

Government House Leader; Minister of Family Services; Minister responsible for Homelessness; Minister responsible for the Status of Women

Hon. Paul Quassa
(Aggu)
Minister of Education; Minister responsible for Nunavut Arctic College

Officers

Clerk

John Quirke

Deputy Clerk
Nancy Tupik

Clerk Assistant
Stephen Innuksuk

Law Clerk
Michael Chandler

Sergeant-at-Arms
Simanek Kilabuk

Hansard Production
Innirvik Support Services

Box 1200

Iqaluit, Nunavut, X0A 0H0

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

Website: www.assembly.nu.ca

Table of Contents

Opening Prayer.....	82
Budget Address	82
Members' Statements	90
Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery.....	95
Oral Questions.....	97
Tabling of Documents	112
Motions.....	112
First Reading of Bills	113
Second Reading of Bills.....	113
Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters	114
Report of the Committee of the Whole	134
Orders of the Day	135

A.

Daily References

Monday, May 26, 2014 82

B.

Ministers' Statements

010 – 4(2): Budget Address 2014-2015 (Peterson) 82

C.

Members' Statements

030 – 4(2): Happy Birthday, Paul Okalik (Mapsalak)..... 90

031 – 4(2): Congratulations to Jordan Takkiruaq (Akoak) 90

032 – 4(2): Congratulations to Nunavut Quest Mushers (Enook)..... 91

033 – 4(2): Tribute to Judah Taqtu (Shooyook) 91

034 – 4(2): Recognition of Annie Manning Lampron (Joanasie)..... 92

035 – 4(2): Baker Lake against Suicide Team (Mikkungwak)..... 92

036 – 4(2): Recognition of Elisapee Ishulutaq – Order of Canada (Mike) 93

037 – 4(2): Kugaaruk Fishing Derby (Ugyuk) 94

038 – 4(2): Cambridge Bay High School Graduates (Peterson)..... 95

D.

Oral Questions

032 – 4(2): Need for Continuing Care Facilities (Sammurtok) 97

033 – 4(2): Government Liaison Office (Joanasie)..... 98

034 – 4(2): Follow-up on Constituents' Correspondence (Shooyook)..... 100

035 – 4(2): Status of Public Housing Construction in Sanikiluaq (Rumbolt) 101

036 – 4(2): Community Justice Committee (Angnakak)..... 102

037 – 4(2): Temporary Social Workers (Mapsalak).....	104
038 – 4(2): Income Assistance Rates (Enook)	105
039 – 4(2): Bilingual Education Models (Savikataaq)	106
040 – 4(2): Iqaluit Landfill Fire (Hickes).....	108
041 – 4(2): Access to Justice Services (Mikkungwak).....	109
042 – 4(2): Food Price Survey (Enook)	110
043 – 4(2): School Bus Service at Baker Lake (Mikkungwak).....	111

E.

Tabling of Documents

011 – 4(2): Office of the Legislative Assembly Business Plan 2014-2017 (Speaker)	112
--	-----

F.

Motions

003 – 4(2): Extended Sitting Hours and Days (Mikkungwak).....	112
---	-----

G.

Bills

Bill 02 – Appropriation (Operations & Maintenance) Act, 2014-2015 – First Reading	113
Bill 03 – Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 1, 2014-2015 – First Reading.....	113
Bill 02 – Appropriation (Operations & Maintenance) Act, 2014-2015 – Second Reading.....	113
Bill 03 – Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 1, 2014-2015 – Second Reading	114
Bill 02 – Appropriation (Operations & Maintenance) Act, 2014-2015 – Health – Consideration in Committee.....	114

Iqaluit, Nunavut
Monday, May 26, 2014

Members Present:

Mr. Tony Akoak, Ms. Pat Angnakak, Hon. Monica Ell, Mr. Joe Enook, Mr. George Hickes, Mr. David Joanasie, Hon. George Kuksuk, Hon. Johnny Mike, Mr. Simeon Mikkungwak, Hon. Paul Okalik, Hon. Keith Peterson, Hon. Paul Quassa, Hon. George Qulaut, Mr. Allan Rumbolt, Mr. Alex Sammurток, Hon. Tom Sammurток, Mr. Joe Savikataaq, Mr. Isaac Shooyook, Hon. Peter Taptuna, Hon. Jeannie Ugyuk.

>>*House commenced at 13:29*

Item 1: Opening Prayer

Speaker (Hon. George Qulaut) (interpretation): Before we proceed, can you please say the opening prayer, Mr. Quassa.

>>*Prayer*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Welcome, Nunavummiut and my colleagues. Please feel welcome, everyone. Before we actually get started here, I am really pleased to introduce some visitors from the Newfoundland and Labrador government. They are visiting us here today. They are sitting in the House this afternoon. Let us all welcome the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Sean Lyall.

>>*Applause*

The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Mary Sillett, and the Deputy Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Hilda Hunter.

>>*Applause*

Please feel welcome and warmly welcome them. Thank you.

Before we proceed, it is one of my grandchildren's birthday. Please have a good birthday, Arnaralaaq. You're 11 years old today. I'm very happy and I recognize you in the House on your birthday.

Item 2. Budget Address. (interpretation ends) Minister of Finance, Mr. Peterson.

Item 2: Budget Address**Minister's Statement 010 – 4(2):
Budget Address 2014-2015**

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon to Nunavummiut and my constituents in the Cambridge Bay Riding. It's good to be here today to present the 2014-15 main estimates.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to present the government's budget for the fiscal year 2014-15. This budget provides resources to achieve the mandate established in *Sivumut Abluqta*. We aim to develop a strong, prosperous territory. Nunavummiut should have a positive outlook on life. We will be well educated and self-reliant within successful communities. We will live comfortably in the modern world, guided by Inuit values and traditional culture.

We will govern ourselves wisely and obtain full value from taxpayers' resources. We can achieve this vision by stepping forward together. We are here to help all Nunavummiut build a future that we both desire and deserve. In stepping forward together, we can secure a better future for us all.

Fiscal Overview

Let me begin with the big picture. This budget anticipates revenues of \$1.6 billion, an increase from last year of 4.8 percent. Fully 90 percent of our revenue will come from the federal government, including \$1.5 billion, through the Territorial Formula Financing. The federal government also provides funds through transfers for health and social programs.

Our budget includes about \$90 million of revenue raised primarily through taxes on personal and corporate incomes and payrolls. Our revenues from all these sources are growing, which indicates that the territorial economy is also growing.

On the spending side, we have allocated \$1.4 billion to departments, plus \$150 million in capital infrastructure and a further \$150 million in capital spending carried forward from last year. The overall spending amount is up from last year's main estimates by 4.4 percent.

I will provide details on key programs and initiatives in a few minutes, but let me describe the overall approach first.

In line with *Sivumut Abluqta*, half of our spending will be invested in health, education, and housing, the three pillars of our economic and social development. Investing in these programs will best prepare Nunavummiut for the future.

In balancing our spending against our revenues, we anticipate a surplus this year of almost \$36 million and have set aside a further \$38 million for contingencies. Prudence remains my watchword, Mr. Speaker. It's an

approach that meets today's needs while preserving our ability to respond to developments. The overall picture is reasonably good. Our finances are in good shape, as attested by Moody's decision to maintain our credit rating at Aa1, in line with most provinces. Our economy is growing. Last year, employment rose almost 6 percent, with Nunavummiut finding jobs in government and construction. This year, the Conference Board of Canada predicts the Nunavut economy will grow a further 4 percent or more. Last year, the average weekly wage topped \$1,000 for the first time.

>> *Applause*

With wages rising faster than inflation, Nunavummiut have more purchasing power. All of these are excellent signs for the future.

I am also encouraged by the progress our government is making in managing taxpayers' dollars. We are positioned properly to deliver on our service commitments to Nunavummiut.

Self Reliance and Optimism

Let me turn now to the four main themes of *Sivumut Abluqta*. Our top priority is the self-reliance and optimism that Nunavummiut will bring to bear as they move ahead in today's economy. Our people need the capacity to work. They must find their way in a modern life that differs fundamentally from that of their ancestors.

The government's role is to provide quality education and training that prepare Nunavummiut for employment. Investments in education and

employment are the way to reduce poverty, improve health, and realize our destiny.

Quality education and high student achievement depend on students' ability to find the right path at the earliest opportunity. The government recognizes the value of early childhood [education]. This budget provides increased funding for early childhood education, including nearly \$1.3 million for enhanced security systems and program supports.

Additionally, the Department of Education will create an Early Childhood Learning Division to review the *Child Day Care Act* and support early childhood programs and facilities.

>> *Applause*

Moving up into the elementary and secondary schools, young Nunavummiut face challenges in sustaining their attendance. Through our work with district education authorities, we will involve parents more actively in encouraging their children to attend school. This budget allocates an additional \$1 million to the district education authorities.

While we are talking about schools and daycares, let me point out that the government takes very seriously the Auditor General's comments about adequate fire protection. The Department of Community and Government Services is working with the school system to implement fire safety guidelines and correct all of the problems raised in the Auditor General's report.

In enabling students to complete high school, we should expect that many of them will go on to college, university, or career and vocational training. Through improving career training and professional development, we have helped Nunavummiut to find work, but we must recognize that education continues throughout one's career. Post-secondary education will also become attractive. Nunavummiut should have a wide range of options for advanced education and occupational training.

This budget provides Nunavut Arctic College with an additional \$1 million this year to improve its community and distance learning program and establish an Inuit Language and Culture Centre of Excellence within the college.

>> *Applause*

These improvements will better equip Nunavummiut for employment while integrating Inuit language and culture into all college programs.

While we take these steps to strengthen our education system, we will also address the unique challenges of providing for the health and well-being of Nunavummiut. It's important that we provide an adequate level of medical service in each community. Previously, we focused on the number and type of health care providers, and now we must focus on the actual needs of our people.

The better we understand the balance between the demand for health services and our ability to meet these needs, the better we can allocate our resources. The health department, in spending nearly \$300 million, accounts for 22 cents of every dollar we spend. This is why we

must strengthen our health care management to ensure our health system is effective and efficient.

Healthy Families, Strong and Resilient Communities

Mr. Speaker, the success of *Sivumut Abluqta* depends on self-reliant Nunavummiut, living in healthy families, and strong communities, contributing to our shared future.

We recognize the need to support the individual and the need for community-based solutions to improve health, social well-being, and local economies. There are many challenges. Mental health, suicide, food security, social assistance — these are issues for too many families.

Investments in economic development will help, and we can see the signs of progress. Over the past five years, the number of working Nunavummiut increased by around 1,700. Employment has been growing around 3 percent per year.

We need more jobs. We also need people who can fill them, but many Nunavummiut struggle with challenges that prevent them from contributing their skills and knowledge.

Today, two families in five depend on income assistance. As their poverty endures, so do our challenges of food insecurity, poor health, and inadequate education.

In this fiscal year, the government will complete and implement the Makimaniq five-year poverty reduction action plan. The Department of Family Services, working with NTI and other partners, is

developing community initiatives and building social networks. It is bringing people together with a dedicated poverty reduction fund.

Too often, poverty coincides with suicide, criminal activity, and family violence. Inuit women experience violence 14 times more often than the national average. The government tabled the *Ilagiitsiarniq* Family Violence Prevention Strategy in this House last year. We are now recruiting staff to move forward with that program.

At the same time, we must also renew and strengthen our efforts to prevent suicide. Part of the answer lies in our ability to provide mental health and addiction services in the communities. The Department of Health is working to expand its counselling and treatment services. The government has increased funding for mental health and addiction services to \$15 million.

>> *Applause*

We will continue to work closely with our partners, including the RCMP, NTI, and the Embrace Life Council.

Addiction remains a difficult issue for Nunavummiut. As my ministerial task force on liquor pointed out, there is a role for the government to play in helping Nunavummiut to make healthy and informed decisions about alcohol. These decisions would become increasingly important in the context of beer and wine stores. We should help Nunavummiut to avoid patterns that lead to individual and social harm. My department will take steps this year to strengthen the government's social and

corporate responsibility with respect to liquor.

In strengthening our families and communities, we must also find a way to reduce crime. Nunavut's rate of violent crime is at least eight times greater than the Canadian average. The justice department will move ahead this year with the development of a crime prevention strategy and deliver crime prevention programs across the territory. Departmental officials have been consulting Nunavummiut in all of the hamlets about their priorities.

Effective crime prevention requires that the police know and understand the communities in which they operate. The RCMP is stepping up their efforts to recruit Inuit language speakers and to improve their own language skills. The police are holding monthly information sessions in all three districts. Their Aboriginal Pre-Cadet Training Program has expanded into Nunavut to attract young Inuit into careers with the RCMP. The police are also working with Nunavut Arctic College to improve officers' knowledge and skills in the Inuit language.

Crime prevention will eventually reduce the stress on our corrections system. Overcrowding remains a serious challenge for the Baffin Correctional Centre. We have made some progress. The justice department will have a new building in Iqaluit ready by the end of this year. Looking further ahead, the justice department is developing a plan for a more effective long-term solution to the crowding problem.

Violent crime, domestic disputes, addictions, and mental health issues are

all linked to our continuing housing crisis. Nearly three in five Nunavummiut live in public housing. Nearly half of our children live in homes that are overcrowded. As our children grow up, they too will want homes of their own. Our housing shortage of roughly 3,600 units is a serious problem.

By providing us with \$100 million in last year's federal budget, the federal government has shown that it remains willing to help. The Nunavut Housing Corporation put \$30 million of that fund to work last year. The remaining \$70 million will support this year's housing construction, but the scale of our housing problem requires a far greater investment than we can make now. The Government of Nunavut will continue to lobby Ottawa for long-term housing investments.

In the meantime, we will do what we can with what we have. This year, the government will provide the Nunavut Housing Corporation with an extra \$7 million, mostly to cover the rising cost of utilities in public housing and for additional staff housing.

At the same time, the housing corporation will advance its Blueprint for Action. The blueprint will focus on the need for housing that is more economical, more energy efficient, and better able to meet our population's varied needs. In particular, the housing corporation will target the needs of a growing elder population.

>> *Applause*

Economic Development

In developing self-reliance and optimism, healthy families and strong communities, our most powerful ally is a strong, growing economy. Ours must not only grow, but also diversify so that Nunavummiut can choose their own path to our shared success. Today, that path leads most probably to a job with the government, as we are the territory's dominant employer, but the private sector holds massive potential.

The number of jobs grew 6 percent last year, with strong growth in construction. Some 12,500 Nunavummiut earned paycheques last year. Nearly three in five working-age Nunavummiut found work. Looking to the last five years, employment has been rising more than 3 percent per year. The trend is positive and now it must accelerate.

We will invest in projects and opportunities that provide our healthy, educated workforce with a wide range of choices.

Sivumut Abluqta points to the need for economic development that is responsible and sustainable. This is an important priority, and the Department of Economic Development and Transportation has several initiatives underway.

Transportation is central to our way of life. Health care, education, and training all depend on a safe and efficient transportation system. This year, we expect to complete improvements at Rankin Inlet and to start construction at the airports in Iqaluit and Cambridge Bay.

More broadly, the government is working closely with the Nunavut Economic Forum to renew the Nunavut Economic Development Strategy. This updated plan will guide our development through the next ten years. The Department of Economic Development and Transportation expects to release the updated strategy following the Sivumut Four conference next fall.

Creating opportunity for Nunavummiut also means a stronger focus on the intent of Article 24 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement. Following a comprehensive review and extensive discussions with Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated, the government will draft a renewed NNI Policy. This instrument should strengthen the ability of Inuit firms to sell goods and services to the government. At the same time, we will preserve the government's ability to obtain the best value for money.

Successful economic development means that we manage our resources responsibly and that we manage wildlife sustainably. Harvesting plays a critical role in social and economic development. Our wildlife management system recognizes that our fragile ecosystems have long recovery times. Future generations must be able to live from the land as Inuit have always done.

The Department of Environment will work this year to complete a management plan for Baffin Island caribou. It will also implement a polar bear management plan across the territory and continue the development of a management plan for grizzly bears. The department will also survey the bear populations in the McClintock Channel

and Gulf of Boothia to determine the number of bears and where they live.

The environment department will also complete the renewal of the Nunavut Fisheries Strategy and it will support the development of new commercial inshore fisheries in all regions.

The availability of land plays an important role in economic development. As members know, Nunavummiut decided in 1995 not to allow municipalities to sell their land for at least 20 years. As we approach that 20-year mark, the Department of Community and Government Services will prepare this year for a referendum on land sales in 2016.

>> *Applause*

Good Governance

Mr. Speaker, our plans to grow the economy, to strengthen families and communities, and to foster self-reliance all depend on the government's ability to manage its resources wisely. Our government must become very focused on achieving the results that Nunavummiut expect and deserve. We will invest our human and financial resources to enable Nunavummiut to live healthy, productive lives.

Sivumut Abluqta commits us to provide good government through the wise use of our resources. This means that government employees need the skills and the tools to make management decisions based on timely, accurate information.

Our approach to good government reveals itself in our approach to

developing policies and programs and delivering services. We see it as well in our decisions about money.

The budget papers that I am presenting today are the result of thousands of decisions involving the elected Members of this Assembly, the public service, Nunavummiut, and other stakeholders. Good fiscal management depends on people with the right knowledge, skills, attitudes, and resources. Our ability to forecast developments and budget for our activities is essential to our success.

The finance department has been holding fiscal workshops with all departments and public agencies. This is part of our work to adopt a standard and consistent process within the government for preparing, analyzing, and monitoring departmental budgets. As our internal processes improve, we will strengthen our ability to plan further into the future. As members know, we aim to plan three years forward so that we gain greater control over our financial resources and improve our services to the public.

This year, the government will fully implement the Expenditure Management Handbook, which guides public servants in making budgets and forecasts. By improving the analyses submitted to the Financial Management Board, the public service will contribute to better decision-making.

We must ensure that the Government of Nunavut provides full value for the taxpayers' dollar. Our government will review all its programs to ensure they are being delivered in ways that are economical, efficient, and effective. We will also review processes this year for monitoring grants and contributions to

ensure that we receive good value from these agreements.

My department will work closely with the Department of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs to conduct these reviews. At the same time, these two departments will complete the government's Human Resources Strategy and implement it this year. The government took very seriously the observations made by the Auditor General during the Third Assembly. Ms. Fraser told us that we needed to do better in identifying human resource shortages and to improve the timeliness of staffing competitions.

It's important that we improve our ability to recruit and retain the employees we need so that we can deliver programs and services to Nunavummiut. Staffing vacant positions has long been a challenge. As of December 31, 24 percent of government positions remained vacant.

Through the new Human Resources Strategy, we will gain the ability to place the right person in the right job at the right time.

It is important to this government that we make continued progress toward a representative level of Inuit employment. Our public service should reflect the population that it serves. It must embrace Inuit societal values and improve its use of the Inuit language.

As of December 31, Inuit represented 50 percent of employees in the 10 government departments. The Inuit Employment Plan provides departments with tools to increase this number. The measures include priority consideration

for Inuit in all recruiting actions. The government also provides leadership development opportunities, training, and internships. Our government remains committed to achieving a representative workforce.

We must ensure that our public service represents Nunavummiut. Through its Official Languages Program, the Department of Culture and Heritage continues to lead the government and public agencies in meeting our language obligations.

Government departments have been improving language training and proficiency testing, and expanding training for interpreters and translators. The government has increased its financial support for publications and other media that promote Inuit language use in communities and among our youth.

This year, the government will establish a song-writing contest to promote new music in Inuktitut. In the coming year, we will establish an award to recognize the authors whose works promote Inuktitut literacy among youth and adults.

Conclusion

Mr. Speaker, there you have it. I have described how our government will marshal its resources to support fully the goals of *Sivumut Abluqta*.

We approach this challenge with optimism and a commitment to make progress. We are going in the right direction. We are building on the accomplishments of three previous Legislative Assemblies. Working together, this Fourth Assembly can help

Nunavummiut to step forward toward a better future.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank our public service. We appreciate their hard work and their commitment to delivering our public services to all Nunavummiut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements. Item 4. Members' Statements. Member for Aivilik, Mr. Mapsalak.

Item 4: Members' Statements

Member's Statement 030 – 4(2): Happy Birthday, Paul Okalik

Mr. Mapsalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to recognize our fellow MLA whose birthday it is today. I hope Mr. Okalik has a good day today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Member for Gjoa Haven, Mr. Akoak.

Member's Statement 031 – 4(2): Congratulations to Jordan Takkiruaq

Mr. Akoak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thanks for saying my name right today.

>> *Laughter*

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to congratulate Jordan Takkiruaq of Gjoa Haven.

Mr. Speaker, Jordan Takkiruaq is a student of Gjoa Haven's Qiqirtaq Iihavik School who competed at this year's Canada-wide science fair, which was held earlier this month in Windsor, Ontario.

This national event brings together students from across the country. This weeklong national event is held each year in May. Approximately 500 top young scientists from grades 7 to 12 compete for over \$1 million in prizes and scholarships.

Mr. Speaker, Jordan's project concerned dental health. Using an innovative approach, Jordan exposed caribou teeth to a number of different substances. His project confirmed the importance of promoting better dental health in Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, Jordan's hard work earned him a silver medal award of excellence in the junior category, a \$300 cash prize and a \$2,000 entrance scholarship to Western University.

Mr. Speaker, Jordan is already hard at work preparing for next year's science fair, where his project will focus on how garbage and sewage can be converted into energy.

>> *Applause*

Mr. Speaker, I strongly encourage all young people in Nunavut to consider pursuing a career in the sciences, and I will ask all members to join me in congratulating Jordan Takkiruaq in his accomplishments. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Tununiq, Mr. Enook.

**Member's Statement 032 – 4(2):
Congratulations to Nunavut Quest
Mushers**

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon, people of Pond Inlet and my fellow Nunavummiut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the individuals and organizations that took part in this year's Nunavut Quest, which recently celebrated its 15th anniversary.

Mr. Speaker, the Nunavut Quest was founded in April 1999 to commemorate the creation of Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, I would first like to recognize Moses Oyukuluk from Arctic Bay and Niore Iqalukjuak, who used to live in Arctic Bay and now lives in Clyde River. Moses is still taking part in the dog team races.

On April 24, nine teams left Igloolik and began a 400-kilometre journey to the finish line in Pond Inlet. The teams were welcomed to Pond Inlet and invited to celebrate their achievement during a closing ceremonies event.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to extend my congratulations to the competitors from my constituency of Tununiq: Panoele Okango, Lee Innuarak, and Michael Innuarak, who was this year's third place finisher.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to note that Michael was the youngest competitor from Tununiq and only a few

years older than his 16-year-old competitor from Igloolik, Isaac Irngaut.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I am able to congratulate such talented young men. They have displayed great commitment to their heritage and completed a very demanding race. These young men are truly role models to all Nunavummiut.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, my congratulations to this year's Nunavut Quest first place winner and three time champion, Andy Attagutaalukuttuk from Igloolik.

This year's race was made possible through the collaboration. Mr. Speaker, I ask all members to join me in congratulating everybody who contributed to this year's Nunavut Quest. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Quttiktuq, Mr. Shooyook.

**Member's Statement 033 – 4(2):
Tribute to Judah Taqtu**

Mr. Shooyook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would also like to recognize a person who is no longer with us, Judah Taqtu, who started polar hunting in 1983 by using dog teams back when dog team driving was no longer utilized at all. He was able to go and raise dogs from an outpost camp.

Mr. Speaker, today, in Arctic Bay, when we saw how the dog teams were able to be utilized, we were then able to revive dog team raising.

I would like to recognize him because he was able to utilize dogs for 22 years without using any mechanized form of transportation. Occasionally, we do use mechanized transportation. He was able to utilize traditional dog teams 100 percent. Because of someone like Judah Taqtu, Mr. Enook was able to recognize people who participate in dog team quests. There were other pioneers.

Even though the person is now deceased, while he was still alive, he said to take part in the HTOs. I have been trying to get the HTOs to recognize his accomplishments, but they never did formally recognize him. Now I would like him recognized for having been one of the early pioneers. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

**Member's Statement 034 – 4(2):
Recognition of Annie Manning
Lampron**

Mr. Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good day to everyone. I rise today because I want this piece I'm holding here that was made by a person from Cape Dorset. This is a very fine piece of artwork because Inuit have great skills in all kinds of art, whether it be drawing, carvings, sewing, and otherwise, and are well liked.

I would like to recognize Annie Manning Lampron, who was able to win a prize from the telephone company. Mr. Speaker, her prize was \$2,000 and she

was able to receive it during the Christmas holidays. It came at a very opportune time when she had entered that competition.

I would like to encourage Nunavummiut to do artwork. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Baker Lake, Mr. Mikkungwak.

**Member's Statement 035 – 4(2):
Baker Lake against Suicide Team**

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I would like to welcome our guests from other places.

As a resident of Baker Lake myself, I rise today to recognize BLAST, the Baker Lake against Suicide Team. Before we came here on May 16, they have been in operation and will still be able to continue with their work. For the first time, young people were able to make a presentation to their fellow citizens. Christian Tapatai Tagoona, Kelsey Atangalaaq, Dwayne Parker, and Kelly Nasaujaittuq started their opening ceremonies with drum dancing.

Secondly, with my fellow MLA and Nunavummiut, I would like to recognize Nelson Tagoona, who actually gets to perform overseas. Through his singing, called throat boxing, Nelson is giving suicide prevention messages to his fellow youth. I am very proud of him for that and commend him for his leadership on this issue.

During the last evening of this special event, another aboriginal person was able to come to Baker Lake, who is a comedian, Don Burnstick. Even the young people were very happy and were in merriment. I am very happy with my fellow Baker Lake residents for having organize that festive event, so I want my fellow Inuit to enjoy life too like they did. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Pangnirtung, Mr. Mike.

**Member's Statement 036 – 4(2):
Recognition of Elisapee Ishulutaq
– Order of Canada**

Hon. Johnny Mike (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to share my pride with all the MLAs here and my fellow residents in Pangnirtung that are aware. Another person who was presented with the Order of Canada by the Governor General of Canada is Elisapee Ishulutaq.

Elisapee is an artist promoting our culture through drawings, printmaking, and carvings. She produces things that we're no longer able to see in our lives today from her previous life. She has helped promote Inuit culture through printmaking, drawing, and sewing. She has been involved for over 40 years.

She was one of the recipients of the Order of Canada, and I want to share my pride and happiness on behalf of her. Elisapee Ishulutaq from Pangnirtung received the Order of Canada, recognition from the Queen.

I would like to mention another person who doesn't live in Nunavut, but he's another recipient of the Order of Canada. My relatives, cousins, and daughter were part of Nunavut Sivuniksavut and one of the teachers, Morley Hanson, has helped many Inuit since 1988 to date. The young Inuit people he has helped were trained by him to be able to get into careers in Nunavut.

I would like to ask for unanimous consent to conclude my statement. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statement. Are there any nays? (interpretation) There are no nays. Please proceed.

Hon. Johnny Mike (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank my colleagues.

Morley Hanson has helped a great deal. People like us up here in Nunavut, although we live in Nunavut, he has helped in ways that we are unable to. I would like to recognize him for receiving the Order of Canada. Even though he's not a resident of Nunavut, he's done great work for Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, I'll have a statement about recreation in Pangnirtung tomorrow and also marine matters. Thank you.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Netsilik, Ms. Ugyuk.

**Member's Statement 037 – 4(2):
Kugaaruk Fishing Derby**

Hon. Jeannie Ugyuk (interpretation):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I say “good day” to the people in my community and in Taloyoak and Kugaaruk. To my grandchildren in Taloyoak, I say, “I love you.”

Last weekend in Kugaaruk, they were trying to catch the biggest, heaviest fish. The Adluat Committee held a fishing derby. There were 15 prizes.

The first prize was a four-wheeled Honda and it went to Alexandro Inutuinaq.

The second prize, which is an outboard motor, went to David Illuitok.

The third prize went to Niptayuk, a floe edge boat.

The fourth prize went to Columban Pujuardjok, a queen-size mattress. I'm sure she had a good sleep after winning that mattress.

Maria Pia Inutuinaq got a washer.

Sixth prize was a sewing machine and it went to Lionel Tigvareak.

The seventh prize went to Maria Pia Inutuinaq and she won a table and chairs.

The eighth winner who received a dryer is Gaetan Apsaktaun.

The ninth winner was Jerome Kakkianium and he got a 3-burner stove.

The 10th prize went to Alexandro Inutuinaq, who got first prize, and he got a rechargeable stove.

Kenneth Illuitok won a 1-burner stove and a backpack.

Guido Tigvareak... .

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

Speaker (interpreter): Thank you. (interpretation ends). The member is seeking unanimous to conclude her statement. Are there any nays? (interpretation) I don't hear any nays. Ms. Ugyuk, please proceed.

Hon. Jeannie Ugyuk (interpretation): The 12th prize went to Guido Tigvareak and he got a fishing rod.

The 13th prize went to Angela Qavvik and she got a thermos bottle.

The 14th prize went to Johaulli Inutuinaq and he won a bicycle.

The 15th prize was another bicycle, a smaller bicycle and it went to Rodney Sigguk.

The people who didn't go fishing had a sculpin fishing contest with a \$200 prize and they are: Tannis Kukkuvak, Rhoda Nasalik, Colin Jr. Inuksaq, George Kakkianium, and Annie Aleekkee.

I thank the Adluat Committee for holding these fishing derbies in Kugaaruk. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Cambridge Bay, Mr. Peterson.

Jorden Lyall

Mia Otokiak

**Member's Statement 038 – 4(2):
Cambridge Bay High School
Graduates**

Amy Pike, and

Presley Taylor.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to inform the House of a significant milestone for 11 youth in my community. This past Saturday, 11 high school students in Cambridge Bay celebrated their grade 12 graduation with their parents, elders, families, and friends at the Kiilnik High School.

Mr. Speaker, these students now have one of those valuable treasures we can give our youth: an education. With their diplomas, they now have a greater opportunity for jobs and can enter college, trade school, or university of their choice.

Mr. Speaker, I know many of these young people personally and I know how hard each of them worked to reach their goal. One of the young men in the class could teach us all a lesson in dedication. He underwent open-heart surgery last fall, and I'm very proud to say he persevered through that challenge to reach this landmark.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, let's recognize the dedicated teachers, parents, family members, and friends who motivated and encouraged these children and youth along from kindergarten to grade 12. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Mr. Speaker, all of these graduates are role models for the younger children in our schools. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating:

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. I have no more names on my list. Item 5. Returns to Oral Questions. Item 6. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member Pat Angnakak for Niaqunnguu.

Kelsey Barton

**Item 6: Recognition of Visitors in the
Gallery**

Siobhan Bligh

Ms. Angnakak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would first like to recognize my constituent, Virginia Lloyd. I also represent my nephew, Pauloosie Akeeagok, and I would like to further recognize... (interpretation ends) I am very pleased to have this opportunity to recognize a number of visitors in the Gallery today who have joined us from the Parliamentary

Cecily Evalik

Chanda Evalik

Amos Fletcher

Nathan Gray

Donna Lyall

[Internship] Program of the House of Commons.

My colleague Joe Savikataaq and I had a great time yesterday talking about Nunavut and about this great Legislative Assembly.

These young Canadians are currently working in the offices of Members of Parliament and are in Nunavut this week for their annual study tour.

Please join me in welcoming:

- Adam Casey, perhaps you can stand.
- Robyn Gibbard
- Christine Guyot, sorry if I mispronounced your last name.
- Sarah Hunter
- Olivier Jacques
- Avalon Jennings
- Ivan Narvaez, sorry.
- Jonathan Paradis
- Andrea Stuart, and
- Tim Styles.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Welcome to all the visitors. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Hickes.

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's with pleasure that I am able to

recognize a couple of my constituents here this afternoon.

Ms. Navarana Beveridge eluded my recognition the first time she happened to be in the House, so I am very happy to recognize her.

Also, Mr. James Arreak, I would like to recognize him as well. I would also like to thank him for bringing my brother up from his new position in Ottawa.

My brother Brad is here with NTI. He is working out of the Ottawa office. His life took a little bit of a fork in the road, and I am very happy that he is back in Iqaluit, even if it is only for a few days. Welcome. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Welcome to the Gallery. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Aggu, Mr. Quassa.

Hon. Paul Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As soon as I stopped looking at them, the people I want to recognize left the building.

>>Laughter

Maybe you will recognize their faces when they come back. I would like to acknowledge Zacharias Kunuk. He was just here a minute ago. He may have been recognized, although he is quite tanned. His younger brother Paul Irngaut was here as well. I don't see them anymore, but I would just like to welcome them. I remind my colleagues that they are brothers.

I'm sure you all know Zacharias Kunuk, who is the filmmaker of *Atanarjuat* and other productions. He is a professional filmmaker in Igloolik. I'm sure you know that my community of Igloolik as the (interpretation ends) "Hollywood of the North" (interpretation) now. That's what I wanted to say. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Welcome to them both, although they're no longer here. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. (interpretation ends) Premier Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's not often that I stand up to recognize anybody in the House, but I want to recognize Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated President Cathy Towtongie, who has been working very hard on a number of key initiatives.

Sen. Patterson is no longer sitting here, but I would like to recognize him also. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: NTI president, (interpretation) please feel welcome and your staff, Virginia Lloyd. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Mr. Sammurток, Tom.

>> *Laughter*

Hon. Tom Sammurток: *Qujannamiik*, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) The Premier beat me to the punch on this one.

(interpretation) I would like to recognize (interpretation ends) my constituent in

Rankin Inlet North, who is also the President of NTI, Cathy Towtongie. (interpretation) Thank you.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Welcome to the Gallery again. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. I have no more names on my list. Going to the orders of the day. Oral Questions. Member for (interpretation ends) Rankin Inlet South, Mr. Sammurток.

Item 7: Oral Questions

Question 032 – 4(2): Need for Continuing Care Facilities

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

(interpretation) Mr. Speaker, Nunavut's population (interpretation ends) is growing steadily, with over 15 percent increase in just seven years. Since 2006, our population of elders over the age of 65 has grown by over 400 individuals. The need for long-term care and support is growing.

As the minister is aware, Nunavut has two 24-hour continuing care facilities, one in Gjoa Haven and one in Igloolik. There is also a facility in the community of Iqaluit.

Can the minister provide an update on what consideration has been given by her department and in collaboration with her counterparts in Family Services, Community and Government Services, and the Nunavut Housing Corporation to opening another continuing care facility

in Nunavut? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Minister of Health, Ms. Ell.

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I have said, the Department of Health is doing a needs assessment to find out the people who need long-term care in Nunavut. That's what we're working on right now. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Sammurtok: Mr. Speaker, I am confident that the minister will agree that it is much better to keep our ailing and elderly Nunavummiut closer to home, family, and community instead of sending them away to an unfamiliar and lonely environment.

Can the minister provide an update on how many individuals are currently receiving care in Nunavut's continuing care facilities and how many Nunavummiut are receiving a similar level of care outside of the territory? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Minister of Health, Ms. Ell.

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Department of Health has two things that the member talked about, continuing care facilities in Igloolik and Gjoa Haven. It's presently in operation. There are over 10 rooms for long-term care in the facility. There

are some people on the waiting list for continuing care and they have to be looked after in their own home and they have to be near their community to receive treatment. We're looking at doing a needs assessment for long-term care facilities in Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Sammurtok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the minister commit to working with her cabinet colleagues to consider building and staffing another continuing [care] facility in Nunavut? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Minister of Health, Ms. Ell.

Hon. Monica Ell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation) The Department of Health has been brainstorming with the housing corporation, for example, units for elders that are suitably served so that elders can stay home longer, which is called assisted living. We also work closely with Family Services. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for (interpretation ends) South Baffin, Mr. Joanasie.

Question 033 – 4(2): Government Liaison Office

Mr. Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions are for

the Minister of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs.

In 2007, the Government of Nunavut provided equipment and training to each municipality in the territory in order to allow local officials to take passport photographs of residents.

As the minister will recall, I asked him questions on March 10 of this year regarding concerns that had been raised with me regarding the condition of equipment that is presently located in our communities, including the communities of South Baffin that I represent in the Legislative Assembly.

Can the minister update the House on what actions his department's Government Liaison Office has taken in response to the concerns that I raised earlier this year? Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Premier of Nunavut, Mr. Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to defer that question to the minister responsible for the issuing of driver's licences and ID cards. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: The Hon. Minister, Mr. Kuksuk.

Hon. George Kuksuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If I understood his question, it was asked by some of the Members of this House. I can say again that issuing of driver's licences or general identification cards for the people in Nunavut is the responsibility we have in my department. There has been a complaint that these are too slow.

We are dealing with the problems at the present time. As soon as this has been resolved, I will respond to the question. Thank you.

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

Mr. Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A number of my colleagues have also raised concerns about access to general identification cards and driver's licences, which are issued by the Department of Economic Development and Transportation. Can the minister indicate what specific actions his department's Government Liaison Office is taking to work with the Department of EDT to improve these services? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Minister of Economic Development and Transportation, Mr. Kuksuk.

Hon. George Kuksuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I said earlier, the people who take photographs for passports and driver's licences are delayed at the present time. There are several things that have been delayed and because they want to have new things that we would like to begin, we are training the people.

The GLOs at the present time and my department are looking at how to improve services to take photographs for identification cards, for instance, the same as having a health care card. I know that this improvement will be made shortly to the services that we provide. I will be able to provide an update as soon as those things are resolved. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Joanasié (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It would be very helpful to both the government and communities if we had a comprehensive and current inventory of photography equipment in each community. Will the minister commit to having his department's Government Liaison Office work with the departments of EDT and CGS to undertake this work over the coming summer? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Minister of Economic Development and Transportation, Mr. Kuksuk.

Hon. George Kuksuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I said earlier, this is being done at the present time. The hamlets are helping our department. This has to be resolved because there are many problems and I agree with the member, but at the present time, I'm not really sure exactly when this will be resolved. I expect that we will be working on this rigorously. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Quttiktuq, Mr. Shooyook.

Question 034 – 4(2): Follow-up on Constituents' Correspondence

Mr. Shooyook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Health and it's in relation to a question about health.

I have been asking the minister various questions and I will not stop asking questions in relation to a couple until I get an answer I can understand. Last March, when I was here, I had provided a letter to the Minister of Health and I indicated to them how they can be assisted in two communities. The couple has never received an answer as to what kinds of services they could obtain.

I would like to know whether or not you have done any follow-up because of the fact that the couple has never received their answer in relation to people who require assistance with living. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Minister of Health, Ms. Ell.

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This question, I think, is directed to Family Services. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Minister of Family Services, Ms. Ugyuk.

Hon. Jeannie Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank the Member for Quttiktuq for that question. I had provided a written reply. I imagine he has not received it yet. We should not be talking about one issue endlessly, but I will undertake to look to see what happened to that letter. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for (interpretation ends) Hudson Bay, Mr. Rumbolt.

Question 035 – 4(2): Status of Public Housing Construction in Sanikiluaq

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my questions to the minister of the housing corporation.

As the minister is aware, the Nunavut Housing Corporation plans to build a new five-plex unit in Sanikiluaq as part of the corporation's 2014-15 public housing construction season.

Can the minister confirm if the Nunavut Housing Corporation has finalized the tender process for this construction of the new five-plex and awarded the contracts for the new public housing units? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation, Mr. Kuksuk.

Hon. George Kuksuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I would love to inform the member from Sanikiluaq in regard to the question. Thank you.

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

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't think this is my first supplementary because he didn't answer my first question.

>> *Laughter*

Mr. Speaker, I asked the minister if he could provide an update on the tendering process for the construction of the five-plex in Sanikiluaq. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: The Hon. Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation, Mr. Kuksuk.

Mr. George Kuksuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The tenders for the construction for the Sanikiluaq housing project have just closed on May 16, I believe. Things are rolling along fairly smoothly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Concerns have been brought to my attention that the length of time that the Nunavut Housing Corporation allowed for this tender was very short, which impacted the ability of local companies in Sanikiluaq to bid on the project.

Can the minister indicate how the Nunavut Housing Corporation works with local companies in Nunavut to ensure that they have adequate time to submit bids on construction tenders? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation, Mr. Kuksuk.

Mr. George Kuksuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The process that the housing corporation uses when tendering construction projects in Nunavut is pretty much standard across Nunavut. I believe it was handled the same as it would be in other communities in the community of Sanikiluaq.

Now, all I have at the moment that I can answer to the question is I have the closing date, which was May 16. I would

have to look up when and how long the tenders were open and, if the member wishes, I can get back to him at a later date. Thank you.

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

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Another concern that has been raised with me relates to the housing corporation's design for new units in Sanikiluaq. As the minister is aware, our location results in Sanikiluaq having a warmer climate and less permafrost than other Nunavut communities. Consequently, there have been problems with the use of steel piles in construction, including significant shifting of buildings, with much added cost in repairs. Can the minister indicate if the Nunavut Housing Corporation has taken these concerns into account in the design of Sanikiluaq's new five-plex? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation, Mr. Kuksuk.

Mr. George Kuksuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When these houses are delivered to the community, various issues are raised as to the appropriateness. There were discussions about the pros and cons of using piles versus gravel or what kind of designs needed to be made. There are issues that relate to appropriate ventilation in buildings, for example. All of these things were discussed. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Iqaluit-Niaqunngu, Ms. Angnakak.

Question 036 – 4(2): Community Justice Committees

Ms. Angnakak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) My questions are for the minister celebrating a birthday today, the Minister of Justice. Happy birthday. This is my birthday present to you.

>> *Laughter*

Mr. Speaker, as I stated during Friday's sitting, I attended a community meeting for the development of Nunavut's Crime Prevention Strategy earlier this month in Iqaluit. The minister will recall that I warned him that I would have questions for him on this subject.

Mr. Speaker, community justice committees provide intervention alternatives for criminal offenders who may be entering or re-entering criminal prosecution. In some cases, intervention in the form of counselling, cultural activities, or mediation have prevented the prosecution of offenders and, arguably, the individual's future involvement in criminal activity.

Mr. Speaker, it is recognized that engaging communities in the development of a crime prevention strategy will require collaboration with community justice committees and their outreach workers, coordinators, and specialists.

Can the minister indicate what communities, if any, currently do not have a fully operational community justice committee? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Minister of Justice, Mr. Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Most of the communities have community justice committees. There used to be one in Iqaluit, but it's not functioning anymore due to various impediments. There are efforts being made to have the justice committee revived in Iqaluit and our staff has been initiating and having discussions about how committees like this could be revived in Iqaluit. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Community justice committees are comprised of community volunteers, whose meetings and activities are coordinated by a paid community justice committee coordinator or outreach worker.

A recent report published by the federal Department of Justice indicates that there has been a lack of funding for the training and salaries of community justice committee coordinators.

Can the minister indicate what specific actions his department is taking to enhance the resources and capacity of community justice committees? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Minister of Justice, Mr. Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We will be discussing how we can implement the recommendations, especially in relation to such issues as counselling, and hopefully, people will begin to lead better lives. When these kinds of things begin to be implemented, there is less crime at the end of it. Those are the kinds of things that we will be striving for. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Your final supplementary, Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The government's annual reports on its Community Justice program describe the number of cases received, community activities, and measures taken for crime prevention by each committee.

The annual report for the 2010-11 fiscal year was tabled in the Legislative Assembly on May 16, a year ago, 2013.

Will the minister commit to tabling the 2011-12 and 2012-13 annual reports before the end of the current spring sitting? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Minister of Justice, Mr. Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm sorry I was not a minister then or a member in those years. However, I will undertake to see what the conditions of those reports are at. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Aivilik, Mr. Mapsalak.

Question 037 – 4(2): Temporary Social Workers

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

Mr. Speaker, social workers visit various communities. They come to the communities that I represent and they do not spend a very long time there. Once you see them and then you don't. I wonder if the minister can answer as to what they do once you see them, then you don't. I wonder if the minister can answer why there cannot be full-time social workers that could provide services to communities. Is it because the communities don't have that many people who require their services? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Minister of Family Services, Ms. Ugyuk.

Hon. Jeannie Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank my fellow MLA for that question in relation to communities. We don't have too many employees in this field of social services, but they are trying to address this issue.

We are working with Arctic College so that there could be more people working in Family Services that could gain appropriate qualifications to be able to work in this field. It is preferable to have beneficiaries who have lived in the north because, as we all know, people who move in from the south do not stay very long and the turnover is high.

That is all we are doing to try to address this issue in relation to family services. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Mapsalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. They do important work; they are missed when they do not visit and when they do not come to provide services. It is unfortunate that people who work in this field only stay for a few months. We do know why they do not spend a long time. Maybe the workload is too much or they aren't getting appropriate services. Perhaps the minister can provide me with an answer. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you (interpretation ends) The Hon. Minister of Family Services, Ms. Ugyuk.

Hon. Jeannie Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank my colleague for that question. Yes, we know that many social workers do not stay here. They find their workload too difficult. We are trying to keep that in mind. They get overworked. That's usually one of the reasons they do not stay. It's because they are not in their own land and they usually go back to their own land.

We need to have more Inuit social workers. For that effort, we have been training social workers in Cambridge Bay to try and strengthen our workforce. We are trying to correct it properly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Mapsalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Has the minister reviewed or checked into...? As you just stated, social workers have very difficult jobs. Have you looked into any ways to support social workers so that they end up spending longer times in the communities? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Minister of Family Services, Ms. Ugyuk.

Hon. Jeannie Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank my colleague for asking that question in his efforts to support the matter to improve things. The Minister of Finance, Keith Peterson, and I are working together with the Minister of Human Resources to see how we can improve or increase the number of social workers in the government. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Tununiq, Mr. Enook.

Question 038 – 4(2): Income Assistance Rates

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Family Services.

Mr. Speaker, on pages 16 and 24 of the *Hansard*, I know it hasn't been published yet, but I would like to base my question on that to get clarification on what has been written. The minister said previously that she has to speak with the other departments in regard to food security. Which departments do you have to speak with? That is my question. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Minister of Family Services, Ms. Ugyuk.

Hon. Jeannie Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank the Member for Tununiq for asking about who we should be talking to in the Department of Family Services concerning income support. I have new information. I was meeting with my staff yesterday afternoon.

The department decides as to how much income support people get, but we really have no say in how much money we get from the federal government and we have to look for other ways to try and help. We meet with the Yukon and NWT. We follow what the Yukon and NWT have been doing and tried to get more help for the Income Support Program. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If I understand this correctly, the Department of Family Services decides how much they pay for income support and without any outside direction. It's terribly expensive to live in the Arctic. The way I see it, you will be able to increase the monthly income support for Nunavut recipients. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Minister of Family Services, Ms. Ugyuk.

Hon. Jeannie Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank the Member for Tununiq for that question. We know that income support in

Nunavut is affected by these things. Inuit in Nunavut get helped a great deal through electrical support, utility support, and other forms of assistance, for example, for rent or housing payments. We get support from the government and then we have to pay the balance, not the full cost of the house.

We rely on the Department of Finance to get the most income support that we can give. If we're going to increase income support, then all the MLAs would have to agree to that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Enook: Mr. Speaker, (interpretation) the minister said yesterday in her reply that there will be a review of income support. Let me ask, once you are doing your review, what exactly are you reviewing? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: The Hon. Minister of Family Services, Ms. Ugyuk.

Hon. Jeannie Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the Member for Tununig for asking as to what we will be reviewing. We will be reviewing the high cost of food. We don't have all the information on the cost of food, so we need to get statistics from many communities.

There are price differences in the stores for different communities. There are many uncontrollable costs that we have to incur. Food is brought in by sealift and air cargo. We have no control over those prices. In many communities, the price of food is very different from others. We will be looking at that.

Once we know the figures, we will be able to work with that information. We will be expecting to hear more about it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Arviat South, Mr. Savikataaq.

Question 039 – 4(2): Bilingual Education Models

Mr. Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Education.

Mr. Speaker, I am well aware that a review of Nunavut's *Education Act* and its relevant regulations will be undertaken by this Legislative Assembly in the near future. However, reviewing and possibly bringing forward amendments to legislation can be a long and time-consuming process. Regulations, on the other hand, can be changed relatively quickly. I believe that the issue at hand is sufficiently important to warrant immediate action.

Mr. Speaker, the majority of the bilingual education models established under the *Education Act's* Language of Instruction Regulations require that 85 to 90 percent of instruction from kindergarten to grade 3 is delivered in the Inuit language. Education officials have noted that subjects such as mathematics cannot be taught in the Inuit language due to the lack of terminology.

Can the minister clearly explain how our children in kindergarten through to grade 3 receive adequate math education if it cannot be taught in the required

language of instruction? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Minister of Education, Mr. Quassa.

Hon. Paul Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank my colleague for asking that clear question. We all know that in Nunavut, we have to use four languages in all of our schools. English, Inuktitut, French, and Inuinnaqtun are the languages.

What you're saying is true. The Language of Instruction Regulations that were agreed upon in 2012 were supposed to be reviewed after every five years. The Language of Instruction Regulations that are used today. . . . It's true what you're saying. It's set up that way. The education committees are the ones that advise as to what language of instruction should be used in a particular school. It's decided by the district education authorities.

It's a three-level system. The first one is called Qulliq. The DEA can decide which one they can follow. They can say that our students can speak Inuktitut very well and if that's the case, English instruction is made stronger because they already have good Inuktitut in that school. The other one is called immersion. If a student can speak English better than Inuktitut, then he would learn Inuktitut more. The third method or option, if that person is bilingual already in Inuktitut and English, would be a dual instruction system. That's what we follow from kindergarten to grade 12. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpreter): Your first supplementary, Mr. Savikataaq.

Mr. Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I believe that the current language requirements under the Language of Instruction Regulations severely restrict our ability to provide a solid educational foundation in one of the cornerstone subjects of modern education. Math, along with reading and writing, is critical to any student's success. Can the minister provide an update on how his department assesses and monitors the delivery of math education from kindergarten through to grade 12? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Minister of Education, Mr. Quassa.

Hon. Paul Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Math instruction, like you're saying, is not about language; it's just numbers. Up to now, we have been discussing the matter with the department that math refers to one thing. It's not English; it's just numbers.

The *Education Act* states that Inuktitut and English should be the language of instruction. It's an Act and we cannot break it, so we're going to be looking to see how we can apply the *Education Act* after it's reviewed this week.

I have directed our staff that math should be a subject on its own and not divide the issue. It's just numbers and not a language thing. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm glad that the minister acknowledged that math is numbers and not a language. When we were here as a Committee of the Whole, his deputy minister stated that they cannot teach math because of terminology from kindergarten to grade 3. I'm glad that the minister states that they will be looking at it.

Will the minister commit to amending the current Language of Instruction Regulations to ensure that the bilingual education models permit adequate English language instruction to allow for the proper teaching of mathematics from kindergarten to grade 3? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Minister of Education, Mr. Quassa.

Hon. Paul Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Like I stated, we will be reviewing the *Education Act*. Hopefully, this week, we will be looking at the *Education Act* because we look at the kindergarten to grade 3 classes. We are also dealing with grade 12. When we review the *Education Act*, we will be looking at it that way. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Iqaluit-Tasiluk, Mr. Hickes.

Question 040 – 4(2): Iqaluit Landfill Fire

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think we have been quite lucky with the wind direction, so I'm going to ask some questions to the Minister of Community

and Government Services on the local fire here.

Mr. Speaker, the fire at Iqaluit's landfill site continues to burn and according to *Nunatsiaq News*, it is no end in sight for Iqaluit dump. The city has indicated that it is "working together with representatives from both the territorial and federal governments to ensure that the safety of our citizens is our priority." Also, they state that there are discussions being held on a regular basis to ensure it is being dealt with.

Mr. Speaker, can the minister indicate how the Government of Nunavut is coordinating its support to the city in response to this situation? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Minister of Community and Government Services, Mr. Sammurtok.

Hon. Tom Sammurtok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, my department is working very closely with the city officials, particularly the fire department. We are monitoring the situation along with the Department of Environment and the Department of Health to ensure that the dump fire doesn't present a health hazard to the community of Iqaluit. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for that response. Mr. Speaker, this is not the first fire to have broken out at the landfill here in Iqaluit in recent years. Can the minister indicate if the GN will be sitting down with the

municipality to review the lessons learned from this experience? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Minister of Community and Government Services, Mr. Sammurtok.

Hon. Tom Sammurtok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, we will be consulting with the city and we will ensure that we come up with the best solution for the situation. Thank you.

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

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The City of Iqaluit has been working to develop a long-term, sustainable solution to solid waste management. However, as the minister is aware, this issue is complex and the city's resources are not unlimited. Can the minister indicate how his department is working with the city in the development of solutions to solid waste management in our capital city? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Minister of Community and Government Services, Mr. Sammurtok.

Hon. Tom Sammurtok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, dump fires are very difficult to extinguish. In southern Canada, they sometimes need to use specialized equipment to deal with situations like this. This is something that we will be looking at as a department to see what we can do to help the city deal with this issue. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Baker Lake, Mr. Mikkungwak.

Question 041 – 4(2): Access to Justice Services

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, too, would like to extend my birthday greetings and my questions will be to the Minister of Justice.

The business plan of the Department of Justice indicates that one of its ongoing priorities is to “Continue to expand the Justice of the Peace program in Nunavut.” However, concerns have been raised with me that the community of Baker Lake currently has only one Justice of the Peace.

Can the minister indicate what steps his department is taking to recruit and train new Justices of the Peace in Baker Lake? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Minister of Justice, Mr. Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That's a good question. Some communities have a shortage of Justices of the Peace, but I am happy to say that they have Justices of the Peace in most communities. We will be providing training for more Justices of the Peace and we usually work with the hamlet in each Nunavut community to work with them with respect to getting more Justices of the Peace. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for his response. The *Justices of the Peace Act* was amended by the previous Legislative Assembly to provide for the establishment of a new Justices of the Peace Appointment and Remuneration Committee. The role of this body is to review the applications of candidates for appointment as justices of the peace. Can the minister indicate when these provisions of the Act will come into force? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Minister of Justice, Mr. Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That is part of the Justices of the Peace training in each community. The committee meets every so often to appoint Justices of the Peace. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister once again for his response. The Department of Justice also provides funding for the legal aid system in Nunavut, including the operations of the Keewatin Legal Services Centre.

Concerns have also been brought to my attention about the need for more legal aid workers in the Kivalliq. Can the minister indicate what steps are being taken to address this need? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Minister of Justice, Mr. Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I recently met with the chair of the Legal Services Board. They are reviewing their operations. I will be speaking with them again after they complete this work. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Tununig, Mr. Enook.

Question 042 – 4(2): Food Price Survey

Mr. Enook: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation) My question is for the Minister of Family Services with respect to social assistance.

If I understand the minister's response correctly, they will be reviewing the cost of food in the communities. We all know that food is very expensive in the communities. If I can help the minister, I could say that... You can look at the Facebook page, "Feeding My Family." It also states how much food costs in the communities of Nunavut. They will be reviewing that.

My question, Mr. Speaker, is: because there's a high cost of living in Nunavut, what are you going to do after you complete a review of food prices in Nunavut? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Minister of Family Services, Ms. Ugyuk.

Hon. Jeannie Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to respond to the member's question properly. I will take his question as notice. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Baker Lake, Mr. Mikkungwak.

Question 043 – 4(2): School Bus Service at Baker Lake

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Education.

As we are all aware, education is very important. It's one of the first priorities in *Sivumut Abluqta*. In Baker Lake, there's one bus service for all of the schools. Can the minister try to find out if there can be two buses provided for the community of Baker Lake? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Minister of Education, Mr. Quassa.

Hon. Paul Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That is an excellent question. I will answer it appropriately. We received the request for an additional bus from the education committee at my office on May 20. My department's staff are reviewing the request and we have not yet drafted an appropriate answer as to what action could be taken.

However, I can add that we received requests for school bus services. We are looking at whether the bus will have a lot of room and if it will be maintained

and checked properly by mechanics. Are the bus routes appropriate? Those are the things we look at in assessing those funding requests for bus services. I cannot state at this moment what the appropriate answer will be. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for his answer. However, I can state in this manner in relation to what he said, whether the buses would be kept properly and maintained, I can say that they can be maintained properly in Baker Lake.

The issue is money. Obviously they are requesting more money because of the number of students that require bus service. They will be finishing in the spring and summer. However, we are already looking forward to the fall when weather will become an issue again and that is why I directed my question to the minister. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Minister of Education, Mr. Quassa.

Hon. Paul Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There are various issues that need to be looked at, such as the distance, for those who are the age of 5 and are .5 kilometre away, there are a number of regulations with respect to busing. This includes how many students in the 7 to 11 age group have housing that is over one kilometre away or whether they live 1.5 kilometres

away from the school. There are all these things that need to be look at.

This year, we have already indicated that. As per our Minister of Finance, who has already indicated what the budget for the provisional services will be. However, when there are urgent matters, they could also be revisited.

Having said that, I am not sure exactly how we will respond to that question as we just received the letter and haven't had the time to put together a complete response. We know that request will require an increase in funding, so we will scrutinize that very closely. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for that answer. We now know some of the things that we did not know before.

My final question is: will the minister be able to provide clarification before the next school year starts? Perhaps you can provide an answer before the start of the fall semester due to the number of students that need to utilize the bus services when the cold weather comes again. Would there be two school buses operating in the community of Baker Lake? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Minister of Education, Mr. Quassa.

Hon. Paul Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. All these

questions from the MLAs are all very excellent. By the end of this week, the ministers will be receiving a lot of questions. We should be able to provide more appropriate answers once our cabinet has begun to gel. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Question period is over. Item 8. Written Questions. Item 9. Returns to Written Questions. Item 10. Replies to Opening Address. Item 11. Replies to Budget Address. Item 12. Petitions. Item 13. Responses to Petitions. Item 14. Reports of Standing and Special Committees on Bills and Other Matters. Item 15. Tabling of Documents. I have one.

Item 15: Tabling of Documents

Tabled Document 011 – 4(2): Office of the Legislative Assembly Business Plan 2014-2017

I am pleased to table the Business Plan for the Office of the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut for the years 2014-17. (interpretation) Thank you.

(interpretation ends) Item 16. Notices of Motions. Item 17. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Item 18. Motions. Member for Baker Lake, Mr. Mikkungwak.

Item 18: Motions

Motion 003 – 4(2): Extended Sitting Hours and Days

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Netsilik, that the Speaker be authorized to set such sitting days and

hours as the Speaker deems fit to assist with the business before the House during the spring sitting of the Legislative Assembly.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The motion is in order. To the motion. All those in favour. (interpretation) Thank you. (interpretation ends) Opposed. The motion is carried.

Item 19. First Reading of Bills. Minister of Finance, Mr. Peterson.

Item 17: First Reading of Bills

Bill 02 – Appropriation (Operations & Maintenance) Act, 2014-2015 – First Reading

Hon. Keith Peterson: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Pangnirtung, that Bill 2, *Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, 2014-2015*, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The motion is in order. All those in favour. Opposed. (interpretation) Thank you. (interpretation ends) The motion is carried.

First Reading of Bills. Minister of Finance, Mr. Peterson.

Bill 03 – Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 1, 2014-2015 – First Reading

Hon. Keith Peterson: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for

Pangnirtung, that Bill 3, *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 1, 2014-2015*, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The motion is in order. All those in favour. (interpretation) Thank you. (interpretation ends) Opposed. The motion is carried.

Item 20. Second Reading of Bills. The Hon. Minister of Finance, Mr. Peterson.

Item 20: Second Reading of Bills

Bill 02 – Appropriation (Operations & Maintenance) Act, 2014-2015 – Second Reading

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Pangnirtung, that Bill 2, *Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, 2014-2015*, be read for the second time.

Mr. Speaker, this bill authorizes the Government of Nunavut to make operations and maintenance expenditures for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2015. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The motion is in order. To the principle of the bill. Question has been called. All those in favour. (interpretation) Thank you. (interpretation ends) Opposed. The motion is carried and Bill 2 is referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Item 20. Second Reading of Bills. The Hon. Minister of Finance, Mr. Peterson.

**Bill 03 – Supplementary
Appropriation (Capital) Act, No.
1, 2014-2015 – Second Reading**

Hon. Keith Peterson: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Pangnirtung, that Bill 3, *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 1, 2014-2015*, be read for the second time.

Mr. Speaker, this bill makes supplementary appropriations to defray the capital expenditures of the Government of Nunavut for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2015. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The motion is in order. Question has been called. All those in favour. Opposed. The motion is carried and Bill 3 is referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Item 21. [Consideration in] Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters. Bill 2 and Bill 3 with Mr. Akoak in the Chair.

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

(interpretation) Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>*House recessed at 15:44 and
Committee resumed at 16:17*

**Item 21: Consideration in Committee
of the Whole of Bills and Other
Matters**

Chairman (Mr. Akoak): Thank you. I would like to call the committee meeting to order. Welcome to the people watching TV and listening to the radio.

In Committee of the Whole, we have the following items to deal with: Bills 2 and 3. What is the wish of the committee?
Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We wish to commence with the review of Bill 2 and the main estimates starting with the Department of Health. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Rumbolt. Are we in agreement that we first deal with the main estimates for the Department of Health?

Some Members: Agreed.

**Bill 02 – Appropriation (Operations &
Maintenance) Act, 2014-2015 –
Health – Consideration in
Committee**

Chairman: Thank you. I would like to ask Minister Ell, do you have officials you would like to appear before the committee?

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Yes, I do, Mr. Chairman. I would like two of my officials to join me here, please. Do I have to state their names now? Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ell. Does the committee agree to let the minister and her officials go to the witness table?

Some Members: Agreed.

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

For the record, Minister Ell, please introduce your officials.

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On my right is the Interim Deputy Minister, Rosemary Keenainak, and on my left is Johan Glaudemans, Interim Finance Controller. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ell. Please proceed with your opening comments, Minister Ell.

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Good day, my colleagues and the people watching the proceedings. I am pleased to present the Department of Health's business plan and main estimates for the fiscal year 2014-15.

The Department of Health is seeking a net increase of \$18.5 million from the 2013-14 main estimates and this represents an increase of 6.6 percent from last year's funding.

Mr. Chairman, during the winter sitting on March 19, 2014, the department brought forward a supplementary appropriation request of \$26 million to add to the 2013-14 O&M budget and most of the \$18.5 million increase in 2014-15 is directly related to areas of the budget where Health has historically been experiencing budget shortfalls.

The increase will address shortfalls in the following program areas:

- \$6 million in the Medical Travel Program;
- \$9 million in the Out-of-Territory Hospital Program;
- \$2 million in the Pharmacy Program; and
- \$700,000 in the Physician Services Program.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Chairman, as members know, Health began delivery of additional diagnostic treatment services in Iqaluit with the installation of the CT scanner. Health is seeking one-time funding of \$891,000 to operate this program. It is expected that funding for future years will be provided through savings in medical travel to Ottawa.

The only other changes to the department's budget were a transfer of \$68,000 to Family Services and an increase of \$25,000 for the recent fuel price change.

In addition to the funding that is provided to the Department of Health via the Vote 1 funding, the department receives additional Vote 4/5 funding for specific activities. The funding agreements are expected to provide the Department of Health with an additional \$49.6 million in fiscal year 2014-15. The main items are highlighted below.

- The Health Portfolio Wellness Contribution Agreement (\$19.3 million) is focused on initiatives for:
 - Healthy Children, Family and Communities - this funding aims to improve the quality of and access to culturally sensitive wellness programming, such as community prenatal nutrition programs, otherwise known as CPNP, child development programs, and youth empowerment projects at the community level (\$6.1 million);
 - Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention - funding helps to reduce the high rates of chronic disease and its complications, prevents injuries, and improve

- healthy eating patterns (\$3.2 million);
- Mental Health and Addiction - this funding increases the awareness and understanding of mental health issues and addictions, and focuses on providing culturally appropriate wellness information (\$1.7 million);
 - Home and Community Care (HCC) enables people with disabilities and chronic or acute illnesses to receive care at home in their community in order to live as independently as possible (\$6.4 million);
 - Program Management - to support compensation, travel, materials, and supplies for program leads (\$1.1 million);
 - Health Services Integration Fund - to further develop the capacity of community health and wellness committees across Nunavut (\$822,000);
 - The First Nations and Inuit Health Insurance Benefits (NIHB) (\$27.8 million) - The Government of Nunavut provides this service on behalf of Health Canada for non-insured health benefits to eligible Inuit and First Nations of Canada; and
 - Other programs that Health obtained funding also include:
 - Electronic Health Information System (\$824,000);
 - Nunavut Family Physician Residents Project (\$985,000);
 - Canadian Chronic Disease Surveillance System (\$199,000); and
 - Maternal Child Health Surveillance (\$152,000).

In alignment with the government's mandate laid out in *Sivumut Abluqta*, the department will work towards healthy families through strong and resilient communities by focusing resources on:

- supporting activities outlined in the Nunavut Food Security Strategy and Action Plan (\$715,000);
- realizing growth in mental health and addictions service capacity (internally funded); and performing a needs assessment for enhancing long-term care services (\$30,000).

The department will also continue to work on:

- The Nunavut Interoperable Electronic Health Records Program (\$3.4 million);
- Long-term Care (\$5.3 million);
- Mental Health and Addiction (\$17.3 million); and
- Tobacco Reduction, including implementation of the Tobacco Reduction Framework for Action (\$2.5 million).

Mr. Chairman, the department has yet again set out an ambitious business plan in the upcoming year, one that will depend upon adequate fiscal and human resources. I am certain that members will have questions and I would be pleased to take questions. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That concludes my opening comments.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ell. Does the Chair of the Standing Committee on Social Wellness have comments? Please proceed, Mr. Joanasie.

Mr. Joanasie: (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Members of the Standing Committee on Social Wellness have reviewed the 2014-15 main estimates and business plan of the Department of Health.

The standing committee notes that the 2014-15 operations and maintenance budget for the Department of Health is almost \$299 million which, at 22 percent, is the largest share of the government's total Operations and Maintenance budget for 2014-15.

While the proposed 2014-15 budget for the Department of Health represents an increase of approximately 6.6 percent over the main estimates for 2013-14, members are aware that costs for service delivery in the health care field are driven by various demands which can be unpredictable and expensive to address and that the department has brought forward supplementary appropriations on a consistent basis over the years.

The committee looks forward to updates on the department's efforts to reduce costs, especially in the area of travel, with a greater focus on delivering services within Nunavut.

With the department's new CT scanner finally becoming operational at the Qikiqtani General Hospital, members anticipate that there will be long-term cost savings as fewer medical clients will have to travel out of the territory for diagnostic tests.

Members encourage the department to maintain its efforts in recruiting and training health workers both at the community level and at the regional health centres.

Members fully support the department's initiatives to ensure quality of care at all community health centres and to achieve full-time staffing and continuity of service across all communities.

Mr. Chairman, Nunavut's unique population characteristics and geography as well as the linguistic and cultural aspects of health service delivery are significant cost drivers when it comes to delivering health services to Nunavut residents. In recent years, the federal government recognized the financial impacts related to delivering health services in the North and provided additional funding through such programs as the Territorial Health System Sustainability Initiative.

The standing committee strongly supports the minister's efforts to work with her territorial counterparts to again access additional federal funding to address specific health care and medical service needs across the northern territories.

The committee further encourages the department to work collaboratively with representatives from the community-level and well as from the federal level to address specific health issue needs with funding, resources, and other supports.

The standing committee recognizes the department's ongoing efforts to improve the administration of health care services with initiatives such as the Patient Relations Office, the Interoperable Electronic Health Records System, and amending policies relating to medical travel.

Members encourage the minister to closely monitor developments in these areas especially as they relate to concerns regarding rights, responsibilities and privacy.

Mr. Chairman, the standing committee fully supports the department's initiatives in the areas of long term care and support for elders and individuals with chronic illnesses.

Members further encourage the department to address issues facing Nunavummiut with disabilities, including improved wheelchair accessibility for medical travel clients and providing additional support for parents with disabled children including those suffering from illnesses such as autism.

Members note that a review of the Extended Health Benefits Program will be conducted in the upcoming fiscal year and look forward to updates in this area.

Mr. Chairman, the standing committee has noted that mental health and substance abuse problems are often at the root of many other social and health issues. Members support the concept of culturally relevant, community-based programs being delivered in Nunavut's communities and encourage the department's plans to focus on mental health and addictions during the 2014-15 fiscal year.

Mr. Chairman, the issue of food security is a growing concern across Nunavut. Members strongly encourage the minister to work with her ministerial colleagues and community-based groups to address this concern.

Funding and support for breakfast programs in schools, parenting, life skills and nutrition programs for pre-natal mothers and families, and supporting healthy food choices by both retailers and consumers can go a long way towards promoting good health and well-being across the territory.

Mr. Chairman, that concludes my opening remarks. I anticipate that individual members will also have questions and comments as we proceed. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Before we proceed, I would like to remind members of the following: according to rule 77(1), you have 10 minutes to speak, and according to rule 77(2), subject to the discretion of the Chair, a member may speak more than once to a matter under discussion but not until every member wishing to speak has spoken.

I suggest to members that wherever possible you ask your detailed questions during the page-by-page review of the departmental estimates. Do members have any general comments? Mr. Hickes.

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just have a couple of questions regarding the opening comments from the minister. On her second page it talks about focusing resources on three different bullet points. With regard to the last bullet point of performing a needs assessment for enhancing long-term care services, there are \$30,000 budgeted for. Is that a community by community assessment, or is that regional or territorial? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Hickes. Minister Ell.

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We are looking at Nunavut-wide perspective.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Ell. Mr. Hickes.

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have repeatedly brought up the topic of looking at care and services being provided in the territory. Will this assessment identify needs from a territorial standpoint? Will this include looking at facility needs across the territory? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Ell.

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Health is planning for a needs assessment to determine how best to meet the long-term care needs of Nunavummiut, having gauged a territorial lead for long-term care planning. The assessment will include care delivery model, such as community and in-home support model for support of living and residential programs. The results of the assessment will help inform future strategic planning and development. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Hickes.

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the minister for that response. Also on the same page right underneath that it talks about the department will also continue work on... It's got four bullet points, but specifically I'd like to ask about the middle two - long-term care of \$5.3 million. How much of those

dollars are being anticipated to be spent outside of the territory? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Ell.

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Those funds are for the facilities in Nunavut, mainly for Gjoa Haven and Igloolik. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Hickes.

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for that, Minister Ell. With the third bullet, Mental Health and Addictions of \$17.3 million, the same question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Ell.

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This mental health issue will be directed to my deputy minister, if possible. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Ms. Keenainak.

Ms. Keenainak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That's currently we provide within the territory. We do have mental health positions in the regions. We are starting to have some psychiatric nurses in some of the communities, which we'll have territorially. That also includes Akausisarvik here in the facility. We also have a facility in Cambridge Bay, which we been using the money to kind of operate. Long-term-wise, it's not in this particular time, but we're also in this particular plan, but we're also looking at one in Rankin Inlet. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Hickes.

Mr. Hickes: Thank you for that response. I just wanted to let you know as well that I recently met with the City Council of Iqaluit and they had a number of good things to say about the psychology services improvement in Iqaluit.

With regard to Vote 4/5 funding for specific activities that you mentioned towards the bottom of the first page of your opening comments, you talk about \$49.6 million in fiscal 2014-15. Are there dollars included in that from the previous Territorial Health System Sustainability Initiative? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Ell.

Hon. Monica Ell: No. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Hickes.

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. From what I understand, funding for that initiative expired on March 31 of this year. Have there been discussions with your federal counterparts to revisit and have those dollars being put back into our health care system? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Ell.

Hon. Monica El: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. For the TC funding the federal government announced, we are still waiting to hear the details of that announcement and we're expecting to hear the details later this fall. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Next on my list is Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If my question is not appropriate, you will advise me. I have a question on the opening comments. Be welcome, hon. minister and your staff. If I could be provided with an answer... I have a lot of paper here. In the opening comments, it is stated that there will be 13.5 PYs. I'm not specifically asking too much.

My question is; there are two of them, but they're not specifically directed to that. It's directed to mental health workers and to psychiatric nurses. What's the difference between these two professions? In English, they look different. In Inuktitut, how else can we distinguish between them? If they're able to be distinguished, how do you base your decision as to what community should have which of which of these different kinds of health professionals? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Ell.

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank my fellow MLA for the question. The Inuktitut terminology for these, we would need to use what we have heard so far, that they deal with minds.

The psychiatric nurse relates to having a higher, more professional specialized education for those that are required to see doctors, but the mental health worker is more of a support person to the other, real professional "mind-dealer" in the Inuktitut sense. However, they do work in support of each other in relation to the severity of what the mental illness of a person would be and what the mental illness of the person would be.

I would like to be working with the terminology people in terms of whether there does need to be better terminology for those professionals. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. .

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My question is what do you use to provide mental health workers or psychiatrists to be brought to the community? How do you figure that you need those kinds of people? Thank you, Mr. Chairman. .

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Minister Ell.

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. . At this time, what we have in place is in each community to have a psychiatric nurse and their mental health worker assistant to make sure that all of the communities to have those mental health workers and psychiatric nurses. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. .

Chairman: Mr. Mapsalak.

Mr. Mapsalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to get some more clarification; are the psychiatric nurse and the mental health worker two different positions? Are you trying to get all the communities to have a mental health nurse and a psychiatric nurse? How do you make sure that you get those two positions in each community? Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Ell.

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am unsure what his

last questions was. Psychiatric nurses have more education than mental health workers because people in the communities have more knowledge about their community and they can be taught by a psychiatric nurse to have a mental health worker. Mental health workers know what kind of help people need in the communities.

What we want to have in each community is a mental health worker and a psychiatric nurse. If there's more work to do in a community, there can be more than two people. The mental health workers can get more training on what to do from the psychiatric nurse. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Do I understand that all the communities in Nunavut will have a psychiatric nurse and a mental health worker? Are you trying to get a mental health worker and a psychiatric nurse in all of the communities? Thank you, Mr. Chairman. .

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Ell.

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That's what we want to do. This is the long-term goal that we have as a department. It has to be agreed to by the financial management board and the Members of the Legislative Assembly.

That's the plan that; we have to have those two positions in each community if possible, Thank you, Mr. Chairman. .

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am happy to hear the plans that you have for the Department of Health. At the present time, do you have a policy in place or do you have a goal in place to provide those two positions to each community and what you want for each community? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Ell.

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you. I would like my deputy minister to respond to the question. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Ms. Keenainak.

Ms. Keenainak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There's a policy in place, but it needs changes. It's called the *Mental Health Act* and it's an old Act. We're going to make amendments to that Act. I think it was in 2002 that there was a framework for action implementation plan. The Nunavut Suicide Prevention Strategy was also provided by the cabinet. We're going to be reviewing it this year before March 31 to see what kind of amendments have to be provided. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Maybe my question was not clear and that's why I didn't get a proper response. My question was: how do you figure that a community needs a psychiatrist or mental health nurse or psychiatric nurse? What is your basis for getting a mental health nurse or what criteria do you have to provide a community with a psychiatric nurse or a

mental health nurse? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Ell.

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll give this question to my deputy minister again. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Ms. Keenainak.

Ms. Keenainak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm sorry if I didn't understand your question properly. We work with the communities. We work with the regional offices, such as the Kivalliq region, and we work with the director of mental health to figure out which communities will get a psychiatric nurse or a mental health nurse. They're all called health and community wellness committees. We work with them to decide which communities need those positions. I don't know if that answered your question or not. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Lastly, I'm beginning to understand. Do you work with the community wellness committee in each community and who do they report to, to say that we need a psychiatric nurse or a mental health nurse? Who do they talk to when they want those positions? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Ell.

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you. They would tell us that this community needs those psychiatric or mental health nurses. They would

encourage us that we need those two positions. My department will do the planning along with the Financial Management Board so that we can request some funding from the Financial Management Board and our request would go to the Members of the Legislative Assembly for approval. Thank you.

Chairman: Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. With respect to the hon. minister's report, it states that there would be \$6 million in the Medical Travel Program and \$9 million in the Out-of-Territory Hospital Program. I would like to ask that question. That \$9 million for the Out-of-Territory Hospital Program, Mr. Chairman, I would like clarification on the \$9 million for the Out-of-Territory Hospital Program. Is that the whole amount? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Ell.

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It's for services that we cannot provide, but it could be provided for the out-of-territory hospitals. According to where they come from, for instance, if they live in Winnipeg, Ottawa, Yellowknife, Churchill, or Edmonton, that \$9 million is for those. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This will be my last one, I think. It states that you used \$2 million in the Pharmacy Program. I know it's not just for pills. It also states that you

have been overspending in that department or in that budget line.

Mr. Chairman, I have asked the minister and I have stated in the past, have you ever investigated to see if there has been any mismanagement of the Pharmacy Program, for example, the puffers? Also, there are other things that we don't know about that have been abused. Have you looked into the Pharmacy Program to make sure it's being managed properly? Have you looked into it at all? We have been very concerned about it. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Ell.

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Health funds a short-term supply of prescribed pharmaceuticals to cover the time it takes prescribed pharmaceuticals to arrive in the mail to clients who do not have access to privately run pharmacies in remote communities. This is for those that have pharmacies in the health centres. I would like to ask my deputy to have further clarification. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. . Before you respond to my question; you said something that I didn't ask about. I'm trying to ask this instead; we have been very concerned about the pharmacy program.

Pills that are no longer under the prescription for the patient, they keep sending them to the patient even though they are not supposed to be taking that kind of medication anyway and they just

bring them back. Someone has to pay for that medication.

All medication have a cost. We ask: Can you look into this? Have you done nothing on the matter? Thank you, Mr. Chairman. .

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Ell.

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like my deputy minister to respond to that. Thank you.

Chairman: Ms. Keenainak.

Ms. Keenainak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) The department does have a territorial pharmacy position, but it has been vacant for awhile. That's one of the things that we need to recruit for.

This particular budget item is only for, as the minister indicated, in the health facilities just to tie you over until you get your medication. The department does not pay for...like, for regular prescription they are either funded by the NIHB program or an employee's medical insurance company.

Right now, we don't have the mechanism, but once we recruit the territorial coordinator issues like that should be looked at. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. .

Chairman: Thank you. We are skidding a little bit off track. We are on 2014-15 proposed budget. We can stick to that. Thank you. Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook: Mr. Chairman (interpretation) I thought we would be

able to ask general questions. If I am off track, I apologize. Thank you.

Chairman: Mr. Mapsalak.

Mr. Mapsalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like some clarification on what my fellow MLA was trying to ask about.

In regard to the \$9 million stated for the out-of-territory hospital program; in that program, does that include the medical boarding home? Is that included in the \$9 million? That's my first question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. .

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Ell.

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. No, that program is not within this \$9 million. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Mapsalak

Mr. Mapsalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. . Do I understand that out-of-territory medical patients are not paid out of this \$9 million program? Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Ell.

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. No, you were asking if the medical boarding homes were paid out of the out-of-territory hospital program, and they are not. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. .

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

Mr. Mapsalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. When we are

working on the main estimates, I will ask more questions about this.

I have another question that has to do with your opening comments. Just below what I was asking about. You informed us at one point that you have a new CT scanner in Iqaluit. That was welcome news that there is one now in Nunavut. Many patients have to travel south for that kind of diagnosis. They literally become southerners because they have to wait for such a long time to get on the CT scanner list. So Health is seeking \$891,000 to start the program. Is the CT scanner being utilized now for the people of Nunavut? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Ell.

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Yes, the CT scanner was installed in Iqaluit. You can, basically, look inside the whole body. It has been utilized since the beginning of this year at the Qikiqtani General Hospital. The \$891,000 is to be used for the future operation of this scanner. There are other things called X-rays in the communities, so we can set up X-ray programs in the communities. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Mapsalak.

Mr. Mapsalak (interpretation): Thank you, minister for the response. It's great that there is one like that here in Nunavut. When will it be available for all the people of Nunavut? I should ask for if it's for patients in Nunavut. If that's the case, when will be used for patients in Nunavut.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Ell.

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Before I respond to that, let me explain. The \$891,000 is just for the operation of the CT scanner in Iqaluit. That's it. The actual CT scanner that can look inside your whole body, the plan is to have it available for all of Nunavut patients to come to Iqaluit and be scanned. However, right now if you're in the Keewatin, Winnipeg is closer. For emergency cases, they will continue to use Winnipeg because it's closer and they'll get there sooner. That's the way it is set up for the interim. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My first question is related to the \$6 million in medical travel increase. I know that historically you've been experiencing budget shortfalls. I am wondering if you feel that the increase of \$6 million in regard to medical travel is enough to meet the needs. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Ell.

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. When we were planning the budget and looking at the historical budget documents, using those, that's how we planned for our budget. We don't know what the future holds. We don't know what the future holds. We don't know if there were going to be more medical travel patients that need to fly out. We don't know at this point. We won't know if it's going to be enough or not enough. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm losing my earpiece here.

Thank you for that answer. I hope that you can come up with ways of trying to make sure that we're not going over budget. I also look at the \$700,000 in the Physician Services Program. Is the increase because we need more doctors or is the cost of hiring doctors going up? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Ell.

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like my deputy minister to respond to that. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Ms. Keenainak.

Ms. Keenainak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It's a combination of both, the fee that doctors are giving are growing higher as well as the fact that we are increasing specialist physician visits rather than the patients going down south. That's part of the reason why there was an increase in physician service fees. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for that answer. Just going into the second page of your opening comments, mental health and addictions, the funding increases of \$1.7 [million], you talk about "this is for awareness and understanding of mental health issues and addictions, and focusing on providing culturally appropriate wellness information." Can you elaborate on how these funds will be used using perhaps some specific examples? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Ell.

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): This is a federally run program. I'll hand this over to my deputy minister to answer. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Ms. Keenainak.

Ms. Keenainak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is federal money that the department has been able to access and they have flagged mental health and addictions as one of their priorities. So that is supplementing the funding that we currently have. This funding has also helped fund up to March 31 of the Cambridge Bay Mental Health Transition House. We have been able to staff that facility in Cambridge Bay where we have been able to repatriate some patients from southern institutions. There has also been a reduction in the number of medevacs that we've had to send out because they have been able to be seen at the mental health facility in Cambridge Bay, as an example. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm just going down the page here now. On page 2 of your opening comments, you talk about tobacco reduction, including the implementation of a reduction framework. What age groups do you target when you're addressing this area? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Ell.

Hon. Monica Ell: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We're targeting all age groups. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. How often does your department, who work in this area, go into the schools and work in the schools, and what kind of initiatives have you implemented? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Ell.

Hon. Monica Ell: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The youth action teams have been established in several communities and are being promoted in all communities. The department's health promotion specialist for schools is working with the schools, in the schools, and the Department of Education to integrate tobacco reduction into the curriculum, and other school programming. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just one last question on the opening comments. When you talked about the Cambridge Bay facility for addictions treatment. I know it's a pilot project, but how well is that working so far? What can you tell us about that? I understand it's early days. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Ell.

Hon. Monica Ell: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Cambridge Bay facility has been working quite well in the community. Right now they have been able to bring some people back from out-of-territory into that facility. So we repatriated some patients to the facility.

They're taking in in-patients. And also they have beds there, and are also taking in-patients. I believe it's doing well. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the minister and her assistant who created an excellent opening address.

My first question relates to the opening address where it states that the Department of Health's O&M will be increasing to \$18.5 million compared to the previous year. Some of their responsibilities have been handed over to some other department. Why is there such a big increase in this of \$18 million?

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Ell.

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It's in my opening statement so the increase is representative of the \$6 million is for transportation of medical services and the \$9 million was for out-of-territory hospital costs, and the other costs are for pharmaceutical supplies. What we did have to hand over some responsibilities to the Department of Family Services. We used to be called Health and Social Services so we needed to hand over some of those responsibilities over to Family Services. Some of the funding went to Family Services.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the

minister for the answer. More on the same page in the second part of the first page, I have a question in relation to the delivery of fostering of wellness in the communities, which is \$6.1 million for Family Services. Is that for all the communities?

Chairman: Minister Ell.

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It is related to that particular program. One of the community wellness groups requested further funding relating to food and other things. This funding is for those kinds of community programs.

Chairman: Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for that answer. At the bottom of the page, mental health and addictions, according to the way it's written, it will be providing culturally appropriate wellness information to the tune of \$1.7 million. Could they elaborate on the breakdown? What proportion of that \$1.7 million will be directed for Inuit specific areas? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Ell.

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will hand this over to my deputy minister. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Ms. Keenainak.

Ms. Keenainak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This \$1.7 million is from the federal government. We have a funding agreement as to how it will be used. The federal government specifies

how they want the money they provide to us to be utilized. We work with the committees in the communities as to the development of those specific programs for youth. I don't have any specifics on that, but I can return to it tomorrow with a more specific answer as to the breakdown of the use of culturally appropriate programs. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I will elaborate more in relation to the money. I would want to know specifically the use of elders. What proportion of it will be going towards the youth in terms of mental wellness? How will the elders be utilized?

I also have a third question. At the very top where it's home and community care, on the next page, the money has a budget of \$6.4 million to be used in the communities. What specifically is this the money to be used for? It talks about disabilities or chronic and acute illnesses. Specifically, what kind of illnesses are you talking about? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Ell.

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Are you talking about home care services? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much. I'm trying to understand if you are talking about

mental illness or physical ailments.
Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Ell.

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. These are more for home care when nurses or doctors need it. Doctors have to specify whether a person needs home care services and need to be visited by health professional, for example, when an elder is becoming more and more incapable of looking after himself or herself or whether there needs to be rehabilitation services, or whether they are related to homemaking, or eating well, and eating healthy food, that kind of thing, personal and other care. Those are the kinds of services. It's about visitation by nurses and health professionals that needed to look the ongoing wellness of patients, should there ever need to be homecare services. This is the funding when there is a question as to what they would be paid for. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the minister for the answer. I have a question in relation to the bottom of the page. The highlighted one. The First Nations and Inuit Health Insurance Benefits, which is \$27.8 million and the Government of Nunavut provide this service on behalf of Health Canada for Non-Insured Health Benefits to eligible Inuit and First Nations of Canada.

It states here that eligible Inuit. How do you define eligible Inuit? Is it for all Inuit, or is it for identifiable Inuit or Inuit residents of Nunavut?

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Ell.

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It's got to do with Non-Insured Health Benefits. The money that the federal government provides that's only directed towards the Inuit and First Nations. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If I'm out of line, let me know, Mr. Chairman. I will say it in English. (interpretation ends) To eligible Inuit, how do you define eligible Inuit? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Ell.

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. All Inuit in Canada are eligible, as well as First Nations. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I understand it, but I'm not really sure exactly how I can ask the question. We're all Inuit so we should all be considered Inuit. It states in English. (interpretation ends) The electronic health records program, (interpretation) which will cost \$3.4 million. When will this be enough money?

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Ell.

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. What we mean about the electronic health records is that to have the electronic health records

through the computer to be provided to the doctors and the nurses to have records available such as laboratory work for Inuit electronically. We use that in a computer. Thank you.

Chairman: Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you. Also, my question is at the bottom of the page to do with \$ 5.3 million long-term care. Is that the for the Nunavummiut? Thank you, Mr. Chairman. .

Chairman: Minister Ell.

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Can the member rephrase the question?

Chairman: The minister is asking for clarification.

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) I will rephrase my question. Long-term care, \$5.3 million. Does every community in Nunavut access this particular fund? Thank you, Mr. Chairman. .

Chairman: Minister Ell.

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It's directed to Gjoa Haven and Igloolik long-term care facilities. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. You can rule me out of order if you want, but in reference to that, there is a program in Baker Lake. So

what would that be identified as? The Martha Talerook Centre? Thank you, Mr. Chairman. .

Chairman: Minister Ell.

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The long-term care in Baker Lake, Arviat, and Iqaluit is operated by Family Services. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. .

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the minister for her response. The last question that I have is...tobacco reduction, \$2.5 million will be spent.

I know that in Nunavut there is a lot of smokers and there's also chewing tobacco. Does that include both the smoking tobacco and chewing tobacco? Thank you.

Chairman: Minister Ell.

Hon. Monica Ell: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. . The smoking cessation medication, including nicotine replacement therapy is available to all Inuit residents of Nunavut through NIHB and it includes the two-week doses of nicotine replacement therapy that are available to all Nunavut residents at community health centres and hospitals. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. .

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Maybe I'll rephrase my

question. Tobacco reduction, does that also focus on chewing tobacco? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Ell.

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Yes, all tobacco products. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Lastly, I'm sorry I said that was the last question, but with respect to all tobacco, the minister responded to the member's question, I don't remember which member it was, but there's also legislation with respect to tobacco reduction.

Chairman: Minister Ell.

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Can you rephrase your question again? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. When we look at tobacco reduction, there is also legislation across the territory, if not in Canada. In order to purchase a pack of cigarettes, you have to be 19 years of age. I'm just asking out of curiosity if that legislation is also taken into consideration when you're focusing on tobacco reduction. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Ell.

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. What we're looking

at is with respect to environmental health officers who could go to the establishment. We want to work with them. They can go to the establishment to see whether those establishments are not selling to people who are under age. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Second round of questions, Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for allowing me to ask more questions. I just want to get some clarification too, Mr. Chairman, and I will not have any questions after I get a response.

Mr. Chairman, on page 3 of the minister's opening comments, it mentions mental health and people who... . What are you talking about in that sentence with respect to mental health and addictions services? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Ell.

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. With respect to mental health and addictions services, we want to be able to... . They could be just some of the things that I can think of. We want to be able to provide some services in the communities with respect to health staffing positions and to have more psychiatric nurses in communities and to have local workers. Even though they're not properly trained, we want to be able to have a plan in place to provide for those workers in the communities in the future. That's what we want to plan to have.

(interpretation ends) The plan focuses on four key areas: quality programming,

human resource capacity development, community capacity, and resource leveraging. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a question on page 3. There are three questions that I have. Mr. Chairman, if you don't mind, I would like to ask all of them because I just want to get clarification.

You have a list of initiatives and one of them is the "Nunavut Family Physician Project (\$986,000)," another one is "Canadian Chronic Disease Surveillance System (\$199,000)," and "Maternal Child Health Surveillance." I just want to get some clarification as to exactly what they mean. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Ell.

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): That funding is coming from the federal government. We just want to get some information disseminated to the members how we can have more money for Nunavut family physicians. To make it a little bit clearer, I would like my deputy minister to respond to that question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Ms. Keenainak.

Ms. Keenainak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The funding for (interpretation ends) the Nunavut Family Physician Residents Project (interpretation) was created by Health Canada. We work with Memorial University through an agreement. Medical students who are learning to become doctors come up here. Memorial

University has been recognized as a place of rural medicine where they teach doctors in rural areas.

We have an agreement with Memorial University and I believe it's \$6 million that Health Canada has created for that for 2014-15. We have medical students coming here to do their practicum. Under the agreement, once they finish their education, they have to work up here for a set time.

We get the funding for maternal child health surveillance from the federal government. That looks more into our babies when they're born and as they are being brought up and to keep track of what sort of illnesses they go through when they are between zero and seven years of age. That is a computer database that tracks that and the funding is for that purpose. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. The last name on the list, Mr. Savikataaq.

Mr. Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I might have to get longer arms or bigger hands, I think, to get noticed.

>> *Laughter*

An Hon. Member: Both.

Mr. Savikataaq: I would like to ask the minister on the second page there about our CT scanner. It's asking for one-time funding of almost \$900,000. Just a clarification if that includes airfare to run the program. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Ell.

Hon. Monica Ell: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. No, I don't believe that includes airfare. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Savikataaq.

Mr. Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It would just be salaries, supplies, and a whole lot of electricity. Can you please enlighten us on why a machine costs that much to operate? Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Ell.

Hon. Monica Ell: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It's to operate several things. It's for the radiologist and the diagnostic imaging department. The CT scanner provides diagnoses. It also provides referral wait time. It's to run the diagnostic equipment and the PACS program. I'll have my deputy minister explain. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Ms. Keenainak.

Ms. Keenainak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The \$891,000 is specifically requesting for operational support of \$125,000. Ottawa hospital cost is 113 because we have to have an agreement with the Ottawa hospital. They are the ones that do the reading.

The actual operation of the CT scanner itself here.

The PAC System is the Picture Archiving Communication System and then the bandwidth issue was the \$436,000 for a total of \$891,000.

The CT scanner itself has a piece of equipment. It needs to function with

software and bandwidth to transfer that information. That's the cost of \$891,000. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Savikataaq.

Mr. Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for that clear answer; now we understand where the cost is.

On page 2, I know my colleague has asked this too, mental health and addiction line of the last bullet. It says, "This funding increases the awareness and understanding of mental health issues and addictions and focuses on providing culturally appropriate wellness information.", but the minister stated earlier that this is also used for, I believe she says, PYs for Cambridge Bay to get the cost down.

If she can just clarify what it is used for because according to this headline, it seems like it is just information being given out, not actual treatment. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Ell.

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I could've easily said we could provide that information tomorrow. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Savikataaq.

Mr. Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On page 3, half way down on the bullet list is support activities outlined in Nunavut Security Strategy and Action plan. Can the minister explain how this money is going to be spent, is it to buy food? A small

explanation on how the \$700,000 will be spent. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Ell.

Hon. Monica Ell: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Nunavut Food Security Strategy and Action is an action plan that includes the development of a new country food procurement and handling guidelines for government-funded facilities and programs. It is to expand the core recipe project throughout Nunavut and a creation of an annual report. Just recently, health also completed a launch of a website called "Healthy Living" Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Savikataaq.

Mr. Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just for clarification. None of this money will be used to purchase food. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Ell.

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): No. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. I have another last name on the list. Mr. Shooyook.

Mr. Shooyook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am concerned about tobacco as well. I will be speaking on that matter now. Tobacco is a very difficult issue. The \$2.5 million is set aside for it. How can we do this? Looking at a cigarette it's got a bunch of contents in it, some of it is poisonous, some of it can kill you. No wonder it's bad for you.

For those companies that make companies, why can't they just make it so that it just smokes and it doesn't have any bad contents in it?

Looking at the issue, there's people hungry out there...extremely hungry out there in Nunavut, and the \$2.5 million... I think we have to change the way we think. We have to try and help give healthy food to the people who are hungry. What can we do about cigarettes? How can we correct the issue? I'm very concerned about the fact that chemicals have been added to tobacco is no good. They're no good for our body. If was the big boss I would tell the tobacco company just make tobacco smoke safe. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: I think that was more of a comment and not a question. Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move to report progress.

Chairman: We have a motion on the floor to report progress and the motion is not debatable. All those in favour of the motion? Opposed. The motion is carried. I will now rise to report progress.

Thank you to the ministers and staff.

Sergeant-at-Arms.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Item 22. Report of the Committee of the Whole. Mr. Akoak.

Item 22: Report of the Committee of the Whole

Mr. Akoak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Your committee has been considering Bill 2 and the main estimates and would like to report progress. Also, Mr.

Speaker, I move that the Report of the Committee of the Whole be agreed to. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Is there a seconder? Mr. Okalik. The motion is in order. All those in favour. Opposed. The motion is carried.

Item 23. Third Reading of Bills. Item 24. *Orders of the Day*. Mr. Clerk.

Item 24: Orders of the Day

Clerk (Mr. Quirke): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just a reminder that there's a meeting tomorrow morning at nine o'clock in the Tuktu Room with the Standing Committee on Legislation.

Orders of the Day for May 27:

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. Replies to Budget Address
11. Petitions
12. Responses to Petitions
13. Reports of Standing and Special Committees on Bills and Other Matters

14. Tabling of Documents
15. Notices of Motions
16. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills
17. Motions
18. First Reading of Bills
19. Second Reading of Bills
20. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters
 - Bill 2
 - Bill 3
21. Report of the Committee of the Whole
22. Third Reading of Bills
23. Orders of the Day

Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you. This House stands adjourned until Tuesday, May 27, at 1:30 p.m.

(interpretation) Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>*House adjourned at 18:01*

