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Iqaluit, Nunavut**Tuesday, October 21, 2014****Members Present:**

Ms. Pat Angnakak, Mr. Joe Enook, Mr. George Hickee, Mr. David Joanase, Hon. George Kuksuk, Mr. Steve Mapsalak, Hon. Johnny Mike, Mr. Simeon Mikkungwak, Hon. Paul Okalik, Hon. Keith Peterson, Hon. Paul Quassa, Hon. George Qulaut, Mr. Allan Rumbolt, Mr. Alexander Sammurtok, Hon. Tom Sammurtok, Mr. Joe Savikataaq, Mr. Isaac Shooyook, Hon. Peter Taptuna, Hon. Jeannie Ugyuk.

>>House commenced at 13:30

Item 1: Opening Prayer

Speaker (Hon. George Qulaut) (interpretation): Good afternoon. Welcome to the Legislative Assembly. Before we start the session, I ask that Mr. Mikkungwak lead us in prayer.

>>Prayer

Speaker: Good afternoon. Welcome back to the legislature.

Before we proceed to the orders of the day, I wish to read the following letter that I have received from the Commissioner of Nunavut.

Money Message

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

- Bill 4, *Supplementary Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, No. 4, 2013-2014*;
- Bill 6, *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 2, 2014-2015*;
- Bill 7, *Supplementary Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, No. 1, 2014-2015*;
- Bill 8, *Appropriation (Capital) Act, 2015-2016*; and
- Bill 9, *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 5, 2013-2014*

Sincerely, Edna Elias
Commissioner of Nunavut

Item 2. (interpretation) Ministers' Statements. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Member Mr. Sammurtok.

Item 2: Ministers' Statements**Minister's Statement 044 – 4(2): Fuel Price to Remain the Same in 2014-15**

Hon. Tom Sammurtok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am very pleased to be at the Legislative Assembly. Before I make my Minister's Statement, I would like to send my greetings to Nunavummiut and the people of Rankin Inlet. I feel for you as we're going through difficult times.

Mr. Speaker, I will make my statement in English. (interpretation ends) I would like to update the legislature on the status of fuel prices in Nunavut. (interpretation) I'm sure you are aware that there was an increase in fuel prices last year.

(interpretation ends) High fuel production and inventory levels on the international market have resulted in stable and moderate fuel prices worldwide. Despite increasing costs in maintaining and upgrading infrastructure and fuel distribution systems, the Petroleum Products Division (PPD) of the Department of Community and Government Services (CGS) has implemented operational efficiencies and cost-saving measures to offset costs that would otherwise impact the price of fuel, and this is for Nunavut.

As such, I am pleased to inform the legislature today that fuel prices in Nunavut will not increase this year.

An Hon. Member: Hear, hear!

>> *Applause*

Hon. Tom Sammurtok: This is a direct result of our government's efforts to keep fuel affordable for all Nunavummiut. This exemplifies our government's commitment to support families and communities in being economically viable and resilient in the face of an ever-increasing cost of living. (interpretation) Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements. Item 3. Members' Statements. Member for Iqaluit-Niaqunnguu, Ms. Angnakak.

Item 3: Members' Statements

Member's Statement 108 – 4(2): Support for Plebiscite on Retail Sales of Beer and Wine

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to address an issue that has been the subject of extensive discussion in recent months in the community of Iqaluit.

Mr. Speaker, as the House is very much aware, the Government of Nunavut's Department of Finance has been undertaking consultations on the question of whether or not a beer and wine retail store should be opened in this community. This question was the subject of a recent public meeting in Iqaluit that was attended by a significant number of community residents.

Mr. Speaker, as the Member of the Legislative Assembly for the constituency of Iqaluit-Niaqunnguu, I attended this public meeting and listened very carefully to the many heartfelt comments that were offered by residents.

Mr. Speaker, the issues of regulating access to alcohol, providing support for substance abuse programs, and respecting personal choice are complex.

I want to take this opportunity to publicly thank and acknowledge every member of the community who took the time to attend the recent public meeting in Iqaluit.

As one of Iqaluit's four Members of the Legislative Assembly, I want to say that I fully respect and appreciate the diverse range of views that residents of this community hold on these challenging issues.

Mr. Speaker, as you are aware, the idea of allowing retail sales of beer and wine was formally brought to the attention of the government in the final report by the recent Ministerial Task Force to Review the *Liquor Act*.

Mr. Speaker, many constituents have shared their views directly with me on this issue.

Some constituents agree that allowing the retail sale of beer and wine could be an effective way to fight bootlegging, reduce the harm caused by binge drinking of hard liquor, and address the concerns of responsible social drinkers.

Other constituents believe that the scale of substance abuse in the territory and the current lack of resources to address substance abuse mean that liberalizing access to alcohol would be irresponsible.

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

Speaker: The member is seeking unanimous consent. Are there any nays? Proceed.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and my colleagues.

Mr. Speaker, this is a difficult choice and there is no guarantee that either approach is the correct one.

As an MLA, I have spoken strongly in favour of programs and services to help our residents address substance abuse, and I have spoken strongly in favour of fighting bootlegging through such measures as the introduction of civil forfeiture legislation.

At the same time, I respect the concerns of responsible social drinkers who feel penalized by the current system, and I recognize that it is unrealistic to go back to a time before alcohol was a reality for us and our communities.

However, it is essential that the choice that we make is one which is based on the will of the people. Although holding public meetings and conducting surveys provides a useful insight into the views of the public, our residents cannot feel as though a decision of this magnitude has been imposed on them from above.

Mr. Speaker, that is why I am formally calling on the government to hold a plebiscite on this issue in the community of Iqaluit within the first six months of the new year. It is important that a clear and straightforward question be put to a general public vote to determine whether a majority of residents support, in principle, the opening of controlled retail sales of beer and wine within the community or not.

Mr. Speaker, it is also important that we have the same residency rules in place for this plebiscite that we use for elections to our Legislative Assembly, and it is important that the government take voter turnout into account when it considers the next steps.

Mr. Speaker, I will be seeking a commitment from the minister on this issue at the appropriate time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Rankin Inlet South, Mr. Sammurtok.

**Member's Statement 109 – 4(2):
Congratulations to Tagak Curley,
C.M.**

Mr. Sammurtok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to congratulate Mr. Tagak Curley on receiving the Governor General's Northern Medal. Mr. Curley, who is no stranger to this House, was honoured for his many contributions to the economic and political development of Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, the Governor General's Northern Medal was created in 2005 and is awarded annually to citizens of Canada who have made outstanding contributions to Canada's North.

Previous recipients of this medal include Sheila Watt-Cloutier and Zacharias Kunuk.

Mr. Speaker, Tagak Curley has been recognized on numerous occasions for his outstanding achievements and contributions to Canada. In addition to the Governor General's Northern Medal, he is the past recipient of the Order of Canada, the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal, and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to state that Mr. Curley's lifelong dedication to Inuit and Nunavutmiut will always be appreciated. I pay tribute to Mr. Curley on his tireless efforts and for paving the way for a better Nunavut.

I ask all members to join me in congratulating Mr. Tagak Curley on receiving the Governor General's Northern Medal. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

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

**Member's Statement 110 – 4(2):
Tribute to Sergeant Yvonne Niego**

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I rise today (interpretation ends) to pay tribute to Sergeant Yvonne Hakitnaq Niego, this year's recipient of the International Association of Women Police Community Service Award.

Mr. Speaker, Sergeant Niego was born and raised in Baker Lake. She has dedicated her career to serving Nunavutmiut. She first dreamt of being a Mountie in her youth, began working with the RCMP in 1989, and was the first female Nunavut Inuk to become a full regular member of the force. She is now the second Canadian and the first Inuk to ever receive this prestigious international award.

Mr. Speaker, Sergeant Niego has been particularly active in initiatives related to firearms safety, family violence, child abuse, suicide prevention, cultural orientation, and conflict resolution. She merges law enforcement with Inuit societal values to ensure that RCMP services are relevant in our territory.

Mr. Speaker, Sergeant Niego sets an example of excellence and is a role model to our youth. She has worked very hard to achieve her dreams as she strives to better the lives of Nunavutmiut. As the MLA for Baker Lake, I recognize her commitment and dedication. I am honoured to recognize this milestone in

her career. We, in Baker Lake and throughout Nunavut, are very proud of her.

I ask all members to join me in congratulating Sergeant Yvonne Hakitnaq Niego. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

**Member's Statement 111 – 4(2):
Congratulations to Gord Billard**

Mr. Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to recognize the achievements of a long-time resident of my community of Arviat.

On October 7, 2014, Mr. Gord Billard was honoured with the Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence.

Mr. Speaker, Gord Billard has been a high school teacher and community volunteer in Arviat for many years. I believe that this is a well-deserved award and I extend my sincerest congratulations to Mr. Billard.

Mr. Speaker, a common challenge for today's educators is to capture the curiosity of students and inspire them to contribute to their own education and careers. Mr. Billard has successfully overcome this challenge and continues to provide inspiring and innovative learning opportunities for his students through his own contributions to Arviat's theatre productions, film society, and additional volunteering

activities in the community and in the high school.

Mr. Billard has demonstrated that he is committed to the success of his students and continues to motivate them to explore new ways to develop their skills and knowledge.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all members to join me in congratulating Mr. Gord Billard for his achievements as an educator. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

**Member's Statement 112 – 4(2): 2014
High School Graduates of Coral
Harbour**

Mr. Mapsalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to talk about the grade 12 graduates in Coral Harbour. I congratulate them and I would like to thank Minister Quassa for attending the ceremony when they were having the grade 12 ceremony.

I would like to recognize these students who graduated from Coral Harbour:

Jackie Angootealuk,
Amy Pameolik,
May Ningeongan,
Loraine Ningeocheak, and
Jeffrey Natakok.

I would like my fellow MLAs to join me in congratulating the grade 12 graduates from the high school in Coral Harbour. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

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

**Member's Statement 113 – 4(2):
Constituency Activities in Tununiq**

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon, people of Pond Inlet and fellow residents of Nunavut. Welcome.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to update the Legislative Assembly on what has been an exciting summer for the community of Pond Inlet and my constituents.

Mr. Speaker, this past summer, Pond Inlet was very proud to host the Prime Minister of Canada on the occasion of his annual northern tour. He was able to come to Pond Inlet and we were really happy about that.

Mr. Speaker, as the Member of the Legislative Assembly for Tununiq, I was pleased to participate in an important round-table discussion with the Prime Minister, our Member of Parliament, our Senator, and the Pond Inlet mayor. I was very pleased to be able to get involved with their discussions.

Mr. Speaker, during his visit to Pond Inlet, the Prime Minister was able to see first hand the opportunities and challenges facing the community of Pond Inlet, including, I'm sure, Mr. Speaker, our ongoing lack of modern marine infrastructure.

Mr. Speaker, I want to publicly express the community's appreciation to the Prime Minister, Minister Aglukkaq, and

Senator Patterson, and to extend an open invitation for them to feel warmly welcome in Pond Inlet at any time.

Mr. Speaker, as you know, one of the things that we dealt with this summer, the Mary River project, continues to move forward.

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

Speaker: The member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his Member's Statement. Are there any nays? (interpretation) There are no nays. Please proceed.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, my fellow MLAs.

This past summer, I was able to take part in a tour to the Mary River project and I want to take this opportunity to publicly thank Baffinland President Tom Paddon for having hosted me, Premier Taptuna, and Minister Kuksuk during our recent site visit to Mary River. This visit was an excellent opportunity to discuss such issues as employment and training initiatives, infrastructure development, and transportation issues.

Mr. Speaker, ensuring that my constituents share in the benefits that projects such as Mary River bring to our territory is a responsibility that I take very seriously. I look forward to continuing to advocate on their behalf when it comes to the Mary River project because they have to be involved in a real way. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Member's Statement 114 – 4(2): 2014
High School Graduates of Arctic Bay**

Mr. Shooyook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to express my pride also. On October 17, our precious students held a graduation ceremony as well. This was a beautiful event, many people attended, and we had a feast afterwards. We were very proud of this event. The students realized how proud we were of them and they were so happy.

The graduates were:

Cherita Kalluk,
Sheena Kilabuk,
Kilabuk Veevee,
April Eecheak,
Johnny Boo Qaqqasiq,
Cora Natanine,
Elisapee Aola, and I have a hard time
with this one; I may not pronounce
this one properly,
Siurulai Pauloosie.

It's in English.

We are very proud of their accomplishments and they have completed their high school, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Iqaluit-Tasiluk, Mr. Hickes.

**Member's Statement 115 – 4(2):
Review of the Education Act**

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to take this opportunity to rise today and remind Nunavummiut that the Legislative Assembly's Special Committee to Review Nunavut's *Education Act* welcomes thoughts and comments from the public on the effectiveness of Nunavut's education legislation which came into force just over five years ago.

Mr. Speaker, the special committee has written to a number of key stakeholders, such as NTI, the coalition of DEAs, the Commission scolaire francophone du Nunavut, and every community-based DEA as well as other entities across Nunavut to ask for their input. We look forward to receiving their submissions in due course.

Mr. Speaker, the special committee has also placed ads on community television and radio stations, on the Assembly website, and in newspapers to encourage all Nunavummiut to share their views on the *Education Act* with us.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to make it clear that the purpose of our review is to look at the law itself, not to examine how the Department of Education implements the law nor to criticize its day-to-day operations.

Mr. Speaker, we would like to encourage members of the public, including those with children in the school system, to let us know whether the legislation is effective in meeting their needs and aspirations.

Individuals can drop off submissions at their local MLA's constituency office to be forwarded to us. I would like to thank my colleagues for their support in this initiative. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. I have no more names on my list. (interpretation ends) Number 4. Returns to Oral Questions. Mr. Clerk.

Item 4: Returns to Oral Questions*

Return to Oral Question 160 – 4(2): Food Security

Return to Oral Question 172 – 4(2): Support for “Feeding My Family”

Clerk (Mr. Quirke): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am tabling the returns to oral questions No. 160 and 172 that were taken as notice during the spring 2014 sitting of the House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Number 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Ms. Angnakak.

Item 5: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to recognize Pauloosie Akeegok, who is my nephew and also a constituent of mine. Thank you.

>>Applause

*See Appendix for full text of Returns to Oral Questions 160 – 4(2) and 172 – 4(2).

Speaker (interpretation): Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Welcome. (interpretation ends) Item 6. (interpretation) Oral Questions. Member for Iqaluit-Niaqunngu, Ms. Angnakak.

Item 6: Oral Questions

Question 176 – 4(2): Plebiscite on Retail Sales of Beer and Wine

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions are for the Minister of Finance.

In my Member's Statement today, I spoke in favour of holding a formal plebiscite within the first six months of the new year to determine the views of the residents of this community on the question of whether or not they support, in principle, the idea of allowing retail sales of beer and wine. Will the government do this, yes or no? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you.

Thank you. Sorry about that. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Minister of Finance, the Hon. Keith Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon to Nunavummiut, my constituents in Cambridge Bay, and my colleagues and all members.

I listened with great interest to Ms. Angnakak's Member's Statement. There was a good consultation meeting, as she mentioned, and I have been doing my own informal consultations here in Iqaluit, hearing from a lot of people.

We, as the Department of Finance, have made a commitment to do extensive consultations through social media, public meetings, and surveys, and we are going to continue to do that. This is a very important decision that we will have to make when all the information is provided to us. At that time, I will discuss it with my colleagues. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't think the minister really answered my question, so I would like to ask him again. Would the government be willing to have a plebiscite to decide on this issue, yes or no? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Minister of Finance, Hon. Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I did hear the question quite well and I understood it, but as the member knows, it is very difficult to stand up and just answer yes or no. There is a lot of work that has to be done into this and we have not completed that work. My officials in my Department of Finance are talking to the chief electoral officer of Elections Nunavut regarding a plebiscite and what it all entails. It is too early for me to say yes or no, but at some point, I will be able to provide that information. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Perhaps the minister can inform us then when he expects to come up with a decision whether or not a plebiscite could be held on this matter. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister of Finance, the Hon. Keith Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I have indicated already, there is extensive work, consultations, and surveys underway. I believe we have been given a timeline until the end of November to gather as much information as possible, then that information will be compiled for me and I will share it with my colleagues.

Again, we have to talk to Elections Nunavut about what it all entails. I don't want to put any pressure or timelines on what their capacity is, but I would hope that if there was a decision, it would be something we could do within the next six months. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. Before I proceed, I wish to tell all of the MLAs that my hearing aid had been broken and I'm sorry about the delays I have been causing this afternoon. (interpretation) Thank you.

Oral Questions. Member for Rankin Inlet South, Mr. Sammurtok.

Question 177 – 4(2): Dust Control in Nunavut Communities

Mr. Sammurtok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my questions to the Minister of Community and Government Services.

Mr. Speaker, on May 22, 2014, I asked the minister a number of questions related to dust control in Nunavut communities. At that time, the minister indicated that there was “no funding to pave the roads in each community.”

I recognize that paving all roads in all communities is not realistic. However, many municipalities are struggling to undertake adequate dust control initiatives with the resources that are currently available to them.

Can the minister indicate what actions his department is currently taking to provide funding and support to the municipalities as they work to implement dust control methods in the communities? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Minister of Community and Government Services, the Hon. Tom Sammurток.

Hon. Tom Sammurток: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for that question. That is the question that comes up almost everywhere I go over the summer in my visits to different regions and to different communities.

As I indicated before, what we had done as a department is that we have provided information that is accessible through computer on different types of dust control methods that communities can access. We are prepared to work with the communities to ensure that dust control does take place in the communities that would like to have it done in their communities. Thank you.

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

Mr. Sammurток: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On May, 22, 2014, the minister also indicated that his department had provided all municipalities with “information on how to lessen dust on roads in each community.”

Can the minister indicate how his department is currently monitoring which dust control methods are being employed by each municipality? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Minister of Community and Government Services, the Hon. Tom Sammurток.

Hon. Tom Sammurток: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We’ve had discussions with some of the hamlets that have requested some assistance regarding dust control and we are prepared to assist them in the proper application of the dust control agent. However, we found that there have been very few communities that have actually requested this over the last summer. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Your second supplementary, Mr. Sammurток.

Mr. Sammurток: Mr. Speaker, the presence of heavy dust during the summer months can irritate respiratory diseases and is therefore a major health concern for Nunavut communities.

Can the minister indicate how his department is working with the Department of Health to monitor air quality in Nunavut communities? *Qujannamiik*, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Tom Sammurtok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Whenever there is a request from a community for air quality testing, we will work with the Department of Health.

However, if I may, in every NAM meeting that I have attended, we have also indicated to the membership that there are these different types of dust control methods that they may want to look at. Again, in the next few weeks, there will be another NAM meeting and I will be discussing this again with the membership. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 178 – 4(2): Search and Rescue

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions are for the Minister of Community and Government Services.

As the minister will recall, I asked him questions during our spring sitting concerning the issue of search and rescue in Nunavut. At that time, the minister informed the Legislative Assembly that he and his department had been in talks with the federal government concerning funding levels for search and rescue. Can the minister update the House today on the results of these discussions? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Tom Sammurtok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The member is correct. We are still in dialogue with the federal government on this and we are in dialogue with other stakeholders as well. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Department of Community and Government Services is responsible for administering the government's Community Based Search and Rescue Contribution Policy, which expired in 2008. It is also responsible for administering the Community Search and Rescue Organization Support Policy, which expired in 2010. Can the minister tell us today when these important policies will be updated to reflect today's needs in the area of search and rescue? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Tom Sammurtok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We are in the process of reviewing our protocols. Thank you.

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

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) Under Nunavut's *Emergency Measures Act*, the minister is required by law to table an annual report on emergency management in Nunavut, which includes support for search and rescue activities. However, an annual report has not been tabled in the Legislative Assembly since 2012. Can the minister tell us today when he will be tabling the overdue annual reports? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Minister of Community and Government Services, the Hon. Tom Sammurток.

Hon. Tom Sammurток: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We have discussed this in my department and I will be discussing it again further with my staff. Once that information is available, I'll be very happy to share it with the member. Thank you.

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

Question 179 – 4(2): Office of the Fire Marshal

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions are for the Minister of Community and Government Services, whose department is responsible for the Office of the Fire Marshal.

As we are aware, the Office of the Fire Marshal has a total of eight positions, one of which is an assistant fire marshal position located in Pond Inlet.

In August of this year, the minister advised me by way of correspondence that he hoped to fill the vacant assistant fire marshal position in Pond Inlet by the end of September. Can the minister confirm if this position has now been filled? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Minister of Community and Government Services, the Hon. Tom Sammurток.

Hon. Tom Sammurток (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would also like to thank the member for his question. At this time, we are working on this issue within our department, but I can confirm to the member that this position will be filled. Thank you.

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

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Can the minister advise me when this position will be filled? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister of Community and Government Services, the Hon. Sammurток.

Hon. Tom Sammurток (interpretation): Thank you. As the member stated, we were supposed to fill the position by the end of September, but we are a bit delayed on that. I cannot tell you what date the position will be filled. Thank you.

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

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Under the territorial *Fire*

Prevention Act, the minister is required by law to table in the Legislative Assembly a copy of the fire marshal's annual report. This important publication contains information regarding such matters as investigations and fire prevention activities.

The 2012 annual report was tabled in the House on March 13, 2013. Can the minister tell me today when he will be tabling the fire marshal's 2013 annual report in the Legislative Assembly? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Tom Sammurtok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I can tell the member that we might be able to table that report during this session. Thank you.

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

Question 180 – 4(2): Cabinet Priority-setting

Mr. Savikataaq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I say “good day” to the people of Arviat.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, my questions are for the Premier.

Last week, the cabinet held a priority-setting retreat in Whale Cove, and I would like to thank the Premier and his ministers for choosing a Kivalliq community in which they met.

Can the Premier update us today on what specific decisions were made by the cabinet at its recent retreat? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Premier of Nunavut, the Hon. Peter Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for Arviat for that question. Mr. Speaker, we were welcomed into the small community of Whale Cove and we enjoyed our two days there. It was one of the locations that we chose earlier on. Customary to the government, we try and have our retreats in a non-decentralized location and a smaller community. Kivalliq, in the past, did not have some of these. I've got to thank the people of Whale Cove. They're exceptionally welcoming and we really appreciate that.

Mr. Speaker, we spoke in length about our mandate, the *Sivumut Abluqta* document. Throughout the discussions, we talked about where we stand or what stage we are at with the four priorities that we have previously approved through Full Caucus and the 25 action items were discussed. We came up with more directives for the departments to adhere to leading up to the following year. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Earlier this year, the Commissioner's Throne Speech announced that one of the cabinet priority's was to undertake a comprehensive review of the GN's

programs and services to “determine what works well, what needs improvement and what should be discontinued.”

During our recent spring sitting, the Legislative Assembly was informed that the government would be “hiring an independent organization” to provide some “objectivity during the program review.” Can the Premier update us today on what organization has been selected to perform this work? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Premier of Nunavut, the Hon. Peter Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At this time, there’s no decision made on that yet, which company we’re retaining to help us out on this, but internally, with EIA, including Finance, we’re reviewing some of these documents. When I say “documents,” we’re looking at some of the contribution agreements that we do have within the government and also programs.

The ones that we could do internally at this time, it’s going to be comprehensive reviews, and for some of the programs, it is going to take some time, but the ones that we’re focusing on right now are the ones that can just be done in a short period of time. Those are the ones that we’re focusing on now, but going into the future, we will certainly be looking for outside assistance to help us do the reviews on programs. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The current Legislative Assembly has almost completed one-quarter of its term of office. Can the Premier indicate when a report from the government’s program review initiative will be tabled in the Legislative Assembly for our consideration? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Premier of Nunavut, the Hon. Peter Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The work is ongoing. As soon as all the implications and reviews have been completed, we will certainly be in a position to table the initiatives that the member has asked for. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 181 – 4(2): Homeowner Fuel Rebate Program

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Almost a year ago, I asked the Minister of Finance a question regarding the homeowner fuel rebate. I believe it was my very first question in this government. Consequently, the next week, he announced the approval and re-initiation of that program.

At this point, with some interest, I noted the Minister’s Statement from Minister Sammurток that the fuel prices were going to remain the same, which, as I’m

sure we're all aware, are still some of the highest in Canada.

My initial question to the Minister of Finance would be: how many residents of Nunavut participated in the Homeowner Fuel Rebate Program last year and how much was budgeted for it? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Minister of Finance, the Hon. Keith Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank Mr. Hickes for that question. It was very good that we were able to assist the homeowners of Nunavut. There was good uptake. We anticipated as many as 2,000 homeowners would participate in that program. I haven't had time to get the actual numbers for you, but it was a good update. I believe we paid out as much as \$600,000, in that area. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As we are all aware in here, \$600,000 sounds like a lot of money, but in the overall government expenditures, it's not really that much. I can state from the feedback that I've gotten from a number of constituents that that amount that was allocated was very greatly appreciated.

Mr. Speaker, my next question to the Minister of Finance is: is this program going to be continued in the upcoming fiscal year? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Minister of Finance, the Hon. Keith Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just to follow up on my first answer, there were payments to over 1,200 households. I haven't had discussions with my colleagues about offering a fuel rebate this year. It appears to be a mild winter in Iqaluit so far. I can't say the same about Cambridge Bay or the barge that has been frozen out in Cambridge Bay. Ice has been on the bay for three or four weeks. Of course, we will review this and see if our fiscal parameters allow it and I'll, of course, discuss it with my cabinet colleagues. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for that response, although if he can keep with past practices and have an announcement next week that the program will be continued to keep the trend continuing, I would very greatly appreciate it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Minister of Finance. (interpretation) Sorry. Oral Questions. Member for Iqaluit-Niaqunngu, Ms. Angnakak.

Question 182 – 4(2): Appointment of Ethics Officer

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think we will keep the finance minister busy this question period. My question, of course, is for the Minister of Finance once again.

As the minister will recall, I have asked him a number of questions in this House concerning the appointment of Nunavut's first ethics officer under Part 6 of the new *Public Service Act*.

Mr. Speaker, the government recently issued a request for proposals to fill the position on a standing offer basis. The closing date for applications was October 17, 2014, and I note that the government's RFP indicated that the successful applicant will assume his or her responsibilities on January 5, 2015.

Can the minister indicate how many applications have been received to fill the role of Nunavut's first ethics officer? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Minister of Finance, the Hon. Keith Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank Ms. Angnakak for the question. As I have indicated in previous answers to Ms. Angnakak on this issue, we did say that the ethics officer would be in place by April [1], 2015. I can't tell her at this time how many applications were received, but I assure you that it remains our commitment to have that officer in place by April 1, 2015. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the government's request for proposals indicates that the ethics officer "need not live in Iqaluit or Nunavut." Can the minister indicate what steps will be taken to ensure that

employees can easily communicate with the ethics officer in the event that he or she resides outside of the territory? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Minister of Finance, the Hon. Keith Peterson

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We anticipate that the ethics officer will operate in a similar capacity as the integrity officer for the Legislative Assembly. I don't want to tell the MLAs and the public how the office will be set up. We want the person who is selected to work with the Department of Finance to set up a system that will be easily accessible to all our employees. It is too early to say how the operation will function, but again, it is something we value very highly and it is something that is long overdue. We will ensure that it is up in a way that is easily accessible to our employees. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you to the minister for his answer. Mr. Speaker, the government's request for proposals indicates that the "purpose of the Ethics Officer is to facilitate the disclosure and investigation of significant and serious matters in or relating to departments, public agencies or offices that an employee believes may be unlawful, dangerous to the public or injurious to the public interest."

As the MLA for Iqaluit-Niaqunngu, I have many constituents who work in the

public service. Although unionized employees have a formal grievance process that they can use to raise concerns, excluded employees lack a clear process for resolving workplace disputes.

Will the minister commit to ensuring that Nunavut's new ethics officer is asked to review the government's current system for workplace conflict resolution and to make recommendations for any necessary changes? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Minister of Finance, the Hon. Keith Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm not sure if I understood all that, but again, the ethics officer is a position that is going to facilitate employees being able to contact the ethics officer to investigate issues of wrongdoing. We do have a very comprehensive outline in the *Public Service Act*. The new ethics officer will, when either he or she begins, work with our Department of Finance on a process. We hope that this does not result in frivolous or irrelevant accusations of wrongdoing.

Everybody in the public service understands that if you see issues of wrongdoing, you should take them immediately to your supervisor. It is the deputy head in every department who is responsible for ensuring overall operational management and presidents of territorial corporations. It is their duty to ensure that employees are treated fair. If there is wrongdoing in a department, they should deal with that. Don't feel that just because there is an ethics officer

that you should bypass the established processes that is already in place, whether it is excluded or NEU employees or NTA employees. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 183 – 4(2): Fuel Price Announcement

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Earlier when I was asking questions to the Minister of Finance, I was alluding to the Minister's Statement made today by Minister Sammurtok from Community and Government Services.

Mr. Speaker, in the Minister's Statement, he talks about a number of operational efficiencies and cost-saving measures to cost out the costs has taken place. Would the minister be able to describe to the House what type of operational efficiencies and cost-saving measures were done to keep the fuel prices remaining as they are? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Tom Sammurtok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There has been a number of... I don't know whether to call them a minor system that has been placed. However, we find that with the newer tanks and the way the distribution system is set up now, we have been able to keep the costs down in acquiring and distribution of fuel right across Nunavut. (interpretation) Thank you.

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

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Recently, I was invited to attend QIA's AGM here in Iqaluit. One of the concerns brought forward to my attention, not that it's an unknown by anyone in Nunavut, is the cost of fuel. Some of the examples that were provided, for some of the boaters who go out hunting to feed their families and their communities, it can cost up to \$500 or more to fuel their boat. This increase is the cost of providing healthy food to our residents almost to a point where it's not feasible for a lot of people or not affordable for a lot of people.

I'm just wondering if some of these examples that the minister just provided, he said small measures... I'm wondering if there is a possibility of major measures that can be taking place to help decrease fuel costs to our residents. Is his department working on anything in that regard? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Minister of Community and Government Services, the Hon. Tom Sammurток.

Hon. Tom Sammurток: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We are always looking for ways to reduce costs, particularly in acquiring fuel. One of the methods we do is that when we go out and buy the fuel, we try and get it at the most economical price. Also, we are providing training to our fuel contractors to ensure that things are operating most cost effectively and efficiently in all of our communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for that response, which leads into my next question. Mr. Speaker, when he talks about the different fuel delivery services that are available in communities across Nunavut, the fuel supply contracts or the fuel delivery contracts differ from community to community.

When he talks about efficiencies within his department, what type of efficiencies can be identified through these fuel delivery contracts to make them more economical to alleviate some of the cost pressures on his department for providing fuel? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Minister of Community and Government Services, the Hon. Tom Sammurток.

Hon. Tom Sammurток: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We find that with the newer fuel trucks, the discharging and distribution system is a lot more efficient. We have been improving our fuel distribution pumps in many of our communities, which leads to a more efficient fuel delivery system throughout Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. I have no more names on my list. (interpretation ends) We will proceed to Item 7. Item 7. Written Questions. Item 8. Returns to Written Questions. Mr. Clerk.

Item 8: Returns to Written Questions***Return to Written Question 002 – 4(2): Implementation of the Nunavut Suicide Prevention Strategy Action Plan**

Clerk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am tabling the return to written question number 2 that was asked during the June 2014 sitting of the legislature. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Item 9. Replies to Opening Address. Item 10. Petitions. Item 11. Responses to Petitions. Mr. Clerk.

Item 11: Responses to Petitions***Response to Petition 001 – 4(2): Cape Dorset Power Plant Capacity**

Clerk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am tabling the response to Petition No. 1 that was filed with the Clerk's Office by the Minister responsible for the Qulliq Energy Corporation. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Item 12. Reports of Standing and Special Committees on Bills and Other Matters. Item 13. Tabling of Documents. Hon. Quassa.

Item 13: Tabling of Documents

*See Appendix for full text of Return to Written Question 2 – 4(2) and Response to Petition 1 – 4(2).

Tabled Document 033 – 4(2): Response to Report 1 – 4(2): Report on the Review of the 2013 Reports of the Auditor General of Canada to the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut on Education in Nunavut and Safety of Schools and Childcare Facilities in Nunavut

Hon. Paul Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to say that I am thinking of the people of Igloolik even though we're out here.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to table the Response to Report 1 – 4(2): Report on the Review of the 2013 Reports of the Auditor of Canada to the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut on Education in Nunavut and Safety of Schools and Childcare Facilities in Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Tabling of Documents. Hon. Okalik.

Tabled Document 034 – 4(2): QEC Contract Activity Report 2011-2012**Tabled Document 035 – 4(2): QEC Procurement Activity Report 2011-2012****Tabled Document 036 – 4(2): QEC Leasing Activity Report 2011-2012****Tabled Document 037 – 4(2): QEC Contract Activity Report 2012-2013**

**Tabled Document 038 – 4(2): QEC
Procurement Activity Report
2012-2013**

**Tabled Document 039 – 4(2): QEC
Leasing Activity Report 2012-2013**

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to table the following documents for the Qulliq Energy Corporation: the 2011-12 contract activity report, the 2011-12 activity report, and the 2011-12 leasing activity report. I would like to table those documents first.

On another matter, also from the Qulliq Energy Corporation are the procurement activity report for 2012-13 and the leasing activity report for 2012-13. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Tabling of Documents. Hon. Ugyuk.

**Tabled Document 040 – 4(2): Qullit
Nunavut Status of Women
Council's 2013-2014 Annual
Report**

Hon. Jeannie Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to table the Qullit Nunavut Status of Women Council's 2013-14 Annual Report. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation) Tabling of Documents. Item 14. Notices of Motions. Mr. Hickes.

Item 14: Notices of Motions

**Motion 007 – 4(2): Appointments to
Standing Committees – Notice**

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Thursday, October 23, 2014, I will move the following motion:

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Hon. Member Aivilik, that the Member for Uqqummiut will be appointed to the Standing Committee on Legislation, the Standing Committee on Oversight of Government Operations and Public Accounts, and the Standing Committee on Community and Economic Development.

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

Speaker: The member is seeking unanimous consent... (interpretation) My apologies, I made an error.

(interpretation ends) Item 14. Notices of Motions. Mr. Hickes.

**Motion 008 – 4(2): Censure of the
Member of the Legislative
Assembly for South Baffin –
Notice**

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also give notice that on Thursday, October 23, 2014, I will move the following motion:

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Hon. Member for Iqaluit-Niaqunngu, that the Member of the Legislative Assembly for South Baffin be censured.

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

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Item 15. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Hon. Keith Peterson.

Item 15: Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills

Bill 04 – Supplementary Appropriation (Operations & Maintenance) Act, No. 4, 2013-2014 – Notice

Bill 05 – Write-off of Assets Act, 2013-2014 – Notice

Bill 06 – Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 2, 2014-2015 – Notice

Bill 07 – Supplementary Appropriation (Operations & Maintenance) Act, No. 1, 2014-2015 – Notice

Bill 08 – Appropriation (Capital) Act, 2015-2016 – Notice

Bill 09 – Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 5, 2013-2014 – Notice

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Thursday, October 23, 2014, that the following bills be read for the first time:

- Bill 4, *Supplementary Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, No. 4, 2013-2014;*

- Bill 5, *Write-off of Assets Act, 2013-2014;*
- Bill 6, *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 2, 2014-2015;*
- Bill 7, *Supplementary Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, No. 1, 2014-2015;*
- Bill 8, *Appropriation (Capital) Act, 2015-2016;* and
- Bill 9, *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 5, 2013-2014.*

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Ms. Angnakak.

Bill 10 – An Act to Provide for an Assistant Chief Electoral Officer – Notice

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Thursday, October 23, 2014, I will move that Bill 10, *An Act to Provide for an Assistant Chief Electoral Officer*, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Item 16. Motions. Mr. Hickes.

Item 16: Motions

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

Speaker: The member is seeking unanimous consent to deal with his

motion today. Are there any nays? There are none. Please proceed, Mr. Hickes.

Motion 007 – 4(2): Appointments to Standing Committees

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and my colleagues.

WHEREAS section 17 of the *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act* provides that the Legislative Assembly may establish such committees to aid and advise it as it considers necessary;

AND WHEREAS the Striking Committee has reported to the House;

AND WHEREAS the suspension of the Member for Uqqummiut from sittings of the House and meetings of its caucuses and committees has been ended;

AND WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly is prepared to make appointments;

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Hon. Member for Aivilik, that the Member for Uqqummiut be appointed to the Standing Committee on Legislation, the Standing Committee on Oversight of Government Operations and Public Accounts, and the Standing Committee on Community and Economic Development.

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 17. (interpretation) I'm sorry. (interpretation ends) One more. Motions. Mr. Hickes.

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

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

Motion 008 – 4(2): Censure of the Member of the Legislative Assembly for South Baffin

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and my colleagues.

WHEREAS subsection 18(1)(c) of the *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act* provides that the Legislative Assembly has the power to discipline its members;

AND WHEREAS it is incumbent upon all Members of the Legislative Assembly to conduct themselves according to the highest standards of behaviour;

AND WHEREAS the Member for South Baffin pleaded guilty in the Provincial Court of Prince Edward Island on July 24, 2014 to charges related to impaired driving;

AND WHEREAS subsection 11(2) of the *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act* provides that the Legislative Assembly may determine what discipline is appropriate in such circumstances;

AND WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly wishes to affirm its strong opposition to impaired driving;

AND WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly acknowledges that the member has taken full responsibility for his actions, fulfilled the terms and conditions of the court's judgment, and apologized to his constituents and colleagues;

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Hon. Member for Iqaluit-Niaqunnguu, that the Member of the Legislative Assembly for South Baffin be censured.

Mr. Speaker, I request a recorded vote on this. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The motion is in order. To the motion. Mr. David Joanasié.

Mr. Joanasié (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon to everyone listening and watching the proceedings.

First of all, I want to use this opportunity to again apologize in a formal and public manner to this House, my colleagues, my constituents in Kimmirut and Cape Dorset, all Nunavummiut, and my entire family for my misconduct this summer and for breaking our Legislative Assembly's Code of Conduct.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to extend my sincere apologies to the residents of Charlottetown and the Province of Prince Edward Island.

Mr. Speaker, the incident this summer which resulted in my pleading guilty to charges related to impaired driving was one of the lowest points of my life. I have had a lot of time in which to reflect on my actions and my conduct, and I know that I have let many people down, including people who are very close to me.

Mr. Speaker, as I stated when this incident occurred, I take full responsibility for my lack of judgment and my conduct.

Mr. Speaker, I am extremely thankful that nobody was injured in this incident and that it did not result in any harm other than to my own reputation.

I want to take this opportunity to state that my experience through this ordeal has made me re-evaluate my relationship with alcohol. If my experience can be a lesson for others, I hope that it will help people from making the same mistakes.

Mr. Speaker, I again want to make it perfectly clear that I am not blaming alcohol for my actions. The blame lies entirely with me, as it was my choice to consume alcohol, which led to my unacceptable conduct.

Mr. Speaker, for the benefit of the public record, I want to update this House and all Nunavummiut on the status of the judicial proceedings against me.

As members are aware, the charges against me were laid in early July. Shortly after the charges were laid, I directed my legal counsel to request an early hearing before the Provincial Court of Prince Edward Island in order that I

could be held accountable in as expeditious a manner as possible.

Following my guilty plea, the court's judgement imposed a number of conditions as part of my probation. I have paid in full all fines and surcharges owed to the Province of Prince Edward island. These amount to \$1,700. I have made a charitable donation of \$500 to the Arctic Children and Youth Foundation. My driver's licence will be suspended until July of next year and I am currently in the process of having a formal alcohol assessment undertaken.

Mr. Speaker, my experience should serve as a reminder of the importance of responsible alcohol consumption and the importance of never operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol.

Mr. Speaker, I want to conclude by stating that I fully accept the judgment of this House in imposing discipline on me and I again offer my sincere apologies for my conduct. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) To the motion. I wish to inform the House that I have no more names on my list. We will now vote on the motion. A recorded vote has been requested. All those in favour, please stand and sit down when I call your name.

Mr. Enook.

Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mapsalak.

Mr. Savikataaq.

Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Hickers.

Ms. Angnakak.

Mr. Shooyook.

Mr. Sammurtok.

Mr. Nuqingaq.

Ms. Ell.

Hon. Kuksuk.

Hon. Okalik.

Hon. Sammurtok.

Premier Taptuna.

Ms. Ugyuk.

Hon. Quassa.

Hon. Mike.

Hon. Peterson.

All those opposed, please stand and sit down when I call your name.

All those abstaining, please stand sit down when I call your name.

Mr. Joanasie.

Members, the results of the vote are as follows: those for the motion, 19; those against the motion, 0; and those abstained, 1. The motion is carried.

Motions. Item 17. First Reading of Bills.
Hon. Peterson, Minister of Finance.

Item 17: First Reading of Bills

Hon. Keith Peterson: Mr. Speaker, I request consent of this Assembly to waive the two-day notice requirement to allow for the first reading of Bill 8, *Appropriation (Capital) Act, 2015-2016*. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: The minister is seeking consent to waive the two-day waiting rule so that Bill 8 can be read today for the first time. Do members agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Speaker: There is an agreement. Mr. Peterson.

Bill 08 – Appropriation (Capital) Act, 2015-2016 – First Reading

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Pangnirtung, that Bill 8, *Appropriation (Capital) Act, 2015-2016*, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: The motion is in order. All those in favour. Opposed. The motion is carried and Bill 8 has been read for the first time.

First Reading of Bills. Item 18. Second Reading of Bills. Minister of Finance, Mr. Peterson.

Item 18: Second Reading of Bills**Bill 08 – Appropriation (Capital) Act, 2015-2016 – Second Reading**

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Pangnirtung, that Bill 8,

Appropriation (Capital) Act, 2015-2016, be read for the second time.

Mr. Speaker, this bill authorizes the Government of Nunavut to make capital expenditures for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2016. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The motion is in order. To the principle of Bill 8. Question has been called. All those in favour. Opposed. The motion is carried and Bill 8 is referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Second Reading of Bills. Item 19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters. Mr. Rumbolt.

Motion 009 – 4(2): Adjournment for the Day

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to Rule 46, I move, seconded by Hon. Member for Netsilik, that the House adjourn for the day. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: The motion is in order and not subject to debate. All those in favour. Opposed. The motion is carried.

We shall now proceed to Item 22 on the order paper. Item 22. *Orders of the Day*. Mr. Clerk.

Item 22: Orders of the Day

Clerk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just a reminder that there's a meeting of the Full Caucus tomorrow morning at ten o'clock in the Nanuq Boardroom.

Orders for the Day for October 22:

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

22. Orders of the Day

Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you. This House stands adjourned until Wednesday, October 22, at 1:30 p.m.

(interpretation) Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>*House adjourned at 15:05*

Appendix – October 21, 2014

Response to Petition 1 – 4(2): Cape Dorset Power Plant Capacity

Petition tabled by: Mr. David Joanasie, MLA (South Baffin)

Date: May 22, 2014

Response:

The Qulliq Energy Corporation has been collaborating with the Municipality of Cape Dorset for a number of years to determine a suitable location for a new power plant. As a result of a meeting on June 16, 2014, the Municipality of Cape Dorset and the Qulliq Energy Corporation have agreed in principle to a location for a new power plant.

Once the location has been legally transferred from the Municipality of Cape Dorset to the Qulliq Energy Corporation, more in-depth planning can begin for a new power plant.

Return to Oral Question 160 – 4(2): Food Security

Asked by: Mr. Tony Akoak, MLA (Gjoa Haven)

Date: June 12, 2014

Question:

Earlier this week, I was pleased that the minister committed to having her officials to attend Tuesday's scheduled public meeting in Rankin Inlet with the Nutrition North Canada Advisory Board.

Can the minister confirm if the Government of Nunavut was represented at the scheduled meeting on Tuesday night in Rankin Inlet?

Response:

The Government of Nunavut was represented at the Nutrition North Canada Advisory Board meeting during the afternoon of June 10, 2014. The government did not play a role in the public meeting convened by the board that evening.

The Nutrition North Canada Advisory Board extended an invitation to the Director of Poverty Reduction Division on April 29, 2014 to speak on the current work of the Nunavut Roundtable for Poverty Reduction and the Nunavut Food Security Coalition at the board's meeting in Rankin Inlet, June 10, 2014.

The director was on leave at the time, but in his place another government member of the Nunavut Food Security Coalition met with the board via teleconference, together with the Nunavut Food Security Coalition co-chair from Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. The teleconference was one hour in duration.

The Nutrition North Canada Advisory Board was provided with a presentation, "Poverty and Food Insecurity in Nunavut," which was followed by a question and discussion session. It was a positive meeting, with agreement to meet again in the future to exchange information.

Return to Oral Question 172 – 4(2): Support for “Feeding My Family”

Asked by: Mr. George Hickes, MLA (Iqaluit-Tasiluk)

Date: June 12, 2014

Question:

Is there a component of their department that checks on expired foods in the stores of Nunavut?

Response:

Public facilities are regularly inspected. Inspections occur a minimum of twice yearly and are conducted by Environmental Health Officers (EHOs). Inspections occur without prior notification. EHOs provide guidance and recommendations or may issue an order to remediate or a closure order based on the findings of a risk assessment. If concerns are identified during a routine risk assessment, or if complaints are brought forward by the public, additional inspections can occur.

Inspected establishments include food premises (establishments that prepare, cook, store or serve food). Food premises in Nunavut must abide by the *Eating and Drinking Places Regulations* established under the *Public Health Act*. Part of an EHOs role during a food service inspection is to check certain products for expiration dates.

Best before dates and expiration dates are different:

- Best before date is the recommended time in which a product remains at its highest quality. This date serves as a guideline by which the product is best consumed.
- Expiration date indicates that the product is no longer suitable for consumption on or after the specified date. After the expiry date, the food may not have the same nutrient content declared on the label.

Return to Written Question 2 – 4(2): Implementation of the *Nunavut Suicide Prevention Strategy Action Plan*

Asked by: Mr. David Joanase, MLA (South Baffin)

Date: June 3, 2014

Response:

Suicide is a complex issue that is linked to a variety of factors or social determinants, making it necessary to bring together sectors and organizations that can effect positive change in these areas. For this reason, the Nunavut Suicide Prevention Strategy (NSPS) is a collaborative partnership that is coordinated and monitored by an implementation committee composed of representatives from the Government of Nunavut, Embrace Life Council, Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. The objectives set forth in the Action Plan reflect this collaborative spirit, as NSPS partners are tasked with working together to achieve specific outcomes.

I thank the MLA for his written questions as it is important that this partnership be accountable in achieving these outcomes. There is currently a comprehensive evaluation taking place that will detail all partners' actions, initiatives and expenditures. It is expected that the evaluation will be complete by the end of March 2015 and publicly released thereafter. Activities of all NSPS partners will be detailed in the evaluation report. At this time, I can only speak to and table what Health has done as part of this collaborative partnership.

The included Tables contain details regarding Department of Health activities in relation to the first three questions you have asked.

Question 1. With respect to each of the 41 objectives listed in the *Nunavut Suicide Prevention Strategy Action Plan*, what specific actions, initiatives and expenditures were undertaken between September 1, 2011 and March 31, 2014, by the identified partners/stakeholders responsible for achieving each objective?

Response:

There is currently a comprehensive evaluation taking place that will detail all partners' actions, initiatives and expenditures. It is expected that the evaluation will be complete by the end of March 2015 and publicly released thereafter. Activities of all NSPS partners will be detailed in the evaluation report. Please see Table 1 for details regarding Department of Health activities.

Question 2. With respect to each of the 41 objectives listed in the *Nunavut Suicide Prevention Strategy Action Plan*, what is the current status of achieving each objective's anticipated result?

Response:

There is currently a comprehensive evaluation taking place that will detail all partners' actions, initiatives and expenditures. It is expected that the evaluation will be complete by the end of March 2015 and publicly released thereafter. Activities of all NSPS partners will be detailed in the evaluation report. Please see Table 1 for details regarding Department of Health activities.

Question 3. With respect to each of the 41 objectives listed in the *Nunavut Suicide Prevention Strategy Action Plan*, what specific mechanisms and methodology are being used by the *Nunavut Suicide Prevention Strategy* partners to measure the extent to which each objective's anticipated result has been achieved?

Response:

In 2014, the Nunavut Suicide Prevention Strategy Implementation Committee, of which the Department of Health is a member, developed a comprehensive Evaluation Framework to guide the evaluation of the Strategy and Action Plan which will take place during 2014/2015.

The Evaluation Framework will assess progress made towards the overall vision of the Nunavut Suicide Prevention Strategy and anticipated results; assess progress made towards meeting the objectives and carrying out the actions and tasks identified in the Action Plan; assess implementation as a collaborative process; and document successes, identify areas for improvement, and identify lessons learned to be used in the future, including in the formation of subsequent Action Plans and approaches to NSPS implementation.

At this time, I can only speak to the Department of Health's role as co-chair of the Evaluation Working Group and to the partner's public commitment to extend the first phase of the Nunavut Suicide Prevention Strategy and Action Plan for one-year, while the partners fully evaluate the Action Plan's implementation to date.

Question 4. Between September 1, 2011 and March 31, 2014, what were the total expenditures incurred by the *Nunavut Suicide Prevention Strategy* partners for the purpose of implementing the *Nunavut Suicide Prevention Strategy Action Plan*?

Response:

The Department of Health can provide information on the department's expenditures. Please see Tables 2a and 2b.

Question 5. Between September 1, 2011 and March 31, 2014, what funding was provided by the Government of Canada for the purpose of implementing the *Nunavut Suicide Prevention Strategy Action Plan*?

Response:

For the purposes of implementing the Nunavut Suicide Prevention Strategy Action Plan, the Department of Health received funding from the Government of Canada through the Territorial Health System Sustainability Initiative – Territorial Health Access Fund (THAF) and Operations

Secretariat (OS), and the Health Promotion Contribution Agreement with Health Canada (formerly the Health Canada Funding Agreement). Please see Table 3.

Question 6. Between September 1, 2011 and March 31, 2014, what funding requests were submitted to the Government of Canada by the Government of Nunavut for the purpose of implementing the *Nunavut Suicide Prevention Strategy Action Plan*?

Response:

Between September 1, 2011 and March 31, 2014 the Department of Health received funding through the Territorial Health System Sustainability Initiative (THSSI) – Territorial Health Access Fund (THAF) and Operations Secretariat (OS), and the Health Promotion Contribution Agreement with Health Canada (formerly the Health Canada Funding Agreement)

In 2013, the territories submitted a business case to the Government of Canada to replace THSSI funding which expired on March 31, 2014. A key component of the business case was a request to support mental health and addictions.

The federal government announced the Territorial Health Investment Fund of \$70 million over three years to be shared by the territories on February 11, 2013. This fund effectively replaces the THSSI funding. The federal government has not announced what Nunavut's share of the funding will be, or how the funds are to be spent. Details are expected to be announced in October 2014.

Question 7. The *Nunavut Suicide Prevention Strategy* can be downloaded by the public from the following URL on the website of the Government of Nunavut's Department of Health:

[http://www.gov.nu.ca/sites/default/files/files/NSPS_final_English_Oct%202010\(1\).pdf](http://www.gov.nu.ca/sites/default/files/files/NSPS_final_English_Oct%202010(1).pdf)

What is the URL on the website of the Government of Nunavut's Department of Health at which the *Nunavut Suicide Prevention Strategy Action Plan* can be downloaded by the public?

Response: Please see <http://www.gov.nu.ca/sites/default/files/files/nsps-eng.pdf>

Table 1: Activities Undertaken by Fiscal Year and Current Status

Commitment 1: The GN will take a more focused and active approach to suicide prevention

Objectives	Action Plan Items	Action(s) Taken			Current Status
		FY 2011/12	FY 2012/13	FY 2013/14	
1.1 The Department of Health and Social Services (HSS) will identify and mobilize initiatives across the GN.	Create and chair a GN ADM Steering Committee to guide and monitor the implementation of the Action Plan as it pertains to the GN.	TOR approved by ADM steering committee December 2011	Meetings held irregularly. Re-start of Steering Committee meetings in October, 2012.	Meetings held quarterly.	Most recent meeting was May 20, 2014.
	Ensure two full time indeterminate positions continue to be staffed at the Mental Health & Wellness division, including a Suicide Prevention Specialist, who will provide ongoing support and direction for GN HSS and interdepartmentally on issues related to suicide.	In place through HSS	In place through HSS	Positions in place; one filled with indeterminate staff, the other vacant.	Discussions are underway with the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) to provide expert advice on issues related to suicide prevention, intervention and post-intervention.
1.2 Strengthen interagency collaboration at the community level.	Develop and implement relevant Memorandums of Understanding and related protocols between Departments, senior local Department Representatives and community stakeholders, so communities are more capable of effectively responding to those at risk.	GN department protocols were established by Education, HSS, and Justice. These were shared with other departments in order to develop a collaborative response.	An Interagency Information Sharing Protocol was developed and reviewed by the Implementation Committee on September 28, 2012. The protocol was signed in March 2013 by Health and Social Services, Education, RCMP and Justice.	Roll out of the new protocol took place during the last quarter of 2013, led by the RCMP.	An interagency working group has reviewed the protocol and its rollout. A revised protocol has been developed, based on feedback from the field and a second legal review. This updated version was sent to the Privacy Commissioner for review in February 2014 and awaits approval. Thereafter, it is expected to be signed by the respective partners and implemented during 2014/15.
1.3 Improve interdepartmental cooperation to identify and support children demonstrating indicators of behaviours that put them at risk, especially poor school attendance.	Develop and implement a Memorandum of Understanding and related protocols to mandate collaboration between Education and HSS that will support a proactive case conferencing approach at the community level for children demonstrating indicators of behaviour that put them at risk.	GN department protocols were established by Education, HSS, and Justice. These were shared with other departments in order to develop a collaborative response.	Protocols in place.	Protocols in place.	Planning has begun between Health and Education for the review of the protocols and to explore development of new approaches to the collaborative identification and support of children and youth demonstrating indicators of behaviours that put them at risk.
1.4 Improve communications with HSS front line workers to address the needs of children demonstrating indicators of behaviours that put them at risk.	A referral process was developed between child welfare and mental health services that maintained confidentiality and addressed the needs of children demonstrating indicators of behaviours that put them at risk or requiring other mental health services.	In place through HSS	Updated referral process was developed based on the split of HSS into Health and Family Services. Work was done to improve information sharing between Health and Mental Health clinicians through the e-health records system.	Information sharing processes were reviewed as part of the Interagency Information Sharing Protocol review. See 1.2 above	Discussions between Family Services (child welfare) and Health (mental health and addictions) are planned for Fall 2014 to develop new screening and referral processes for children and youth who are either victims or witness sexual or violent crimes, as well as those who have been abused/neglected.

Commitment 2: The partners will strengthen the continuum of mental health services, especially in relation to the accessibility and cultural appropriateness of care

		Action(s) Taken			
Objectives	Action Plan Items	FY 2011/12	FY 2012/13	FY 2013/14	Current Status
2.1 Review Nunavut Addictions and Mental Health Framework and review Mental Health Act.	Conduct a gap analysis in territorial mental health services	Completed.	The Community Asset Mapping document was shared with the Implementation Committee in September 2012.	The need for Psychiatric Nurse coverage for every community to provide clinical leadership was identified.	There is currently psychiatric nurse coverage through a pilot program
	Review Nunavut Addictions and Mental Health Framework to better address identified gaps and current realities in mental health services	First draft presented to Health senior management on September 23, 2011. MH&A Division developing an Action Plan.	In progress	Mental Health and Addictions Framework for Action was drafted.	Draft Mental Health and Addictions Framework for Action is being used to guide service capacity development.
	Review Mental Health Act to more accurately reflect current needs and realities	Work scheduled to begin in 12/13	In progress	Internal consultation completed in December 2013.	Legislative Proposal, Consultation Plan and Communications Plan have been developed and are currently undergoing internal review. Consultations will take place in 2014/15 through community visits or via telehealth, covering all 25 communities.
2.2 Improve capital infrastructure to provide mental health services in Nunavut.	Conduct a gap analysis to identify capital requirements for acquiring the appropriate type and quantity of mental health facilities in Nunavut	A gap analysis was completed through the asset mapping project conducted under the Aboriginal Health Integration Funds (AHTF). This included all community programs, services, recreation, social groups, staffing, program funding, and cultural relevance indicators. (Feb.2012)	Completed in 11/12	Completed in 11/12	Capital requirements will continue to be identified as programming models are developed.
	Develop a Capital plan for an integrated mental health service that maximizes the use of existing facilities and identifies the need for additional facilities	Capital plan for renovation of old boarding home in Iqaluit submitted and approved.	Renovations of old boarding home in Iqaluit completed.	Buildings suitable for mental health and addictions programming identified in Cambridge Bay and Rankin Inlet. CB facility opened as a day / residential treatment facility. Engineering review of Rankin Inlet facility completed.	Based on the Rankin Inlet engineering review the Department of Health will be seeking capital dollars for necessary renovations.
	Develop business plans for the construction or purchase of new facilities	Capital plan for renovation of old boarding home in Iqaluit submitted and approved.	Cambridge Bay facility refurbished for mental health and addiction treatment purposes.	Minor capital dollars utilized to conduct the engineering review of the Rankin Inlet facility.	Business plans will be developed as required for additional resources to run existing facilities.

Objectives	Action Plan Items	FY 2011/12	FY 2012/13	FY 2013/14	Current Status
2.3 Strengthen mental health professional capacity in Nunavut.	Conduct a gap analysis to identify the type and number of mental health professionals required to deliver an optimal mental health system.	Gaps and needs were identified, based on the Addictions and Mental Health Framework	Analysis completed in 11/12.	New staffing analysis completed.	Meeting this objective is subject to the approval of the pending business case through Financial Management Board and the Legislative Assembly.
	Identify the level of mental health resources required to establish sufficient service levels to meet the needs of Nunavummiut.	Gaps and needs were identified, based on the Addictions and Mental Health Framework.	<p>Business case for necessary funding was submitted (Feb.2013).</p> <p>A Mobile Addiction Treatment program was delivered in Cambridge Bay from October 29th through December 6th, 2012. The program provided culturally appropriate addictions treatment, including land-based activities and involvement of Elders. The program also provided addictions training to local program staff. The program was evaluated and recommendations will be used to inform future addiction treatment program design.</p>	<p>New staffing analysis was completed and used to inform business plan; submitted in November 2013.</p> <p>In response to immediate needs, short-term federal funding was used to expand service capacity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > 5 new community mental health staff were hired in Qikiqtarjuaq, Kimmirut, Grise Fiord, Resolute and Iqaluit on CSA. > A 12-bed residential treatment program was opened in Cambridge Bay in January 2014, which also includes day treatment programming and supports. <p>In addition, the Iqaluit Akausisarvik Mental Health Treatment Facility expanded service delivery in March 2013 with the move into the old boarding home. The expansion included an increase of 6 inpatient beds, an increase in front-line staffing and increased service delivery to outpatient/day program clients.</p>	Service pressures and capacity building needs are being monitored. Forced growth is taking place, as required, based on the Draft Mental Health and Addictions Framework for Action.
	Develop a multi-year business case to address mental health and wellness resourcing gaps or shortages	Work scheduled for 12/13	Business case prepared.	Comprehensive, multi-year business case developed and submitted.	Phase 1 business case developed and subject to approval through Financial Management Board and the Legislative Assembly.
	Work with Nunavut Arctic College to develop an enhanced mental health workers diploma program	Mental Health Diploma ran for two years and was then discontinued. It was determined that a generic Social Service Worker program provides students with the most employment options (March 2012).	<p>Social Service Worker program running; curriculum under review (July 2012).</p> <p>NAC looking to support SSW students to obtain BSW.</p>	Health participated in further Social Service Worker program curriculum review, with focus on including mental health and addictions content / basic counselling skills development.	Draft Mental Health and Addictions Framework for Action proposes a new model for laddered training of local skilled mental health and addictions workers, as part of a professionally-led clinical team. Consultation with stakeholders, including Nunavut Arctic College now required.

Objectives	Action Plan Items	FY 2011/12	FY 2012/13	FY 2013/14	Current Status
2.4 Improve the ability to respond quickly and effectively to suicidal behaviour by children.	Identify specialized expertise to serve as a resource to HSS staff in the event of suicidal behaviour by a child, to provide additional specialized support for front-line personnel.	A Nunavut Trauma team was established, along with resources in each community. Critical Incident debriefing trainers were deployed.	Trauma team in place.	A review of experience to date within Nunavut and evidence-based practice regarding suicide intervention and postvention was undertaken. As a result, a move to a more community-led approach was begun, in order to support and strengthen local capacity. Draft guidelines for community mental health workers were developed.	Guidelines for Supporting a Community Approach to Critical Incidence Response are being prepared for review and finalization. A clinical directive restricting the use of critical incident debriefing is being prepared, as this is no longer considered a best practice.
2.5 Strengthen mental health and wellness services available in Iqaluit which serve as a catchment area for other communities.	Identify the level of mental health and wellness resources required to establish service levels to meet the demand of a regional and territorial referral centre.	Gaps and needs were identified, based on the Addictions and Mental Health Framework.	Needs identified in 11/12	The Draft Mental Health and Addictions Framework for Action outlines a model for service delivery at the local, regional and territorial levels. Work was initiated in further detailing how programming and service capacity will be developed based on that model.	A plan detailing both the models to be used and how programming and service capacity will be developed, based on the Draft Mental Health and Addictions Framework for Action, is being developed this fiscal year.
	Provide additional highly trained staff including psychiatrists, psychologists, and psychiatric nurses, at ratios that can adequately meet the needs of the population of the territory.	Work scheduled for 12/13	Professional capacity across the territory was developed based on the leadership of regional management. For instance: > All regions arranged visiting psychiatric services. > The Baffin mental health team developed a working relationship with the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health that introduced regular psychiatric consultation services. > Telepsychiatry services with the Hospital for Sick Children were explored on a pilot project basis.	Regional service capacity arrangements were maintained, while discussion of developing a territory-wide service model / standards was initiated. In response to immediate needs, short-term federal funding was used to expand service capacity through hiring 5 new community mental health staff in Qikiqtarjuaq, Kimmirut, Grise Fiord, Resolute and Iqaluit on CSA (4 of whom were psychiatric nurses).	Service pressures and capacity building needs are being monitored. Forced growth is taking place, as required, based on the Draft Mental Health and Addictions Framework for Action. The Draft Mental Health and Addictions Framework for Action proposes a new model for ladder training of local skilled mental health and addictions workers, as part of a professionally-led clinical team. This model will fully leverage investments in professional staff, while ensuring the development and delivery of culturally appropriate/ responsive mental health and addictions services and support.

Objectives	Action Plan Items	FY 2011/12	FY 2012/13	FY 2013/14	Current Status
2.6 Provide culturally and age appropriate grief counselling.	Develop a plan to provide culturally and age appropriate grief counselling in the communities.	Work schedules for 13/14	Work scheduled for 13/14	A review of experience to date within Nunavut regarding suicide/ critical incident postvention was undertaken. As a result, a move to a more community-led approach was begun, in order to support and strengthen local capacity and to reinforce the role of natural supports (i.e. family, friends, community) in the grief and healing process. Draft guidelines for community mental health workers were developed.	Guidelines for Supporting a Community Approach to Critical Incidence Response are being prepared for review and finalization. These guidelines will include culturally and age appropriate grief supports / counselling. Having a psychiatric nurse working in each community strengthens the capacity to identify and support those individuals whose grieving process requires professional intervention, while encouraging and reinforcing the role of natural supports.
2.7 Provide greater support to community based counselling groups in the communities	Identify and contact community counselling groups in all communities (church-based, elders, peers, etc.) and specifically consult with these groups about their training needs.	Health provided peer counselling training on suicide prevention, intervention and postvention to key community members and organizations, as well as frontline workers. The peer counselling curriculum included information on child sexual abuse, family violence, addiction, indirect self-destructive behaviour, grief and bereavement, suicide, basic active listening, as well as prevention/ intervention/ postvention techniques.	Health worked with Nunavut Arctic College to train workshop leaders in suicide awareness and intervention for subsequent delivery to students. Mental Health First Aid training was offered to teaching staff at the territory-wide teacher training conference in Iqaluit (Feb.2012).	Funding provided to Nunavut Arctic College to deliver ASIST training. Health participated in a pan-territorial project with the Mental Health Commission of Canada to adapt Mental Health First Aid for northern peoples.	Further work in this area will take place in 2014-15. This includes exploring how the medical-model mental health and addictions treatment system can best work in partnership with Inuit traditional healing and resiliency enhancement practices/Practitioners.
	Offer Departmental support	Health, in collaboration with the Mental Health Commission of Canada (MHCC), provided Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training workshops in Iqaluit in June 2011 for Justice and other GN employees.	Support offered to community groups through regional offices.	An orientation course and resource manual were developed for new mental health staff entitled: Inuit Mental Health and Resilience: The Nunavut Context.	The orientation course will be implemented this fiscal year. Feedback from early participants will be used to make course revisions, as necessary. NTI is involved in this process.
2.8 Provide greater support to communities and front-line workers in the event of a 'cluster' of suicides (several suicides in a relatively short period of time) in a community or region.	Develop a plan to provide greater support to communities and front-line workers in the event of a 'cluster' of suicides in a community.	Protocols were put in place. First step Checklist, including postvention and grief counselling.	Protocols in place.	Protocols in place.	Guidelines for Supporting a Community Approach to Critical Incidence Response are being prepared for review and finalization. These guidelines will include addressing multiple suicides / critical incidences. Having a psychiatric nurse working in each community strengthens the capacity to develop local solutions and provide clinical supports, as required.

Objectives	Action Plan Items	FY 2011/12	FY 2012/13	FY 2013/14	Current Status
2.9 Increase support of the Nunavut Kamatsiaqtut Help Line.	Provide additional core funding to ensure stable operation of the Help Line and, over time, to increase the services it provides.	<p>Reviewed increasing the hours of operation, using trained staff, and territory-wide availability of Help Line services.</p> <p>Reviewed structure of help lines in other regions.</p>	Additional funding of \$24,000 was provided to the Help line.	<p>Reviewed options for developing 24/7 service capacity.</p> <p>The Help Line contribution agreement was transferred to Department of Family Services with the HSS split.</p>	<p>One year pilot of 24/7 service capacity will begin in October 2014.</p> <p>Health will be seeking Cabinet approval to move funding of Nunavut Kamatsiaqtut Help Line to Department of Health from Family Services for the purposes of integration within the mental health and addictions service system.</p>
2.10 Increase support for Embrace Life Council (ELC)	Provide additional core funding to ensure stable operations.	Additional core funding was provided to ensure stable operations.	ELC contract included funding for a number of public education and service projects.	ELC contract included funding for a number of public education and service projects.	Health continues to support ELC.

Commitment 3: The Partners will better equip youth with skills to cope with adverse life events and negative emotions

Objectives	Action Plan Items	Action(s) Taken			Current Status
		FY 2011/12	FY 2012/13	FY 2013/14	
3.1 Increase knowledge base, solutions, and strategies on the impact that adverse life events have on youth resilience and coping in relation to increased risk for suicide.	Ensure youth focus in developing an ongoing research agenda on issues of relevance to suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention in Nunavut.	This action item is a joint responsibility with other NSPS partners. Data is being collected from all partners and will be available when the evaluation report is publicly released.			
3.2 Implement specific programming targeting the general youth population, including youth at risk of suicide, such as Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) for youth; provide strength based programs for youth regularly in each community.	Develop and tailor culturally relevant youth-focused programming which increases knowledge and skills of front-line workers such as education professionals, health providers, and other relevant stakeholders such as parents and community members on mental health issues specific to youth, identifying signs and symptoms, effective interventions in crisis situations and how to access professional help.	This action item is a joint responsibility with other NSPS partners. Data is being collected from all partners and will be available when the evaluation report is publicly released.			
	Provide information on the role that child sexual abuse plays as a risk factor for suicidal behaviour later in life, and what can be done to break the cycle of abuse.				
3.3 Ongoing collaboration to address suicide prevention within school curriculum.	Ad hoc working group to coordinate the implementation of the NSPS across all organizations and through new curriculum development, especially grades 7-12.	This action item is a joint responsibility with other NSPS partners. Data is being collected from all partners and will be available when the evaluation report is publicly released.			
3.4 Ensure National Aboriginal Youth Suicide Prevention Program (NAYSPS) funds are spent to implement commitments of the NSPS Action Plan	Administer in partnership NAYSPS funding for community level Inuit youth suicide prevention programs and activities.	This action item is a joint responsibility with other NSPS partners. Data is being collected from all partners and will be available when the evaluation report is publicly released.			
3.5 Provide training opportunities for youth in the areas of coping skills, anger management, healthy living, suicide prevention and general health and wellness.	Conduct environmental scan of best practice training programs for youth and compile into an accessible database	This action item is a joint responsibility with other NSPS partners. Data is being collected from all partners and will be available when the evaluation report is publicly released.			
	Partner with relevant delivery agents to deliver training programs.				

3.6 Increase and support access to healthy activities for youth at community level.	Conduct environmental scan of existing youth centres in all Nunavut communities using existing Qikiqtani Inuit Association-developed Youth Center Survey as a model	This action item is a joint responsibility with other NSPS partners. Data is being collected from all partners and will be available when the evaluation report is publicly released.	
	Share best practices with communities	This action item is a joint responsibility with other NSPS partners. Data is being collected from all partners and will be available when the evaluation report is publicly released.	A Community Mental Health Project Planning Guide is being developed to identify existing best practices in Nunavut communities, share knowledge and show community teams how to implement special projects and events. The Cape Dorset peer mentorship program nationally recognized as a best practice. Support of program replication in other Nunavut communities was provided.
	Develop plan for incremental establishment of youth centers in each community.	This action item is a joint responsibility with other NSPS partners. Data is being collected from all partners and will be available when the evaluation report is publicly released.	The Draft Mental Health and Addictions Framework for Action anticipates that natural supports / prevention programming such as youth centres will be developed in partnership with local communities and multiple stakeholders.
3.7 Develop and support peer counselling initiatives in communities	Conduct environmental scan on best practices in Canada and other jurisdictions and existing initiatives in Nunavut; develop training curriculums and Nunavut training manuals partnering with Hamlets and youth centers to deliver certified training.	This action item is a joint responsibility with other NSPS partners. Data is being collected from all partners and will be available when the evaluation report is publicly released.	
3.8 Support development of youth networks on community and territorial level.	Support establishment of a comprehensive network of youth groups from the community level to the territorial level.	This action item is a joint responsibility with other NSPS partners. Data is being collected from all partners and will be available when the evaluation report is publicly released.	
	Provide skills training and ongoing support to all youth groups		
3.9 Create public campaigns targeting youth on issues identified as risk factor behaviours that have an impact on the suicide rate.	Create evidence based awareness campaigns to deal with risk behaviours and factors as identified in the research symposium, outlined in section 5.1, including overcoming issues of sexual and physical abuse.	This action item is a joint responsibility with other NSPS partners. Data is being collected from all partners and will be available when the evaluation report is publicly released.	

Commitment 4: The GN will deliver suicide intervention training on a consistent and comprehensive basis

Objectives	Action Plan Items	Action(s) Taken			Current Status
		FY 2011/12	FY 2012/13	FY 2013/14	
4.1 Deliver Uqaqatigiiluk!/Talk about it! a 'Nunavut specific' version of Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training, to all interested Nunavummiut	Coach and support volunteer Uqaqatigiiluk! Talk About It! trainers to become registered.	Living Works was selected as the contractor to adapt ASIST for Nunavut. The adapted model included Nunavut-based audio-visual components and translated materials. The adapted pilot model evaluation report was completed by the supervisory team in December 2011.	The adapted ASIST training was delivered across Nunavut. Training for Trainers session was held in Pangnirtung in March 2012. Twelve new ASIST trainers were certified.	To date, 812 people have been trained in ASIST in Nunavut. As of April, 1, 2013 Nunavut Arctic College was contracted to provide the adapted ASIST training available across the Territory and to collect training statistics.	Health will continue to partner with Nunavut Arctic College to deliver ASIST training across the territory
	Encourage registered trainers to become Coaches.	One registered trainer had achieved coaching status.	No change in status	Funding provided to Nunavut Arctic College to deliver ASIST training.	
	HSS to identify positions to coordinate the delivery of Uqaqatigiiluk! Talk About It, including the creation and upkeep of a database tracking numbers of trainers and participants.	Database developed and brought up to date.	Database kept up to date, in collaboration with Living Works.	As of April, 1, 2013 Nunavut Arctic College was contracted to provide the adapted ASIST training available across the Territory and to collect training statistics.	
	Priority placed on providing training for HSS and other frontline workers, correction workers, probation officers, school staff (as per request from the Coalition of Nunavut DEAs), community groups which provide counselling services, and Nunavut Arctic College students.	Plan was completed.	Justice and Health provided two workshops for the new staff in corrections in Rankin Inlet February 2013. Workshop in Whale Cove and Pangnirtung were presented for teachers in February 2013. There were fourteen workshops completed across Nunavut in 2012. 3 in Iqaluit, 1 in Arviat, 1 in Cambridge Bay, 2 in Kugaaruk, 1 in Kugluktuk, 2 in Pond Inlet, 1 in Rankin Inlet, 1 in Taloyoak, 1 in Cape Dorset, and 1 in Pangnirtung.	Funding provided to Nunavut Arctic College to deliver ASIST training.	
4.2 Develop and support professional and community-based volunteer Uqaqatigiiluk!/Talk About It! Trainers.	Deliver at least one Uqaqatigiiluk! "Talk About It" (Training For Trainers) course each year in Nunavut. The Implementation committee will encourage suitable and motivated members of their staff to become Uqaqatigiiluk! Trainers, and- subject to the operational requirements of their positions - allow them to deliver one or more workshops each year.	This action item is a joint responsibility with other NSPS partners. Data is being collected from all partners and will be available when the evaluation report is publicly released.			
	Deliver regular in-service for all Uqaqatigiiluk! Trainers at least once every two years.				

4.3 Increasing high school support for youth at risk of suicide.	Provide ongoing opportunities for school staff to access training in mental health, addictions, and suicide intervention.	This action item is a joint responsibility with other NSPS partners. Data is being collected from all partners and will be available when the evaluation report is publicly released.
	High school level youth have regular and ongoing access to training in mental health, addictions, and suicide intervention as well as support from trained school staff and community trainers.	

Commitment 5: The Partners will support ongoing research to better understand suicide in Nunavut and the effectiveness of suicide prevention initiatives					
Objectives	Action Plan Items	Action(s) Taken			Current Status
		FY 2011/12	FY 2012/13	FY 2013/14	
5.1 Build a research partnership and develop an ongoing research agenda on issues of relevance to suicide prevention, intervention and postvention in Nunavut.	The Implementation Committee will develop a research agenda which will provide a disciplined approach to address the gaps in and identify the needs and priorities with respect to suicide prevention, intervention and postvention in Nunavut.	This action item is a joint responsibility with other NSPS partners. Data is being collected from all partners and will be available when the evaluation report is publicly released.			
	Create a Clearinghouse with external partners to have a central resource for collecting, monitoring and distributing evidence based information related to suicide, including current approaches, best practices, programs, and intervention measures, as appropriate to Nunavut.				
	Prepare or commission research papers which summarize evidence-based research results, best practices and analysis of initiatives, either with a focus on new research or a systematic literature review of existing research.				
	Hold a research symposium on suicide in Nunavut to share and inform stakeholders on current issues, challenges and best practices, and provide advice on Nunavut's suicide-related research agenda.				
5.2 Research and identify interventions aimed at breaking the transmission of physical and sexual abuse (child/adult) as abuse in these forms are significant risk factors for suicide in later life.	Conduct environmental scan of existing bodies of research that may inform the development of Nunavut specific interventions.	This action item is a joint responsibility with other NSPS partners. Data is being collected from all partners and will be available when the evaluation report is publicly released.			
	Prepare or commission a research paper which summarizes (A) the evidence base on the role that child sexual abuse plays as a risk factor for suicidal behaviour; and (B) best practices in documenting and healing (for both the victims and their families) from child sexual abuse. (5.2,5.3)				
	Based on results and evidence gained from other initiatives such as the Family Violence Prevention Strategy implementation, introduce new measures to address high rates and effects of sexual and physical abuse on children and youth including culturally appropriate interventions.				
5.3 Researching risk factors specific to suicidal behaviour in Nunavut for which information is currently lacking such as the implications of high rates of early teen cannabis use or child sexual abuse.	Prepare or commission research papers which summarize evidence based research results, best practices and analysis of initiatives, either with focus on new research or systematic literature review of existing research.	This action item is a joint responsibility with other NSPS partners. Data is being collected from all partners and will be available when the evaluation report is publicly released.			
	Identify research partnerships and undertake research on teen cannabis use and child sexual abuse.				
5.4 Collecting and releasing data on suicide attempts.	Develop and implement protocols and mechanisms to record information on suicide attempts in Nunavut - not just on deaths by suicide; RCMP to implement scoring systems in responses RCMP members make to attempted suicides.	This action item is a joint responsibility with other NSPS partners. Data is being collected from all partners and will be available when the evaluation report is publicly released.			
5.5 Developing a formal monitoring and evaluation framework for implementation of all aspects of the Nunavut Suicide Prevention Strategy.	Develop an appropriate, effective and accountable monitoring and evaluation framework to evaluate implementation of the Nunavut Suicide Prevention Strategy.	This action item is a joint responsibility with other NSPS partners. Data is being collected from all partners and will be available when the evaluation report is publicly released.			NSPS Implementation Committee developed an evaluation framework in 2013/2014.

Commitment 6: The Partners will communicate and share information with Nunavummiut on an ongoing basis

Objectives	Action Plan Items	Action(s) Taken			Current Status
		FY 2011/12	FY 2012/13	FY 2013/14	
6.1 Develop and implement an overall communications plan for the Nunavut Suicide Prevention Strategy.	Develop coordinated communications strategy with Implementation Committee, which will include a website and annual Committee-approved progress report.				This action item is a joint responsibility with other NSPS partners. Data is being collected from all partners and will be available when the evaluation report is publicly released.
	Develop and disseminate through other social media initiatives as appropriate.				
6.2 Prepare and disseminate resources which: explain the risk factors for suicidal behaviour; seek to de-stigmatize mental health and help-seeking for mental distress; and, provide information on how to obtain help for persons in mental distress.	Develop and disseminate information on existing community and front-line services and resources including updated list to be distributed to all Inuit organizations, Hamlets, health centers, community groups and organizations in Nunavut and list of relevant training opportunities.				This action item is a joint responsibility with other NSPS partners. Data is being collected from all partners and will be available when the evaluation report is publicly released.
	Ensure elders are able to receive information in oral form, through face to face interaction with Regional and community staff, use of local radio and community forums.				

Commitment 7: The GN will invest in the next generation by fostering opportunities for healthy development in early childhood					
Objectives	Action Plan Items	Action(s) Taken			Current Status
		FY 2011/12	FY 2012/13	FY 2013/14	
7.1 Ongoing collaboration with other HSS initiatives including but not limited to the Public Health Strategy (PHS) and the Maternal and Newborn Health Strategy (MNHS) as well as initiatives in development such as the Family Violence Prevention Strategy	<p>Ongoing collaboration to ensure strategic plans align with the goals of the Public Health Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decrease in mental, physical and emotional issues and sexual abuse • Decrease in Youth Risk Behaviours Minimize substance misuse • Increase community capacity MNHS Increase pregnancy planning and parenting support • Early access to child and family programs and supports for children and adults displaying at risk needs 	Work has ongoing support through the Public Health Strategy projects, Maternal and Newborn Health Strategy projects, and Early Childhood Development programs, in collaboration with Family Services and Education.			The mental health and addictions division is providing subject matter expertise to Public Health, Maternal and Newborn Health, and Family Violence Prevention policy and program development staff.
7.2 Foster healthy development of children in Nunavut.	Enhance and support Early Childhood Development (ECD) programs in Nunavut communities by designing/adapting and encouraging the implementation of culturally relevant Early Childhood Development programs, using evidence-based research.	This action item is a joint responsibility with other NSPS partners. Data is being collected from all partners and will be available when the evaluation report is publicly released.	Handbook developed to guide communities interested in establishing early intervention programming for children with developmental disabilities (e.g. FASD).		Handbook is being translated and will be distributed to communities in 2014/2015.
	Develop business cases for additional funding to support those communities currently lacking ECD programs.	This action item is a joint responsibility with other NSPS partners. Data is being collected from all partners and will be available when the evaluation report is publicly released.			
	Develop and promote Inuit-specific programming in daycare curriculums.				
7.3 Pilot a social and emotional learning curriculum in elementary schools throughout Nunavut.	Create a pilot strength -based social and emotional learning curriculum, which includes areas such as self-esteem, positive social interaction, conflict resolution, and coping skills.	This action item is a joint responsibility with other NSPS partners. Data is being collected from all partners and will be available when the evaluation report is publicly released.			Health is working with Education to identify suitable social / emotional skill development programming that can be delivered in schools across the territory through an ongoing partnership.
	Field test social and emotional learning program in six elementary schools.				This action item is a joint responsibility with other NSPS partners. Data is being collected from all partners and will be available when the evaluation report is publicly released.
7.4 Address the expertise and funding required to allow the operation and establishment of well-designed and implemented Early Childhood Development (ECD) programs in all interested Nunavut communities.	Prepare or commission a research paper which summarizes (A) the evidence base on the benefits that well-designed and implemented Early Childhood Development (ECD) programs can provide to individuals and communities; (B) best practice in implementing ECD programs, especially in small Arctic communities; and (C) options for funding ECD programs in all communities.	This action item is a joint responsibility with other NSPS partners. Data is being collected from all partners and will be available when the evaluation report is publicly released.			
7.5 Develop and distribute curriculum on encouraging positive and protective foundations in daycares in Nunavut.	Develop and distribute specific curriculum focusing on protective foundations for Nunavut children, such as developing coping skills, conflict resolution, and positive social interaction.	This action item is a joint responsibility with other NSPS partners. Data is being collected from all partners and will be available when the evaluation report is publicly released.			

Commitment 8: The Partners will provide support for communities to engage in community-development activities

Objectives	Action Plan Items	Action(s) Taken			Current Status
		FY 2011/12	FY 2012/13	FY 2013/14	
8.1 Support communities to better access flexible funding agreements.	NTI and GN will work with federal government and appropriate staff and community stakeholders to ensure facilitation of five-year flexible federal funding agreements.	Discussions were initiated with Health Canada to negotiate more flexible funding arrangements.	Allowing for more flexible funding arrangements, the Health Portfolio Contribution Agreement effective 2012/13, was successfully negotiated with the federal government, to support community development capacity.	Through the Health Portfolio Agreement Community Cluster Plan Funds are available to communities through the Department of Health	<p>Federal THAF funding has been beneficial to the Government of Nunavut's long term Health Human Resources plan by paving the way for an increased number of Inuit health professionals in the fields of nursing, midwifery, mental health, and physiotherapy.</p> <p>Federal OS Pan-territorial funding has provided a means for Nunavut and the other Territories to learn best practices to effect change through programs such as: teen suicide prevention, educating youth about mental health, sexual health education activities, parenting skill development, foster parent recruitment, and suicide stigma awareness campaign.</p> <p>Health has invited NTI to explore development of a backbone organization to support development of the non-profit sector in Nunavut; one aspect of this project would be enhancing the not for profit sector's capacity to access non-governmental funding sources and develop social entrepreneurship within the territory.</p>
8.2 Present Nunavut Suicide Prevention Strategy implementation to community groups and organizations. Partnering where relevant to implement specific aspects of the Strategy.	Visit communities and disseminate information on Nunavut Suicide Prevention Strategy; identifying relevant community groups and organizations willing to partner to implement specific aspects of the Nunavut Suicide Prevention Strategy.	This action item is a joint responsibility with other NSPS partners. Data is being collected from all partners and will be available when the evaluation report is publicly released.			Community Health and Wellness Committees have a key role in identifying and addressing local priorities.
8.3 Identify specific community stakeholder contacts to assist with implementation of Nunavut Suicide Prevention Strategy.	Visit communities and disseminate information.	This action item is a joint responsibility with other NSPS partners. Data is being collected from all partners and will be available when the evaluation report is publicly released.			

Funding Provided by the Department of Health

Table 2a: Funding by the Department of Health to support the implementation of the Nunavut Suicide Prevention Strategy Action Plan				
Link to the NSPS Action Plan	Item	FY 11/12	FY 12/13	FY 13/14
The implementation of the action plan is supported by a continuum of care delivered by the department. These amounts account for the all mental health and addictions positions and services. The items listed above are included in	Mental Health & Addictions Budget*	\$10,551,000.00	13,653,000	\$14,004,000.00
*Mental Health and Addictions services provide a client-centred, comprehensive continuum of care which include assessment, counselling, treatment and referral services to those individuals and families experiencing emotional distress and/or psychiatric disorders. This includes providing support and assistance to communities and groups to better understand and deal effectively with primary, acute, and/or emergency mental health issues, suicide ideations and attempts, self-harming behaviours, high stress, self-esteem and wellness issues, including addictions that limit personal functioning and well-being.				

Table 2b: Funding provided by the Department of Health through Grants and Contributions					
Link to the NSPS Action Plan	Item	FY 11/12	FY 12/13	FY 13/14	TOTAL
Objective 2.6 Provide culturally and age appropriate grief counselling	Grants available to Hamlets and Community Organizations for alcohol and drug counselling services	\$1,409,586.47	\$1,537,374	\$1,035,386.50	
Total – Objective 2.6					\$3,982,346.48
Objective 2.7 Provide greater support to community based counselling groups in the communities	Grants available to Hamlets and Community Organizations for alcohol and drug counselling services	\$1,409,586.47	\$1,537,374	\$1,035,386.50	
Total – Objective 2.7					\$3,982,346.48
Objective 2.9 Increase support of the Nunavut Kamatsiaqtut Help Line	Kamatsiaqtut Help Line	\$24,000	\$50,000	N/A*	
Total – Objective 2.9					\$74,000
Objective 2.10 Increase support for Embrace Life Council (ELC)		\$254,136.00	\$263,958.00	\$260,000.00	
Total – Objective 2.10					\$778,094.00
Total By Fiscal Year		\$1,687,722	\$1,851,332	\$1,295,386.50	
Table Total**					\$4,834,440.48

*Funding is now provided through the Department of Family Services

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Funding Provided by the Government of Canada to support the implementation of the Nunavut Suicide Prevention Strategy Action Plan

Link to the NSPS Action Plan	Funding			
Objective 2.3 Strengthen Mental Health Professional Capacity in Nunavut - Items	FY 11/12	FY 12/13	FY 13/14	TOTAL
Mental Health Program Development	N/A	\$368,294.00	\$2,426,000.00	
Information Resources for Mental Health and Wellness Workers	N/A	\$14,840.00	\$67,477.00	
Mobile Addictions Treatment Pilot Project	N/A	\$331,194.00	N/A	
Mental Health Worker Integration	\$132,325.00	N/A	N/A	
Nunavut Suicide Prevention Action Plan		\$89,622.00	\$45,040.00	
Total By Fiscal Year - Objective 2.3	\$132,325.00	\$803,950.00	\$2,538,517.00	
Total - Objective 2.3				\$3,474,792.00
Objective 2.4 Improve the ability to respond quickly and effectively to suicidal behaviour by children - Item	FY 11/12	FY 12/13	FY 13/14	
Nunavut Suicide Prevention Action Plan	N/A	\$89,622.00	\$45,040.00	
Total by Fiscal Year - Objective 2.4		\$89,622.00	\$45,040.00	
Total - Objective 2.4				\$134,662.00
Objective 2.7 Provide greater support to community based counselling groups in the communities - Items	FY 11/12	FY 12/13	FY 13/14	
Addictions Training in Nunavut	N/A	N/A	\$212,464.00	
Pan-Territorial Mental Health First Aid	\$5,817.00	N/A	\$361,000.00	
Drug Treatment Funding Program	\$558,339.00	\$596,390.00	\$303,693.00	
Total By Fiscal Year - Objective 2.7	\$564,156.00	\$596,390.00	\$877,157.00	
Total - Objective 2.7				\$2,037,703.00
Objective 2.10 Increase support for Embrace Life Council (ELC) - Items	FY 11/12	FY 12/13	FY 13/14	
Embrace Life Council	\$176,840.66	\$307,451.00	\$350,516.00	
Total By Fiscal Year - Objective 2.10	\$176,840.66	\$307,451.00	\$350,516.00	
Total - Objective 2.10				\$834,807.66

Objective 3.2 Implement specific programming targeting the general youth population, including youth at risk of suicide, such as Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) for youth; provide strength based programs for youth regularly in each community - Items	FY 11/12	FY 12/13	FY 13/14	TOTAL
SPARX Program	N/A	N/A	\$274,238.00	
National Native Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program (NNADAP)	\$376,211.00	N/A	N/A	
Total By Fiscal Year- Objective 3.2	\$376,211.00	N/A	\$274,238.00	
Total - Objective 3.2				\$650,449.00
Objective 3.6 Increase and support access to healthy activities for youth at a community level - Items	FY 11/12	FY 12/13	FY 13/14	
Youth Mental Health: Teen Suicide Prevention	\$147,569.00	N/A	N/A	
Community Projects* & Embrace Life Day	\$330,000.00	\$371,250.00	\$371,250.00	
Total By Fiscal Year - Objective 3.6	\$477,569.00	\$371,250.00	\$371,250.00	
Total - Objective 3.6				\$1,220,069.00
Objective 4.1 Deliver Uqaqatigiiluk!/Talk about it! a 'Nunavut specific' version of Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training, to all interested Nunavummiut - Items	FY 11/12	FY 12/13	FY 13/14	
Nunavut Arctic College -ASIST Training	N/A	N/A	\$170,000.00	
National Aboriginal Youth Suicide Prevention Strategy	\$315,643.00	N/A	N/A	
Total By Fiscal Year - Objective 4.1	\$315,643.00	N/A	\$170,000.00	
Total - Objective 4.1				\$485,643.00
Objective 6.2 Prepare and disseminate resources which: explain the risk factors for suicidal behaviour; seek to de-stigmatize mental health and help-seeking for mental distress; and, provide information on how to obtain help for persons in mental distress - Item	FY 11/12	FY 12/13	FY 13/14	
Suicide Prevention Public Awareness, Education and Cultural Message Marketing	N/A	N/A	\$180,515.00	
Total By Fiscal Year - Objective 6.2	N/A	N/A	\$180,515.00	
Total - Objective 6.2				\$180,515.00
	FY 11/12	FY 12/13	FY 13/14	
Total by Fiscal Year	\$2,042,744.66	\$2,079,041.00	\$4,762,193.00	
Table Total**				\$8,883,978.66

Notes:

*Health makes funds available to communities to use for mental health and addictions initiatives.

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