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**Iqaluit, Nunavut
Monday, June 1, 2015**

Members Present:

Mr. Tony Akoak, Ms. Pat Angnakak, Hon. Monica Ell, Mr. Joe Enook, Mr. George Hickes, Mr. David Joanasie, Mr. Pauloosie Keyootak, 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, Mr. Tom Sammurtok, Mr. Joe Savikataaq, Mr. Isaac Shooyook, Hon. Peter Taptuna, Hon. Jeannie Ugyuk.

>>*House commenced at 13:29*

Item 1: Opening Prayer

Speaker (Hon. George Qulaut)

(interpretation): Can you say the opening prayer, please, Ms. Ugyuk.

>>*Prayer*

Speaker (interpretation): Good afternoon, my fellow Nunavummiut, members, ministers, and the (interpretation ends) Premier. (interpretation) Welcome to the House.

Speaker's Statement

Before we proceed with the orders of the day, I wish to make a statement and it reads:

(interpretation ends) I am pleased to take this opportunity to announce that nominations for the 2015 Order of Nunavut open today.

As members will recall, the *Order of Nunavut Act* came into force five years

ago. The order is the highest honour of Nunavut.

(interpretation) Previous recipients of the order were the Reverend Michael Gardener, the late Mark Kalluak, the late Jose Kusugak, Mr. Charlie Panigoniak, the late Kenojuak Ashevak, Mr. Jimmy Akavak, Mr. Louis Angalik, Mr. Davidee Arnakak, and Mr. John Amagoalik.

I encourage all Nunavummiut to consider nominating a deserving individual. (interpretation ends) This year's nominations close on August 31. Information concerning the Order of Nunavut, including nomination forms, will be available shortly from our website and the constituency offices of Members of the Legislative Assembly.

My colleagues and I on the Order of Nunavut Advisory Council look forward to reviewing this year's nominations. (interpretation) Thank you.

Ministers' Statements. (interpretation ends) Hon. Minister of Environment, Mr. Mike.

Item 2: Ministers' Statements**Minister's Statement 157 – 4(2):
Environment Week 2015**

Hon. Johnny Mike (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good day, people of Nunavut and Pangnirtung.

Mr. Speaker, I am excited to announce to the House that the week of June 1 to 7 is Environment Week. This nationwide, annual event encourages Canadians across the country to take action to help

preserve, protect, and restore our environment.

To celebrate Environment Week this year, my department will be encouraging all Nunavummiut to take part in a seven-day challenge, taking simple actions each day to help protect and improve our beautiful arctic environment.

Mr. Speaker, this is an ideal opportunity for all Nunavummiut to think about what they can do to help the environment, and the perfect time to spend some time outdoors, enjoying and appreciating Nunavut's extraordinary wildlife and magnificent landscapes. I encourage all members and their constituents to take part in this year's Environment Week activities. Thank you.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements. Minister responsible for the (interpretation ends) Qulliq Energy Corporation, Mr. Peterson.

**Minister's Statement 158 – 4(2): 2015
Laura Ulluriaq Gauthier
Scholarship**

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

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce that applications for the Qulliq Energy Corporation's (QEC) 2015 Laura Ulluriaq Gauthier Scholarship are now being accepted. The \$5,000 scholarship is awarded annually to an exceptional Nunavut resident pursuing post-secondary education.

Laura Ulluriaq Gauthier was a visionary who recognized the importance of a locally managed electrical utility for Nunavut. Although Ms. Gauthier could not witness the fulfillment of her vision with the creation of QEC, this scholarship honours her foresight, her achievements, and her sense of community.

I wish all applicants success in their studies and future careers, and may all students be inspired by Ms. Gauthier's legacy of leadership and collective spirit.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to urge all students from communities, including mature students, to compete for this scholarship. Application forms are available on QEC's website, www.qec.nu.ca or by calling 867-979-7534. The deadline for applying is Tuesday, June 30, 2015. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements. Minister of Community and Government Services, Mr. Mike.

**Minister's Statement 159 – 4(2):
Appreciation of Assistance during
the Pangnirtung State of
Emergency**

Hon. Johnny Mike (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for giving me the opportunity to make my statement on the appreciation of assistance during the Pangnirtung state of emergency.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise in the legislature today to recognize the efforts of a few outstanding

organizations who went above and beyond to help throughout the state of emergency in Pangnirtung.

First, I would like to give my thanks and appreciation to the Pangnirtung volunteer fire department for quickly responding to the initial fire at the power plant. These local firefighters spent several hours extinguishing the fire and prevented it from spreading to other nearby buildings. Firefighters are our first line of defence against emergencies in our communities.

I would also like to recognize the work of CGS staff for their assistance in coordinating the emergency response at a territorial level. Nunavut Emergency Management staff worked quickly to commandeer resources and equipment for the community and kept the public informed throughout the state of emergency. As well, the CGS Procurement, Contracts and Logistics Division provided their extensive knowledge and expertise in marshalling equipment to Pangnirtung from across Canada and the US despite exceptional logistical challenges.

It is also important to recognize the cooperation and contributions of the Qulliq Energy Corporation in responding to this emergency. Staff and resources were on the ground within hours of the initial fire, and emergency power was restored to the community on the same day. I would like to congratulate them on their exemplary work in responding to this emergency.

Finally and most importantly, I would like to recognize the outstanding contributions of the Hamlet of Pangnirtung and their local emergency

response control group. Through the leadership of Senior Administrative Officer Shawn Trépanier, the emergency response team hit the ground running within hours of the emergency to help organize efforts at a local level.

The local response team helped set up a warming shelter within hours of the emergency, supplied food to residents, checked in on elders and people in need to ensure they had the care they require, and coordinated the many groups and organizations that were assisting on the ground. The assistance of the Pangnirtung squadron of the Canadian Rangers was also instrumental in helping carry out this important work, and we applaud them for taking action and protecting their community and fellow neighbours.

Mr. Speaker, the Hamlet of Pangnirtung's emergency response control group's actions serve as an example of best practices in managing an emergency at a local and community level. The GN and QEC are grateful for their assistance and cooperation.

I look forward to joining Premier Taptuna and my colleague, Minister Peterson, in Pangnirtung on June 5 to recognize and celebrate those that contributed to the successful response to the emergency in Pangnirtung. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements. I have no more names on my list. Members' Statements. Member for Iqaluit-Manirajak, Ms. Ell.

Item 3: Members' Statements

**Member's Statement 321 – 4(2):
Tribute to Iqaluit Dogsledders**

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I stand today to congratulate two of my constituents, Sarah McNair Landry and Eric Boomer, for their successful 4,000 kilometre sled dog journey around Baffin Island.

Mr. Speaker, starting four months ago in February, the journey took Eric and Sarah and their team of huskies to Pangnirtung, Qikiqtarjuaq, Clyde River, Pond Inlet, Arctic Bay, and Igloolik. They returned to Iqaluit yesterday morning.

The 120-day journey was inspired by Sarah's parents, Mattie McNair and Paul Landry. Twenty-five years ago, they circumnavigated Baffin Island by dog sled in 1990. The journey retraced many of the original routes over sea, ice, and land. Sarah and Eric also experienced many of the same daily challenges and setbacks as Mattie and Paul did.

Mr. Speaker, Sarah asked me to thank all the wonderful people they met in the communities that they visited. The hospitality, the warmth, and generous welcomes they received made their journey a truly memorial experience.

I encourage all members to look through Sarah and Eric's photos and logs on their social media pages. It was quite an adventure. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Kugluktuk, Mr. Taptuna.

**Member's Statement 322 – 4(2): 2015
High School Graduates of
Kugluktuk**

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. *Unnusakkut*, colleagues, Nunavummiut, and Kuglukturmiut.

Mr. Speaker, springtime is a time of many celebrations and new beginnings. Across Nunavut, students will be celebrating their graduation. I value education and I can't stress enough the benefit of staying in school. I would like to wish all students success in their educational path forward.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to say that Kugluktuk has 16 graduating and potential graduates from high school this coming year and I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate their achievements.

Mr. Speaker and members, please join me in congratulating the following graduates:

Gustin Adjun

Corey Niptanatiak

Myles Aggark

Billy Algona

Carla Algona

Aislyn Bolt

Kendra Bolt

Charlie Hikok

Carole Katiak

Tundra Kuliktana

Kristy Mannilaq

Daniel Atatahak

Keith Hatogina

Jenny Klengenber

Marcel Miyok, and

Kiesha Westwood

I want to thank all the students for the efforts they put out this year, and I want to congratulate all the graduating students in Nunavut throughout this year and I wish them all the best in their career paths forward. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Uqqummiut, Mr. Keyootak.

**Member's Statement 323 – 4(2):
Concerns about Tammaativvik
Boarding Home**

Mr. Keyootak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to express concerns that have been passed on to me by my constituents with respect to the Tammaativvik Boarding Home in Iqaluit.

Mr. Speaker, as you are aware, medical patients who are required to travel from their home communities to Iqaluit to receive medical services and treatment often stay at the Tammaativvik Boarding Home. Sometimes patients stay at the boarding home for quite some time

while waiting for appointments or follow-up treatment.

Mr. Speaker, it is important that patients are made to feel comfortable when they are so far from home and their families. Sometimes they may need someone to talk to and it has been suggested that a counsellor be available for patients to talk to.

Mr. Speaker, Tammaativvik itself has many nice features, such as an intercom system. However, the intercom system does not extend to the rooms and it should so that patients can be contacted as needed. It has also been noted that there is carpeting throughout the building. Some patients are allergic to carpet and one of my constituents suffered a frightening asthma attack as a result. This should be addressed as a potential health hazard.

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

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. The Member for Uqqummiut is asking for unanimous consent to conclude his statement. Are there any nays? I didn't hear any nays. Mr. Keyootak, please proceed.

Mr. Keyootak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, my colleagues.

Mr. Speaker, Tammaativvik is a home away from home and patients need to be able to keep busy while they wait for their appointments. My constituents have suggested that there could be a sewing room or similar quiet place where people could gather and sew.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage the Minister of Health to work with the Tammaativvik Boarding Home contractor to improve the service that is provided. At the appropriate time, I will have questions on this issue. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Member's Statement 324 – 4(2):
Patients Receiving Health Care
Outside of Nunavut**

Mr. Sammurtok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I rise today to express my dismay at the number of tragic and touching stories of Nunavut residents who end up outside of Nunavut, often in southern jurisdictions, receiving special treatment for their illness and do not have enough money to cover all of their costs.

Mr. Speaker, it troubles me deeply that our Department of Health does not ensure that these individuals have enough money to cover the cost of their rent, adequate food to feed themselves and their families, as well as other necessities of life.

In recent months, many stories have appeared on social media describing their situation and in some cases, asking for help from the public. We had heard from an individual from Rankin Inlet who is down south for a heart transplant; a young woman from Baker Lake with a rare form of cancer that she had to get diagnosed herself and is now undergoing treatment; a man from Gjoa Haven in Edmonton being treated for cancer; and the list goes on.

Mr. Speaker, these individuals are expected to feed themselves and pay rent on \$50 a day. Mr. Speaker, many of the Nunavut patients are sent south for special treatments that are not available in Nunavut and their treatment takes longer than half a year. They are stranded by our government, which states they are no longer considered Nunavut residents.

Mr. Speaker, there must be a better way to treat our fellow Nunavummiut who, through one of life's unfortunate twists of fate, become so ill that they need to travel away from home to be treated and cured. At the appropriate time, I will have questions on this issue. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Member's Statement 325 – 4(2):
Congratulations to Sanikiluaq's
2015 Nunavut Sivuniksavut
Graduates**

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and good afternoon. Mr. Speaker, I rise in the House today to acknowledge and congratulate two young adults from Sanikiluaq.

Mr. Speaker, Mick Appaqaq and Ashley Appaqaq have just completed a successful year at the Nunavut Sivuniksavut program in Ottawa. Mick has completed his second year while Ashley has completed her first year.

These young people are not only excellent role models for the youth of the community of Sanikiluaq, but while

they were in Ottawa, they acted as ambassadors for Nunavut as a whole.

I would like to note that both of these young adults have also represented the constituency of Hudson Bay as youth parliamentarians in the Legislative Assembly's Nunavut Youth Parliament.

I congratulate them on their achievements and I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating them on their success. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. I have a statement to make. To the visitors and anyone who is in the House, please have your cellphones turned off or on silent mode. Thank you.

Members' Statements. Member for Baker Lake, Mr. Mikkungwak.

**Member's Statement 326 – 4(2):
Appreciation for Ministerial Visit**

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I say "good day" to the people of Nunavut, all the residents of Baker Lake, and my colleagues.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today because after the winter session, I had asked if the minister could come to Baker Lake to view the department for which he's responsible. Minister Keith Peterson was able to come to Baker Lake and I would like to thank him for doing so. He was able to come see his department and staff. He was also able to see the old power house and the contaminated soil, which are also his areas of responsibility. As a minister, he was able

to meet people he's responsible for, such as the the alcohol education committee. He met with the hamlet council as well.

It was very good to have him there for the whole day in Baker Lake and he saw what I wanted him to see, what I asked him to see, and he met with the people that I wanted him to meet. He met with all the people he needed to meet. I'm grateful to him for that and being able to come to Baker Lake. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Member's Statement 327 – 4(2): The
Death of a Young Person in
Constituency**

Mr. Akoak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today as we lost a fellow resident of Gjoa Haven, a young person. It's very unfortunate to hear, but we have lost a very nice young man.

I would like to remind people who are having problems that we have a telephone number that anyone in Nunavut can call. It's the emergency number. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Arviat and Whale Cove, Mr. Kuksuk.

**Member's Statement 328 – 4(2):
Congratulations to Athletes from
Constituency**

Hon. George Kuksuk (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon, my fellow

Nunavummiut and residents Whale Cove and my fellow residents Arviat.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Whale Cove and Arviat girls' teams as well as the boys' teams. Some of them are currently here who just wrapped up a volleyball tournament and I am very proud to say that the Whale Cove girls' team came in second time. Mr. Speaker, both teams worked very hard and I was impressed by their performance. My ridings both have lots of excellent athletes.
Quvianakuni.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to say to other young people in Whale Cove and Arviat and all young Nunavummiut that there are many opportunities to participate in extracurricular activities within our communities. That's why it's important to stay in school and make the best of it as well.

Mr. Speaker, some of these young ladies and young men may end up at the next Arctic Winter Games in Greenland and I wish them the best as they train for that.

Mr. Speaker, from Arviat, there will be Jillian Kaviok going to the Arctic Winter Games and Lakeisha Flynn is an alternate. My granddaughter Shaelyn Kuksuk is also an alternate. Her mother, Alana, who is here this afternoon, was also the coach for the Whale Cove girls' team this past weekend.

From the boys' team, there's Gabriel Issakiark trying out for the Arctic Winter Games and I would like to also mention that Gabriel (interpretation) is named after my late mother, so I am very pleased to say that he took part in the AWG tryouts.

My step sister's son's name is Alikammiaq, who is the name of my late mother, my sister, and my family, so we are very proud of him.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I would like to say "thank you" to all the people... .

(interpretation) Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to conclude my statement. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. The member for Arviat and Whale Cove is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statement. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Mr. Kuksuk, please proceed.

Hon. George Kuksuk (interpretation): Thank you very much, my colleagues.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I would like to say "thank you" to all the people of Whale Cove, Arviat, and a very big thank you to the city of Iqaluit (interpretation) for your hospitality during the weekend and we enjoyed the games and we thank the hospitality of Iqalumiut and (interpretation ends) also to those who worked to make this tournament possible and for supporting our youth. Also thank you to the other coaches, Amanda McLaughlin and Kelsey Nickel.

Mr. Speaker, I invite all members to join me in applauding our athletes.
Qujannamiik. Thank you.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Member for Iqaluit-Sinaa, Mr. Okalik.

Member's Statement 329 – 4(2): The Death of Sammie Peter

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Last Friday, we received a very sudden loss here.

Although Monica Ell is representing this individual, I am related to this individual and would like to make a member's statement.

Sammie Peter, my late brother-in-law, was originally from Iqaluit. He provided support to many people. He assisted with the Anglican Church and he would do a lot of counselling to many individuals. I, too, would approach him for counselling services and he was very receptive. I was always very pleased to visit this individual. He was my cousin Oolootee's husband and we send our condolences to his family.

He was a member of the *Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit* Committee and I know that he will be dearly missed in the community. We send our condolences and prayers to the family. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Member's Statement 330 – 4(2): Congratulations to Athletes from Pond Inlet

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am very pleased to rise today to say that I am very proud of my fellow residents.

Mr. Speaker, I'm sure you have noticed that my voice has changed a bit because I was yelling and providing support to

our young people during the weekend. Starting on Friday, we introduced the female junior girls' volleyball team from Pond Inlet. During the weekend, Nunavut youth came to play volleyball to try out for the 2016 Arctic Winter Games.

First of all, Mr. Speaker, I would like to say "thank you" to Sport Nunavut and the Department of Community and Government Services for providing funds for the trials. I know that the communities are able to participate more because of the assistance provided by the Department of Community and Government Services.

I especially would like to express my appreciation on behalf of Pond Inlet because it's very expensive to fly from Pond Inlet to Iqaluit. Plane tickets are very expensive. I see other young people sitting across the floor who are here to play games. We are very appreciative because the communities do their own fundraising to be used by the youth to travel and participate in the Games. If it weren't for the fundraising of the communities, we wouldn't be able to see our youth go to other communities.

I would like to extend my appreciation to all the participants during the weekend. I am very proud of each and every one of the youth. Mr. Speaker and my colleagues, my friend, as Mr. Kuksuk had said, when youth participate in extracurricular activities, it's much better for their social life. I, along with Mr. Kuksuk, would like to encourage the young people.

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

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. The Member for Tununiq is asking for unanimous consent to conclude his statement. Are there any nays? I didn't hear any nays. Mr. Enook, please proceed.

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

I just want to point out further to all the participants that I know even if you don't win in first place or second place, you are all winners by being a participant. By participating, you gain more friends and it's much better for your social life. When you get back to your communities, please encourage your friends to participate in these games because it's healthier for you mentally and physically.

I am very proud of each and every one of you, but I do want to acknowledge the people who won first and second place. I also acknowledge those teams. Mr. Speaker, at the appropriate time, I will acknowledge those individuals, but I urge Nunavummiut and Pond Inlet residents to say how proud we are of Pond Inlet's boys' soccer team who won the gold. I will introduce them at the appropriate time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

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

**Member's Statement 331 – 4(2):
Tribute to John T. Maurice**

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. With all these young athletes in

attendance here, I think it's a perfect, opportune moment for me to read this statement.

I would like to invite members, residents of Iqaluit and all across Nunavut in recognizing the many accomplishments in sport by Iqaluit resident John Maurice. His welcoming spirit and positive nature has led youth leadership in various sports in Iqaluit and throughout Nunavut for over two decades. John Maurice is the reason speed skating exists in the territory of Nunavut. After almost 25 years of coaching, you can still always find John at the rink lacing up his skates for speed skating practices.

Mr. Speaker, the youth whose lives he has impacted over the years are numerous. Just some of John's contributions to the sport of speed skating and other volunteer organizations over the years, and this list goes far beyond what it is I'm going to mention here.

John was a member of the City of Iqaluit Recreation Committee, a founder of Iqaluit Speed Skating Club and president from 1993 to 2003, vice-president of NWT Amateur Speed Skating Association from 1996 through '99, the last eastern arctic resident to be a member of the Board of Directors for Sport North, a participant in the formation of what is today Sport Nunavut from 1998 through 2000, a member of the Board of Directors for Sport Nunavut for the short term that it was an elective volunteer board, president of Speed Skating Nunavut since 1999, the longest-serving branch president in speed skating in all of Canada, level 3 NCCP coaching

certification, level 2 officiator and learning facilitator, a member of the REACH Fundraising Committee, coach or mission staff for Arctic Winter Games in 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012, and the Canada Winter Games in 2003, 2007, and 2011, Speed Skating Canada Coaching Excellence Award, volunteer at national level curling events in Iqaluit, a founding member and secretary treasure for many years for the Nunavut Help Line... .

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

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. The Member for Iqaluit-Tasiluk is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statement. Are there any nays? I didn't hear any nays. Mr. Hickes, please proceed.

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

As I was saying, he was a secretary treasurer for the Nunavut Help Line for many years and the Nunavut AIDS Information Line, a line coordinator, office manager of the Nunavut AIDS Information Line and the Nunavut Help Line for eight years.

I recently attended the AGM for Iqaluit Speedskating and John Maurice has decided to take a step back in his responsibilities and no longer sits as president of the Iqaluit Speed Skating Association.

I would like to thank him for his tireless efforts to promote the sport across Nunavut and across Canada, and I would like to take this time to thank Mandy Hicky for taking on the task of "filling

his skates." I would like to please recognize all the accomplishments of Mr. John Maurice. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

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

Member's Statement 332 – 4(2): Safe and Happy Spring to Nunavummiut

Mr. Mapsalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today and it is now time to talk about springtime, especially in the month of June. Many people go out camping in the month of June to enjoy the weather and the scenery and to go harvesting all kinds of wildlife.

I'm sure Nunavummiut are now going camping, so I encourage everyone to have a safe trip. I'm sure individuals will be doing the things that they enjoy doing in the springtime. I will be enjoying my springtime activities and I enjoy going out hunting when the season is not on. That's our way of life. Many of us have lived that way and I'm sure that we all used to travel with our parents during the springtime.

I encourage everyone going out camping to be careful and have a safe trip during the spring camping days. I also would like to tell my constituents to have a wonderful day and have a good spring, people of Repulse Bay and Coral Harbour, and all of the people of Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

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

**Member's Statement 333 – 4(2):
Congratulations to Nadia
Sammurtok**

Mr. Tom Sammurtok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to offer my warmest congratulations to an individual of whom my colleague from Rankin Inlet South and I are extremely proud. The individual that I would like to talk about was supposed to be here, but she is not here. Thank you. I'll just continue.

(interpretation ends) I just want to congratulate my daughter Nadia Sammurtok. She will be graduating from the Nunavut Teacher Education Program with her Bachelor of Education Degree this week.

Mr. Speaker, I want to add my voice to the many others who have talked about the importance of this program to our territory's future and I'm talking about the NTEP program.

(interpretation) I am very proud of my daughter. (interpretation ends) She will be selected to serve at the valedictorian for her graduation ceremony, and this honour follows many years of hard work. I remember that after she initially got her diploma in a hairdressing trades program, Nadia decided to pursue a career in education.

I remember that she was teased by her sisters for having become a

“professional student,” but that's over now. She's graduating and I want to tell her that I am very happy that she will be graduating from that particular program. She has been offered and has accepted a teaching position here at Nakasuk School in Iqaluit.

Mr. Speaker, teaching young people is one of the most rewarding experiences available. Mr. Speaker, (interpretation) I would ask all members to join me (interpretation ends) to congratulate Nadia and every other NTEP graduate whose success will help make a better, brighter future for Nunavummiut. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

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

**Member's Statement 334 – 4(2):
Congratulations to Young Athletes**

Mr. Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good day, Nunavummiut and welcome to the visitors in the House.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize the youth that have been playing, including the young people from Pond Inlet. I would like to congratulate them and thank you to the students of Pond Inlet. Jutai Pudluq is from Kimmirut and he was also part of the team that won a gold medal.

As you all know, it is very important to play sports when you're a young person because it is good for everyone and it's healthy for everyone to take part in

sports. It is fun and you make lots of friends.

I am very proud of this certain individual who comes from a small community and he also played along with the youth of Pond Inlet. I would like to congratulate them all and I am very proud of them. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

**Member's Statement 335 – 4(2):
Happy Anniversary to Wife Since
1962**

Mr. Shooyook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would also like to congratulate the youth athletes that were here to play sports. I am very proud of them and I would like them to try harder next time. Nothing is impossible. It is hard at first, but it is very important that you learn. Please encourage the other young people to do the same.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate my wedding anniversary on May 30. You all know that Donald Whitbread was the Anglican minister in Taloyoak. We were in a camp and we went to Taloyoak. I was told that I was getting married at seven o'clock in the evening and it was five o'clock.

>>Laughter

It did happen. I was not well dressed. We were dressed in winter clothing. When we went there, we didn't even take our parkas off or anything like that and we didn't have a ring. A certain

individual gave us a ring; Nanngaaq had a ring. It was 1962. We have been married for that many years and it is 2015 today and we are still together. I am very proud of that.

>>Applause

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

**Member's Statement 336 – 4(2):
Netsilik Students Buy Livestock
for Africans**

Hon. Jeannie Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to congratulate and say I was born the same year that Mr. Shooyook was married.

I would like to welcome everyone visiting the House today.

Today, I would like to say "good afternoon" to everyone in Kugaaruk and Gjoa Haven. We are thinking about the people of Gjoa Haven as well.

Also, the young people in Taloyoak have collected money for Africa. It bought a donkey and a goat and they are helping the people of Africa and the students there. They collected \$1,200 for Africa and they are sending it there.

Justin Aqqaq Ulluriaq, Jonathan Jayko Anaitok, Ian Qilluniq, Edmond Ugyuk Punnguq, their teacher, George Hill, whom they call Aiviq, Phoebe Neeveacheack, Shannon Alookey Kakiarniut, Wendy Alookey, Alukilaaq, Tommy Pauloosie Kakiarniut, Suzanne Qavavau Kalingujaq, Viola Neeveacheak, Laura Ululu, and Sandra Aqqaq Qilluniq are the individuals who

have been fundraising for the people of Africa.

I am very proud of them and I would like to thank them for helping the people far away who do not have food, clothing, and water. The students were concerned about the other children. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. I have no more names on my list.

Before we move on, I would also like to recognize our colleague who celebrated his 53rd wedding anniversary. We are very proud of you and I am very happy that you are able to be here today.

>> *Applause*

Going back to the orders of the day. Item 4. (interpretation ends) Returns to Oral Questions. The Hon. Minister of Community and Government Services, Mr. Mike.

Item 4: Returns to Oral Questions

Return to Oral Question 492 – 4(2): Inspection of Government Building in Resolute Bay

Hon. Johnny Mike (interpretation): Thank you. I'm sorry. I got thirsty while I was listening.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in response to Member Shooyook's oral question regarding inspection of government buildings.

My response is:

Technical Services staff were in Resolute Bay the week of May 18, 2015. They completed a preliminary walkthrough inspection of this facility. The facility is structurally sound and is showing some signs of settlement cracking which is cosmetic and not a danger. The building was constructed in 1980 and has not had any major renovations since then.

Any renovations to this particular building will focus on the roofing upgrade, carpet replacement, interior repairs, including painting and some plumbing improvements. This building is on the community's utilidor system and the water and sewage systems are working properly. The exterior siding required some minor repair and complete painting (staining). We will also be looking at the foundation piles which are constructed of wooden wedge style footings that are in good shape and just require some minor adjusting to ensure proper levelling of the building. The building was relevelled in 2013 which may have also caused some further cracking on the interior.

The heating system is regularly maintained under "as and when" contractors both annually and semi-annually. In January 2015, a new exterior door was installed, including door jam and weather stripping on the front entrance, six new window shades, and some plumbing upgrades in the washrooms, as well as new countertops in the kitchen area.

That's the response, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Returns to Oral Questions. Moving on.

Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Arviat and Chesterfield Inlet, Mr. Kuksuk.

Item 5: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery

Hon. George Kuksuk (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I thank you for allowing me to go first in recognizing individuals. The individuals I want to recognize will be going to the airport very soon to return to their communities. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize certain individuals who are here visiting us and listening to our proceedings here.

I will be recognizing the women who received a silver medal from Team Whale Cove. Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I would like to firstly acknowledge the coach, my daughter, Alana Kuksuk, and her daughter, my granddaughter, Shaelyn Kuksuk, played as well. Welcome. The other players are Lyla Marie Hapanak, Caitlin Uqsagak, and lastly, Micah Sammurtok. These are Team Whale Cove players who will be leaving today and I would like to celebrate with them. They felt welcome and they had a great time. I'm sure they thank the residents of Iqaluit.

There are many people that I didn't recognize, but there were people from Arviat as well. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) Thank you.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Welcome to the gallery. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Kugluktuk, Mr. Taptuna.

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to recognize my wife, who is sitting behind me, also my two grandchildren, and one of the volleyball players who came in from Kugluktuk, Tundra Kuliktana.

I want to commend all the Iqalummiut and the schools for making these tournaments happen for our young people of Nunavut, and I congratulate all the participants that participated in this tournament. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Welcome to the gallery. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Tununiq, Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We have the junior men's volleyball team from Pond Inlet. They participated in the tournament and won first place. They won the gold medal and they were the following: Robert Aglak, Steven Innuarak, Barry Takawgak, Peter Inootik, Siglu Kublu, Jassie Simonie, and not in the House, but Jutai Pudluq, whom we want to adopt, if he would agree, participated with the Pond Inlet team, and their coach was Norman Inootik.

They just won the gold medal and out of these, there are three other participants that will participate in the 2016 Games. They are Steven Inootik, Jassie Simonie, and not in the House, but with the women's team, Sarah Arreak. They just won the gold medal from Pond Inlet. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Welcome to the gallery. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. I have no more names on my list. We will move on. Item 6. Oral Questions. Member for Gjoa Haven, Mr. Akoak.

Item 6: Oral Questions

Question 532 – 4(2): Status of Swan Lake Bridge Project

Mr. Akoak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions are for the Minister of Economic Development and Transportation.

As the minister is aware, I have been raising the issue of the Swan Lake Bridge project for several years. Last year, I was informed that the department would be working with the hamlet to identify the necessary resources to allow this much anticipated project to be completed.

Last week, I tabled a photograph in the Legislative Assembly of the components of the bridge, which has not yet been assembled. Can the minister update me today on the status of this issue? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

I'm sorry. Minister of Economic Development and Transportation, Ms. Ell.

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was just fine with that.

>>Laughter

We looked at the photograph of the bridge and there was some money available through the federal government to build bridges, but the funding expired before the bridge was completed. We have been in discussions with our counterparts and other government departments because we want to complete the building of this bridge.

We have set up funding called CTIP and we got some requests from some of the hamlet councils. To date, we have received requests for funding from 20 communities. Very likely some time this week, we will know which funding requests are going to be approved. I'm sure that this bridge will be included in those discussions. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Akoak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Can the minister indicate what the approximate cost of completing this project will be? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Economic Development and Transportation, Ms. Ell.

Hon. Monica Ell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for that question. The bridge for Gjoa Haven is about \$408,000 and the community transportation initiative projects for this year, we need to, if approved, put the proposal in two years so that it can qualify under that funding. In order for the funding to be qualified in that new initiative, the cabinet needs to discuss that to see if that funding would be made available. With those discussions, I'm still working with some colleagues to see

if that funding can be approved under that new policy. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Akoak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the minister commit to tabling a final report on this project during the upcoming fall sitting of the Legislative Assembly? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. These projects are usually reviewed by the staff. I can't tell you right now if this funding request is going to be approved or not. Our staff is looking at this and I think it's a bit too technical, so I'll leave it at that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 533 – 4(2): Cancer Screening and Early Detection

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

Mr. Speaker, more and more often, we hear of individuals who are being diagnosed with cancer after a long period of illness or serious, inconclusive tests or what seems like inaction on the part of health professionals. I am starting

to understand the health professionals' language.

In some cases, by the time a cancer is detected, it has already progressed very far. Can the minister clearly describe what policies are currently in place, I would say in English, (interpretation ends) regular cancer screening in community health centres across Nunavut? (interpretation) Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) From what I understand, there are a number of developments occurring in screening for different forms of cancer. For cervical cancer, the guidelines are being reviewed and training sessions are being developed for each community health worker and which has taken place. Screening for breast cancer, we are reviewing the policy currently. For colorectal cancer, a screening program is in development.

There is no known method for screening for lung cancer at this time. Even though it is a very common form of cancer in our territory, regrettably, there is no effective screening in place at the moment. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for his response. Mr.

Speaker, it often falls to the individual to go to the health centre to ask to be checked for cancer. Sometimes those requests fall on deaf ears and they are sent away again.

Can the minister clarify what is the policy for providing cancer screening and cancer detection tests for Nunavut residents when they request it? If the individual asks to have cancer screening, are there any policies or are you going to be setting up policies so that they can be screened? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Health, Mr. Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Anyone who is concerned or would like to have a cancer screening or test, I urge them to do so. The health professionals are kept updated on what screening methods are available and for what. We are trying to make everything up to date in our Nunavut communities because cancer is serious and we have to do everything we can for our constituents. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) We do not often hear basic and straightforward information on the number and type of cancers that are diagnosed across Nunavut. However, we hear some very tragic and emotional stories of what individuals and their families have gone through after being tested for cancer,

receiving treatment and suffering with the disease.

Will the minister commit to compiling the latest cancer statistics for Nunavut and tabling that information in the House? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) Most certainly, I know that the most common form of cancer that we incur in Nunavut is lung cancer and that's preventable and in some cases, smoking is probably the number one cause for lung cancer here in our territory. The other form that is quite common is colorectal cancer and we are developing more effective methods of screening for this in our territory. Those are the two main forms of cancer that we know at this time. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 534 – 4(2): Assistance to Set Up Outpost Corrections

Mr. Mapsalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question will be directed to the Minister of Justice.

Mr. Speaker, I have brought this subject up a number of times about non-decentralized communities in Nunavut that just don't have jobs available in them and it's very difficult for people to establish businesses.

Mr. Speaker, I have raised this question a number of times in regard to healing centres or what's called outpost camps in English. You said that there could be some initiatives possible in that regard.

I would now like to ask the minister: is this program still available? If someone is interested in establishing an outpost camp, is this still available in your department? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am very grateful to people who run outpost camps and healing camps because they do benefit inmates and we want to see more of those occurring, especially in my colleague's constituency because there's real good wildlife in his area and that would be very useful for those people who have to be incarcerated. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Mapsalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for that response. That's good news and it would be great to see it.

Mr. Speaker, I know it's obvious that people who want to initiate this have no idea how to start it. Can the minister explain how these people wishing to start something like that can do it? Where can they turn to, to get help to start it? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Minister

of Justice, Mr. Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We have staff in our office in the justice department that works on those for people who run outpost camps or who are interested in running outpost camps. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Mapsalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister. Mr. Speaker, will the minister be able to give me contact information as to where my constituents can apply for that, some phone numbers and address information, so that I can give it to my constituents? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 535 – 4(2): New Regulations under the Wildlife Act

Mr. Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions today are for the Minister of Environment.

Mr. Speaker, I noted with pleasure that the *Wildlife Act* regulations were released in the government's May 29 issue of the *Nunavut Gazette*. I also noted that these regulations are set to

come into force on July 1 of this year and that they address a number of areas under the legislation, including licensing, tags, fees, and harvesting.

Can the minister indicate if these are all of the regulations that they had proposed to pass or will they be passing more regulations in the near future? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Environment, Mr. Mike.

Hon. Johnny Mike (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank my colleague for asking that question. The new Wildlife Regulations that were created in Nunavut, we have decided that they will come into effect on July 1, 2015. The concerns that were raised, especially by NWMB, have been mostly settled. The new Wildlife Regulations will be used to deal with different things. It will come into effect on July 1. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I did ask and what I read there and the minister heard it clearly, I think, but maybe there's a problem with the interpretation. They're coming into force July 1. I acknowledged that and he acknowledged that. I'm just asking the minister if these are a complete set of regulations and there would be no other regulations passed in the near future or are there still some that they are working on. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Minister of Environment, Mr. Mike.

Hon. Johnny Mike (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Some of the regulations are still being worked on and they're not completed yet, especially the ones that come out of NWMB. They're the only ones not quite completed yet. There aren't that many. We want to make sure that the Wildlife Regulations are set up correctly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister. On the same note, is the minister going to have his officials let the people of Nunavut know what the new regulations are, just for like a public campaign, so that all the people of Nunavut will be aware if any new regulations that weren't around are around now, just so people are informed and don't break the law accidentally? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Environment, Mr. Mike.

Hon. Johnny Mike (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. What my colleague is asking in terms of notifying people and the other matters that will run under the regulations, it is all being worked on. Informing the people is one of our absolute priorities in terms of the new Wildlife Regulations. The wildlife officers in the communities will need to be trained further and that has been one of our concerns, but we have been proceeding with it so that everyone is

aware and we want to make sure that everyone in Nunavut is aware and outside Nunavut as well because some of the regulations have an effect outside of Nunavut and we have tried to do that properly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 536 – 4(2): Storage and Disposal of Waste Oil

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

Mr. Speaker, the issue of waste oil and storage has been raised in the House on previous occasions.

In my community, there are many visible steel drums filled with waste oil.

The government's own guidelines for waste oil stipulates that steel drums should only be used to store the substance until treatment and disposal options are identified and that "storage is not acceptable for the long-term management" of this type of waste.

Can the minister explain how his department plans to dispose of the waste oil in Sanikiluaq, which is currently stored in steel drums near the community dump? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Services, Mr. Mike.

Hon. Johnny Mike (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for asking that question. I have to look into this matter. Sanikiluaq is not the only community in that situation. I will have to get back to my colleague on his question. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The government's guidelines concerning waste oil also indicate that all containers used to store the substance must be inspected for leaks and damage. The containers must also be clearly marked and should be protected from the sun, weather, and physical damage.

Can the minister indicate what oversight measures his department is using to ensure that all communities are storing waste oil in a safe and secure manner? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Johnny Mike (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm grateful that he expressed his concern here. After I check with CGS on the matter, I will be able to inform the House as to the situation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 537 – 4(2): Update on Strategic Telecommunications Plan

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question today is also for the Minister of Community and Government Services.

Mr. Speaker, numerous times since elected, I have brought up the topic of bandwidth and technology infrastructure and the lack thereof across Nunavut and what is available at the very high cost and fairly low value.

Last year, I had asked the then minister of the department to update this House on the Strategic Telecommunications Plan to address emerging technologies. I was wondering if the minister would be able to update me on the progress of that plan at this time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Johnny Mike (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would also like to thank my colleague for his question. The Nunavut government is in support, especially the entities that are dealing with bandwidth in the north, of having better speed with our communications.

In regard to the member's question, yes, we are aware as a government that we need to be fully prepared in regard to communications and IT because new information or new technology is coming out. However, at this time, the government's practice is that we need to properly prepare for this. That's what I

can say at this time. We have sent out RFPs to the public so that they can apply to deal with the communication system so that we can improve the system for the long term. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I realize the government doesn't control pricing from entities such as NorthwTel or Qiniq or other providers of Internet services specifically, but there are steps that the government can take to increase the infrastructure.

There is a plan developed, I believe it was 2011, to cost out infrastructure or increase capacity for bandwidth in addition to the strategic plan that I outlined in my original question. I was wondering if the minister would be able to update me on the progress of adapting existing infrastructure to increase bandwidth availability to assist in costing. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Johnny Mike (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank my colleague for that question. We are concerned about this, especially when we hear the communication plans in the north. We have to review it fully as we progress with this because Nunavummiut need the best possible bandwidth. As a government, we have to review it along with the impacted entities. We can work together and make sure that we can increase the bandwidth.

I can only respond to your question that way. 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. I'll look forward to seeing further progress.

Mr. Speaker, in the past, I brought up a Canada 150 document that was put out by the federal government, acknowledging the need to access not just urban high-speed Internet but rural areas as well, of which Nunavut, I would consider, is probably the most rural of rural. The impact that it has, as I have brought up in the past, on education, economic development opportunities, the Department of Health, specifically with eHealth and telehealth technologies, hinders a lot of the different programs and a lot of the momentum going forward in *Sivumut Abluqta*.

I would just like to ask the minister what communications he has had within his cabinet colleagues and with other entities on accessing funding opportunities to increase the IT capabilities of Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Johnny Mike (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. With respect to communications, we need proper equipment and I know that, as the member had stated, the lack of bandwidth can have a negative impact

on the Department of Health and other communication aspects of this.

At this time, we're aware that the private companies are responsible for taking care of communication equipment. As I had stated, we will work with them. Once we know the exact plan and how we can provide better bandwidth, I'll be able to provide an adequate response to the member. As I stated before, we want to consult with everyone. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 538 – 4(2): Program Review

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question today is for the Premier.

I would like to follow up on the statement that the Premier made last Thursday concerning the government's "operational audit" or "program review." In his statement, the Premier indicated that the "request for proposals for this operational audit was awarded in April." Can the Premier indicate which company or individual has been awarded the contract to perform this important work? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The work was awarded to Matrix Consulting. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In the Premier's statement of last Thursday, he indicated that "auditing the Government of Nunavut's 258 departmental programs and 68 corporate programs is not a small task." I couldn't agree more, and it's obvious that 300 plus programs cannot all be audited at the same time. Can the Premier clarify which departments' programs will be prioritized for review? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for that question. Mr. Speaker, as I indicated in my ministerial statement, we are doing the first phase of the work that will determine the second phase of the work where there are complete, detailed audits on the programs that we may or may not continue or discontinue. That work is still quite a ways away and that work is to be done at phase 2. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Perhaps I'll ask for a follow-up in the fall. Maybe by then, it will be clearer.

Mr. Speaker, as all Members of the Legislative Assembly are aware, the elimination of the Department of Human

Resources resulted in some of the department's programs and responsibilities being transferred to the Department of Finance while other programs and responsibilities, including management of the government's Inuit employment strategy, were assumed by the Department of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs. Can the Premier confirm whether the effectiveness of this new structure will be looked at as part of the government's "operational audit"? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for that question. Mr. Speaker, of course, we're looking at all our programs and how we could best improve our programs and services to the people of Nunavut. Some of these initiatives that she indicated, of course, we will be updating the House in the fall to determine the number of improvements we want to make and possibly some discontinued programs that aren't working for Nunavummiut. Once we have made that determination in the fall time, I'll certainly update the House on that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Rankin Inlet, Mr. Alexander Sammurtok.

Question 539 – 4(2): Patients Receiving Care Outside of Nunavut

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

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, in my Member's Statement, I talked about the sad and tragic circumstances of individuals who are receiving medical treatment outside of Nunavut and who are finding it increasingly difficult to support themselves due to lack of funds.

Can the minister clearly describe what kind of financial support is provided to individuals who are in southern jurisdictions to receive specialized medical care and need to pay their rent and feed themselves and their families while they are there? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Health, Mr. Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) From what I understand, for those that we cannot care for in our territory and we do not have the technology or the expertise in caring for those individuals, fortunately there are not that many that have encountered this problem. We cover them for up to 365 days and thereafter, they're presumed to be residents of the other jurisdictions, like any programs that are covered in any part of our country. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Sammurtok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is quite clear that the amount of financial support provided by Nunavut's Department of Health to patients receiving long-term health care outside of Nunavut is not enough. What steps has the minister taken to review

and address the needs of patients in the situation that I described? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) We have looked at accommodating those that require treatment outside of our territory on a chronic basis and in some situations, we have allowed for family visits and that will continue. We are also continuing to look for ways to improve what we cover under the program. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Sammurtok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is very sad that Nunavut residents feel that they have to resort to asking members of the public to help them with paying for basic necessities, such as shelter, food, and supporting their families.

Will the minister commit to reviewing the amount of funding and support that is provided to medical patients who are required to stay outside of Nunavut for an extended period of time? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Health, Mr. Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I have formed a committee to try and find the best solutions for some of

these problems. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Uqqummiut, Mr. Keyootak.

Question 540 – 4(2): Update on Clyde River’s Municipal Garage

Mr. Keyootak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions today are for the Minister of Community and Government Services.

Mr. Speaker, the state of Clyde River’s current mechanical garage is inadequate for municipal services to complete necessary repairs to its mobile equipment.

In November 2012, the Legislative Assembly approved \$200,000 in capital funding for the design phase of a “Mechanical Garage” project to replace Clyde River’s existing garage.

The most recent information provided by the department indicates that the design and tendering phase of this project would take place in the 2013-14 fiscal year and that the construction phase is scheduled for 2016-18.

Can the minister indicate if his department has completed the design for Clyde River’s new mechanical garage? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Johnny Mike (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank my colleague for asking that question. The

mechanical garage for Clyde River has been deferred at this time. It was not in for the 2015-16 fiscal year. I can state that right now, it would be looked at. As you stated, it is going to be in there. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Keyootak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Can the minister indicate when his department will be placing this project out for tender? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Johnny Mike (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for that question. We know that it will be part of 2016-17 and at that time, we will be preparing this for 2016-17. That will be the time that it will be looked at. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Keyootak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to note that the department has not requested any capital funding for this project since November 2012.

Can the minister indicate when his department plans to begin the construction of Clyde River’s new mechanical garage? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Johnny Mike (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for that question. As I stated before, we will be planning this for 2016-17. We will begin the planning in that fiscal year. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 541 – 4(2): Update on the Replacement of Kimmirut’s Runway

Mr. Joanasié (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question today is for the Minister of Economic Development and Transportation.

Mr. Speaker, on March 11, I asked about the Kimmirut Airport. The minister stated that she would take the question as notice. I would like to know if she can answer that question that I asked, if her department has looked at it regarding the Kimmirut Airport. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for asking that question. With respect to the Kimmirut Airport, the hamlet has been asked to plan it and we know that in Kimmirut, right now, we can’t make any plans to construct this year with the capital expenditures of the government.

Right now, this is all that I can provide as a response. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Joanasié (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate that you have been looking at the Kimmirut Airport. I would like to know if the minister could go to Kimmirut with me. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Economic Development and Transportation, Ms. Ell.

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for welcoming us to his constituency community. Yes, I can go to Kimmirut with him during the summer. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Joanasié: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, minister, for your response. I look forward to seeing you in Kimmirut.

The government’s 2015-18 business plan states under ED&T’s Policy and Planning Division that one of the priorities for 2015-16 is to “Update 20-year capital needs assessment for Nunavut airports.” I believe that assessment has been done. I’m asking the minister to commit that assessment into the legislature before the end of this spring session. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Transportation, Ms. Ell.

Hon. Monica Ell (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member. The 20-year capital needs assessment is complex and we have to negotiate with many departments, including the finance department. This takes a long time. We will be looking at this again in the fall session. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 542 – 4(2): Departmental Positions

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Community and Government Services, my *angajuksakuluk*.

Mr. Speaker, last week, the Minister of Finance tabled the government's most current employment report. This report indicates that the Department of Community and Government Services has a total of 30 positions located in the community of Pond Inlet. However, there are nine positions that are vacant.

Can the minister tell me how many of these nine vacant positions the department is currently advertising to fill? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Johnny Mike (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank the Member for Tununig for the question. I'll have to look into it and I'll have to get back to the member. I don't know

exactly how many vacant positions there are to date. I will have to look into it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is my understanding that one of the department's senior management positions in the area of project and asset management remains vacant. This position is located in Pond Inlet. Can the minister tell me when his department will be advertising to fill this vacant position? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Johnny Mike (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Like I said, I will have to look into it and I will get back to the member. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm not sure if I should ask this question since he will probably have to look into it as well. I will ask it anyways.

In December of 2013, I wrote a letter to the minister of the day concerning the issue of his department's vacant positions in Pond Inlet. At that time, there were eight vacancies, and I was assured that the department would be working to fill these positions "in the timeliest manner possible." As I noted in

the preamble to my questions today, the number of vacancies has actually increased since that time.

Can the minister explain why these vacant positions are increasing instead? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Johnny Mike (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For that matter, I have to look into this again. I cannot really answer the question that you have now. I will get back to the member. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 543 – 4(2): Residential Care Services

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Family Services.

Mr. Speaker, I was pleased to note the tabling of government's response to the standing committee report on its review of the Auditor General's *Follow-up Report on Child and Family Services in Nunavut*.

One component of the government's response is the Residential Care Report, which focuses on the quality and management of residential care services inside and outside the territory.

Can the minister indicate whether a "Residential Care Report" will be

updated and tabled on a regular basis along with regular updates of the Quality Protects Action Plan? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Jeannie Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank my colleague for the question. This is a very important question. There are 330 individual children and youth and 57 Inuit children down south as of April 27, 2015, so there are 17 percent that are outside Nunavut in residential care. They have to be close to children's hospitals and if they have mental disabilities or any kind of sickness. We will be getting this report this summer. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for the response. Mr. Speaker, I greatly appreciate the amount of work that has gone into addressing the issues raised in the Auditor General's report. The Residential Care Report demonstrates the effort towards improving staffing, creating a database to track and monitor placements, and ensuring that client needs are reviewed. Can the minister clarify how her departmental staff work with the family members of clients who are placed in residential care? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Jeannie Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would also like to thank the member for asking that question. We usually have meetings with the parents or the foster parents regarding these issues. We have meetings with the parents on a monthly basis and we usually look at the agreement and see their progress. As the Department of Family Services, we are looking at whether we can repatriate some of those patients back to Nunavut. That is going to be our priority, if the patients do have the services available up here. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you to the member. Mr. Speaker, while the Residential Care Report provides some numbers and dollar figures, it does not address placement types. The children's group home in Iqaluit was recently repurposed. Can the minister provide an explanation of where the former clients of the Iqaluit children's group home have been placed and what is this facility now being used for? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Jeannie Ugyuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I heard more than one question. However, the children's group home in Iqaluit is being used for young women. The children who were in the children's group home have been sent south. I'm not exactly sure which facility is being used and we can't talk about personal information in

the House, but my staff and I will be going to Winnipeg some time this month to look at a facility that is being utilized by Nunavut.

The staff also went to Chesterfield Inlet to look at the Naja Isabelle Home. It's a 10-bed facility used for children's group home, children who are sick or who have disabilities. We are looking at updating the status of the services that are provided to children of Nunavut. It's something that's very important for our department. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Motion 026 – 4(2): Extension of Question Period

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to Rule 39(7), I move, seconded by the Member for Iqaluit-Niaqunngu, that the time allotted for oral questions be extended. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

An Hon. Member: Hear, hear!

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The motion is in order and is not subject to debate. All those in favour. (interpretation) Thank you. (interpretation ends) Opposed. The motion is carried and question period is extended for an additional 30 minutes.

Before we proceed, we shall have a 20-minute break.

(interpretation) Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>House recessed at 15:36 and resumed at 16:03

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you for coming back. Oral Questions. Member for Rankin Inlet, Mr. Alexander Sammurtok.

Question 544 – 4(2): Cancellation of Observer/Communicator Training Program

Mr. Sammurtok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions are for the Minister of Economic Development and Transportation.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, on March 4 of this year, I asked questions to the minister concerning the cancellation of the Observer/Communicator Training Program that has been offered for many years in Rankin Inlet at the Kivalliq Campus of Nunavut Arctic College.

This program was being moved to Fort Smith in the Northwest Territories as one of the consequences of the ending of the contract with NAV Canada for the administration of CARS services.

In response to my questions, the minister stated that the government was, and I quote, “reviewing how we can proceed with the training in Rankin Inlet.” Can the minister update the House today on the status of this issue? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Monica Ell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for that question. Although the GN insisted that the Observer/Communicator Training

Program funded by NAV Canada and offered by Nunavut Arctic College in Rankin Inlet would be maintained and continued, NAV Canada has chosen to discontinue the training program. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Sammurtok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is my understanding that the equipment which was used as part of this training program remains located in Rankin Inlet. Can the minister describe how she is working with the Minister responsible for Nunavut Arctic College on this issue? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Economic Development and Transportation, Ms. Ell.

Hon. Monica Ell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Although Nunavut Arctic College, the Kivalliq Campus, remains capable of administering the observer/communicator training from its Rankin Inlet classrooms, because NAV Canada has chosen to support only one northern-based training facility which is located in Fort Smith, we will still play the same role that ED&T played for ten years and that is to bring the administration of CARS services on behalf of NAV Canada, that’s the ATS, and we are still working with Nunavut Arctic College on the future of the training possibility. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Sammurtok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) Many questions have been asked by my colleagues and me concerning the impact of the government's new approach to the provision of CARS services in Nunavut. Will the minister commit to tabling a comprehensive report in the Legislative Assembly during our upcoming fall sitting on the status of this issue, yes or no? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Monica Ell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Because what he is asking for is partly with negotiations with the federal government, I will have to look into that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

**Question 545 – 4(2): Lot
Developments for Social Housing**

Mr. Mapsalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will direct my question to the Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation.

Mr. Speaker, the public housing units are under the control of the housing corporation and when they're planning construction of new housing units, they have to put in the planning and get the land ready for construction. It is only after the land has been zoned that they can finally start construction.

In the spring when the snow is melting, there are a lot of puddles around the houses. I would like to ask the minister if there is going to be money made available or if there's any money available so that there's proper drainage around the public housing units. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. George Kuksuk (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I also thank the member for that question. Mr. Speaker, with regard to the public housing units that are under the control of the housing corporation, the land is usually developed after they have identified the lot.

Usually the land is approved and when the government asks the housing corporation to build some new units, for example, if we're going to be building houses in Repulse Bay or if it's going to be a five-plex, the hamlet and CG&S are the ones who prepare the lot following the land use plan of the hamlet council.

Once the lots are identified and if there is any need to work around the lots, then it would be the responsibility of the hamlet council and Community and Government Services. We are not responsible for the lots. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Mapsalak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The reason why I'm asking that question is because there are

a lot of questions, usually from the residents, about who is responsible for what part of the project. Do I understand that if the housing corporation is going to be building a house, money is usually identified just for the lots? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. George Kuksuk (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. As I indicated earlier, there are different types of houses. There are five-plexes, duplexes, and ten-plexes. We have to identify the lot that could be used for whatever size it is. It is the responsibility of the hamlet councils and CGS. They identify the lots of where they're going to be building the houses and if it's a residential unit, then it would have to be in an identified lot. The main responsible organizations are the hamlet councils and CGS. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 546 – 4(2): Status of Site Remediation in Baker Lake

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

As the minister is aware, a longstanding and unresolved issue in the community of Baker Lake concerns the remediation of the site that was inherited from the Northern Canada Power Corporation.

Last week, the minister tabled QEC's response to our standing committee's recent report on its hearings on QEC. In its response, the Qulliq Energy Corporation indicates that the community of Baker Lake contains contamination that is, and I quote, "100% attributable to federal activities."

Has the federal government acknowledged its responsibility for cleaning up this site, yes or no? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Minister responsible for the Qulliq Energy Corporation, Mr. Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. No. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. During our hearings last fall, the Qulliq Energy Corporation indicated that it has taken the position that the "polluter pay" principle should apply to contaminated sites in Nunavut that were inherited from the federal Northern Canada Power Corporation.

Mr. Speaker, I find it very interesting that the recent federal budget indicates that the Government of Canada, and I quote, "has enshrined the principle of 'polluter pay'."

In light of this, can the minister clarify what options the Government of Nunavut has at its disposal to ensure that the federal government lives up to its

responsibilities in this area? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister responsible for the Qulliq Energy Corporation, Mr. Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I thank Mr. Mikkungwak for the question. I thank Mr. Mikkungwak for inviting me and hosting me in Baker Lake and all the good people of Baker Lake. It was a very nice visit. It's a beautiful community.

Mr. Speaker, I have been reading through this file extensively for months. I think there are three or four or five legal opinions that I have read through. I read through the various transfer agreements. I have to say that it's quite a saga, if I may use that word.

I can't stand here today and tell Mr. Mikkungwak what options we have. We are still continuing to take position that QEC is not responsible. Polluter pays, again it is all subject to legal opinions. We could choose to pursue them in the courts, but that's an option that I don't know if it's a fruitful thing to do because those things can take years to conclude and you never quite know if you are going to succeed or not or we can continue to speak to them.

I believe the Government of Nunavut, through the Department of Environment, is working on a process to identify all the sites in Nunavut that are contaminated, who owns them, and processes like that. We are continuing to pursue that, how to best clean up the site. It is a priority for QEC and I assured the MLA and the community last week that it is and will remain a priority for our

government and for the Qulliq Energy Corporation to address that area. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for coming to Baker Lake to actually see the contaminated site.

Last week, the minister tabled the Qulliq Energy Corporation's response to our standing committee's recent report on its hearings on the Qulliq Energy Corporation. In its response, the Qulliq Energy Corporation indicates that "four remedial options could be considered" for the contaminated site in Baker Lake. Can the minister indicate which of these four options the Qulliq Energy Corporation supports using? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Minister responsible for the Qulliq Energy Corporation, Mr. Peterson.

Hon. Keith Peterson: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I thank Mr. Mikkungwak for the question. Mr. Speaker, at present, the site is contained through the Waterloo system that is in place and maintained annually by the government. At this time, I can't tell him definitively which of the four remedial processes that we favour. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 547 – 4(2): Climate Change Adaptation Initiatives

Mr. Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today, my question is for the Minister of Environment.

On Friday, May 29, he tabled an F/P/T document on a meeting, on a conference that the minister went to in Lima, Peru back in December 1 'til December 12. One of the commitments out of that meeting or the government's commitment says that the Government of Nunavut is committed to supporting climate change adaptation initiatives across the territory to ensure the reliance of our communities in the face of a changing environment.

I would just like to ask the minister what kind of support the government is giving to the people of Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Environment, Mr. Mike.

Hon. Johnny Mike (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank my colleague for asking that question. What I recently tabled in the House from the meeting I attended; the people who are working on climate change are not aware of the Arctic very much. However, the Nunavut government has brought out their support to the rest of the world. Whenever possible, I try to convey the Inuit traditional knowledge about the weather. The other people in the world don't know about the arctic weather. That's how we're trying to support the progress and expressing concerns from Nunavut in those forums. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation) Minister, I thank you for telling us how you inform the rest of the world. However, in your statement, you stated that you would be supporting the people of Nunavut in their efforts to adapt to climate change. What sort of support are you talking about? (interpretation ends) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Minister of Environment, Mr. Mike.

Hon. Johnny Mike (interpretation): Thank you. During the meeting in Lima, Peru, when governments from around the world were talking about the climate, with the governments that are working on climate change, there is a committee that has been struck that consists of aboriginal peoples. The work in Peru was in an effort to support that. Inuit are part of the aboriginal world community and that's where we tried to express our support. We wanted to make sure that they know about the people of Nunavut. The other aboriginal people have their own knowledge about weather, but we bring our knowledge about the arctic weather. The Arctic is one of the first indicators of climate change. It's where we experience the effects first before anyone else. That's what I mean by support. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'll try the third time.

I'll quote from the tabled document. It says that "The Government of Nunavut is committed to supporting climate change adaptation initiatives across Nunavut." That means initiatives within Nunavut. What is the government doing to help Nunavummiut adapt to climate change? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Environment, Mr. Mike.

Hon. Johnny Mike (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We know that the climate is changing and we know that the weather is changing, as to how it's changing, and the land is changing. We try help as the climate and land changes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 548 – 4(2): Diverting Offenders from the Correctional System

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

Mr. Speaker, it has become clear that Nunavut's corrections system is inadequate. The lack of physical infrastructure and rehabilitative services has been illustrated in a number of past reports, including the Auditor General of Canada's recent *Report on Corrections in Nunavut*.

For this reason, it is especially important that the department is doing everything it

can to prevent crime in Nunavut and to divert offenders from the correctional system when it is appropriate.

In its 2015-18 business plan, the department indicates that it will produce Nunavut's Crime Prevention Strategy in the 2015-16 fiscal year. Can the minister inform us today when he will be releasing this new strategy? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I thank my colleague for the question. We continue to work on ways to try and meet our challenges in community justice. I was very pleased to attend a training session for all our community justice workers just over a month ago. They're developing more skills and trying to acquire more tools to tackle the challenges they're facing.

I tabled the Crime Prevention Strategy Report just earlier last week. I hope that we can have a good discussion with that and try and find the best strategy for our territory in terms of crime prevention for all of Nunavut. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you to the member for his response. I was going to ask him a question about community justice training, when it was going to be held, and he answered that. Can the minister

commit to tabling the report on the outcomes of that training session? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I look forward to providing more information on what the purpose of the training and what the outcome was. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I look forward to that.

On February 25, 2015, I asked the minister a number of questions concerning one of my favourite topics, which is the department's plans to establish a wellness court in Nunavut, which will divert offenders from the corrections system to address mental health, addictions, and cognitive impairments. At that time, the minister indicated that his department was reviewing options on how it can develop more initiatives in this area.

Can the minister indicate when his department will make a final decision on whether it will pursue the establishment of a wellness court in Nunavut? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation

ends) As this matter will require additional resources, we need a bit more time to plan it properly to make sure that we can provide the space along with the programming that will be needed for supporting a wellness court. That work is ongoing and we need to put in place proper supports for it to be very effective here in our territory. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 549 – 4(2): Accessing NIHB Coverage

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my questions to the Minister of Health.

Mr. Speaker, as the minister is aware, a number of health benefits are provided to beneficiaries under the Non-Insured Health Benefits program (NIHB).

In most cases, when a medical client goes into a health centre or sees a doctor at the hospital, the health administrators do all the paperwork to make sure that NIHB benefits are accessed on behalf of the patient. However, in some cases, such as when a beneficiary ends up in a southern jurisdiction to receive medical care and treatment, they have to fill out the paperwork again in order to access their NIHB benefits.

Can the minister clearly explain how patients who are receiving medical care outside of Nunavut are supposed to access their NIHB benefits? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Paul Okalik: The non-insured health benefits are programs that are covered by the federal government. There are numerous benefits in the plan. I would like to get more detail on the question, if you don't mind, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Non-Insured Health Benefits program provides funding for such costs as medical travel, drugs, eyeglasses, and dental work. Can the minister clarify what additional medical benefits, if any, are provided under non-insured health benefits for specialized treatment or for specific types of illness? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Health, Mr. Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) The Non-Insured Health Benefits program is a federal program. They have a list of medication that is approved that can be obtained from the federal government, along with medical supplies and equipment. We also are covered for dental and vision issues. Those things are covered by the Non-Insured Health Benefits program, along with the contracts we have with boarding homes and medical travel in some cases. We have those under the Non-Insured Health

Benefits program. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Sometimes medical clients are put on waiting lists because, as they are told, new paperwork has to be submitted to NIHB for coverage. However, if a medical professional has already started the care, diagnosis, and treatment process for a client, it is not clear why it is necessary to start the administrative process all over again.

Will the minister commit to working with his department to ensure that access to NIHB benefits is no longer such a difficult and delayed process for Nunavummiut? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) As I mentioned in my reply, the Non-Insured Health Benefits program is a federal program, so we have to work with what is in and what is covered under the program and to make sure that we meet the requirements for the patient when we administer the program on behalf of the client. We will continue to do our utmost to make sure that we deliver the best care possible for our citizens and meet the requirements that are set out in the plan. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. The time for question period has

expired. We will move on and go back to the orders of the day. Item 7. Written Questions. (interpretation ends) Item 8. Returns to Written Questions. Item 9. Petitions. Item 10. Responses to Petitions. Item 11. Reports of Standing and Special Committees on Bills and Other Matters. Mr. Hickes.

Item 11: Reports of Standing and Special Committees on Bills and Other Matters*

Committee Report 008 – 4(2): Report on the Review of the Auditor General’s 2015 Report to the Legislative Assembly on Corrections in Nunavut

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to present the report of the standing committee on oversight of government operations’ review of the Auditor General of Canada’s 2015 *Report on Corrections in Nunavut* to the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, as you will recall, the Auditor General’s 2015 *Report on Corrections in Nunavut* was tabled in the House on March 10, 2015.

The standing committee held its hearings on the Auditor General’s 2015 report from May 5 to 7, 2015. Witnesses from the Office of the Auditor General and the Government of Nunavut’s Department of Justice appeared before the standing committee.

The hearings were open to the public and news media to observe and were broadcast on local radio, cable and satellite television.

*See Appendix for full text of Committee Report 8 – 4(2).

Transcripts from the hearing have been posted on the Legislative Assembly’s website in English and Inuktitut.

Mr. Speaker, the objective of the Auditor General’s audit was to determine whether the Department of Justice has met its key responsibilities for inmates within the corrections system. Focusing primarily on the Baffin Correctional Centre and the Rankin Inlet Healing Facility, the office examined the department’s management of inmates and correctional facilities. In his report, the Auditor General concludes that the department has not met its key responsibilities for inmates within the correctional facilities.

Mr. Speaker, under the *Corrections Act*, the Corrections Service of Nunavut is responsible for the safe and secure housing of inmates. The Corrections Service also has the responsibility to provide rehabilitative and treatment services for inmates within the territory, including mental health services.

Mr. Speaker, during its hearing on the Auditor General’s report, the standing committee raised a number of concerns. Consequently, the standing committee has made ten specific recommendations to the Department of Justice.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to highlight the thematic areas that are addressed in the standing committee’s report:

- In his report, the Auditor General made 17 specific recommendations to the Department of Justice. The standing committee notes that the government has agreed with all of the Auditor General’s

recommendations. However, it is important that the department addresses these recommendations in a strategic and efficient manner.

During its recent hearings, the standing committee noted with concern that the department had not yet prepared an action plan to outline the timeline and specific actions that it would take to address each of the 17 recommendations made by the Auditor General.

Mr. Speaker, the standing committee has recommended that the department provide an action plan that includes detailed timelines and information on the specific actions that it will take to address the Auditor General's recommendations.

- Mr. Speaker, the lack of physical infrastructure to appropriately house inmates within Nunavut has been an ongoing concern since the territory was created.

In his report, the Auditor General notes that the current capacity of Nunavut's facilities will fail to meet its future correctional needs and that the territory does not have the physical infrastructure to securely house maximum-security inmates.

The standing committee emphasizes the importance of comprehensive and strategic planning in this area to ensure that all correctional facilities are properly utilized according to their appropriate capacity and security levels.

The standing committee notes that the department is currently

undertaking a mould remediation project at the Baffin Correctional Centre and emphasizes the importance of planning fiscally responsible solutions to address the deficiencies at the Baffin Correctional Centre.

The standing committee notes with approval that the department has taken actions to ensure that staff at all correctional facilities are completing required evacuation drills and contingency plans and encourages the department to provide oversight measures to ensure that this work continues.

- Mr. Speaker, in his report, the Auditor General notes that the department is not meeting its own requirements to ensure that all placements of inmates into segregated confinement include proper justification, authorization and regular review, and that all of these requirements are documented. In his report, the Auditor General also indicates that searches of cells were conducted irregularly and incidents of contraband were not properly documented.

The standing committee emphasizes the importance of providing correctional staff with the resources and direction to begin documenting segregation placements and incidents related to contraband at the earliest opportunity and until such a time as its new electronic tracking system becomes fully operational.

- Mr. Speaker, the standing committee's report notes that the department has recently developed

an overarching vision for its Corrections Division. The standing committee recognizes that each correctional facility may share the overarching goals of the Corrections Division. However, it is clear that each correctional facility in Nunavut has distinct capacities, security levels, programming, and community supports.

The standing committee's report notes the importance of developing distinct visions and specific operating procedures for each facility.

- Mr. Speaker, the standing committee's report notes with concern that the Corrections Service directives contain little guidance on how Inuit societal values can be incorporated into all aspects of the corrections system.

Mr. Speaker, the standing committee's report notes that the department must provide a comprehensive and detailed action plan that includes timelines and specific actions by which it will integrate Inuit societal values into all aspects of the corrections system.

- Mr. Speaker, ineffective case management may prevent inmates from accessing rehabilitative programs and therefore prevents inmates from receiving support that may have assisted them with successful rehabilitation.

In his report, the Auditor General notes that the Corrections Division is failing to provide adequate services related to the assessment of inmates'

needs, the development of case plans, providing consistent and relevant rehabilitative programming, monitoring inmates' progress against their case plans, and preparing release plans to prepare inmates for successful reintegration into the community.

The standing committee notes that the department intends to create a compliance-oriented position that will be responsible for conducting "annual audits on the completion of assessments and case management plans."

The standing committee emphasizes the importance of providing necessary training and oversight measures to ensure that correctional staff are developing case plans specific to each inmate that include benchmarks for progress and which identify any mental health needs until such a time the new compliance-oriented position is created and filled.

- Mr. Speaker, in his report, the Auditor General states that the rehabilitative programs offered to inmates are intended to "minimize the negative effects of imprisonment, help their personal development, and prepare them for successful reintegration into the community."

During the standing committee's hearings, the department did not provide clear information on how it determines program schedules and the financial and human resources required to operate programs. In order to adequately evaluate the current programming that is being

delivered, the Corrections Division must also ensure that it is keeping comprehensive documentation related to programming schedules, attendance, and inmates' progress.

The standing committee's report also notes with concern that the department has not yet determined a method by which it can assess its rehabilitative programming to ensure that programming is relevant to the inmates and that any gaps in the Corrections Division's current programming are identified and addressed.

- Mr. Speaker, as a part of its mandate to provide treatment and rehabilitation to inmates, the Corrections Service is responsible for providing mental health services to inmates.

In his report, the Auditor General indicates that correctional staff have recognized that the mental health services within correctional facilities are inadequate and raised concerns about the lack of psychological support and counselling available to Nunavut inmates.

During the standing committee's hearings, departmental officials recognized that the division needs to improve its documentation and tracking of mental health services and indicated that it plans to perform a review of its mental health services in all correctional facilities.

The standing committee's report emphasizes the importance of enhancing the mental health services within correctional facilities until

such a time as the Corrections Division's mental health services are comprehensively reviewed.

- Mr. Speaker, in his report, the Auditor General notes that the department did not have a fully trained staff complement for its correctional facilities and is relying on casual employees and overtime.

The standing committee recognizes that the department has recently issued a Request for Proposals for a Staffing, Overtime and Organizational Review of the Nunavut Corrections Division and that the purpose of this analysis is to identify the underlying causes of staffing challenges within the division and to determine solutions to address these issues.

Mr. Speaker, the standing committee strongly encourages the department to ensure that its corrections directives are relevant, detailed, and comprehensive so as to provide staff with clear direction on the division's expectations and operating procedures, especially given that it is currently facing challenges with staff turnover.

The standing committee's report emphasizes the importance of ensuring that all correctional staff receive the necessary training to undertake their duties in a way that provides a safe and secure environment for inmates and staff within correctional facilities.

- Mr. Speaker, a number of detailed written questions have been asked in the Legislative Assembly in recent

years requesting specific information related to the Corrections Division's staffing, programming, and services, including information concerning the extent to which the programs have reduced the rate at which offenders reoffend.

It is important that the government provide detailed and current information on its actions and initiatives to fulfil its responsibilities as mandated by territorial legislation.

Consequently, the standing committee recommends that the Minister of Justice begin the practice of tabling a comprehensive annual report in the Legislative Assembly on the administration of the *Corrections Act*, starting with the 2015-16 fiscal year. The standing committee notes that such an annual report must include detailed information concerning such matters as inmate population, correctional facility planning, facility incidents, staffing, programming, mental health services, and initiatives to integrate Inuit societal values.

Mr. Speaker, I would note for the record that the standing committee, pursuant to Rule 91(5) of the *Rules of the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut*, is requesting that the government provide a comprehensive response to the recommendations included in this report.

With that, I move that the report of the standing committee be received by the House and entered into the record as read. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The member has

moved that the report of the standing committee be received by the House and entered into the record as read. Do members agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Speaker: It is agreed. Item 12. Tabling of Documents. Hon. [Minister] of Economic Development and Transportation, Ms. Ell.

Item 12: Tabling of Documents

Tabled Document 159 – 4(2): Review of Sanaugait: A Strategy for Growth in Nunavut's Arts and Crafts Sector

Hon. Monica Ell: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to table the July 2014 *Final Report on the Review of Sanaugait: A Strategy for Growth in Nunavut's Arts and Crafts Sector*. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Tabling of Documents. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Minister of Environment, Mr. Mike.

Tabled Document 160 – 4(2): F/P/T Conservation, Wildlife and Biodiversity Ministers' Meeting

Hon. Johnny Mike (interpretation): Mr. Speaker, I am tabling the F/P/T Conservation, Wildlife and Biodiversity Ministers' Meeting, February 12 to 13, 2015. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Tabling of Documents. I have two documents to table.

Tabled Document 161 – 4(2): Report of Members’ Absences from Sittings of the House and Meetings of Committees and Caucuses for the Period January 1, 2015 to March 31, 2015

Tabled Document 162 – 4(2): Speaker’s List of Outstanding Statutory Tabling Requirements

(interpretation ends) Thank you, Members. I wish to table the *Report of Members’ Absences from Sittings of the House and Meetings of Committees and Caucuses for the Period January 1, 2015 to March 31, 2015*. Thank you.

Thank you, Members. I also wish to table today a list of outstanding statutory tabling requirements. This list is current as of the end of the May 29, 2015 sitting of the Legislative Assembly.
(interpretation) Thank you.

(interpretation ends) Item 13. Notices of Motions. Item 14. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Item 15.
(interpretation) Motions. Member for Quttiktuq, Mr. Isaac Shooyook.

Item 15: Motions*

Motion 024 – 4(2): Modification of the Terms of Reference of the Standing Committees of the Fourth Legislative Assembly

Mr. Shooyook (interpretation): 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 current terms of reference for the standing committees of the Fourth Legislative Assembly were adopted by the House at its sitting of March 6, 2014;

AND WHEREAS all Regular Members of the Legislative Assembly serve on the Standing Committee on Oversight of Government Operations and Public Accounts and the Standing Committee on Legislation;

AND WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly wishes to modify the terms of reference for the Standing Committee on Oversight of Government Operations and Public Accounts and the Standing Committee on Legislation to explicitly address the integration of Inuit societal values and *Inuit Qaujimaqatuqangit* into the laws, policies, programs, and services of the Government of Nunavut, including the holding of public hearings on the annual reports of the *Inuit Qaujimaqatuqangit Katimajit* and the annual reports on the status of Inuit culture and society that are prepared under Article 32.3.4 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement;

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Hon. Member for Arviat North-Whale Cove, that the modified terms of reference for the standing committees of the Fourth Legislative Assembly, as attached to this motion, be adopted.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The motion is in order.

*See Appendix for full text of the terms of reference adopted in Motion 24 – 4(2).

Before we proceed with the debate on the motion before us, I have a few comments to make as to the procedures:

1. Every member has the right to speak once to the motion for a total time of 20 minutes;
2. The mover of the motion speaks first and the seconder speaks second; and
3. The mover of the motion has the right to the last reply, which closes the debate.

(interpretation) To the motion. Mr. Shooyook.

Mr. Shooyook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have been working on this issue for a while. I would like to see this for the future. This is going to take quite a long time to be enacted.

I would like to see this motion to be used in the future. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Secunder, Mr. Kuksuk.

Hon. George Kuksuk (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker and my colleagues. Mr. Speaker, I feel that the motion that was moved by Mr. Shooyook and as the seconder of this motion, I am in favour of this motion that is before us today.

Mr. Speaker, *Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit* is very important. Since we separated from the NWT up to today, we are still alive and doing the same thing that we have been doing when we were with the NWT. There are eight IQ principles. They also have the *Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Katimajit*. The

committee meets and they discuss what has to be fixed.

(interpretation ends) The *katimajit* regularly meet two to three times yearly. The next meeting is in October of this year, 2015. The *katimajit* is supported by *Tuttarviit*, an interdepartmental committee that is responsible for addressing advice and/or recommendations to and from IQK. They meet on a biweekly basis. Government departments seek advice from *Tuttarviit* on Inuit cultural issues in their programs and services.

(interpretation) Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this motion.

(interpretation ends) 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. Does the mover, Mr. Shooyook, have any last reply? Mr. Shooyook.

Mr. Shooyook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to have a secret ballot on this. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): I apologize. We need to have a recorded vote. This cannot be a secret ballot. Thank you.

(interpretation ends) We will now vote on the motion. All those in favour, please stand and sit down when I call your name. All those opposed.

(interpretation) I'm sorry. (interpretation ends) All those in favour, please stand.

Mr. Shooyook.

- Mr. Joanasie. (interpretation) Going back to the orders of the day. Item 16. (interpretation ends)
- Mr. Sammurtok. First Reading of Bills. Item 17. Second Reading of Bills. Item 18. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters. Item 19. Report of the Committee of the Whole. Item 20. Third Reading of Bills. Item 21.
- Mr. Keyootak. (interpretation) *Orders of the Day*. (interpretation ends) Mr. Clerk.
- Mr. Sammurtok. Mr. Clerk, will you determine if the Deputy Commissioner of Nunavut is prepared to enter the Chamber to give assent to bills.
- Mr. Kuksuk. **Assent to Bills**
- Mr. Okalik. **Deputy Commissioner Kusugak** (interpretation): Please be seated.
- Ms. Ell. As the Deputy Commissioner of Nunavut, I am pleased to give assent to Bill 22, *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 2, 2015-2016*.
- Mr. Taptuna. I hereby prorogue the Second Session of the Legislative Assembly and summon all members to meet in this Chamber at 1:30 p.m. tomorrow for the opening of the third session. Thank you.
- Ms. Ugyuk. >>*Applause*
- Mr. Quassa. **Speaker** (interpretation): *Orders of the Day*. (interpretation ends) Mr. Clerk.
- Mr. Mike. **Item 22: Orders of the Day**
- Mr. Peterson. **Clerk** (Mr. Quirke): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just a reminder that tomorrow morning at ten o'clock, there's a meeting of the Full Caucus in the Nanuq Boardroom.
- Mr. Enook. *Orders of the Day* for June 2:
- Mr. Mikkungwak.
- Mr. Akoak.
- Mr. Mapsalak.
- Mr. Savikataaq.
- Mr. Rumbolt.
- Mr. Hickes.
- Ms. Angnakak.
- The motion has been passed unanimously.
- >>*Applause*

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16. Orders of the Day

Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you.
(interpretation ends) This House stands
adjourned until Tuesday, June 2, at 1:30
p.m.

(interpretation) Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>*House adjourned at 17:07*

Appendix – June 1, 2015



Reports of Standing and Special Committees

Standing Committee on Oversight of Government Operations and Public Accounts

Report on the Review of the Auditor General's 2015 Report to the Legislative Assembly on Corrections in Nunavut

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Introduction

Nunavut's current *Corrections Act* was inherited from the Northwest Territories upon division. The *Corrections Act* establishes the Government of Nunavut's duties and responsibilities related to corrections services within the territory.

Section 2 of the *Corrections Act* provides the following:

- “The purpose of the Corrections Services is the correction and treatment of offenders and the protection of the community by
- a) providing, when requested by a court, information respecting the background of an offender before sentencing;
 - b) offering probation and parole supervision and counselling and aftercare services to offenders;
 - c) providing for the safe custody and detention of inmates in a correctional centre;
 - d) providing supervision, treatment and training of inmates with a view to their rehabilitation; and
 - e) promoting and assisting programs designed to prevent and diminish crime within a community.”

In January 2013, the Government of Nunavut and the federal Office of the Correctional Investigator signed a Memorandum of Understanding for the federal office to assist in conducting a review of the Baffin Correctional Centre, to provide strategic advice on the legal and policy framework of the corrections division and to produce a report highlighting the office's conclusions.

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On March 10, 2015, the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly tabled the Auditor General of Canada's 2015 *Report on Corrections in Nunavut*. Since April 1, 1999, every report of the Auditor General to the Legislative Assembly has been referred to a Standing Committee for consideration. Witnesses from appropriate Government of Nunavut departments, Crown corporations and agencies have been invited to appear in public to account for their responses to the Auditor General's recommendations and the concerns of MLAs.

On March 17, 2015, the Legislative Assembly passed Bill 11, *An Act to Amend the Corrections Act*, which included a number of amendments to bring the legislation into alignment with the corrections division's current operating procedures and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. During the Committee of the Whole's consideration of Bill 11, the Minister of Justice indicated that his department is "currently completing a more comprehensive review of the Act with the intent of overhauling it in the long term."

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Witnesses from the Office of the Auditor General and the Government of Nunavut's Department of Justice appeared before the Standing Committee. The transcripts from the Standing Committee's hearings are in the process of being posted to the Legislative Assembly's website and will be available in both Inuktitut and English.

The objective of the Auditor General's audit was to determine whether the Department of Justice has met its key responsibilities for inmates within the corrections system. Focusing primarily on the Baffin Correctional Centre and the Rankin Inlet Healing Facility, the office examined the department's management of inmates and correctional facilities. In his report, the Auditor General concludes that the department has not met its key responsibilities for inmates within the correctional facilities.

The Auditor General's report presented seventeen specific recommendations. These recommendations addressed the following thematic areas:

- Facility planning
- Oversight of facility operations
- Vision and operating procedures
- Integrating Inuit Societal Values
- Inmate case management
- Rehabilitative programming
- Mental health services
- Staffing

The Standing Committee concurs with the recommendations of the Auditor General and notes that the government itself agreed with all of the Auditor General's recommendations.

It is important to note that the Standing Committee, pursuant to rule 91(5), requests that the government table a comprehensive response to this report within 120 days.

Standing Committee Recommendation #1

The Standing Committee recommends that the Department of Justice provide, in its response to this report, a comprehensive and detailed action plan that includes timelines and specific actions that it will undertake to address each of the recommendations made in the Auditor General's 2015 *Report on Corrections in Nunavut*.

Issue: Facility Planning

The lack of physical infrastructure to appropriately house inmates within Nunavut has been an ongoing concern since the territory was created. Nunavut's core correctional facility, the Baffin Correctional Centre, was originally built to house minimum-security inmates. Despite numerous renovations to increase the security level of certain areas within the facility, the Baffin Correctional Centre still does not have the physical infrastructure to securely house maximum-security inmates.

In order to provide offenders from the Kitikmeot region with rehabilitative services closer to home, the department opened the Kugluktuk Ilavut Centre in April of 2005.

The Standing Committee notes that overcrowding at the Baffin Correctional Centre has been a very serious and recurring problem within the facility.

To address the issue of overcrowding at the Baffin Correctional Centre, and to increase its capacity to house inmates within the territory, the department constructed the Rankin Inlet Healing Facility, which opened in January 2013, and the Makigiarvik healing facility, which opened in January 2015. During the course of the Standing Committee's hearings, departmental officials provided the following information on the current capacity of each of the territory's facilities:

“Currently, Makigiarvik is 48 minimum-security beds and only minimum. The Rankin Inlet Healing Facility has 32 medium-security beds and 16 minimum-security beds. And, the Baffin Correctional Centre has, what we have listed here, as 42 minimum-security beds, 18 beds we consider to be slightly higher security, so a medium, and the 6 behavioural unit beds.”

In his report, the Auditor General indicates that, “in 2012, the department predicted that Nunavut would need 268 correctional facility beds by 2026.” The Auditor General also indicates that, at the time of the audit, the Kugluktuk Ilavut Centre, the Utaqivik Residential Centre and the division's various outpost camps had the capacity to hold 15, 14 and 8 minimum-security inmates, respectively.

According to this information, the current capacity of Nunavut's facilities will fail to meet its future correctional needs and will require approximately 70 additional beds by 2026.

In his report, the Auditor General states that his office found that the department “has not been housing inmates at the Baffin Correctional Centre according to their security ratings, as required by its own directives,” and that “the centre is a minimum-security facility that cannot properly house inmates with a medium- or maximum-security rating.”

The Standing Committee notes with concern that the territory's current correctional facilities may not meet the territory's future correctional capacity needs and emphasizes the importance of comprehensive and strategic planning in this area to ensure that all facilities are properly utilized according to their appropriate capacity and security levels.

During the Standing Committee's hearings, an official from the department stated that:

"We know that in order to properly house and provide a safe and secure environment for the inmates who have been entrusted to us, we must address the core, critical need for maximum-security beds. As Mr. Stewart just described, we're going through the process of the preplanning stage, the design phase, and working up recommendations and options for the decision-makers to make a choice and decision for our correctional facility for maximum-security inmates appropriate for the territory."

The Standing Committee recognizes that the government may have to invest significant financial resources to ensure that inmates can be safely and securely housed and that the corrections division meets its projected facility needs. The Standing Committee looks forward to receiving more information on the department's strategy to address the issue of Nunavut's correctional facility needs and recognizes that the department will be developing these plans in accordance with the government's overall capital planning process.

In his report, the Auditor General notes that the Baffin Correctional Centre "has been the subject of studies and reports dating back to 1996, including a report from the Office of the Correctional Investigator" and that these reports "highlighted operational limitations and safety concerns for the centre's inmates and staff." The safety concerns highlighted in these reports included the lack of programming space, holes in the walls, the presence of mould, poor air quality and non-compliance with the National Fire Code.

In November 2014, the Legislative Assembly approved \$850,000 in capital funding for the Department of Justice's "Baffin Correctional Centre Life Safety Renovations" project. Information provided to Members at that time indicated that this funding includes "costs associated with bringing the facility up to code and does not include the design of including maximum-security beds/cells at this time."

During the Standing Committee's hearings, Members requested an update on how this funding has been allocated. Departmental officials stated that:

"We did get approved for \$850,000 to start up the design work of the BCC life safety renovation. However, due to those external reports and internal reports that we assessed of the building, the mould situation in the building was too critical to not address immediately. We utilized our remaining minor capital money in 2014-15. However, we realized that we were going to need additional funds in 2015-16 to continue and complete the mould remediation. It was decided that due to the emergency nature of the situation, we would utilize the \$850,000 for the design of the lifecycle renovation to address this."

During the Standing Committee's hearings, Members asked questions concerning the presence of mould at the Baffin Correctional Centre and the department's actions to address the facility's non-compliance with the National Fire Code. In response, departmental officials stated that:

"Now, as individual problems have been identified, we have addressed them, fire drills, mould, those various pieces that we're identifying, and we work with Community and Government Services to address those problems, but they're repeating problems as opposed to getting at the core issue, which is a facility that's old, dated, and inappropriate for the housing of inmates."

The Standing Committee notes with approval that the department has taken actions to ensure that required evacuation drills are performed and contingency plans developed for its correctional facilities.

Standing Committee Recommendation #2

The Standing Committee recommends that the Department of Justice provide, in its response to this report, detailed information on the specific actions that it is taking to prepare for the territory's projected capacity needs.

The Standing Committee further recommends that the Department of Justice provide, in its response to this report, detailed information on the options that it is currently considering to address the lack of maximum-security beds in Nunavut's correctional system, including any related cost estimates.

The Standing Committee further recommends that the Department of Justice provide, in its response to this report, detailed information on any of its ongoing or planned reports and reviews related to Nunavut's correctional facility needs.

The Standing Committee further recommends that the Department of Justice provide, in its response to this report, detailed information on the oversight measures that it will implement to ensure all necessary emergency evacuation drills and inspections at the correctional facilities are performed until such a time as the new compliance-oriented position is created and filled.

The Standing Committee further recommends the Department of Justice provide, in its response to this report, a detailed timeline for the completion of the mould remediation project at the Baffin Correctional Centre.

Issue: Oversight of Facility Operations

As a part of its mandate, the Corrections Service is responsible for the safe and secure housing of inmates. According to the corrections division's operating procedures, inmates at the Baffin Correctional Centre and the Rankin Inlet Healing Facility may be placed in segregated confinement to ensure the safety of inmates and staff.

In his report, the Auditor General indicates that the department is required by its own corrections directives to ensure that all placements of inmates in segregated confinement involve appropriate justification, authorization and regular review. However, the Auditor General noted that in both the Baffin Correctional Centre and the Rankin Inlet Healing Facility, the department did not "adequately monitor whether key requirements for those in segregation were followed."

During the Standing Committee's hearings, Members raised questions related to the corrections division's lack of documentation and authorization for administrative segregation placements. In response, departmental officials indicated that the authorizations are being provided in practice, but that the division needs to improve its documentation of segregation placements.

The Standing Committee emphasizes the importance of providing accountability and oversight measures to monitor segregation placements within correctional facilities by ensuring that correctional staff are trained and required to conduct consistent and thorough documentation of all segregation placements within Nunavut's correctional facilities.

The Standing Committee notes that the presence of contraband within facilities may increase the risk of disruptive and violent behaviour within correctional facilities and can lead to security incidents. To ensure the safe and secure housing of inmates and to ensure the safety of staff, the department must have the necessary procedures to remove the presence of unauthorized substances or objects within its correctional facilities.

In his report, the Auditor General indicates that the department "did not adequately monitor whether facility management was controlling contraband at the Baffin Correctional Centre." According to the division's own operating procedures, correctional staff are required to conduct and document a search of cells during each shift. In his report, the Auditor General indicates that searches of cells were conducted irregularly and were not documented.

In his report, the Auditor General states that:

“Although the department had information on the number of contraband-related incidents, it had not analysed related trends, such as the type of contraband, its seriousness, or how it entered the facility. Without such information, the department was not fully informed about where to try to address the centre’s contraband challenges, or about the full impact of contraband in facilities and on inmates.”

To ensure the safe and secure housing of inmates and staff, the facility management must adequately control contraband within facilities. In order to adequately control contraband within facilities, the department must identify the underlying sources of incidents related to contraband, the types of contraband and how contraband is entering the facility.

The Standing Committee notes that analyses can only be completed if correctional staff are conducting regular searches of cells and documenting all searches and results. In turn, the department must implement oversight and accountability measures and train and direct staff accordingly to ensure that this procedural documentation is occurring according to the necessary requirements.

During the Standing Committee’s hearings, departmental officials stated that:

“[W]e are working on an electronic system that will track all the types of contraband. Through that, we will be able to do better analyses. Realistically, until we have a building that you cannot penetrate, we are still going to have a problem. We are keeping track the best we can with this.”

The Standing Committee recognizes that utilizing modern technology will allow for the clear and efficient tracking of information within correctional facilities. However, the Standing Committee also recognizes that correctional staff must have the ability to begin documenting incidents immediately and quickly in order to meet the demands of a high-pressure environment such as a correctional facility.

For this reason, the Standing Committee emphasises the importance of providing correctional staff with the resources and direction to begin documentation of segregation placements and incidents related to contraband at the earliest opportunity and, if necessary, in writing, until such a time as the electronic tracking system becomes fully operational.

Standing Committee Recommendation #3

The Standing Committee recommends that the Department of Justice provide, in its response to this report, the oversight measures that it will implement to ensure that all correctional staff are performing and documenting the required justification, authorization and regular review of segregation placements, until such a time as the new electronic system is fully operational.

The Standing Committee further recommends that the Department of Justice provide, in its response to this report, the oversight measures and tracking methods that it will implement to ensure that correctional staff are performing and documenting regular searches of cells and tracking incidents and types of contraband entering the correctional facilities.

The Standing Committee further recommends that the Department of Justice provide, in its response to this report, a detailed timeline by which it will undertake an analysis of trends related to contraband within the correctional facilities.

Issue: Vision and Operating Procedures

On January 25, 2013, the Government of Nunavut issued a news release to announce the official opening of the Rankin Inlet Healing Facility. The release indicated that:

“The facility will offer many opportunities and benefits to inmates, staff and to the community ... Inmates will be expected to participate in programs aimed at a rehabilitative objective and focusing on community-based programming such as spousal assault and literacy.”

The Standing Committee notes that the Rankin Inlet Healing Facility was constructed to alleviate the overcrowding at the Baffin Correctional Centre and that its purpose as a minimum-security facility would be to provide rehabilitative programming to inmates within the territory.

In his report to the Legislative Assembly, the Auditor General indicated that the Rankin Inlet Healing Facility did not have its own standing orders when it opened and instead “operated with, and eventually adopted, the standing orders in place at the Baffin Correctional Centre.”

During the Standing Committee’s hearings, Members raised concerns related to the importance of developing distinct standing orders for the Rankin Inlet Healing Facility. Witnesses from the Office of the Auditor General stated that:

“[G]iven that the facility was built as a healing facility, we expected it to have its own unique procedures. Without aspects to how it will operate, it is unclear to us how it will live up to its goal of being a healing facility and differentiate itself from BCC.”

The Standing Committee notes with concern that the department has yet to develop a vision or standing orders specific to the Rankin Inlet Healing Facility.

The Standing Committee recognizes that the department has recently developed an overarching vision for the corrections division, which is to “actively promote safe and healthy communities through fostering responsibility and self-reliance of Nunavummiut in conflict with the law by managing risk in the least restrictive manner.”

However, during the Standing Committee’s hearings, departmental officials made it clear that the Rankin Inlet Healing Facility receives only minimum- and medium-security inmates and may refuse to accept inmates on the basis that their behavior does not align with the facility’s vision as a healing facility, despite not having a vision that is distinct from other facilities in the territory.

The Standing Committee notes with concern that the Auditor General's report indicated that the average rate of occupancy at the Baffin Correctional Centre during the time of the audit was above that of the facility's capacity, while the average rate of occupancy at the Rankin Inlet Healing Facility was below that of the facility's capacity. During the Standing Committee's hearings, Members raised questions concerning the discrepancy in the distribution of inmates across the facilities. In response, departmental officials stated that:

"My colleague has indicated that right now the average is around 42 at Rankin Inlet. That varies from week to week, as inmates are moved into that facility. We don't want to undermine our vision as a low-risk healing facility by moving in individuals that are not appropriate for that facility."

The Standing Committee emphasizes the importance of developing visions and operating procedures for each of Nunavut's facilities that will provide clear objectives for the employees and management within each facility. If the department's current operations are such that the Rankin Inlet Healing Centre may refuse inmates based on requirements aside from an inmate's security level, then these requirements should be made clear to correctional staff and should be founded in operating procedures that are specific to that facility.

On May 1, 2015, the Department of Justice issued a Request for Proposals titled *Staffing, Overtime and Organizational Review of the Nunavut Corrections Division*. This Request for Proposals indicates that the corrections division is currently facing a number of staffing challenges, including "high rates of turnover."

The Standing Committee recognizes that although all correctional facilities in Nunavut may share the overarching goals of the corrections division, it is clear that each correctional facility in Nunavut has distinct capacities, security levels, programming and community supports. It is especially important that management in the corrections division have an established set of goals and objectives in order to provide consistently high levels of service, while struggling with issues such as high rates of staff turnover.

For this reason, the Standing Committee emphasizes the importance of developing distinct visions and specific operating procedures for each facility.

Standing Committee Recommendation #4

The Standing Committee recommends that the Department of Justice develop facility-specific visions and operating procedures at the earliest opportunity and provide, in its response to this report, a detailed timeline by which it will develop and implement these visions and operating procedures.

Issue: Inuit Societal Values

During the Standing Committee's hearings, Members raised a number of concerns related to the corrections division's initiatives to integrate Inuit Societal Values into its case management process and rehabilitative programming. In response, departmental officials indicated that the corrections division currently works with elders who provide counselling services to inmates and provides an Inuit Skills Cultural Program, which prepares inmates for participating in the division's outpost camp program.

In his report, the Auditor General stated that:

"The corrections directives provide some guidance on incorporating cultural aspects into programming, particularly by involving elders and offering programming on the land. However, the directives contain little guidance on how Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit can be incorporated into other aspects of the corrections system."

During the Standing Committee's hearings, departmental officials stated that:

"We want to make sure that the new legal framework will make sense for Nunavut, that it will reflect the Inuit societal values and it will reflect the unique nature of this part of the world to ensure there is a grounding here for our population."

However, Members did not receive any specific information to demonstrate that the division has practicably integrated Inuit Societal Values into rehabilitative programming, case management and release plans and other aspects of the corrections system.

Standing Committee Recommendation #5

The Standing Committee recommends that the Department of Justice provide, in its response to this report, a comprehensive and detailed action plan, including detailed timelines and specific actions, by which it will integrate Inuit Societal Values into all aspects of the corrections system.

Issue: Inmate Case Management

The Corrections Service has the responsibility to safely house and provide rehabilitative and treatment services for inmates within the territory. Rehabilitation and treatment is provided to inmates within a correctional facility through a case management process and by offering rehabilitative programs to inmates.

In his report, the Auditor General notes that:

“The case management process in Nunavut facilities includes specific requirements related to assessment of inmates’ needs and risks, development of case plans for inmates, inmates’ access to rehabilitation programs and mental health services, monitoring of inmates’ progress, and planning for inmates’ release back into the community.”

The Standing Committee notes with concern that the corrections division is failing to provide adequate services related to the assessment of inmates’ needs, the development of case plans, providing consistent and relevant rehabilitative programming, monitoring inmates’ progress against their case plans and preparing release plans to prepare inmates for successful reintegration into the community.

The Standing Committee notes that the corrections division is currently only providing initial assessments of inmates at the Baffin Correctional Centre, due to the fact that there are currently no correctional staff members trained to perform these assessments at the Rankin Inlet Healing Facility. During the Standing Committee’s hearings, departmental officials stated that:

“Eventually, we do plan to have some people in Rankin Inlet trained in assessment to be able to take direct admission, but we are not there yet. It’s part of the training that’s ongoing and that’s going to be coming up.”

In his report, the Auditor General stated that during the 2013-2014 fiscal year, the average length of stay for inmates at the Baffin Correctional Centre and the Rankin Inlet Healing Facility was 75 days and that inmates within the sample of the audit had to wait an average of 13 days to be assessed.

The Standing Committee emphasizes the importance of completing inmates’ assessments in a timely manner to enable staff to develop and utilize case plans that will guide inmates in their rehabilitation. The Standing Committee notes that performing initial assessments will require more trained staff and encourages the department to provide the necessary training to its current staff at the earliest opportunity.

During the Standing Committee's hearings, the Auditor General stated that:

“[W]e found that serious case management deficiencies at the Baffin Correctional Centre and the Rankin Inlet Healing Facility limit the department's efforts to rehabilitate inmates and prepare them for release back into the community. For example, none of the inmates sampled had a completed case plan to guide their rehabilitation. In addition, access to rehabilitative programs and mental health services was inadequate, and limited planning was done to help prepare inmates for release.”

In his report to the Legislative Assembly, the Auditor General notes that staff at the Rankin Inlet Healing Facility were not trained to complete case plans and that all plans were completed at the Baffin Correctional Centre. The Auditor General also notes that case plans developed at the Baffin Correctional Centre were incomplete and lacked critical elements such as goals to address inmate's need and recommendations for programs and services to fit those needs. The audit also found that there was “a lack of monitoring of inmates progress against inmates' case plans and limited planning for inmates' release.”

The Standing Committee notes that the development and review of case plans for inmates is essential to ensuring inmates' needs and risks are identified and that progress can be effectively assessed throughout the duration of their stay at a correctional facility. Comprehensive case plans specific to each inmate allow both staff and inmates to identify measurable goals and benchmarks for success. Regular, documented reviews of inmates' case plans also allows for staff and inmates to track inmates' progress and to adjust programming and services as inmates' needs and risks evolve during their stay at a correctional facility.

The Corrections Service is responsible for preparing inmates for release and reintegration into the community. In his report, the Auditor General states that his office “found that the corrections directives contain little guidance on ways to plan for an inmate's release, despite indicating the importance of such planning.” Further, the Office of the Auditor General found that a release plan had been completed for only one of the twenty-one files sampled in its audit.

During the Standing Committee's hearings, Members asked a number of questions concerning the corrections division's specific guidelines for preparing release plans and planning for an inmate's reintegration into the community. While government witnesses made a number of references to programming and indicated that staff members discuss inmates' release in undocumented conversations, Members did not receive clear information on specific actions that correctional staff must take in order to prepare inmates for their release from a correctional facility.

During the Standing Committee's hearings, Members also asked a number of questions concerning the division's specific process and timelines for preparing inmates for their release from correctional facilities. In response, departmental officials stated that:

“My understanding is that there's no regulated time period and there's no regulated framework, but rather, the transition into the community starts from the very day the individual comes into our facilities, is assessed, a case management plan is ideally put in place, and we start offering the programming to the individual, including working with the elders and the counselling and the mental health services, all of those things.”

The Standing Committee recognizes that planning for an inmates' release is embedded within the case management process. However, the corrections division must ensure that it is providing clear guidance for staff concerning required documentation and actions that must be taken in preparation for inmates' release from the correctional facility and that release planning is effectively preparing inmates for their reintegration into the community.

The Standing Committee notes with concern that ineffective case management may prevent inmates from accessing rehabilitative programs, such as anger management or substance abuse, and therefore prevents inmates from receiving support that may have assisted them with successful rehabilitation.

The Standing Committee also notes that the compliance-oriented position that the department intends to create will also be responsible for conducting “annual audits on the completion of assessments and case management plans.”

Standing Committee Recommendation #6

The Standing Committee recommends that the Department of Justice provide, in its response to this report, the oversight measures that it will implement to ensure that correctional staff are performing inmate assessments in as expeditious a manner as possible to provide inmates and staff with sufficient time to address any concerns identified in the assessments.

The Standing Committee further recommends that the Department of Justice provide, in its response to this report, the oversight measures that it will implement to ensure that correctional staff are developing case plans specific to each inmate and which include benchmarks for progress and identify any mental health needs until such a time the new compliance-oriented position is created and filled.

The Standing Committee further recommends that the Department of Justice provide, in its response to this report, the oversight measures and tracking methods that it will implement to ensure that correctional staff are performing regular reviews of inmates' progress against their case plans.

The Standing Committee further recommends that the Department of Justice provide, in its response to this report, a detailed timeline by which it will produce clear procedures for the development of inmate release plans.

The Standing Committee further recommends that the Department of Justice provide, in its response to this report, a detailed timeline by which it will have provided training to its staff to increase its capacity to perform intake assessments.

The Standing Committee further recommends that the Department of Justice provide, in its response to this report, a detailed timeline by which it will have provided training to its staff to increase its capacity to develop case plans, release plans and perform regular progress reports.

Issue: Rehabilitative Programming

Under the *Corrections Act*, the department is responsible for providing programs to inmates within the correctional system to aid in their rehabilitation and reintegration to the community. In his report, the Auditor General states that the rehabilitative programs offered to inmates are intended to “minimize the negative effects of imprisonment, help their personal development, and prepare them for successful reintegration into the community. “

During the Standing Committee’s hearings, government witnesses made reference to a number of rehabilitative programs that are currently offered within Nunavut’s correctional facilities, including programs to address substance abuse, spousal abuse, anger management, educational upgrading, counselling and the outpost camp program.

In his report, the Auditor General indicates that his office found that “inmates did not have adequate access to rehabilitative programs at the Baffin Correctional Centre and Rankin Inlet Healing Facility.”

According to the corrections directives, correctional facilities must have program plans that clarify program schedules, space, resources and costs and establish goals and objectives which provide measures for success for each program. In his report, the Auditor General states that “without a program plan, including financial and human resources to provide programming to inmates, it was difficult for facility staff to monitor access and delivery.”

During the Standing Committee’s hearings, Members asked a number of questions related to programs offered within the territory’s correctional facilities. In response, departmental officials indicated that programs are offered based on the needs of inmates within the facility and differ throughout the course of a year. However, the Standing Committee notes with concern that the department did not provide clear information on how the department determines program schedules, and financial and human resources required to operate programs.

During the Standing Committee’s hearings, Members asked questions concerning the department’s efforts to assess the effectiveness of its programs. The issue of recidivism has been raised in the House on a number of occasions. The Standing Committee notes with concern that the department still does not have the capacity to measure the rate at which offenders reoffend.

In his report, the Auditor General states the following:

“We also found that the Department had not assessed whether it was addressing the needs of the overall inmate population with its programming, nor had it reviewed the programs that it offers to see how much they help to rehabilitate inmates. Currently, programs at the Baffin Correctional Centre are based on existing programs or materials from external sources, but it was not clear how these have been tailored to inmates’ backgrounds.”

The Standing Committee recognizes that recidivism, as a concept, is difficult to define and that clearly and comprehensively measuring recidivism may require a significant allocation of time and resources. However, the Standing Committee strongly encourages the department to determine a method by which it can assess its rehabilitative programming to ensure that it remains relevant to the inmates and that any gaps in the corrections division’s current programming are identified and addressed.

In order to adequately evaluate the current programming that is being delivered, the corrections division must also ensure that it is keeping comprehensive documentation related to programming schedules, attendance and inmates’ progress.

The Standing Committee notes that in response to recommendations made by the Auditor General concerning mental health services, the department has indicated that it has been preparing a request for proposals “to assess current programs and services in relation to incarcerated Nunavummiut’s risks and needs in Nunavut correctional facilities.” The Standing Committee looks forward to ongoing updates on this initiative.

Standing Committee Recommendation #7

The Standing Committee recommends that the Department of Justice provide, in its response to this report, a detailed timeline by which it will have developed and implemented comprehensive program plans for each of its correctional facilities.

The Standing Committee further recommends that the Department of Justice provide, in its response to this report, detailed information on timelines and specific actions by which it will determine and implement methods to assess the effectiveness of its rehabilitative programs in reducing the rate at which offenders reoffend and re-enter the corrections system.

The Standing Committee further recommends that the Department of Justice provide, in its response to this report, the oversight measures that it will implement to ensure that correctional staff are developing schedules, tracking attendance and evaluating outcomes for rehabilitative programming that is delivered in its correctional facilities.

The Standing Committee further recommends that the Department of Justice provide, in its response to this report, a detailed timeline by which it intends to issue a Request for Proposals for the review of its rehabilitative programming and table a report on the findings of this review in the Legislative Assembly.

Issue: Mental Health Services

As a part of its mandate to provide treatment and rehabilitation to inmates, the Corrections Service is responsible for providing mental health services to inmates when necessary. In many cases, the criminal behaviour of offenders is related to underlying mental health issues. In these cases, the inmates' successful rehabilitation relies on the correctional services' ability to identify and address inmates' mental health needs.

During the Standing Committee's hearings, Members raised many concerns related to the corrections division's efforts to provide mental health services to inmates. In response, departmental officials indicated that the corrections division provides mental health services through psychological services, counselling from correctional staff and elders and a number of rehabilitative programs.

During the Standing Committee's hearings, Departmental officials indicated that the corrections division has one psychologist at the Baffin Correctional Centre and that the department provides training for all correctional staff in Mental Health First Aid for Northern People. Departmental officials also indicated that the division currently does not have the resources to provide adequate mental health services to inmates in the territory.

In his report, the Auditor General stated that:

"We found a program in place at the Baffin Correctional Centre for inmates with higher mental health needs. Despite this, we found that inmates whose files we reviewed did not receive adequate access to mental health services. Of the 12 inmates in our sample who were identified as requiring psychological services, only 2 received referrals to the psychologist and 2 had access to a psychiatrist on one occasion."

In his report, the Auditor General noted that inmates at the Rankin Inlet Healing Facility "did not have access to the psychologist but could use community supports." During the Standing Committee's hearings, Members asked a number of questions related to the specific counseling supports that are provided at the Rankin Inlet Healing Facility. In response, departmental officials indicated that local elders and support groups, such as the regional men's support group, Angutiit Makigiarnngingit, often provide counseling to the inmates.

Departmental officials recognized that the division needs to improve its documentation and tracking of mental health services currently provided to inmates and indicated that it is currently planning to perform an analysis of its mental health services in all correctional facilities.

The Standing Committee notes that the division is working with the Department of Health's mental health division to identify ways to improve services for inmates during their stay in the correctional facility and after their release.

The Standing Committee recognizes that mental health is an ongoing concern for individuals and groups throughout the territory and encourages the department to ensure that inmates' mental health needs are identified and to explore ways to improve its delivery of mental health services within the corrections system.

Standing Committee Recommendation #8

The Standing Committee recommends that the Department of Justice provide, in its response to this report, detailed information on the oversight measures that it will implement to ensure that inmates with identified mental health needs receive necessary services.

The Standing Committee further recommends that the Department of Justice provide, in its response to this report, detailed information on the oversight measures that it will implement to ensure that correctional staff complete the required documentation related to mental health services provided to inmates.

The Standing Committee further recommends that the Department of Justice provide, in its response to this report, detailed information on its initiatives to enhance the psychological services currently offered at the Rankin Inlet Healing Facility until such a time as the corrections division's mental health services are comprehensively reviewed.

The Standing Committee further recommends that the Department of Justice provide, in its response to this report, a detailed timeline by which it intends to issue a Request for Proposals for the review of its mental health services and when it plans to table a report on the findings of this review in the Legislative Assembly.

Issue: Staffing

The Office of the Auditor General found that the department has been inadequately managing its staffing of the Baffin Correctional Centre and the Rankin Inlet Healing Facility. Specifically, the department did not have a fully trained staff complement and is relying on casual employees and overtime, while failing to manage and monitor overtime usage.

The Rankin Inlet Healing Facility officially opened in January 2013; Makigiavik has been open since January of 2015. In his report to the Legislative Assembly, the Auditor General indicates that the department did not perform comprehensive staffing analyses to prepare for the opening of the new facilities. As a result, the Rankin Inlet Healing Facility was opened before it were fully staffed and before staff was fully trained to undertake the duties required of their positions.

To address the staffing shortages in each of these facilities and the staffing challenges at the Baffin Correctional Centre, the division has had to rely on casual employees and overtime, at a great cost to the department. In his report, the Auditor General notes that the department received \$2.8 million in funding to “cover a shortfall in salary expenses for overtime and casual staff in the 2013-2014 fiscal year.”

During the Standing Committee’s hearings, Members raised a number of questions concerning the department’s failure to fully train its staff in its correctional facilities. In response, departmental officials indicated that the initial staffing of the Rankin Inlet Healing Centre and Makigiavik were undertaken without the time or resources normally required of staffing a correctional facility due to the overcrowding and mould remediation at the Baffin Correctional Centre. In fact, during the hearings, departmental officials indicated that the department had not yet completed its recruitment for staff at the Makigiavik centre.

The department also indicated that it is currently facing high rates of turnover that require the department to provide ongoing training to new employees.

The Standing Committee notes with concern that the Auditor General’s report has highlighted a number of inconsistencies between the corrections directives and the division’s daily operations, including requirements related to segregated confinement and case management. The Standing Committee recognizes that the department is currently working on a comprehensive review of its legislation, policy, directives and operating procedures.

The Standing Committee strongly encourages the department to ensure that its directives are relevant, detailed and comprehensive, so as to provide staff with clear direction on the division’s expectations and operating procedures, especially given that it is currently facing challenges with staff turnover.

The Standing Committee also strongly encourages the division to ensure that correctional staff receive the necessary training to fulfil their mandated responsibilities under the corrections directives.

In his report, the Auditor General notes that the division has recently developed a new training regime that required all correctional staff to take newly mandated training. As a result, many correctional staff had not completed the key mandatory training. The department has indicated that it may take up to two years before all correctional staff members are fully trained.

The Standing Committee notes that the department is currently implementing a new electronic system to track training that has been completed by its correctional staff. The Standing Committee emphasises the importance of ensuring that all correctional staff receive the necessary training to undertake their duties in a way that provides a safe and secure environment for inmates and staff within correctional facilities.

The Standing Committee recognizes that the department has recently issued a Request for Proposals for a Staffing, Overtime and Organizational Review of the Nunavut Corrections Division and that the purpose of this analysis is to identify the underlying causes of staffing challenges within the division and determine solutions to address these issues. The Standing Committee looks forward to ongoing updates on this work.

During the Standing Committee's hearings, Members also raised concerns in relation to the division's current initiatives to increase Inuit employment within the division. In response, departmental officials indicated that the department has undertaken a number of recruitment events within the communities. The Standing Committee encourages the department to explore ways in which it can improve its efforts in this area.

Standing Committee Recommendation #9

The Standing Committee recommends that the Department of Justice provide, in its response, to this report detailed information on the number of indeterminate, term and casual employees and vacant positions in the corrections division, broken down by facility, as of April 1, 2015.

The Standing Committee further recommends that the Department of Justice provide, in its response to this report, the total amount of expenditures that it has allocated to overtime and casual employment in the corrections division for the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

The Standing Committee further recommends that the Department of Justice provide, in its response to this report, a detailed timeline by which it intends to table a report on its *Staffing, Overtime and Organizational Review of the Nunavut Corrections Division* in the Legislative Assembly.

Conclusion

In recent years, Members of the current and previous Legislative Assembly have asked a number of detailed written questions to the Minister of Justice, requesting specific information related to the corrections division's staffing, programming and services.

It is important that the government provide detailed and updated information on its actions and initiatives to fulfil its responsibilities as mandated by territorial legislation. This transparency is especially important when the legislation has been created to protect and serve vulnerable sectors of society. For example, under the regulations of the *Family Abuse Intervention Act*, the Minister is required to table an annual report that must contain information on applications received, recommendations for counselling, summary reports of the government's initiatives to address and prevent family abuse and outstanding needs of the communities.

Given that inmates are wards of the territory and are protected under the *Corrections Act*, it is equally important that the Minister of Justice provide detailed and updated information on the actions that his department undertakes to fulfil its responsibility to safely house inmates and guide their rehabilitation and successful reintegration into the community.

Standing Committee Recommendation #10

The Standing Committee recommends that the Minister of Justice begin the practice, starting with the 2015-2016 fiscal year, of tabling a comprehensive report in the Legislative Assembly on the administration of the *Corrections Act*, and that this annual report include detailed information concerning such matters as:

- The number of inmates in each facility, including a breakdown of the number of inmates at each security-level (i.e. minimum, medium, maximum),
- The number of cell searches and contraband incidents at each facility and initiatives to analyse trends related to contraband within the facilities,
- The number of segregation placements, broken down by the types of segregation placement,
- The number of indeterminate, term and casual employees and vacant position in the corrections division, broken down by facility,
- Expenditures related to overtime and casual employees in the corrections division,
- The rehabilitative programming that is delivered to inmates, broken down by facility and type,
- Initiatives to assess the effectiveness of rehabilitative programs in reducing the rate at which offender reoffend,
- The mental health services provided to inmates and individuals recently released from correctional facilities, broken down by facility, and
- Initiatives to integrate Inuit Societal Values into the Corrections Service.



**Terms of Reference for the Standing Committees of the
4th Legislative Assembly of Nunavut**

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Standing Committee on Oversight of Government Operations and Public Accounts

The mandate of the Standing Committee on Oversight of Government Operations and Public Accounts is to:

- Consider main estimates, capital estimates, departmental business plans and corporate business plans; and
- Consider any other matter referred by the House.

The Standing Committee has oversight responsibility for the following Government of Nunavut departments, territorial corporations, Crown agencies and other entities:

- Department of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs;
- Department of Finance;
- Nunavut Business Credit Corporation;
- Nunavut Development Corporation;
- Qulliq Energy Corporation;
- Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission;
- Human Rights Tribunal;
- Inuit Uqausinginnik Taiguusiliuqtiit;
- Legal Services Board;
- Liquor Licensing Board;
- Qullit Nunavut Status of Women Council;
- Utility Rates Review Council;
- *Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Katimajit*; and
- Unless otherwise specified in the terms of reference for any other Standing Committee, all other boards and agencies of the Government of Nunavut.

The Standing Committee has additional responsibility for:

- Considering the Public Accounts of the Government of Nunavut and the reports of the Auditor General of Canada;
- Considering the annual reports of the Chief Electoral Officer of Nunavut;
- Considering the annual reports of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Nunavut;
- Considering the annual reports of the Languages Commissioner of Nunavut;
- Considering the annual reports of the Representative for Children and Youth;
- Considering the annual reports of the *Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Katimajit*;

- Considering the annual reports on the status of Inuit culture and society that are prepared under Article 32.3.4 of the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement*; and
- Considering issues related to the Government of Nunavut's obligations with respect to the implementation of the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement*.

Standing Committee on Legislation

The mandate of the Standing Committee on Legislation is to:

- Consider legislative proposals;
- Consider Bills referred by the House after Second Reading, pursuant to the *Rules of the Legislative Assembly*;
- Consider regulations that are proposed and/or passed by the government;
- Make recommendations to the Government of Nunavut concerning the integration of Inuit Societal Values and *Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit* into the laws of Nunavut; and
- Consider any other matter referred by the House.

Standing Committee on Social Wellness

The mandate of the Standing Committee on Social Wellness is to:

- Consider main estimates, capital estimates, departmental business plans and corporate business plans; and
- Consider any other matter referred by the House.

The Standing Committee has oversight responsibility for the following Government of Nunavut departments and Crown agencies:

- Department of Culture and Heritage;
- Department of Education;
- Department of Family Services;
- Department of Health;
- Department of Justice; and
- Nunavut Arctic College.

Standing Committee on Community and Economic Development

The mandate of the Standing Committee on Community and Economic Development is to:

- Consider main estimates, capital estimates, departmental business plans and corporate business plans; and
- Consider any other matter referred by the House.

The Standing Committee has oversight responsibility for the following Government of Nunavut departments and Crown agencies:

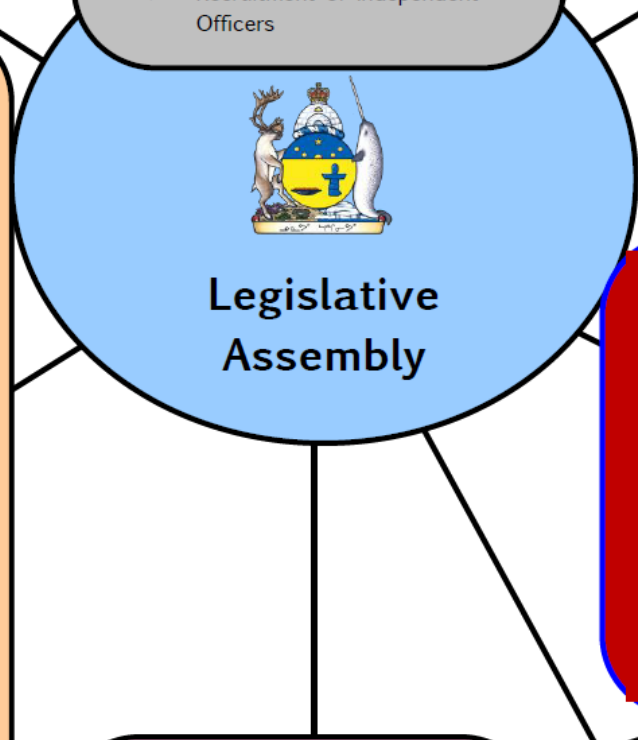
- Department of Community and Government Services;
- Department of Economic Development and Transportation;
- Department of Environment; and
- Nunavut Housing Corporation.

Standing Committee on Rules, Procedures and Privileges

The mandate of the Standing Committee on Rules, Procedures and Privileges is to:

- Consider the operation of the *Rules of the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut*; and
- Consider any other matter referred by the House with respect to the *Rules of the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut*.

Standing Committee Structure



Striking Committee

3 Regular MLAs

- Recommends appointments to Standing Committees

Management and Services Board

Speaker, 3 Regular MLAs and 1 Minister

- Overall management of the Legislative Assembly
- Approval of the Legislative Assembly's Main Estimates, Capital Estimates, Business Plans and House Bills
- Recruitment of Independent Officers

Rules, Procedures and Privileges

4 Regular MLAs and 1 Minister

- Considers the operation of the *Rules of the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut*

Oversight of Government Operations and Public Accounts

All Regular MLAs

- Considers the Main Estimates, Capital Estimates and Business Plans of:
 - ✓ Department of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs
 - ✓ Department of Finance
- Considers the Public Accounts and reports of the Auditor General
- Considers the annual reports of the Chief Electoral Officer, Information and Privacy Commissioner, Languages Commissioner, and Representative for Children and Youth
- Has oversight responsibility for territorial corporations, Crown agencies and other entities, including the Nunavut Business Credit Corporation, Nunavut Development Corporation, Qulliq Energy Corporation, Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission, Human Rights Tribunal, Inuit Uqausinginnik Taiguusiliuqtiit, Legal Services Board, Liquor Licensing Board, Qullit Nunavut Status of Women Council, Utility Rates Review Council and the *Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit Katimajit*
- Considers issues related to the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement*.

Legislation

All Regular MLAs

- Considers all Bills (except for Appropriation Acts and House Bills, which are referred to the Committee of the Whole after 2nd Reading)
- Considers, from time to time, regulations that are proposed and/or passed by the Government of Nunavut

Social Wellness

- Considers the Main Estimates, Capital Estimates and Business Plans of:
 - ✓ Department of Culture and Heritage
 - ✓ Department of Education
 - ✓ Department of Family Services
 - ✓ Department of Health
 - ✓ Department of Justice
 - ✓ Nunavut Arctic College

Community and Economic Development

- Considers the Main Estimates, Capital Estimates and Business Plans of:
 - ✓ Department of Community and Government Services
 - ✓ Department of Economic Development and Transportation
 - ✓ Department of Environment
 - ✓ Nunavut Housing Corporation

