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Iqaluit, Nunavut
Tuesday, March 1, 2016

Members Present:

Mr. Tony Akoak, Ms. Pat Angnakak, Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk, Mr. Joe Enook, Hon. George Hickes, Mr. David Joanasi, Mr. Pauloosie Keyootak, Mr. Steve Mapsalak, Hon. Johnny Mike, Mr. Simeon Mikkungwak, Hon. Paul Okalik, Hon. Keith Peterson, Mr. Emiliano Qirngnuq, Hon. Paul Quassa, Hon. George Qulaut, Mr. Allan Rumbolt, Mr. Alexander Sammurtok, Mr. Tom Sammurtok, Hon. Joe Savikataaq, Mr. Isaac Shooyook, Hon. Peter Taptuna.

>>House commenced at 13:31

Item 1: Opening Prayer

Speaker (Hon. George Qulaut) (interpretation): Can you say the opening prayer, please, Mr. Mikkungwak.

>>Prayer

Speaker (interpretation): Good afternoon, my fellow Nunavummiut. Members, ministers, (interpretation ends) Premier, (interpretation) and visitors, welcome to the House. Mr. Okalik.

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I wish to inform the House that at our sitting tomorrow, I will raise a point of privilege under Rule 20(1). Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. For your information, we don't have any pages today because they are not feeling well.

Item 2. Ministers' Statements.
(interpretation ends) Hon. Minister for Community and Government Services, Mr. Savikataaq.

Item 2: Ministers' Statements**Minister's Statement 070 – 4(3): Fire Services Exemplary Service Medal**

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We often hear of the importance of fire safety in Nunavut and there is no doubt that it is an issue that touches the lives of every person in our territory. Today, I would like to take a moment to acknowledge those firefighters who have demonstrated exemplary service during their careers in Nunavut.

The Canadian Honours System defines exemplary service as a period of service characterized by good conduct, industry, and efficiency that serves as a model for others. Under this system, an advisory committee provides recommendations for individuals who have fulfilled the requirements for a record of exemplary service.

The requirements for, I'm going to say, excellent service include at least 20 years as a member of a fire service, 10 of which have been served on the "front line" where they faced potential risk. Throughout this service, the individual has had no serious disciplinary action taken against him or her and has none pending.

There are 29 firefighters throughout Nunavut who are eligible to receive the Fire Services Exemplary Service Medal. On behalf of my legislative colleagues and, in fact, all Nunavummiut, I would

like to bestow our heartfelt gratitude to each of these individuals for the service and sacrifice they have given our communities.

The Office of the Fire Marshal is working with the advisory committee and Community and Government Services to arrange the awards presentations. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

**Minister's Statement 071 – 4(3): 2016
Kitikmeot Teachers Conference**

Hon. Paul Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I say "good day" to my fellow community residents and Nunavummiut. I'll be making my statement in English.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I would like to speak to my fellow members about the 2016 Teachers Conference held in Cambridge Bay from February 15 to 19.

Close to 130 educators gathered together for this conference for professional development, guided by the principle of *Pilimmaksarniq*: development of skills through practice, effort, and action.

Mr. Speaker, my department works with the Nunavut Teachers Association to provide educators with the professional development opportunities needed to deliver education programs that meet the needs of all students.

This conference provided educators with training opportunities that focused on the value of the connections made between educators, students and their families.

Mr. Speaker, a wide selection of sessions were presented at the conference with a strong focus on literacy, science, Inuit culture, and leadership development.

Developing strong literacy skills plays a very important role in student learning success. Many of the sessions provided training in instruction methods that support literacy development of students at every level.

Mr. Speaker, my department has adopted a balanced literacy program to support literacy development. There were several sessions on guided reading, an important element of balanced literacy.

Mr. Speaker, in Nunavut, we are committed to building an education system that is based on inclusive education. Educators play a huge role in helping us build that system.

Mr. Speaker, this conference was a great opportunity to strengthen the teams that help our students achieve success. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements. I have no more names on my list. Moving on. Item 3. Members' Statements. Member for Uqqummiut, Mr. Shooyook. I'm sorry. Member for Quttiktuq, Mr. Shooyook.

Item 3: Members' Statements

Member's Statement 152 – 4(3): Grise Fiord Needs a Social Worker

Mr. Shooyook (interpretation): Let's say a quick prayer...

>> *Laughter*

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to address a longstanding concern of the residents of Grise Fiord.

Mr. Speaker, for many years, the community of Grise Fiord has not had a full-time social worker. From time to time, a social worker visits, but this is not enough.

Mr. Speaker, like in many communities, there are problems with alcohol and drugs, past trauma, and unresolved issues. Residents have to wait long periods of time, sometimes even a year, to get some kind of counselling and support.

There is a housing unit in the community allocated to the social worker, but it sits empty year after year.

Mr. Speaker, the residents of Grise Fiord feel like they have been forgotten. They feel as if no one cares about them. If you are aware of the history of this community, this situation simply perpetuates feelings of longstanding neglect.

Mr. Speaker, it is important that this government treats all communities and all Nunavummiut equally. The residents of Grise Fiord deserve adequate services. They have the right to have their needs met and the opportunity to work towards

good health and well-being. It is important that the social worker position in Grise Fiord be filled as soon as possible.

At the appropriate time, I will be asking questions on this issue. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Netsilik, Emiliano Qirngnuq.

Member's Statement 153 – 4(3): Condolences on Passing of Constituent

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I rise today to extend my condolences on the passing of one of my constituents.

Mr. Speaker, the community of Taloyoak is in mourning following the passing on Saturday of Elder Martha Iqaluk Napachekalaq, following a long illness.

Mr. Speaker, Napachekalaq was a well-respected elder in her community. I join with her family in mourning her passing and honouring her memory. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Member's Statement 154 – 4(3): Preserving Inuktitut

Mr. Keyootak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to address an issue that my constituents are very passionate about: the preservation of Inuktitut.

Mr. Speaker, during a recent radio phone-in show, many of my constituents called in to express their concern over the introduction of the Roman writing system for Inuktitut in our schools.

Mr. Speaker, the use of syllabics is an important expression of our culture and language. Even though the history of written Inuktitut is short compared to other cultures, there is a strong desire to continue in the manner we have begun.

Mr. Speaker, I recognize that in western Nunavut, some communities have been using Roman orthography for a long time. However, in the Baffin region, many residents identify strongly with the use of syllabics as a way of preserving our language, our culture, and our identity.

Mr. Speaker, a number of my constituents have expressed the concern that teaching Inuktitut using the Roman writing system will weaken the use of syllabics by the younger generations. Many parents and grandparents are afraid that they will lose this connection with their children and grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I urge our government to give very careful consideration of the long-term impact of neglecting the use of syllabics for written Inuktitut. Our culture faces... .

Speaker: Mr. Keyootak.

Mr. Keyootak (interpretation): Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to conclude my statement.

Speaker: The member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statement. Are there any nays?

(interpretation) I don't hear any nays. Mr. Keyootak, please proceed.

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

As I was saying, our culture faces constant challenges from other cultures. Our writing system is one area where we must stay strong and preserve our unique identity as Inuit.

At the appropriate time, I will be asking questions on this issue. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Member's Statement 155 – 4(3): Kugluktuk Grizzly Program

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon, colleagues, Nunavummiut, and Kuglukturmiut.

Mr. Speaker, Kugluktuk is well known as a community that has strong history of community involvement and community innovation. Our young people are an excellent example of some of the innovative and community-based plans that have been actioned.

One point is the Kugluktuk Grizzlies program. The Grizzly program was formed around community involvement, sports, and entrepreneurship. The Grizzly story is now being made into a movie. The movie will be shot across the north and in Toronto. About 34 youth have been short-listed for seven acting roles.

Mr. Speaker, we all know that our youth are facing tremendous change and stresses in their lives. We can see this every day across every community in Nunavut. This story about Grizzlies isn't just about a sports program; it is about how a group of young people came together to deal with the stresses in modern-day, young lives and how to succeed both personally and professionally.

Mr. Speaker, I am very proud of our young people in Kugluktuk and the young folks around Nunavut. The Grizzly program will now be known in a wider venue and Kuglukturmiut can look forward to seeing this story on the big screen and on TV. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

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

**Member's Statement 156 – 4(3):
Meeting with Constituents**

Mr. Joanasié (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon, my colleagues and Nunavummiut.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to inform people that I chaired meetings in my constituency. We had very good meetings and I would just like to recognize them. The people whom we represent come to our constituency meetings. When I first was elected, I wanted to have general meetings, public meetings, and have the general public that I represent have their voices heard. They want to elect people who will appear for them.

In representing these two communities, I would like to express my gratitude to the different organizations in the community, such as the local district education authority, the hamlet council, the local housing authority, and the hunters and trappers association. Even though these organizations are used to consult with people, the Members of the Legislative Assembly are also the representatives of our constituents as well as voicing our constituencies' concerns and interests.

Mr. Speaker, furthermore, public meeting forums are practical in my eyes, as it allows a community to voice either their pleasure or displeasure, and I encourage everyone in the future, whenever a public meeting is announced in your community, to participate so your voice can be heard by our government and the public and MLAs can support each other to pull in the same direction towards our future.

I want to close by expressing my appreciation for all the participants who participated in the public meeting I organized in Kimmirut and Cape Dorset. I used this forum on February 6 in Kimmirut and later on in Cape Dorset on February 16. I plan to use further meetings in the future to canvass my constituents, so I want them to know that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. I have no more names on my list. Moving on. Item 4. Returns to Oral Questions. (interpretation ends) Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Item 6. (interpretation) Oral Questions. Member

for Iqaluit-Niaqunngu, Ms. Pat Angnakak.

Item 6: Oral Questions

Question 190 – 4(3): Status of Devolution Negotiations

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon to everybody.

Mr. Speaker, my questions are for the Premier.

In his Budget Address of last week, the Minister of Finance stated that the Government of Nunavut looks forward to, and I quote, “renewing our negotiations with the federal government and Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated” with respect to devolution.

Mr. Speaker, I fully recognize that formal devolution negotiations were suspended for the duration of the federal election campaign, but the election was held over four months ago now.

Can the Premier indicate who the new federal government has appointed as its chief devolution negotiator? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for that question. Mr. Speaker, we await the naming of the chief negotiator from the federal side and we look forward to that. We want to continue negotiating towards a good devolution agreement for Nunavut and we look forward to the naming of the chief negotiator from the federal side. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On October 23, 2014, the Premier announced the appointment of our own devolution negotiating team. Can the Premier indicate how many formal negotiation sessions have been held over the past year? 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 again for that question. Mr. Speaker, the negotiations at that time were ongoing, they were on and off, and they were technical discussions, but the chief negotiator didn’t participate in it, but through technical discussions on the financial side and other various avenues, the discussions were ongoing.

I can’t say exactly how many. I don’t have the numbers in front of me of how many times they negotiated at the table there, but these discussions were ongoing. They were going at a slower pace than we expected. When the federal elections were called for October, that stopped and we are waiting again for the naming of the federal chief negotiator. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just checking if it’s still on the

table or not.

One of the central features of the devolution agreements that were reached by the Yukon and the Northwest Territories was the transfer of federal government positions to the territorial public service.

Can the Premier indicate approximately how many federal government positions would be transferred to our territorial public service as part of a devolution agreement with Ottawa? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Using the information that was done in the Northwest Territories during their negotiations, a number has been put out there of 138, but that doesn't mean that that's the number that we're going to be using.

We're quite different from the other two territories. When I say we're different, we don't have road infrastructure within our territory, so a cookie-cutter approach through the Northwest Territories is not going to fit our needs in Nunavut. As you know, our only transportation mode is the sea and airplanes. We don't have roads like the other jurisdictions or the other two territories.

Again, when we talk about the number of federal positions that may be moved to administer devolution, it's more or less down the line because, at this point, there is no real development that's happening on Crown lands at this time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 191 – 4(3): Status of New Rankin Inlet Arena

Mr. Alexander Sammurtok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Community and Government Services.

The government's 2016-17 capital estimates, which were approved last fall by the Legislative Assembly, indicate that \$23.3 million is being budgeted for the construction of Rankin Inlet's new arena.

Can the minister confirm that his department's plan to begin construction on this much-needed new facility during the 2017-18 fiscal year is on track? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The planning and designing phase of the arena in Rankin Inlet is still on schedule. We don't have a construction date identified yet. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Sammurtok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The minister must have read my mind on my first question, but I will

keep going on.

The government's 2016-17 capital estimates, which were approved last fall by the Legislative Assembly, indicate that the department has already invested \$1.7 million into this project. Can the minister confirm if the design for Rankin Inlet's new arena has been finalized? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The estimated cost for the arena in Rankin Inlet right now is at a class "D" estimate and the scope of work has been changing. We can't go to tender until we have a class "A" estimate. The planning and design phase is still ongoing. We're still trying to finalize and crunch numbers so that we can get an accurate budget for the arena in Rankin Inlet. Rankin Inlet will get an arena. We're just trying to finalize and make sure all the i's are dotted and t's are crossed. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Sammurtok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the minister is aware, Rankin Inlet's current facility is too old and too small for the community and the Kivalliq region that it serves. However, the new facility will not be finished for at least three years. Yesterday, the minister announced new funding for upgrades to community arenas. Can the minister confirm that Rankin Inlet will be eligible to apply for its share of this funding to address immediate issues at

the current arena? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, we did make an announcement yesterday with the MP, Mr. Hunter Tootoo, about arena upgrades. Anyone is allowed to apply, but a common sense approach would be that if a community is going to get a brand-new arena in the near future, it wouldn't be very wise use of public funds to upgrade an arena that won't be used for too long. That's not to say that they can't apply. They can apply and every application and submission will be looked at on its own merit and every case will be decided on the best use of these public funds. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 192 – 4(3): First Ministers' Meeting

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

Before the Premier heads to Vancouver for the upcoming First Ministers' Meeting, I wanted to ask some questions concerning the Minister's Statement that he made in the House yesterday.

In his Minister's Statement, the Premier suggested that establishing a blanket pan-Canadian price on carbon will, and I

quote, “increase the costs of basic necessities throughout Nunavut and it will make it more difficult for people to do business in our territory.” Mr. Speaker, I thank the Premier for standing up for Nunavut’s interests.

For the record, can he tell the House which provinces or territories are in favour of establishing a pan-Canadian price on carbon? 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, we made it pretty clear between the three territories, the Yukon, the Northwest Territories, and Nunavut, in our June statement at the Quebec City Climate Change Conference that we oppose carbon tax being imposed on the three territories. We do have a very delicate economy and any more taxes put forth to our small businesses, our economy, and our people are very damaging. We have an economy that is right on the borderline of either making it through the year or being put through a bankruptcy process.

We are quite different from all other southern jurisdictions. We are not at their level where they have millions of people. We do have a small population here in Nunavut of 37,000. We all know the high cost of living up north. Everybody knows that in the Arctic, we have the highest cost of doing business and the highest cost of living. Any more taxes imposed on our people are very damaging. When we talk about food security, it is an issue up north here

throughout the Arctic. Putting in more taxes to our people is just not the right thing to do at this time.

Mr. Speaker, we made that pretty clear during our Quebec City conference on climate change and with the three territories, we hope to get that message across to the Prime Minister. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the MLA for Baker Lake, I am very much aware of the positive impacts that the Meadowbank gold mine has had on my community. As the Premier is very much aware, a second gold mine is in development for the Kivalliq, and I am very much aware of the importance of the Mary River project as well as the great potential for mining in the Kitikmeot.

Can the Premier indicate what the federal government’s position is on the issue of carbon pricing? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again I thank the member for that question. Mr. Speaker, it was discussed at length in the Paris COP21 Climate Change Conference and that is one of the things that have been brought forth. It’s more or less a wait-and-see approach. I can’t tell the hon. member how many jurisdictions or how many provinces are going to be opposing, I guess, the size of what the federal

government wants to accomplish. There are many different things and I can't talk about the outcomes because we just don't have that clear until we have completed our First Ministers' Meeting. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Mikkungwak: Mr. Speaker, as a lifelong hunter, I am also very much aware of the importance of realistic and responsible action to address climate change given its impact on the Arctic. However, Nunavut itself hardly compares with major industrialized jurisdictions when it comes to greenhouse gas emissions. Can the Premier indicate what specific climate change measures our government supports? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Peter Taptuna: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Although we have a very small contribution to greenhouse gas emissions from our small population, at this point, you could say that we contribute the most per capita when it comes to greenhouse gas emissions. That's why, as a government, we have indicated to our colleagues in Ottawa that we need upgrades on our generating systems in Nunavut.

We have old generating systems and generating plants that are from the '60s. They're not fuel efficient and they're not economical. That's the indication we're hoping that the federal government would pay attention to our contributions

and cutting down greenhouse gas emissions because have old equipment that isn't necessarily effective and efficient when it comes to diesel generator power plants. One of the things, of course, is that we want to modernize to new generators and new engines so that we could contribute less to greenhouse gas emissions.

We're still a long ways off from tidal power. We're still a long ways off from wind power or solar power. We're still quite a ways off, but in the meantime, to upgrade our old, broken-down generating power plants, we do need some assistance from the federal government in modernizing our generating plants in Nunavut. We're not connected to any grid. We have individual power generating stations in our small communities and at this point, we desperately need modern equipment for our energy uses in our communities in Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 193 – 4(3): Grise Fiord Needs a Social Worker

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

Mr. Speaker, as I mentioned in my Member's Statement, the community of Grise Fiord has not had a social worker for a very long time.

Can the minister clearly explain why there is no full-time social worker for Grise Fiord when there is a vacant

position and a house for them? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Acting Minister of Family Services, Mr. Mike.

Hon. Johnny Mike (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank my colleague for that question. With the Department of Family Services, we are doing all we can to provide adequate services to the people of Nunavut. Regarding Grise Fiord, first all, I should say that it's very hard to recruit people. As the member indicated, there's a house provided for the incumbent. We have made improvements, but I'm not sure where recruiting personnel for Grise Fiord stands at this time. I'll make sure that I get the information and provide a response to the member. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Shooyook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The residents of Grise Fiord feel forgotten and neglected. This makes resolving problems and issues even more difficult. Can the minister provide an update on what specific efforts are being made to fill the vacant social worker position in Grise Fiord? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Acting Minister of Family Services, Mr. Mike.

Hon. Johnny Mike (interpretation): Thank you. As I stated, I'll look into the position that needs to be filled. I apologize that they feel neglected,

according to your statement. I will look into whether or not the Department of Family Services is taking care of it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Shooyook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will expect the minister's support for that community.

Mr. Speaker, the residents of Grise Fiord need a social worker and they need one now. They should not be asked to keep waiting with no help or guidance to work towards a better life. Will the minister commit to filling the Grise Fiord social worker position immediately? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Acting Minister of Family Services, Mr. Mike.

Hon. Johnny Mike (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will look into his concern. I want my colleagues to know and further state that human resources sometimes take a lot of work in the government. It would seem that it is a priority to fill the position. I will take care of it and I will try to let you know before the day is over. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 194 – 4(3): Staff Housing Units

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my questions today

to the Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation.

Mr. Speaker, I was very pleased to have been able to vote last fall to provide funding for the construction of two new staff housing units for the community of Sanikiluaq. Can the minister confirm today what the Nunavut Housing Corporation's timeline is for the construction and tendering of these units? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for that question. There's a duplex that's looking at being built in Sanikiluaq. As of right now, the tendering is going to be going out in the next couple of weeks, and then we will get a firmer timeline on when the units will be completed. At the time, that's the information I have for the member. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. During yesterday's question period, I raised a number of concerns regarding the Nunavut Housing Corporation's changes to the design of its public housing units, which appear to have been made in order to reduce the cost of each unit. Can the minister tell me today what design changes have been made to the types of staff housing units that will be constructed in Sanikiluaq over the coming year? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. With the ongoing housing shortage that we have across public housing and staff housing, we're trying to utilize every dollar that we've got to maximize the impact for every community that we do construction in.

There have been a number of design changes, like I had mentioned yesterday, with regard to standardization of fixtures in the units. There have been some minor decreases in the footprint per unit to maximize the space. Normally, we're building five-plex units in a lot of the communities. In Sanikiluaq, we're building two units.

If the member is looking for specifics, I can go over the design with him at a time that might be more appropriate, but in the meantime, I can assure the member that we're maximizing the effect of every dollar to provide housing to our staff. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am going to provide an example of how the realities of living in a smaller community are not always taken into account by government planners working in headquarters.

As the minister may be aware, another design change that has been made to public housing units concerns the design of the laundry rooms. The new design only accommodates stackable washers and dryers. However, these types of

appliances are often not actually sold in the local stores in the smaller communities. This may sound like a small change, but when you add up all of the small changes, there's a real impact.

Will the minister commit to ensuring that the Nunavut Housing Corporation's design planners consult with LHOs and local housing managers when they are considering making changes to the design of units? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Minister of the Nunavut Housing Corporation, Mr. Hickes.

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for bringing that issue up. It's something that I came across during the tour of some communities that I did a couple of months ago and speaking with LHO staff and boards and within the Nunavut Housing Corporation staff. I don't want to say that there's disconnect because they do communicate with each other.

I can assure the member that it is an issue that I have identified with all design ongoing to make sure that LHOs are communicated with to not customize the design because we want to have a standard design across the territory, but to at least identify issues that LHO staff bring forward that may assist us in providing the best, appropriate housing that we can to our residents, whether it be public housing or staff housing. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 195 – 4(3): Staff Housing

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon to the people of Pond Inlet and our fellow Nunavummiut.

Mr. Speaker, my questions are for the Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation.

Mr. Speaker, as the minister is very much aware, an ongoing issue of concern to Pond Inlet that I have been repeatedly raising in the Legislative Assembly concerns staff housing units in the community that remain vacant for years at a time.

When I last raised this issue during our sitting of October 29, 2015, I was informed that the Nunavut Housing Corporation would be working with the Department of Finance to, and I quote, "review the whole staff allocation process." Let me first ask the minister: can you update me today on what this review has achieved? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for bringing that topic up as well. It's not just an issue in Pond Inlet itself but across the territory. This government is striving very hard to deal with capacity issues at the community level and one of the needs is staff housing.

One of the concerns that the member has brought up and that I'm aware of and

have had some discussion with the Minister of Finance on how long some of these competitions remain ongoing on the books. There are extenuating circumstances and it's a very high-level decision to cancel a competition for employment. One of the things that I'm looking at in Pond Inlet, as an example, is to re-evaluate the staff housing that is allocated to positions that haven't been filled for a number of years.

This topic itself is also a very large component that we will be discussing in our stakeholder meetings and community consultations when we're finalizing our blueprint for action to assist this government and this territory moving forward with actual action items to be able to deal with housing, again, whether it be staff housing or public housing across the territory.

I've had some very succinct discussions with the Nunavut Housing Corporation and we're working very hard to get the schedule out so that we can meet the obligation of finalizing this Blueprint for Action on Housing for Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have made it very clear that I fully understand and completely appreciate the need to have staff housing units available for life and death positions in the community, such as nurses and physicians. However, when it comes to other staff housing units that remain vacant for years and years, my position is that serious consideration should be given to transferring the units to the community's stock of public

housing. What is the minister's position on this issue? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have heard the member bring up that potential solution or option to alleviate some of the demand, yet at the same time, if we were to look at the actual numbers of positions that are vacant in Pond Inlet itself, we're still short staff housing units. One of the focuses that we have been using to try to address and alleviate some of the pressures is we have been concentrating our construction in Pond Inlet on public housing units, not staff housing units. I'm not going to commit to carrying forward that option. I will take a look at the stock that's available again.

I can't reasonably fathom taking units from staff housing and put them into the public housing stock because we want to deal with the capacity issues from a government employment level. In an ideal world where we are hiring people from the community who may be currently in public housing units and move them into staff housing units, it could alleviate some of the stresses and open up more units on the public housing side. It's something that I will continue to work with the member on in addressing that topic in his community. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In May of 2015, I received a letter from the Minister responsible for

the Housing Corporation which provided a very detailed and very useful breakdown of staff housing unit allocations in Pond Inlet. I am certain that this type of information would be valuable for every Member of the Legislative Assembly. Will the minister commit to tabling a Nunavut-wide report on staff housing allocations in all 25 communities during our upcoming spring sitting, yes or no? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would have no problem with providing the number of active competitions and the number of staff housing units that are available in each community for the members. Thank you.

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

Question 196 – 4(3): Preserving Inuktitut

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

Mr. Speaker, as I mentioned in my Member's Statement, many of my constituents are concerned about the suggestion that children in our schools will be taught Inuktitut using the Roman writing system.

Can the minister provide an update on the Department of Education's current

policy on the use of syllabics in our schools? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Paul Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank my colleague for that question. If we can all recall, if you remember or rather if we all remember, I stated back then that I wanted a study compiling the Roman orthography writing system and how it can be utilized in our schools and when it would start being taught. This was just a study to review the possibilities and no decision has been made yet.

Just so members are aware, it hasn't been implemented in our schools yet and there are no directives stating it will be used at this level or used at all. However, what I can state is that up to now, based on my previous statements, to date, all of our schools already use Roman orthography currently. Starting at grade 4, this writing system is already being taught along with the syllabic system, which is the other version.

Nonetheless, with respect to the mandated inclusion of this system, we haven't provided that direction. We have not stated that the Roman writing system will be used within the schools, but we're still looking at the studies, so we're just waiting. The Inuit Uqausinginnik Taiguusiliuqtiit discussed this during their meeting with our department. At this time, we are just waiting and we have not enforced it yet.

I can tell you that we have not decided whether to use the Roman writing system or syllabics. From grade 4 on, the two writing systems have been taught in

the schools to date. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Keyootak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Many of my constituents feel strongly that the use of syllabics plays an important role in preserving our language, culture, and identity as Inuit. Can the minister clarify what consideration is given to using the Roman or syllabic writing system in our schools and what role local DEAs play in making that decision? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Paul Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank the member for that question. When we did a study, the local DEAs were involved, they participated, and we consulted with them and the teachers. When we held a public meeting in the community, we met with the DEAs in the communities. We also provided information and we consulted fully with the DEAs.

As I stated before, we have not made a decision as to which writing system will be taught in the schools, but I keep saying that the education, no matter where in Nunavut, should be more unified and standardized. We should have standardized education in Nunavut because it's not standardized. When it's standardized, we have fewer problems.

I keep stating that when we come up with new things, the local DEAs are consulted. We provide information to the

DEAs and we constantly consult with them. That's the way it is. Perhaps I don't fully know what *qaniujaaqpait* or *qaliujaaqpait* are, Roman or syllabics, so I'm still trying to learn the difference between the two writing systems.

As I stated before, we did a study and we have stopped the study because we're waiting for the other entities, such as the Inuit Uqausinginnik Taiguusiliuqtiit, and their position on it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Keyootak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Many Baffin Inuit consider the use of syllabics a critical component of the Inuktitut language. Will the minister commit to consulting with parents, DEA representatives, and residents of our communities before any decision is made to use the Roman writing system? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Paul Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Education is an extreme priority for this government. The Inuit language is also vastly important and will continue in the foreseeable future. In our schools, we have to continue to teach Inuktitut to our students. When students are taught courses in Inuktitut, the linguistic level has to be on par with the English and French course materials and equivalent wordage has to be used within our

schools. This is our commitment to ensure Inuktitut is retained and kept.

Within the conference pertaining to Inuktitut having already transpired, it became clear that our language will not change. Any writing system we utilize reflects the spoken language. A writing system will not result in changes, as it only reflects the spoken language.

With respect to *qaniujaaqpait* or (interpretation ends) syllabics, (interpretation) this system will continue to be the main system used in our schools, as per my previous statement that no changes have been enacted within any of our schools as to the preference over one system or another. As per my earlier statement, both syllabics and Roman orthography will continue to be taught as has been the practice for many years now.

Nonetheless, we didn't review this with the purpose of unifying a writing system or having a single system. These were the questions we raised, but to reiterate, this hasn't been implemented. For my colleagues' information, both *qaliujaaqpait* and *qaniujaaqpait* are utilized in our schools throughout Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Oral Questions. The Hon. Member for Rankin Inlet North and Chesterfield Inlet, Mr. Tom Sammurtok.

Question 197 – 4(3): Dialysis Services for Nunavummiut

Mr. Tom Sammurtok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to

direct my question to the Minister of Health.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, as you may recall, last October, I asked the minister about the number of patients who were receiving dialysis services in Winnipeg. At that time, the minister indicated that there were two patients from Nunavut who were receiving dialysis treatment outside of the territory.

Can the minister provide an update on the current number of Nunavut patients who are receiving dialysis treatment outside of the territory? (interpretation) 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. The number of patients has not changed and I haven't heard of any changes. I haven't been told whether the number of patients has increased or has stayed the same. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Tom Sammurtok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I understood from the minister's response last October that in order for Nunavut to be able to provide dialysis services within the territory, the caseload would have to be great enough to justify having the qualified health workers on staff.

Can the minister clarify how many Nunavummiut requiring dialysis would there have to be before the department would consider purchasing the equipment and hiring the necessary personnel for providing this service in Nunavut? (interpretation) 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, there have to be enough patients for the nurses to continue to keep their licence to deliver that service. If there are not enough patients to deliver to the number of patients, then they will lose their licence. It's the number of cases that nurses and physicians have to deliver for these patients that it is not possible to do that in our own territory at this time. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Tom Sammurtok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) Individuals generally need dialysis when their kidneys fail to work effectively. One of the leading causes of kidney failure is late onset diabetes. It has been shown that many aboriginal communities in Canada suffer from high levels of diabetes.

Can the minister provide an update on what efforts are being made to track and monitor the spread of diabetes in Nunavut's population? (interpretation) 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. With respect to the actual numbers, I can't answer that question about the number of people suffering from this chronic illness. However, it seems obvious that this is disconcerting to say the least since we don't want more people suffering from diabetes.

Once the actual figures have been tabulated, I will try to provide a response, but I do have last year's figures as of March 31, 2014. There were 1,256 Nunavummiut with (interpretation ends) type 1 or type 2 diabetes. (interpretation) As of March 31, 2014, there were 101 people faced with kidney complications. These are the figures available to me at this time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question 198 – 4(3): Housing Design

Mr. Joanasié (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions are for the new Minister responsible for the Housing Corporation.

Mr. Speaker, during my recent community meetings in Kimmirut and Cape Dorset, a number of my constituents raised concerns regarding the design of public housing multiplexes.

Similar to the issues brought forward yesterday by my colleague from Hudson Bay, I have also received concerns that

multiplex units in my constituency also lack a second exit, which would appear to me to be a significant safety risk in the event of fire or other emergency requiring rapid evacuation.

I would like to ask the minister what he will do to address this concern. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank Mr. Joanasie for bringing that issue up again. In my response yesterday when we spoke of the removal from the design of the second exit from the public housing units on the five-plex design, I did check into it with the Nunavut Housing Corporation. I don't want to discredit the safety component of having a second exit. It's something that, as the new Minister of Housing, I'll be taking a look at the design and the costs associated with it.

At the time, it was decided that it still remained within fire code compliance and the costs that were associated with having that part of the design were quite high. Making some of these design changes has dramatically increased the ability for the Nunavut Housing Corporation to build more units with the dollars that were allocated.

It is something that I will commit to the member that I will take another look at now that I'm the Minister of the Nunavut Housing Corporation and I'll get back to the member on what my findings are. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for your response. Can the minister describe how the housing corporation works with emergency services providers to ensure that the design of public and staff housing units provides easy access for first responders? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for that question. With regard to discussing with emergency responders on our design, I am not aware of any discussions that occur with those professionals. That being said, the design is still worked on by professionals who take into consideration as many of these factors and to make sure that these buildings are done in compliance with current building codes and fire codes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yesterday, questions were asked in the House concerning the housing corporation's removal of country food storage and preparation areas from the design of multiplex public housing units. Earlier today, the government issued a public service announcement concerning the health benefits of eating country foods during Nutrition Month. Does the minister see

any contradiction between what the government says and what the government actually does? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. With regard to the section of the units or the previous design that was used to prepare country food, again, I don't want to belabour the point, but the cost of adding that into units decreases the amount of units that we're able to build in the territory.

I, myself, when I have game that I bring home, what I can't cut up outside I do it at the kitchen counter. I'm sure that a lot of our members here do the same thing. As Inuit people, we didn't have specific parts of our domicile that was used for cutting up meat or country food. I think we are very adaptable people and we use whatever resources are available to us.

My goal as the minister is to put as many units on the ground as I can, to assist and do whatever I can to help alleviate the housing shortage. If decreasing costs is the best way of doing it... Like I mentioned yesterday, not every resident used that service or that infrastructure that was part of the design. It was felt that it was underutilized in a lot of cases for the amount of the expense on the design. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Netsilik, Emiliano Qirngnuq.

Question 199 – 4(3): Kugaaruk Air Terminal Building Replacement

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, I would like to apologize for making mistakes yesterday in my oral question. I also apologize to the Minister of Transportation.

(interpretation ends) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions are again for the Minister of Economic Development and Transportation. Third time's the charm, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Laughter*

Mr. Speaker, in her responses to my questions yesterday, the minister confirmed that Kugaaruk's airport terminal building is 40 years old. It is one of the oldest, if not the oldest, airport terminals in the territory.

Can the minister also confirm that the replacement of Kugaaruk's airport terminal building will be a priority for her department in its 2017-18 capital estimates? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As per my previous response yesterday, I can only offer the same response. The airport terminals are generally not a priority, as there are many other aspects of airport operations, such as airstrips, graders, or other infrastructure required for maintenance, that are prioritized and they tend to

outnumber them as they are safety related.

As to the actual status or where the process is at, we are aware that the terminal requires replacement, so we have included that in the (interpretation ends) 20-year infrastructure needs plan, (interpretation) as it is called. It will be completed shortly and it will be our primary planning document for prioritizing needs to move forward. There are other areas requiring further review, but to ensure that they are included, they have to be identified as a priority so that it can be included in this review. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Qirngnuq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In her responses to my questions yesterday, the minister stated that her department, and I quote, “has a plan to upgrade the mechanical and electrical systems.” I am glad to hear that. Can the minister confirm when this work will start? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don’t have this information in front of me, but I’ll let my colleague know shortly and I will explain it to him at a later time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Qirngnuq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The 2016-17 Capital Estimates of the Department of Economic Development and Transportation include \$2.0 million in funding for the construction of a new airport terminal building in the community of Taloyoak.

Can the minister indicate what local training and apprenticeship opportunities will be available for residents of Taloyoak during the construction phase of the new airport terminal building? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank my colleague for that question. With respect to the matter he brought up, it will be dealt with by the Department of CG&S as they are the lead department on all government tenders. This would be for proposals that are part of their mandate.

Even though I make that statement, I know for a fact that the NNI Policy would be applicable and the language used identifies the need for Inuit workers. It also speaks about including Inuit owned businesses as integral parts of their contracts. We are currently reviewing this policy to update it.

However, related to the requirement to have Inuit workers, we want to further encourage companies to undertake that, but it’s obvious that if they tried, they wouldn’t comply with the requirements currently, as the Taloyoak project just started. I do know for a fact that one of

the requirements of the NNI Policy, if it were to be followed, would result in more Inuit workers, as that is the criterion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members, the time for question period has expired. Moving on. Item 7. Written Questions. (interpretation ends) Item 8. Returns to Written Questions. Item 9. Replies to Opening Address. Item 10. Replies to Budget Address. Item 11. Petitions. Item 12. Responses to Petitions. Item 13. Reports of Standing and Special Committees on Bills and Other Matters. Item 14. Tabling of Documents. The Hon. Minister responsible for the Status of Women, Ms. Ell-Kanayuk.

Item 14: Tabling of Documents*

Tabled Document 081 – 4(3): FPT Meeting of Ministers Responsible for the Status of Women in Dettah, NWT on June 19 and 20, 2014

Tabled Document 082 – 4(3): FPT Meeting of Ministers Responsible for the Status of Women on June 18, 2015 in Winnipeg Manitoba

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to table the *Federal-Provincial-Territorial Meeting of Ministers Responsible for the Status of Women in Dettah, NWT, on June 19 and 20, 2014*.

Mr. Speaker, I am also pleased to table the *Federal-Provincial-Territorial Meeting of Ministers Responsible for the Status of Women on June 18, 2015 in Winnipeg, Manitoba*. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Item 14. Tabling of Documents. The Hon. Minister of Economic Development and Transportation, Ms. Ell-Kanayuk.

Tabled Document 083 – 4(3): Government of Nunavut's Response to the Standing Committee on Oversight of Government Operations and Public Accounts' 2015 Report on the Review of the 2013-2014 Annual Report, 2015-2016 Business Plan, and 2012-2017 Strategic Plan of Nunavut Tourism

Hon. Monica Ell-Kanayuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to table the *Government of Nunavut's Response to the Report on the Review of the 2013-14 Annual Report, 2015-16 Business Plan, and 2012-17 Strategic Plan of Nunavut Tourism*. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Tabled Document 084 – 4(3): Government of Nunavut's Response to the Standing Committee on Oversight of Government Operations and Public Accounts' November 3, 2015 Report on the Review of the 2009-2012 and 2013-2015 Summary Reports of the Inuit Qaujimaqatuqangit Katimajit

Hon. Johnny Mike (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

*See Appendix for full text of Tabled Documents 83 – 4(3) and 84 – 4(3).

I am pleased to table the *Government of Nunavut's Response to the Standing Committee on Oversight of Government Operations and Public Accounts' November 3, 2015 Report on the Review of the 2009-2012 and 2013-15 Summary Reports of the Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit Katimajit*. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Tabling of Documents. (interpretation ends) The Hon. Member for Rankin Inlet North and Chesterfield Inlet, Mr. Tom Sammurtok.

Tabled Document 085 – 4(3):

Correspondence to the Members of the Legislative Assembly from the Aqigiq Hunters and Trappers Organization

Mr. Tom Sammurtok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I wish to table today a letter that has been sent from the Aqigiq Hunters and Trappers Organization in Chesterfield Inlet to the Members of the Legislative Assembly. The HTO's correspondence concerns caribou habitat.

Mr. Speaker, I will have detailed questions on this issue for the Minister of Environment before the end of our winter sitting. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Item 14. Tabling of Documents. I have no more names. (interpretation) Moving on. (interpretation ends) Item 15. Notices of Motions. Item 16. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Item 17. Motions. Item 18. First Reading of Bills.

The Hon. Minister of Justice, Mr. Okalik.

Item 18: First Reading of Bills

Bill 15 – An Act to Amend the Land Titles Act – First Reading

Hon. Paul Okalik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I move, seconded by the Hon. Minister for Arviat South, that Bill 15, *An Act to Amend the Land Titles Act*, be read for the first time. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Item 19. Second Reading of Bills. Item 20. [Consideration in] Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters. Bills 10, 11, 12, and 13 and Tabled Documents 73 – 4(2), 116 – 4(2), 140 – 4(2), 149 – 4(2), and 70 – 4(3) with Mr. Akoak in the Chair.

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

(interpretation) Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>*House recessed at 15:01 and Committee resumed at 15:27*

Item 20: Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters

Chairman (Mr. Akoak): Good afternoon, colleagues. Nunavummiut and people watching TV, welcome.

I would like to call the committee meeting to order. In Committee of the Whole, we have the following items to deal with: Bills 10, 11, 12, and 13 and Tabled Documents 73 – 4(2), 116 – 4(2), 140 – 4(2), 149 – 4(2), and 70 – 4(3). What is the wish of the committee? Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and good afternoon. Mr. Chairman, we wish to continue with the review of the 2016-17 Main Estimates of the Department of Community and Government Services, followed by the Department of Education. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Rumbolt. Are we in agreement that we continue with the main estimates for the Department of Community and Government Services?

Some Members: Agreed.

Bill 13 – Appropriation (Operations & Maintenance) Act, 2016-2017 – Community and Government Services – Consideration in Committee

Chairman: Is the committee agreed that minister's staff go to the witness table?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Thank you. *Iqsuqtii*, please assist the staff to go to the witness table.

Thank you. Minister, please introduce your staff.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. To my right, I have the DM, Lori Kimball, and to my left, the ADM

of Community Services, Mr. Darren Flynn. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Yesterday, we were on J-4. Community and Government Services. Branch Summary. Directorate. Total Operations and Maintenance, to be Voted. \$12,078,000. Agreed? \$12,078,000. Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Perhaps I'll return to a question raised yesterday by my colleague, Mr. Mikkungwak. If the minister already responded to that question, I apologize first before I ask the question.

The department has stated that in the near future, it would introduce amendments to the *Consumer Protection Act*. If my reference was understandable, I am reiterating the question and again I apologize if I am submitting a question that was already answered. When are your expectations of introducing the amendments or have you identified a timeframe of when you would table this information? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I believe the bill that the MLA is talking about is the consumer bill and it is completed, but being reviewed because there are certain things that were put in there that were outside our jurisdiction. For example, we wanted to limit the amount that retailers could charge for cashing a cheque. Right now, we can't do that and we're trying to figure out exactly how we can do it, if we can do it. The bill has gone to the Department of Justice and that's where

it's still at. We're working on it, but we can't do what we want it to do at the moment. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Currently, do you have no idea when we can expect this information? Is there nothing stated about the timeframe from the justice department's lawyers about how long this process would play out? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The member is right. We don't know. It's out of our control. It's with the Department of Justice and they have to check out the legalities of the stuff too and I don't speak for them, but we are waiting on Justice. Until we get it back from the Department of Justice, we can't go any further on it. Thank you.

Chairman: Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): I'm done. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. I have no more names. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for recognizing me. We're on J-4 under Directorate. I have a question on his openers on page 3, which is MTO. Can the minister elaborate a little bit more in detail in regard to, I guess you could say, the third paragraph in his openers, "The training provided by MTO allows municipal employees to gain skills and assist them in delivering services to residents with training costs

that are low and affordable to municipalities."? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. MTO stands for "Municipal Training Organization" and it's a tool that municipalities use to train their staff on many different courses that are needed. It could be driver training; it could be office procedures training. They put in proposals and if it's approved, then the training course goes through MTO and CGS is one of the funding partners of it. It's a cost-effective way for municipalities to get training for their employees. In 2014-15, there were a total of 744 participants and the number of courses that were offered was 96. Just to show that it was very cost effective, it came out to \$674 per training day. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I guess my follow-up question to that is: when you look at 744 trainees that did partake in the Municipal Training Organization, were these all full-time employees or were some casuals? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I don't have that level of detail as there were so many courses offered and so many people took it. If the member wants, I can get back to him, but right now, I don't have that kind of detail available to me. Thank you.

Chairman: Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll be glad to wait for that information.

On that same particular subject matter again, were these courses that were delivered all in Nunavut? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, they were all in Nunavut. MTO is a Nunavut organization that puts on their courses in Nunavut. Thank you.

Chairman: Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak: In reference to this Municipal Training Organization training course as it applies in Nunavut and it's delivered within Nunavut, are municipalities submitting or notified at the beginning of the fiscal year or midway, or how are all the municipalities across Nunavut notified regarding this MTO training that's available within Nunavut? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There are certain courses that are offered that are needed annually and there would be a calendar put out for all the municipalities to put in if they're interested or it could be that a municipality might want a certain course in their town or a certain course that is needed in several towns. If there are enough participants and there are

instructors available, then the course is put on.

It's not a rigid training organization and that's what's good about it. It's not set in stone, "Here are the courses. Take it or leave it." There will be certain courses that are offered, but there can also be different courses that are put on that are needed if the participation level is high enough. Thank you.

Chairman: Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If I'm hearing correctly, with the minister's response, it could be made available to municipal individuals who are not employed by the municipality or hamlet, in my case, the Hamlet of Baker Lake, or do they all have to be employees of the municipality? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. When the MTO puts on courses, it's generally only for municipal employees, but if there's space available and someone is interested and they're sponsored, because there is a cost to putting on the training courses, exceptions could be made. It's on an individual and needs basis, but if someone wanted to partake in a particular course and they weren't a municipal employee, then someone would have to fund them. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. The next name on the list, Mr. T. Sammurtok.

Mr. Tom Sammurtok: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I probably only have one question at this point. Your department's

draft 2016-19 business plan, I'm referring to page 168, indicates that one of your priorities for the 2016-19 fiscal year is to, and I quote, "Optimize the procurement function, through gradual migration of regional infrastructure procurement to a centralized procurement function in the department." Can you describe what these changes will involve and if any positions will be transferred from other communities to Iqaluit? Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We did talk at length about this yesterday and I did answer it, but I will answer it again.

It's just streamlining the process and moving some of the process and authorities to a centralized place so that everyone can be on the same page when it comes to procurement and purchases. Right now, the three regions may have a little bit of a different way of doing stuff and we would like to streamline it so that the process is the same throughout Nunavut. That just makes it more efficient and there's less chance of someone who is not successful in getting a bid or getting their purchase to be unhappy. There are no PYs being moved. It's just that the process is being streamlined. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Your third line of questions, Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Mr. Chairman, thank you very much for giving me the opportunity. Just for further clarity, I think I would like to ask the minister a question regarding MTO

that provides training for the hamlet. There are usually students, for example, heavy equipment operator trainees who go down to Morrisburg for that type of training. Can you explain to the House and to the people of Nunavut of what the difference is with the Municipal Training Organization or is it a government program? That's just for my information. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. MTO has nothing to do with people going to heavy equipment training in Morrisburg. I know that that goes on and I believe the candidates who go down there are sponsored through the Department of Education. It's a separate training program. MTO is not involved. Thank you.

Chairman (interpretation): Mr. Enook, are you done? Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Do I understand that even though it's not under your department, it is sponsored by another department, possibly the Department of Education or Arctic College, but the students who go down to Morrisburg are still being sponsored by the government? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The member is correct. Yes, they are sponsored by the Government of Nunavut when they go to Morrisburg and there can be other funding sources. For example, if the Inuit organizations wanted to sponsor people to go down

there too, they may do that, but generally the people who go to Morrisburg for heavy equipment training are sponsored by the GN. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. We're on Community and Government Services. Branch Summary. Directorate. Total Operations and Maintenance, to be Voted. \$12,078,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Thank you. Next, Branch Summary. Community Services. Page J-5. Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My line of questions is going to be around the emergency measures. I'll start with your department currently has two policies under which contribution funds may be provided to support community search and rescue organizations. According to your department's website, its Community Based Search and Rescue Contribution Policy expired on May 31 of 2008, and the Community Search and Rescue Organization Support Contribution Policy expired on May 31, 2010. When will your department be updating these policies? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. These policies were under review and they are being updated now. Once they are updated, we will give everyone the new policies, but they're in the process of being updated right now. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We look forward to that information.

Also, as I stated in my opening comments, your department is proposing to allocate \$500,000 in contribution funding to community search and rescue organizations. This amount has not changed in over ten years. Will you commit to undertaking a review of the costs associated with operating a community search and rescue organization to ensure that your department's contribution funding is adequate? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The amount that the member is talking about, \$500,000 per year, is adequate right now. Part of that has to do with the SPOT devices because, when someone sends off a SPOT, they know exactly where they are and they go to the location, so the searches are not prolonged. At the current time, the budget for the searches is adequate. Thank you.

Chairman: Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My next line of questions was going to be on the SPOT devices. You stated in your opening comments that "In 2015, there were 251 searches, 82 of which were triggered by SPOT devices." For the record and an update for most of us is: how many SPOT devices are issued to each community? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I don't have the exact figures right now how much each community has, but it's very close to 500 that are out there for Nunavut. If you divide that by 25, that's roughly 20 per community, which probably isn't averaged out because a smaller community would need less SPOTs than a bigger community, but there are almost 500 SPOT units out there.

There's no problem with the numbers. They're underused, I think. We make it known public where they're available and we've never had a problem where someone said, "Well, I went to go pick up a SPOT and there were none available." As far as we are aware, every time a hunter or someone going out on the land goes to pick up a SPOT, there is one available for them. Thank you.

Chairman: Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Again still on the SPOT devices, how does your department keep track of the SPOT devices to ensure that all the units are accounted for at the end of the day in each community? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The hamlets give us an inventory number every year and if there are any missing or don't work, then there's a process to replace them. The hamlets are responsible to account for the number of SPOTs in each community. Thank you.

Chairman: Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The minister stated that it's done annually. I'm just wondering if he can give me precisely what time of year that they are accounted for, what month of the year. Is it January or is it year-end? Exactly when are they accounted for? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We don't have that information, but it's generally the end of the fiscal year. We don't know the exact date, but it's supposed to be done annually. We can pick any date you want, I guess, and that date would be just fine as long as they are accounted for. Thank you.

Chairman: Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Why I'm doing this line of questioning, as you will see in this next question, maybe is that I attended an interagency meeting in my community while I was home between the committee meeting and now and we got talking about SPOT devices. I asked that question to municipal workers on the number of SPOT devices that they have. I won't say the exact number, but there are a significant number of SPOT devices in the community that are not accounted for.

That's why I'm wondering how often your department keeps track of these and maybe an annual basis is not enough. Maybe on a monthly basis, we need to keep track of where these are or have a better signing-out policy and return policy on these devices. It is my understanding that there's a significant

number that is not accounted for in my community, which makes me wonder if other communities are in the same situation. I would just like to get the minister's comment on that, please. Thank you.

Chairman: Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I guess what I'll say is that the municipalities should take some initiative and take control. If they know they are short, then they don't have to wait 'til the end of the year to report that they are short. At any time, if there are SPOT units that are missing or not working, they can contact CGS and we will make sure that they have the appropriate number of SPOTs. These SPOT units are very useful and effective and they really do cut down the cost of a search. They can save lives. The municipalities don't have to wait 'til year-end. If they know they're short, then on any given day, they can inform CGS that they are short and maybe give an explanation on why they're short. Thank you.

Chairman: Yes, Minister Savikataaq, the SPOT devices are very important. Next name, Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to use your opening comments as the foundation for my question. It is on page 5. Firstly, let me ask a question about the written statement about search and rescue first responders. It states, "...in assisting the RCMP and military in responding to searches." I want clarification on that part. What is the meaning of this statement? Is it that the RCMP is the instigator of the search mission or is it

the searchers? Who is the lead in the initiation? The language as written speaks to the RCMP as well as the military, who are the main players. Based on what I know, the local search and rescue organizations do the actual searches, but I may be missing the key here. Can you please clarify that for my information? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In all the communities, the RCMP is in charge of the search, but the RCMP knows and we know that they can't do the searches. They rely on the local search and rescue units to go and do the searches, but they coordinate the searches. They're the ones who would contact Trenton if the airplane would be needed and they're in charge of land searches.

When or if there are any water searches, it's generally the Coast Guard that is in charge, but the RCMP coordinates. They don't go out on the actual searches. That is relied on the local search and rescue because they're the experts. They know what they're doing. The RCMP just coordinates everything to make sure that everything is... I guess the key word is they help organize the search and keep it orderly. Thank you.

Chairman: Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As I stated earlier, I want to be clear in my understanding, especially why the RCMP are even involved when they have absolutely no knowledge of the outlying lands and waters.

I used to think that the search and rescue groups in the communities were the foundation for searches and I wondered why the RCMP was appointed as the lead agency, yet here are the local knowledgeable experts, capable of initiating searches having their authority usurped.

I imagine it was due to some SAR groups not having the legal capability to properly organize their societies, as you stated in English as being “orderly.” Apparently, the RCMP is the only orderly group. Can’t the communities be orderly in their management of the searches? Can’t they be also one of the lead agencies or is this due to the lack of government not having faith in them? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As I stated earlier, the local search and rescue teams are the experts and they’re the organizers. They organize and they decide where to search. The RCMP doesn’t say, “Go search here, go search there,” but they are in charge. It’s the process. We all know that the local search and rescue teams are the experts and sometimes it’s the Rangers that are part of the search and rescues, but the RCMP does have a role there and they play a role. We have a good working relationship with them there and sometimes they have resources that are needed that they can come up with. Thank you.

Chairman: Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you. I, too, prefer coordinated and organized processes. However, I have deliberated

on these issues for a while. The RCMP, even in our community, sometimes gets requests to get involved, but their refrain tends to be that they have too much work on their plate. They have sometimes not even bothered to show up at meetings.

I wonder how better to appoint a lead agency since there have been cases where their presence is requested for searches, but they rarely attend even if the community feels it is a dire situation. Perhaps I am misunderstanding the reasoning, but in looking at our alternatives to support our SAR groups, I wonder what further duties they can accommodate since the RCMP already protests saying that they have too much work to do when invited to a search and rescue meeting.

Let me move on to another subject. I want to speak to the devices with buttons. If you don’t have the documentation, I will understand. If you have that information, I refer to this statement, “...there were 251 searches, 82 of which were triggered by SPOT devices.” Is it documented anywhere? I would like to hear from you, Mr. Minister. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The other searches that are not SPOT initiated are generally started when someone is overdue, either a family member or someone that a person going out on the land told, “I will be back in two days. I will be back today.” If someone is overdue, then generally a search is started. Thank you.

Chairman: Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you. A clarification on the same line, I think it has been three years and I know the minister was not here at the time, but his officials were here, so perhaps I can get a response. About three years ago, the minister at the time mentioned that a concern is the devices that are borrowed are sometimes misused. Sometimes they are just playing with the devices and they initiate a search, but it turns out it was not a real emergency. This is a serious issue.

At the time, your department was considering perhaps putting a policy in place or even legislation for this serious matter. Searchers put themselves in personal danger to provide assistance, even though people are just playing with the devices. Have you done anything else on this matter? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think the member is talking about the misuse of SPOTs, not accidental use, but misuse like initiating a distress signal when there is no distress. Of course, we don't recommend anyone do that, but we have no way of controlling that. Every time a SPOT device is set off, we will go check it out because we don't know if it's for real or not. We don't have any way of tracking whether it is misuse or accident. Unless someone admits that they purposely pressed it just to see what would happen, we won't know. Someone can always say, "Well, I didn't know I pressed it."

We highly discourage the misuse. There might be some accidental press of the SPOT and those probably can't be

avoided. There is a chance you can accidentally set it off, but even if there is misuse, we will always go check out the location. At time when the SPOT is activated, we do not know if it's an accident, misuse, or an actual distress call. Every SPOT device that is activated will be investigated. Thank you.

Chairman: Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, I fully agree with you that every incident should be investigated because we don't know. Perhaps I will restate my question. Once you find out that it is misuse or they are just playing around with the device and they issue a search, if you know of intentional misuse, are there consequences in place or do you just tell them, "Don't do it again."? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Currently, we don't have any legislation to punish anyone that misuses a SPOT because the only true way of knowing if it was misused is if the person admits to it. Anyone can always say they accidentally pressed it. There's no way of proving that someone intentionally misused the SPOT unit. Currently, we have no legislation against it. We just encourage people not to do it. Thank you.

Chairman: Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, the searchers are very serious in doing their duties. If somebody presses a SPOT device, we should consider that very carefully. They

give of themselves. Searches are usually initiated in the worst of weather. In summer or winter, they give themselves to the search. We have to think of and take care of the searchers. Yes, I totally agree with you that they should not be misused and all Nunavummiut probably agree with that.

Perhaps this will be my last question. In Pond Inlet, the searchers and their coordinators always go on the radio and tell the people to bring those devices if they're going out. They always tell them that in Pond Inlet and I'm happy to say that, but they are still underused. What more can we do? I know they're free, but even when we tell them to please bring it with them, there are still people who go out without bringing them.

Do you have anything planned on how we can get the information out to more Nunavummiut that these devices are available, they're free, and they can bring them when they go out? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I totally agree with my counter MLA that they are being underused and we're not sure why. We have public announcements. I know the HTOs go on the radio, the search and rescue go on the radio, the RCMP goes on the radio. For whatever reason, there are just some people that don't go pick them up. I don't know if they're in a hurry, but we fully encourage everyone to do it.

It's small, it's light, it's free, and it may save a person's life. There is no reason why someone should not pick one up. I

encourage all the people of Nunavut to pick one up, even if they're going out for the day. Just pick one up. They're small, they're light, and the newer models are harder to accidentally activate. I encourage everyone to pick up a SPOT. It may save your life. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. We're on Branch Summary. Community and Government Services. Community Services. Mr. Pauloosie Keyootak.

Mr. Keyootak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The questions I was going to ask were asked already. I will also base my questions on search and rescue. The comments were already made on the question I was going to ask, but I have an idea too about search and rescue. I have been part of the searches and other people here have probably been a part of the searches. I have been involved in searches for about 20 years. I know this is a difficult issue when you are one of the searchers.

The comments were made about RCMP not being directly involved, but searchers rely on the RCMP because we have no idea whether those who are lost are alive or dead. We have to notify the RCMP beforehand because we have no idea initially on the condition of the lost person. That's just a comment, Mr. Chairman.

I think it was last year when we were discussing this and there was a question from my colleague, Mr. Enook. With respect to the equipment that we use, the single sideband radios are utilized by searchers, especially in the Baffin region. It is a mountainous region. The radios that are used are line-of-sight only and you cannot see them as long as

they're behind land. That becomes a problem when you're doing a search, especially here in the Baffin in the mountainous region.

The new radios, VHF and CBs, are being used more these days and people have been saying that single sideband radios might not be used anymore. There are repeaters. VHF radios go much longer distances than single sideband radios. We have more than one repeater and I think Pond Inlet also has repeaters, but there are still a lot of communities that don't have that equipment.

Are there any plans being made when it comes to search and rescues for CB and VHF repeaters? This can provide a lot more assistance to search and rescue. Has this been considered? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We're open to any suggestions and we're always looking at new technologies. I believe all local search and rescues have at least one, if not more, satellite phones.

I know that when searches are going on, there may be multiple parties and everybody can't get a satellite phone, but they are also looking at what I think are called Go-Box units. They are a form of satellite communication that can be used with smart phones and texting. They are looking at another form of communication. I can't remember the name offhand, but you can text with it. We're looking at anything that would help out searches.

I know some local search and rescue organizations have their own communication system. They may have mainly radios, whether it be VHF, which I believe is only used in Pond Inlet because there are not a lot of communities that use the marine VHF's. CBs are used a lot in the summer. I know that the CBs have limitations when the weather is cold.

Communication is a big part of search and rescue. If someone is found, you want to know right away so that you call back the other search and rescuers. Like Mr. Keyootak said, sometimes you are searching in very bad weather and the searchers put themselves at risk at times to look for someone who is lost or overdue. We will look at any cost-effective way for communicating systems when we're having searches. Thank you.

Chairman: Mr. Keyootak.

Mr. Keyootak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Indeed, the local SAR responders sometimes venture out in inclement weather to search for the person and sometimes there is no choice in the matter, especially in a dire, emergency situation.

The equipment we use, such as the radios, can also be affected by bad weather with transmission and reception issues. The equipment works best in the summer when there is no cold weather unlike the winter months. Based on real-world experiences, during the summer months, the equipment that worked best were the cellphones. Apparently, they were the most dependable means of communications and currently, everyone

who goes hunting usually brings along a cellphone.

I wonder if the communities have the ability to request repeater towers, if they can undertake that work unilaterally, or if they would have to request funding assistance for that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We don't have any funding specifically for communication projects, but if a municipality were to put it on their sustainable community infrastructure plan, I think... I'm new, so I don't know all the acronyms yet, but if a municipality were to put it in there, then it would be looked at like everything else that they put in there. We don't have a budget specifically for communication in communities. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. The next name, Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In line with the search and rescue, I know the funding hasn't increased in the past several years, but in listening to my colleagues and having been involved in search and rescue also and as a committee member and a volunteer, my question to the Department of Community and Government Services is, in some cases, there are companies or private industry organizations that do want to donate, but sometimes the barrier is registered society status. If a search and rescue has a registered society status, they can receive financial donations from private companies or organizations. How is the

department tackling that considering the fact that search and rescue people also have to submit a report when a search has been completed? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm not sure how to answer that question at all because I'm not familiar with how registered societies are and I did not know that they're not allowed to take donations. I'll have to get back to the member on that because I wasn't aware of that clause. Thank you.

Chairman: Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. To help the minister here, some private industries or companies that are independent, at times, do like to make financial donations in a considerable amount. If a search and rescue does maintain a registered society status, they can do a tax write-off for the financial donation that is being given to the search and rescue.

My concern here is: when you look at search and rescue across Nunavut, and I presume there's search and rescue in all communities across Nunavut, how has the department of Nunavut Emergency Management assisted the community search and rescue to maintain their registered society status? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Good question. Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I won't have to get back to

the member there on how societies can accept donations because he answered that himself. They can give a tax receipt. Thanks for answering that question.

>>*Laughter*

Now, as to how we help them out, we do give them some money. I believe it's \$2,500 a year to help them out to do their financial reports because they do have to do a financial report.

Another way that a search and rescue organization can get donations could be through private individuals, if they want to give large amounts. I don't see a reason why they could not give it to the hamlet. For example, let's say someone wanted to buy a new snowmobile for the search and rescue. They could donate that to the hamlet and then the search and rescue could use it from the hamlets. I don't see that there are any barriers with that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Before I move on to another subject, in reference to emergency management, there's usually a secretary treasurer in respective search and rescue organizations. Is there territory-wide training provided at least once a year to ensure that they are keeping their bookkeeping records up to date so that they maintain their registered society status? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Currently right now, no, we don't offer such training. It can be looked at, but I'm also aware that

sometimes search and rescue organization committees do change on a regular basis. If there was such a need for one and a proposal was put through, it would be easy to put it on through MTO. That would be one avenue where such training could be done if there was a need for it and if there were enough participants. Thank you.

Chairman: Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Moving on to another subject under J-5, according to its draft 2016-17 main estimates, your department spent \$1,024,000 in funding under its Community Development Fund Policy in the 2014-15 fiscal year.

However, the Government of Nunavut's 2014-15 Grants and Contributions Report indicates that a total of \$265,000 in funding was distributed under the Community Development Fund project for that fiscal year. Can you clarify how your department spent the remaining \$759,000 under this line item? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We're going back to 2014, so I don't have any knowledge of that. What I'll do is hand it over to Mr. Flynn here whose memory is good and he has been around a while. I'm sure he can answer that. Thank you.

Chairman: Mr. Flynn.

Mr. Flynn: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thanks to the minister and the member for that question. I believe what you're referring to is under the Community

Development Fund, there is \$10,000 of an annual grant that is a block funding item and goes directly to municipalities through a contribution agreement. The balance of the \$1 million plus you're talking about in the Community Development Fund is what goes in towards doing the Municipal Government Program, which is done through the Municipal Training Organization. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. According to your department's draft 2016-19 business plan, this fund is used to support "community based capacity development in program management and delivery, self-monitoring and self-evaluation through training and development initiatives." Can you provide a breakdown of how this funding has been spent during the 2015-16 fiscal year to date? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would just like the member to clarify what page he is on so that we can find it. Thank you.

Chairman: Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It's under Community Services. That would be on page 172. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. While I'm looking for it, if he

can just rephrase it, please, because I completely can't remember what he asked. Thank you.

>> *Laughter*

Chairman: Mr. Mikkungwak, the minister wants you to ask again. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That will surely eat up my clock, but I'll rephrase my question again.

>> *Laughter*

According to your department's draft 2016-19 business plan, this fund is used to support "community based capacity development in program management and delivery, self-monitoring and self-evaluation through training and development initiatives." Can you provide a breakdown of how this funding has been spent during the 2015-16 fiscal year to date? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the member for clarifying. That funding is transferred to MTO to put on training. It will be part of that. ... (inaudible) ... members, it was 644 participants or sorry, 744. It's funding that was for MTO. I don't have a breakdown of all the courses that were put on because there were 69 of them. If the member wants it, then I can get what those 69 courses were. Thank you.

Chairman: Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I would appreciate the document and I'm sure my committee colleagues would also appreciate that.

Moving on to another subject which reflects my community by another entity or organization in my view, on October 27, 2015 during the Committee of the Whole's consideration of your department's 2016-17 capital estimates, testimony provided by your department officials indicated that Dalhousie University had completed its preliminary analysis of effluent quality in Nunavut's wastewater. The next step would be then to work with Environment Canada to set effluent standards that are realistic for the north.

Can you clarify when your department plans to have completed an analysis of the current effluent quality in Nunavut? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. With this Dalhousie study, some communities have already been done and other communities will be done this summer. Before this, we just relied on the federal regulations that were set right across the board across Canada.

With this study, we're finding that things are different up here. In some cases, it's telling us that whatever wastewater system and sewage lagoon they have in certain places works just well. Some communities may not need a sewage lagoon; they just need a wetland area where it's naturally cleaned up. It just berms up and slows the process so that

it's just not a river.

What this study is doing is it's telling us exactly what's coming out. The sewage is poured out on one end and what comes out on the end, the study is telling us that in some places, what we're using up here is very good. The standards can or may even be changed up here so that our standards for wastewater are applicable to Nunavut. Thank you.

Chairman: Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I guess my follow-up question to that would be: when you look at the effluent standards, does that also contain sloping of contaminated soil that starts leaching into water surrounding a community pumphouse? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. No, this study is strictly on wastewater. It is in no way connected to contaminated sites. That's a whole separate issue. Most contaminated sites are chemical or hydrocarbons that would have to be cleaned up. This is only about residential wastewater, wastewater/sewage. Thank you.

Chairman: Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The minister sort of led right into my next question. Wastewater regulations in northern Canada, as we all know, Dalhousie University is doing research and should be completed by 2016-17 and there will be a timeline to establish northern wastewater regulations. Can you indicate who will

be involved in these discussions and negotiation on wastewater regulations in northern Canada and what the discussions will involve? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. CGS will be working with INAC, the water board, and the federal government. There is going to be a working group that will come up with regulations that are relevant to the climate and conditions here in Nunavut. Thank you.

Chairman: Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. While compiling the regulations, does the department have a rough idea as to how long the regulations may take to be completed and enforced? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is a federal responsibility, so I can't say when it will be done and I don't speak for the federal government, so the ball will be in their court and we will be waiting for the regulations to come out after this working group puts in a recommendation. Thank you.

Chairman: Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As a department advocating on behalf of the territory, how will you stress to deal with these wastewater regulations to be more compatible and to

ensure our safety regarding wastewater regulations? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That's what this study with Dalhousie University is doing to make sure that we have data to back up our claims. This is a scientific study. It's not a guess. It's a scientific study that Dalhousie University is doing and that data will be used, hopefully, to make the regulations that are applicable to Nunavut. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you. All of a sudden; I thought Simeon would have a few more questions.

I want to talk about, from your opening comments, actually the Arctic Winter Games. I know we're involved with that, but I want to know how much of a contribution we're providing to the Arctic Winter Games. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I don't have the exact figure, but I know that we're decreasing our budget next year by a little over \$1.1 million when there's no Arctic Winter Games, so that would surmise to say that we probably help out in funding to the tune of \$1.1 million. Thank you.

Chairman: Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Can the minister explain why we're not doing Arctic Winter Games

next year and what's being provided or given to, is it, the Yukon?

>> *Laughter*

Thank you. Or the next time it comes around? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We're not doing Arctic Winter Games next year because it's on a two-year rotation, but it was delayed. We were supposed to host it in 2020, but it has been deferred to 2026 because we can't host it ourselves. We don't have the ski hills and our climate appears to be too cold because they have regulations on how cold it can be for the biathlon and the outside sports. We have to co-share it with Greenland and a decision was made to defer it 'til 2026. Thank you.

Chairman: Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm going on to something else. In your opening statement again, it talks about the Energy Management Pilot Project in Iqaluit. Maybe you can elaborate a little bit more on how you worked with QEC on this. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm not fully aware of working with QEC, so if the member can just point me in the right direction, I'll try to do my best to answer the question. Thank you.

Chairman: Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. You didn't say anything about QEC, so that's why I'm asking you. Under this pilot project, was QEC involved in any way if you're talking about energy-efficient lighting and stuff like that and solar panels?

I'm bringing this up because a couple of weeks ago, I had somebody write to me to say that they were trying to do an elders facility project in Kugluktuk and they wanted to save energy and they wanted to have solar panels and different things that would help them to use energy in an efficient way. They found out from QEC that they have no policy to accept, like if you're off grid or something. I'm not an expert in this area.

With all the work that you are doing here, what kind of discussions have gone on with QEC in regard to energy efficiency within the government? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If the member is asking about producing more energy and putting it back in, then that's a QEC issue and I can't speak to that, if that's what she is talking about.

Our program is to save energy by changing light bulbs or putting in sensors where, when someone leaves the room, the lights go off. It's mostly for that. We have our own energy policy that has nothing to do with QEC and I can't speak for QEC. We're doing stuff to try cut down on energy uses in our own buildings. There's the Energy Secretariat too that may be able to help

out and that's with ED&T.

If I understand the member correctly, she's talking about producing power and putting it back in, that sort of a system. I believe we are not set up at all for that right now. Thank you.

Chairman: Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate your comments, but I'm just thinking that we're going to be talking about saving energy across the government. To me, QEC should be involved in those discussions. We do have in your opening comments on page 4 where you talk about solar panels. It just brought to mind the issue that that community had.

I think we need to start to work with departments instead of maybe you guys going ahead and doing what you guys are doing. Maybe you do need to reach out and work with the Energy Secretariat or QEC. I think, within the government, we need to do more of that. More impact on government buildings will have an impact on QEC at some point. Maybe it's just not talking about changing light bulbs. Maybe there's more to it than this. I don't know, but it's just a comment on the direction you should go.

I want to go to something else and that's another issue. I understand that there have been a lot of discussion about search and rescue. For Iqaluit, for example, when you have the SAR organization here, when there is a search, because I don't really know myself, it was brought up to my attention that sometimes there's some confusion as to who is calling the shots.

How does that process work when you are dealing with a SAR organization and you have the search rescue component within your department as well? How do you work with the community over how to organize a search and rescue? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll explain to the best of my ability how a search starts. Someone is overdue or missing in a community and someone makes a call to some of the search and rescue members or to the hamlet. They are given a search number from CG&S and a search is initiated. It's generally the local search and rescue that is in charge and involved with the assistance of the RCMP.

If the search is prolonged and they don't find this person or persons, then it becomes a bigger search where our department is more involved. They may need more resources or they may need more funding. When that happens, then part of the control is put to our department. If the local search and rescue needs an airplane, they don't have the authority or the funds to fund an airplane.

If it's involved in the marine, then the Coast Guard is involved, but if it's an immediate issue, then CGS takes over anyway. If you have to get a boat out there right now, you can't wait on the Coast Guard because, generally, there is no Coast Guard available close to communities when there is a marine search.

It depends on whether it's a quick search or a long search as to who starts

organizing and keeping everything in a tidy manner. Thank you.

Chairman: Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you. That was very helpful to me. Just going on under the Municipal Funding Policy, the \$45 million plus here, it's the same across the number from 2015 on to 2019. Over the last few years, how have municipalities... ? You often hear that they never have enough money, yet it's the same amounts here. Have you found that municipalities are having to carry out responsibilities that they don't have the funds for or do you find that the funds are adequate? Over the years, have there been surpluses or not? If you can elaborate on the funding for me, please. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Ms. Angnakak is right saying that funding has been the same for a while. We're in the process of reviewing the funding policy for the municipalities. The review is just about done. There were 11 municipalities that were in deficit. It's usually not a common reason why municipalities are in deficit. They all have their own reasons.

We are looking at the funding because they have their funding to fund the municipality plus they also have the water/sewer program, which is a great, big component of municipalities of delivering the water and collecting the sewage. Both are being reviewed right now and the funding formula may change; it depends on this review. Thank you.

Chairman: Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. When we talk about deficits, 11 communities have deficits. Can you tell me what the reporting requirements are back to CGS in terms of accounting at the municipal level? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There are two requirements. One is they have to do a monthly financial statement and then they have to do an audited financial statement once a year.

There are different degrees of deficiencies. Because part of the funds is reserve funds, the reserved funds are supposed to be up at a certain level. If the reserve funds aren't up to par, then even though they have money, they could be considered that they are in deficit. It's not as straightforward as if they have money in the bank or not. They can have money in the bank in some areas and they could be in deficit in other areas. It's quite a complicated process.

In general, most of the municipalities are doing all right. We're there to help them. If a municipality is struggling, then we're there to help them out. We will help them out to figure why they're struggling. If they're struggling just because it costs more to operate the municipality than the funding that's given, then that will be looked at. We don't expect the municipalities to go into deficit for running a community, but we also want to make sure that they're not

just being wasteful. Thank you.

Chairman: Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you. Thank you for your response. When we talk about deficits, over the years, I have heard that some hamlets feel that the government gives them responsibilities without the additional funds. I know, a few years back, there was quite a big push by the municipalities to give a lot of those responsibilities back to the government because they didn't have the means to carry them out financially.

I just want to go back to what you said about reserve. What is the reserve? What should a hamlet have in place as a reserve and how much of that reserve, if it's taken out... ? Is it \$1 and then you guys are alerted that a dollar has been taken out? Up to what amount does it need to trigger the department to look at it? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We certainly wouldn't move for a dollar, that's for sure. Here are the different funds that they have to have in good standing: operating funds, water and sewer funds, land development funds, capital funds, and reserve funds. Those all have to be kept in good standing, so it's not quite that simple. Thank you.

Chairman: Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you. Can the minister tell us how much in reserve funds they expect each municipality to have in place? Thank you, Mr.

Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There's no set standard. Each community gets different funding. A good portion of communities' funds are through the water/sewer program. One of the reserves from that is to buy water trucks and sewage trucks, so that fund would be funded through the water/sewer program and each community is different. The Land Development Fund is built up by the leasing of lots in communities and that fund would be built up by that. There is no set standard.

To my earlier comment there about all the funds, I have just been informed that in total, throughout all of Nunavut, the operating funds is in the positive of just under \$5 million. That is within all the municipalities. Going back to the funds, each community is different. There's no set standard. They can't say, "Well, in Arviat, your water/sewer funds will be at \$600,000"; in Whale Cove, which is quite a bit smaller, "Your reserve will be at \$600,000." There is no set standard, but it is calculated on the amount of funding that is generated or received. Thank you.

Chairman: Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think the reason why I'm asking that is because of your comment where you said that 11 are in deficit because of their reserve funds. If all the reserve funds are all different, how do you know when one goes into a deficit? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just to clarify myself then, those 11 that are in deficit are not in deficit because their funds are depleted. They are actually in deficit. They spent more money than they had or were given. Thank you.

Chairman: Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you. Just reading from the business plan on 170, Community Planning and Lands for developing community sustainability plans. Do all communities have sustainability plans and what does that plan generally involve? How does it provide direction for the hamlet? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That's where each municipality puts in their infrastructure needs and then that is looked by another committee. I can't remember the name of the committee, but it's made up of the hamlets and the governments together.

Each municipality puts in what is their priority. For example, do they need a fire hall more than they need a community hall or an arena? They put in their sustainability plan what their priority is and the priorities are looked at between the municipalities and the government to figure out how to... . We all know there are only so much infrastructure dollars and we have to divide it up fairly and based on needs.

One of the biggest criteria is if there's a safety issue, then that would get more

criteria than just because it didn't look good. We have to have criteria that they go by. Thank you.

Chairman: Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to go on to something else. There has been a lot of talk about not having proper water licensing within the municipalities. Here, one of your priorities on page 172 of the business plan is that you're going to "Continue to implement strategies to address upgrades to core municipal infrastructure" to address wastewater and solid waste "to ensure compliance..." Can you tell us where you're at with that? How many communities are not in compliance with their water licences? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. All the municipalities either have their water licence or are in the process of getting their water licence. As of right now, all the municipalities are in the good. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. We're at Branch Summary. Community and Government Services. Community Services. Mr. Shooyook.

Mr. Shooyook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Are we on page J-5? I wish to return to this subject related to search and rescue operations. I will be asking the minister a question, but first let me welcome you and your staff to the witness table in front of the MLAs. Welcome.

I wish to return to the plans here, as members continue to have concerns about search and rescue issues in the communities. The biggest concern is the lack of equipment, such as no snowmobiles or boats for rescues. To use our community as an example, particularly when people require assistance from the SAR groups primarily in the winter when hunters are mostly out hunting, we lack rescue equipment and this is a contributing factor to conducting searches, which is the lack of dedicated search equipment.

What is your goal towards meeting this challenge within your business plan? I only see the February 27, 2015 report where the cabinet was going to deliberate on additional funds to be requested from the federal government related to search and rescue equipment. I doubt there are any dedicated funds to assist our SAR groups to purchase snowmobiles and boats. I wonder if you did add this or if the funding to purchase equipment is still missing in your plans. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation) Currently, there are no funds available for purchasing snowmobiles, ATVs, or boats for the SAR groups. However, the SAR societies in the communities have the ability to fundraise within the community to purchase their own snowmobiles, ATVs, or boats for this purpose.

We heard just recently that the federal government, and I don't think we have an Inuktitut name for it, but they have the (interpretation ends) Coast Guard

Auxiliary. (interpretation) They're not going to buy boats, but they can help the boat owners. There is compensation if any of their mobile equipment breaks down or gets lost.

To date, there is no money set aside for the purchase of snowmobiles, four-wheelers, or boats. It is something that the regular members can consider. If you're concerned about it, urge the government to provide such a program. We haven't considered it. There is no money set aside for the purchase of mobile equipment. Thank you.

Chairman: Mr. Shooyook.

Mr. Shooyook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to thank the minister for his response. It is something that is of concern. I think it's a concern for all Nunavummiut when it comes to providing equipment for the search and rescue operators. I believe that is something that should be considered. In the future, with funding much easier to get in Nunavut despite the high costs of snowmobiles and outboard motors.

As the minister, is it possible for you to consider, together with the federal government, providing those types of assistance so that search and rescue organizations can purchase mobile equipment? Is it possible to do that or not? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation) As I indicated earlier, we don't have any money set aside for equipment purchases. The snowmobiles and boats are owned by the

government and if they're going to be disposed of, it's possible to consider giving them over to the search and rescue operators.

I can use an example. If someone is boating on a search and rescue operation and his mobile equipment breaks down, or if his qamutik breaks down, he can be compensated. To date, there is funding for compensation of that sort, but for the purchase of mobile equipment, there is no funding available. Thank you.

Chairman: Mr. Shooyook.

Mr. Shooyook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It is something that is quite a concern to most of the communities, especially boats and snowmobiles, which are very expensive. Sometimes it's hard to find mobile equipment to operate a search and rescue organization. Life is very precious and we do all we can in those search and rescue operations. The mobile equipment that we use can break down all of a sudden on an unexpected occasion.

I do understand that there is no money set aside, but it is something that the government can consider. Can you just tell me bluntly that you will never set aside money for such purchases? Certain operations are very important and I would just like to get a direct response of whether or not they can set aside some money for equipment purchases. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation) At this time, we haven't taken that into consideration.

There are many requirements in Nunavut. We have a serious shortage of houses, we have old schools, and some of the air terminals are aging. Putting all that together, even though it is something that is a need in the community, we have to prioritize what will be purchased for a particular year. We have to factor in all the expenditures that are required by the government. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Joanasie.

Mr. Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to welcome Minister Savikataaq and his officials.

In your business plan on page 170 under Community Planning and Lands, it indicates that the funding is going to be increased. If I'm doing my math correctly, there's an increase of \$978,000 from last year. What is the reason for the increase? That's my first question, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Chairman: Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The big increase is to run the land referendum, for the consultations, and for publications to inform Nunavummiut about the land referendum. I believe about \$900,000 of that is going to Elections Nunavut to run the actual land referendum plebiscite. Thank you.

Chairman: Mr. Joanasie.

Mr. Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also thank the minister for clarifying that. I believe we are on page J-5. I would like further

information on Other Expenses. There has been a significant increase. It is now \$441,000 for 2016-17. Looking at 2015-16, it was at \$94,000. What is the reason for the increase? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. A good portion of that, again, is to cover stuff about the land referendum; \$373,000 is costs associated with the upcoming land referendum; \$33,000 of this is for various types of office furniture; equipment, desks, chairs, filing cabinets; and a small chunk of it, again, \$35,000, covers computer-related hardware and software purchases, monitors, keyboards, mice...

>>*Laughter*

...I think it's supposed to be mouse; printers, scanners, toners, cartridges, laptops, tablets, and renewal of licensing to use the software. Thank you.

Chairman: Mr. Joanasié.

Mr. Joanasié (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also thank the minister for his response. I'm going on to another subject, but I don't know where it fits here. There was an indication by your department that they were going to get a gravel crusher that would go from one community to another. I don't know where it fits here, but I would like to get an update on that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. What my colleague is talking

about is in the capital plan, but it's to do with the granular projects where CGS and the municipality would go to 50 percent funding to buy granular equipment to crush rock to make gravel. That's in the capital plan. The municipality and the government go together on it and make a purchase, but that is in the capital plan. Thank you.

Chairman: Mr. Joanasié.

Mr. Joanasié (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There is nothing in the main estimates. Your department once indicated that this crusher will go from one community and then they would ship it out to another community that requires the crusher. I understand now that it's in the capital plan, but not in these main estimates. Thank you.

Chairman: Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. What my colleague is talking about, it was tried. What we're doing now is, like I just explained a while ago, each municipality will put in their proposal and they can cost-share with the government to buy crushed gravel. The equipment is owned by the municipality and stays there. We tried the route where you go into a community and you crush a whole bunch of gravel, and then you move it and you crush more. It was just not cost-effective.

This is a capital project and it can be talked about and questioned more when we get to the capital plan. Right now, we're dealing with O&M. Just to inform my colleague, there is such a program out there, but it's under capital. Thank you.

Chairman: Mr. Joanasié.

Mr. Joanasié (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the minister for his response. I now understand. I will ask the same question at that time.

Moving on to another subject, it was touched on earlier regarding search and rescue operations. The fire departments usually use volunteer firefighters. As the department providing services to the communities, do you provide training? How do you recruit more volunteers who could participate in the search and rescue operations and at the fire department? Do you have any other programs and services that you can provide so that we can recruit more volunteers? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The volunteer firemen program is, as I stated, volunteer and we ask for volunteers. We don't pay the firemen. That's why the name is the volunteer fire department. We do support them in terms of we buy the volunteers their fire protective clothing and their equipment and we put on training programs through MTO to train any new firemen or any certification they want to get. That is put on through MTO. It's up to each municipality to try to keep the number of volunteer firemen at the proper number for the numbers that are needed. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Joanasié.

Mr. Joanasié (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the minister for his response. Yes, we want to see

more search and rescue operators and firefighters and give them more support. For instance, it's just an idea, but there are gas tax benefits. Looking at the number of hours they volunteer within the year, perhaps it can go through your department to provide more support for search and rescue organizations so that they can have tax benefits that could be used as a means of support. That is what I'm asking him now. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We want volunteers and we don't have any program where CGS can give out a tax receipt. I'm not aware if the federal government has any program for such a thing. The name is "volunteer," so I assume that there would be no tax receipt for someone that is volunteering their time. We do give them, I don't know if you call it "honoraria," to the firemen. It's a small amount of money, I should say; it's not really classified as honorarium. I am told the word is "stipend." They get a small token amount of money for being volunteers when they practise. Thank you.

Chairman: Mr. Joanasié.

Mr. Joanasié (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want these things considered in the future. These things could be considered for volunteers to somehow benefit them through their taxes. Perhaps you can work with your federal counterparts to implement such a program. I'll end with that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am no tax expert and I don't know anything about keeping tax receipts for volunteer staff, but I'll talk with the Minister of Finance. He is more knowledgeable about that, but there's no commitment here. It doesn't hurt to talk to the Minister of Finance. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. We're on Branch Summary. Community and Government Services. Community Services. Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will start with my colleague, Mr. Shooyook, and part of his questioning on how more assistance can be provided to search and rescue organizations. You answered part of it, but last year during our February sitting in the House, one of your officials stated that the *Surplus Disposal Policy* will be reviewed, that consideration of equipment being disposed of can be given to search and rescue organizations. We don't provide them with adequate equipment, yet we very much depend on them. Has the review been done and will you be amending your policies on providing surplus equipment to the search and rescue organizations? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, we are still looking at it and we are still looking into it. We want to make sure that if we turn over equipment, it is in good standing order. We don't want to give equipment to search and rescue, someone is out on a search, then they break down, and then

they have to be searched for too. We want to make sure the equipment is in good standing order. We are still looking at how we can do it without any liability issues. Thank you.

Chairman: Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. With the Fourth Assembly, the term is ending next October. Once the government's mandate has ended, it will just get lost and then we have to start over again. Would the minister consider, while the Fourth Assembly is still sitting, to have this completed? Can you try to have a decision during this government's term? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We will look into it, but for clarification on this matter, the amount of equipment we are talking about is not big; it's not huge. A department would not surplus a snowmobile or a boat if it is in good running condition. They have to justify why they need a new one to replace it. I don't think we are talking a whole lot of equipment, but we will look into it and we will continue to try to pursue it.

It's not a huge amount of equipment, as we are all aware, because each department is short on funds to replace all the stuff that they need to replace. They replace equipment that needs to be replaced. If equipment needs to be replaced, then there is probably something wrong with it. It's old, outdated, or it's not safe. We are still looking at it, but just so the member is aware, it's not a huge amount of

equipment. It won't supply the needs of search and rescues. Thank you.

Chairman: Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Indeed, we know that to be the case and we aren't debating large numbers of equipment. As it stands, the groups have absolutely no equipment. As you stated, we aren't talking about a huge amount of equipment. With that being the case, I imagine it will be fairly easy to review this since we are not talking about multiple equipment. (interpretation ends) If it's not a lot of equipment, then looking at the policies should be that much simpler and faster, (interpretation) at least in my eyes. Thank you.

Let me move to another matter while we are on the subject of safety issues. As we all know, back in June 2008, the Duval Bridge in Pangnirtung suffered damages. Within your report, it stated that funds were requested and approved, if I am not mistaken, to fund the repairs to the bridge apparently from the disaster funds, which in English is called the (interpretation ends) Disaster Financial Assistance Agreement (interpretation) from the Government of Canada. At that time, the funding approvers included recommendations or approaches they wanted to see. Can you identify what exactly the fund approval recommendations were? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We did get some funds back from the federal government for that, but we are still trying to get more funds and

like the member stated, this happened in 2008. I don't know if the word is negotiating or trying to convince, but we're still trying to get more funds than was given to us. Thank you.

Chairman: Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you. Going to another matter, during our session on February 26, 2015, we dealt with the 2015-16 main estimates. At that time, the minister stated that the Territorial Emergency Plan along with the Department of Community and Government Services' emergency plans have been completed and will be tabled in the Legislative Assembly. To date, we have yet to see any plans and I wonder when the Territorial Emergency Plan will be tabled. It would apply during a territorial emergency or public safety, as well as any municipal emergencies. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just a clarification from the member if it's the emergency measures plan or the annual report. Thank you.

Chairman: Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Since you're saying it in English, I'll say it in English. It's the (interpretation ends) Territorial Emergency Plan. (interpretation) It's the emergency plan for Nunavut. Thank you.

Chairman: Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As of right now, we don't have that plan in front of us here. I'll just

have to get back to the member on that to see what stage we're at and I will get back to the member. Thank you.

Chairman: Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): You had stated that the plan was completed. I was wondering why the plan has not been tabled and when you expect to table that plan in the House. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As I just stated earlier, we don't have that in front of us here right now and I will get back to the member on that. I can't produce what I don't have here with me right now. Thank you.

Chairman: Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Apparently, the plan is there. It's done. My simple question, I thought, is: when do you plan to table it in the House? You have indicated that it's done. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My predecessor might have claimed it's done, but I have not claimed it's done. I will look into it and I will get back to the member. Thank you.

Chairman: Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you. We will expect it soon.

Also on another matter, all communities are supposed to have prepared community emergency plans which, if I am not mistaken, were a collaboration with the department so that communities can have plans in place to follow. Perhaps you can't respond to this now. Nonetheless, I ask: are there any communities that have no local emergency plans? This would apply to local emergencies. Are there any communities that have no emergency plans in place here in Nunavut? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I believe there are only two communities that have not finalized their emergency plan and they're just about done but they're not finalized. I can't name which two communities they are right now, but all but two have emergency plans. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. We're at Branch Summary. Community and Government Services. Community Services. Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for recognizing me again. On that very page of J-5, second paragraph, "Community Planning and Lands provides technical and financial support to communities for land-use planning." Will that continue? As the minister has indicated from time to time in the House, the land referendum will take place. Once the land referendum is completed, will the financial supports still continue whether it's a yes or no vote for our community? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The land referendum has very little to do, if anything at all, with the land use planning. The land use planning will still carry on as it is because the zoning by-laws that municipalities pass will still be in effect because the land referendum does not have a bearing on land use planning. They are two separate issues. Thank you.

Chairman: Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the minister for his very clear and precise response. Moving on, on that very same page again, last paragraph, "...Nunavut Community Infrastructure Advisory Committee to support the identification of community capital infrastructure plans and priorities and supports communities in developing and maintaining Integrated Community Sustainability Plans." In reference to that, are all the programs up to date for each and every community across Nunavut? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. All the municipalities do put stuff in asking for infrastructure. There's still a lot of infrastructure that they want and that they need, but there's only so much dollars to go around. I don't know what he means by "Are the plans in place?" Everybody plans to get funding, but there's only so much funding. I'm not sure how to answer that other than to say that the system is working, but it will not meet the needs of all the communities. Thank you.

Chairman: Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I'll try to be clearer with my question. It's evident that the Liberal government was elected and I know that all Members of the Legislative Assembly are representing the communities, but there are plans for huge infrastructure, whether community infrastructure or capital infrastructure.

It's evident that the federal government has the (interpretation ends) Gas Tax Fund and the Building Canada Fund. (interpretation) The issue that we keep hearing from the media is that the federal government infrastructure funding has changed. Do you provide the information to the communities if there was a change to infrastructure funding? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Right now, we're dealing with O&M. I believe my comrade is talking about the capital costs. We're just dealing with O&M. We're not talking about capital right now. Thank you.

Chairman: Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I'll just rephrase my question then. How many times do you visit the communities per year to consult with them in regard to this issue? Your department is responsible for this issue. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think the member is still asking about capital, about what the hamlets want for infrastructure. The hamlets update their infrastructure needs whenever they want or as often as they want to say what is a priority. Maybe I just don't understand the member's question. If he can rephrase it, then I will do my best to answer it. Thank you.

Chairman: Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll rephrase. Seeing that the Department of Community and Government Services oversees this under the operations and maintenance budget, as we're doing that right now, the Nunavut Community Infrastructure Advisory Committee under the Department of Community and Government Services, my question here is: as there are 25 communities across Nunavut, how many visits are conducted in one fiscal year to each and every community to ensure they're up to date? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I believe my counterpart is talking about what is on the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP). Someone goes in and talks about it once a year to figure out the needs. I don't know if you call it a training session, but it's an exchange of information and maybe to update the information on there. There is no actual time set for training.

I might not understand the member's question. I'm doing my best to answer it, but I'm just not getting it. Thank you.

Chairman: Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll rephrase...re-rephrase. That last paragraph on J-5, the last sentence, "The division is directly responsible for the implementation, management and reporting required..." My question is: when your department and this committee assist communities in the implementation, management, and reporting, how many community visits are happening for each respective community, considering that there are 25 communities, in a fiscal year? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Let's try this again. It says that the division is responsible for implementation, management, and reporting requirements of the Gas Tax Fund. I believe what that's talking about is any infrastructure projects that are funded through the federal government through the gas tax. It's a project that is overseen by CG&S, for example. This is capital, but I will answer it because we're talking about management, reporting, and implementation.

A new hamlet office in a municipality could be funded through the Gas Tax Fund. CGS would manage the project. They would report on the funds and they would manage the project. That's what that is talking about. The money from the federal government is funnelled through CG&S to the municipalities to fund their projects and the municipalities get their infrastructure, but CG&S manages the project and makes sure that the project is run right and the reporting requirements by the federal government

are met. I think that's what you want.
Thank you.

Chairman: Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation) I'll try for the last time. It's very clear and understandable that your department is responsible for these things. I'm just asking this. There are 25 communities in the entire territory of Nunavut.

For example, as I represent Baker Lake, how many times within a fiscal year do you visit the community to update them on your activities? You know what assets you have in Baker Lake. How many times do you visit the communities such as Baker Lake to talk about this issue so that they can have full consultation and information? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I believe they're visited once every two years, but in terms of stuff that the hamlets want, I'm sure there's someone from CG&S when they're having their NAMA meetings and their NAM meetings and there's an exchange of information then. When they meet, they prioritize what they want on their Integrated Community Sustainability Plan and the actual website that you can just go on to see what's on there is buildingnunavut.com. If the hamlets want any information, they can call CGS at any time, but the hamlets are in control of what they want to put on their ICSP and they prioritize what they feel is their priority for what they want for their community. Thank you.

Chairman: Mr. Mikkungwak.

Mr. Mikkungwak (interpretation): Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Thank you very much for clarifying that for me; it's now clear. Thank you very much for your response. I'll leave it at that.

Chairman: Thank you. The next name on the list, Mr. Shooyook.

Mr. Shooyook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Your elder has revived.

>> *Laughter*

I am deliriously happy and have no problem meeting until midnight.

>> *Laughter*

While we are still on this page and we have yet to approve it, I wish to return to another subject that brought about more questions based on one of my colleague's questions. Our minister also spoke about surplus equipment disposal, such as snowmobiles and Hondas, which are the kind of people usually own.

The government usually has a tendering process to dispose of surplus equipment. When the tender is sent out, people submit bids and the successful bidder is the one with the highest bid. Since I seem to comprehend that process, I am asking another question about the surplus equipment and whether it can be donated instead to local SAR groups, perhaps with needed repairs, since SAR groups can't purchase equipment with cash.

I know of surplus equipment, which is why I am asking you now. There is a Honda currently sitting unused that is owned by public works. It has never been tendered and if you won't be donating it to the SAR group, I will definitely submit a bid when I return.

>> *Laughter*

What are your intentions towards this old surplus equipment in Arctic Bay? Can you clarify that for me? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation) As per my earlier statement, yes, when surplus equipment owned by government is no longer utilized, it may be tendered or if the equipment is too antiquated or broken down, it is thrown out. We have reviewed the process initially and we will be reviewing ways to improve this process related to equipment for the local SAR groups and whether they can be donated to those groups. I know that prior to donating the equipment, we would check the equipment to see if it is in working order.

The government department owning the equipment has to approve of that first. If we were to donate equipment, we would only be able to donate equipment approved by the department owners. Perhaps some of the equipment is rarely used. However, without departmental approval to donate the equipment, I am unsure how it would work and we don't have any control over it as CGS. I know that unused equipment has to first be inventoried and for some equipment, even if it hasn't been used for some

time, because it is still owned by the government, it will retain ownership of the equipment.

Now, with respect to that Honda you referred to, I have no idea if it has been approved for sale or if plans to use it still exist. (interpretation ends) Thank you.

Chairman: Mr. Shooyook.

Mr. Shooyook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also thank the minister for that response. The reason I asked about that Honda is because it has sat unused for many years in the old DPW facilities. It is also taking up space we could use.

Personally, my background is as a mechanic and, if you won't be donating it to the SAR group, I found that only the braking system is compromised in the back. There is also no emergency stop button.

I would ask that this be looked into, if it can be tendered out or if it will be donated to the SAR group. If it will be categorized as surplus, I would like to retain that old Honda for myself and I wanted you to look into that matter. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. I didn't hear a question. We're on Branch Summary. (interpretation) Mr. Shooyook, are you done? (interpretation ends) We're on Branch Summary. Community and Government Services. Community Services. Total Operations and Maintenance, to be Voted. \$85,405,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Mr. Enook.

Mr. Enook (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Since our esteemed elder has declared himself revived and is willing to work until midnight, Mr. Chairman, I urge you to take pity on us younger members as he may outpace us. Therefore, I move to report progress.

Chairman: We have a motion on the floor to report progress and the motion is not debatable. All those in favour of the motion. All opposed. The motion is carried. *Iqsuqtii*, escort the witnesses out. I will now rise to report progress to the Speaker.

Speaker: Item 21. Report of the Committee of the Whole. Mr. Akoak.

Item 21: Report of the Committee of the Whole

Mr. Akoak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Your committee has been considering Bill 13 and the main estimates, and would like to report progress. Also, Mr. Speaker, I move that the Report of the Committee of the Whole be agreed to. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) There is a motion on the floor. Is there a seconder? Mr. Alexander Sammurtok. The motion is in order. All those in favour. (interpretation) Thank you. (interpretation ends) Opposed. The motion is carried.

Item 22. Third Reading of Bills. Item 23. *Orders of the Day*. Mr. Clerk.

Item 23: Orders of the Day

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.

Orders of the Day for March 2:

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

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

- Bill 10
- Bill 11
- Bill 12
- Bill 13
- Tabled Document 73 – 4(2)
- Tabled Document 116 – 4(2)
- Tabled Document 140 – 4(2)
- Tabled Document 149 – 4(2)
- Tabled Document 70 – 4(3)

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Whole

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Thank you.

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

(interpretation) Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>*House adjourned at 17:54*

Appendix – March 1, 2016



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Dear Ms. Angnakak:

Pursuant to Rule 91(5) of the Rules of the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut, I am pleased to respond on behalf of the Government of Nunavut to the Standing Committee on Oversight of Government Operations and Public Accounts November 2, 2015 Report on the Review of the 2013-2014 Annual Report, 2015-2016 Business Plan and 2012-2017 Strategic Plan of Nunavut Tourism (Standing Committee Report). The Government commends the members of the Standing Committee for their critical role and valuable examination of the publications produced by the Nunavut Tourism.

The Government has reviewed and given careful consideration to the Standing Committee Report as a whole and to the Standing Committee's recommendations. The Government finds these recommendations consistent with the work of advancing our Government's mandate under *Sivumut Abluqta* to "encourage and support economic development initiatives that build on and add value to identified areas of potential, including the harvesting, arts and tourism sectors". The Government of Nunavut thanks the members of the Standing Committee for providing the impetus to assess how the Tourism sector is being addressed within the Territory and the relationship between Nunavut Tourism and the Government of Nunavut. This process has helped to re-align our efforts going forward.

The responses to the Standing Committee's recommendations have been set out below:

Response to the Report on the Review of the 2013-2014 Annual Report, 2015-2016 Business Plan of Nunavut Tourism

Standing Committee on Oversight of Government Operations and Public Accounts

Recommendation #1:

The standing committee recommends that the Minister of Economic Development and Transportation table in the Legislative Assembly, on an annual basis, as applicable, beginning with materials prepared in respect to the 2014-2015 fiscal year, the following items:

- Nunavut Tourism's business and strategic plans;
- Nunavut Tourism's annual report;
- The annual contribution/partnership agreement between Nunavut Tourism and the Department of Economic Development and Transportation;
- All monitoring, evaluation, activity and assessment reports prepared by the Department of Economic Development and Transportation in relation to Nunavut Tourism's expenditures, activities and performance under the terms of its annual contribution/partnership agreement with the department;
- All Memoranda of Understanding and/or analogous agreements entered into between Nunavut Tourism and other entities; and
- All of Nunavut Tourism's operational policies and guidelines, including its current conflict of interest guidelines for board members and employees.

Response to Recommendation #1:

The Minister of Economic Development and Transportation is committed to tabling Nunavut's operating and financial reporting beginning with the 2014-2015 fiscal year to enhance transparency as per standing committee's recommendation. With the full cooperation of Nunavut Tourism, a reporting package has been prepared and will be tabled in the Legislative Assembly at the earliest opportunity. (A list of Nunavut Tourism documents is attached.)

It is important to note that while Nunavut Tourism reports through the Department of Economic Development and Transportation and is accountable to the Department for the majority of its funding, it also operates under the direction of a Board of Directors, is accountable to its membership and is audited annually. Under the terms of the partnership agreement between the Department and Nunavut Tourism, annual core funding is paid quarterly and each payment is dependent on the submission of accounting, activity and progress reports and a quarterly Board presentation to the Department on the performance of the previous quarter.

As part of its audited financial statements, Nunavut Tourism also discloses separately how its core funding and its project funding from other sources have been spent. This level of reporting meets the accountability requirements of its funding partners including the Government of Nunavut and CanNor.

With respect to standing committee's request for Memoranda of Understanding, Nunavut Tourism maintains that there are no formal agreements currently in place. However, Nunavut

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Tourism continues to work closely and cooperatively with other Nunavut entities such as the Nunavut Arts and Crafts Association and Nunavut Film to promote the arts and tourism sectors in the territory consistent with the Government mandate under *Sivumut Abluqta*.

Recommendation #2:

The standing committee recommends that the annual contribution/partnership agreement between Nunavut Tourism and the Department of Economic Development and Transportation explicitly require Nunavut Tourism's annual reports to contain the following information:

- Detailed breakdowns of all travel and hospitality expenditures incurred by members of the board of directors of Nunavut Tourism, including the itineraries, travelers, purpose and results of each travel and hospitality expenditure;
- Detailed breakdowns of all travel and hospitality expenditures incurred by employees of Nunavut Tourism, including the itineraries, travelers, purpose and results of each travel and hospitality expenditure;
- Detailed breakdowns of all expenditures incurred by Nunavut Tourism through procurement, contracting and leasing activities;
- Detailed breakdowns of all expenditures incurred by Nunavut Tourism for branding, business aftercare, governance, marketing, training and research activities; and
- Detailed descriptions of all Requests for Proposals and Tenders issued by Nunavut Tourism during the previous fiscal year, including the results of each Request for Proposals and Tender.

Response to Recommendation #2:

The Minister of Economic Development and Transportation is committed to tabling Nunavut's operating and financial reporting beginning with the 2014-2015 fiscal year to enhance transparency as per standing committee's recommendation. With the full cooperation of Nunavut Tourism, an initial reporting package has been prepared and will be tabled in the Legislative Assembly at the earliest opportunity. (see the attached list of Nunavut Tourism documents.)

Nunavut Tourism strives to continually improve its reporting. For the 2014-2015 Annual Report, a new Schedule on CEO Travel was added. More detailed information may be disclosed on a timely basis as it becomes part of the regular reporting processes.

Any information that is not available for 2014-2015 will be made available for 2015-2016 onward.

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Recommendation #3:

The standing committee recommends that the annual contribution/partnership agreement between Nunavut Tourism and the Department of Economic Development and Transportation explicitly require Nunavut Tourism to conform to the provisions of the Government of Nunavut's *Financial Administration Manual* with respect to travel and hospitality expenditures, and the Government of Nunavut's *Human Resource Manual* with respect to employment practice

Response to Recommendation #3:

The Minister of Economic Development and Transportation will ensure these provisions are included in the partnership agreement to the extent practicable, keeping in mind that Nunavut Tourism employees are not members of the Government of Nunavut public service. The department will also ensure Directive 810 Duty Travel of the *Financial Administration Act* and the Human Resource Manual are provided to Nunavut Tourism's CEO who bears overriding responsibility to ensure compliance.

Recommendation #4:

The standing committee recommends that the Government of Nunavut, in its response to this report, provide a detailed breakdown of all Nunavut Tourism expenditures incurred during the first six months of the 2015-2016 fiscal year (April 1, 2015-September 30, 2015).

Response to Recommendation #4:

A detailed listing of Nunavut Tourism's expenditures for the first six months of 2015-2016 has been provided. (see attached list of Nunavut Tourism documents.)

Recommendation #5:

The standing committee recommends that the Government of Nunavut, in its response to this report, clarify, in detail, the status of the Department of Economic Development and Transportation's development of a new "Marine Tourism Management Plan," including the timetable for tabling the Plan in the Legislative Assembly.

Response to Recommendation #5:

The delivery of a Marine Tourism Management Plan is a key priority in the Department of Economic Development and Transportation's Business Plan for 2016-2017. The Department is confident it will achieve this deliverable in the new fiscal year.

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Recommendation #6:

The standing committee recommends that the Government of Nunavut, in its response to this report, clarify, in detail, the status of the Department of Economic Development and Transportation's planned 2015 Visitor Exit Survey.

Response to Recommendation #6:

The results of the 2015 Visitor Exit Survey are being reviewed and analyzed by the Department of Economic Development and Transportation. There are some concerns about the quality of the data overall. Having reliable data is essential for developing the Tourism sector and monitoring the effectiveness of new initiatives. The department is the process of assessing data collection requirements overall and determining where this capability may best be handled.

Recommendation #7:

The standing committee recommends that the Government of Nunavut, in its response to this report, clarify, in detail, the status of the Department of Economic Development and Transportation's plan to "initiate an economic impact study on tourism to determine the impact of tourism activities on the Nunavut economy and the impact of external economic factors on tourism in Nunavut.

Response to Recommendation #7:

The department's plan to initiate an economic impact study to determine the impact of tourist activities on Nunavut as well as the impact of external economic factors on tourism in Nunavut is dependent on solid high quality baseline data. The department laid the groundwork for this initiative in 2015-2016 by developing an economic and statistical model for tourism, and this work will continue in 2016-2017. Recent concerns over the data from the Visitor Exit Survey highlight the need to establish better data management practices as well as quality control. The department is considering its options in building this capacity particularly in view of this and other developments such as the Marine Tourism Management Plan which itself imposes additional data management requirements, as well as the proposed amendments to the *Travel and Tourism Act*, which present an opportunity to collect high quality tourism data directly from tourism operators.

Recommendation #8:

The standing committee recommends that the Government of Nunavut, in its response to this report, clarify, in detail, the status of Nunavut Arctic College's Nunavut Tourism Training Program.

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Response to Recommendation #8:

Nunavut Tourism worked closely with Nunavut Arctic College (NAC) to develop the Nunavut Tourism Training Program, a multi-course certificate program. The responsibility for managing and delivering the program resides with NAC. The funding secured by NAC to offer the program lapsed. In the interim, Nunavut Tourism has been offering short one to two day courses that tour operators require such as Wilderness First Aid.

Recommendation #9:

The standing committee recommends that the Government of Nunavut, in its response to this report, clarify, in detail, the status of the following initiatives that have been undertaken by Nunavut Tourism:

- Preparation and public release of its 2014-2015 annual report;
- Development of an Inuit Employment Plan;
- Translation of website content into the Inuit Language, French and other languages;
- Co-operation with the Canadian Wildlife Service and Transport Canada in the development of regulations and permitting requirements; and
- Development of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Nunavut Film Development Corporation.

Response to Recommendation #9:

The 2014-2015 Annual Report has been finalized and has been provided. (See attached list of Nunavut Tourism documents.)

Nunavut Tourism's Inuit Employment Plan is set out under Appendix E of the 2014-2015 Annual Report. Currently 1/3 of the organization's staff is Inuit.

Nunavut Tourism maintains that its website was developed primarily to attract tourists from outside the Territory. The languages available on the website are English, French and German. Under the Members section, however, information is presented in Inuktitut and English. Since the development of the website, the *Inuit Language Protection Act* has been enacted recognizing a stronger commitment to the protecting the Inuit language. In support of this, Nunavut Tourism has set out its commitment in an Inuit Language Plan under Appendix D of the 2014-2015 Annual Report. This overall approach has been approved by its Board of Directors. To incorporate Inuktitut into the existing fully-functioning website could be prohibitive. Therefore Nunavut Tourism is seeking a clarification from the Language Commissioner on this matter given the objectives and intentions for its website as set out above.

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As part of its advocacy role, Nunavut Tourism works closely with Federal parties such as Transport Canada and the Canadian Wildlife Service to keep its membership advised of changing regulations and to ensure there is adequate understanding of the Nunavut environment. This is an ongoing activity.

As stated in the Response to Recommendation #1, Nunavut Tourism maintains that there are no Memoranda of Understanding currently in place. However, Nunavut Tourism continues to work closely and cooperatively with other Nunavut entities such as the Nunavut Arts and Crafts Association and Nunavut Film to promote the arts and tourism sectors in the territory consistent with the Government mandate under *Sivumut Abluqta*.

Recommendation #10:

The standing committee recommends that the Government of Nunavut's current "Operational Audit" initiative explicitly consider the advisability of the Tourism and Cultural Industries Division of the Department of Economic Development and Transportation assuming some or all of the functions that are presently managed by Nunavut Tourism, and that this analysis consider what adjustments would be required to each entity's financial and human resources.

Response to Recommendation #10:

The Government of Nunavut acknowledges the Standing Committee's direction to critically review how the Tourism sector is being addressed within the Territory and the relationship between Nunavut Tourism and the Government of Nunavut. The Government has included the analysis proposed by the committee into the second phase of the Operational Audit. However, the department has already begun this examination to identify opportunities to better align functions and responsibilities respecting the territorial wide mandate of the department to development the Tourism sector and the critical role that Nunavut Tourism plays as a member association, serving its members' interests. Certain areas of responsibility demand a strategic focus that addresses the Territory as a whole such as market research and promotion of the territory as a tourist destination. As well, there are increasing demands for reliable data to support new initiatives and strategies. The Marine Tourism Management Plan, as an example, contains a significant requirement for accurate data capture and management capabilities. At the same time, the development of the Tourism sector requires operators who are market ready and capable of delivering products to meet tourist demands. This is a critical aspect that can be best fulfilled through the member association, Nunavut Tourism. Notwithstanding that some of these questions may be included in the Operational Audit, the Government of Nunavut will continue to engage with Nunavut Tourism to discuss how to re-align functions and responsibilities with an aim to conclude any necessary adjustments by the end of 2016-2017.

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LIST OF DOCUMENTS

#	Name	File Name
1	2014-2015 Business Plan	14-15 business plan.pdf
2	2014-2015 Annual Report (English)	annual report 1415ARENG.pdf
3	2014-2015 Annual Report (Inuktitut)	Annual 1415ARINUKITUT.pdf
4	2014-2015 Financial Statements	Nunavut Tourism 2015.pdf
5	2012-2017 Strategic Plan	Nunavut-Tourism-Strategic-Plan-2012-2017.pdf
6	Board Confidentiality Agreement	BOD Confidentiality Agreement MASTER.pdf
7	Roles and Responsibilities for Directors (September 2003)	ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES Board.doc
8	Board of Directors Policy Manual (October 2013)	NT Board Policy Manual-2013.pdf
9	Employee Handbook (January 2014)	Nunavut Tourism Employee Handbook January, 2014.pdf
10	Inuit Employment Plan	Nunavut Tourism Inuit Employment Plan.docx
11	2015-2016 Q1 & Q2 Detailed Ledger	2015-15 Q1-Q2 Core Detailed Ledger.pdf
12	2014-2015 Travel Detailed Ledger	2014-15 Board and Staff Travel Detailed Ledger.pdf



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on Oversight of Government
Operations and Public Accounts'
November 3, 2015 Report on the
Review of the 2009-2012 and 2013-
2015 Summary Reports of the Inuit
Qaujimajatuqangit Katimajit.**

Pursuant to Rule 91(5) of the *Rules of the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut*, I am pleased to respond on behalf of the Government of Nunavut to the Standing Committee on Oversight of Government Operations and Public Accounts' November 3, 2015 *Report on the Review of the 2009-2012 and 2013-2015 Summary Report of the Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Katimajit*.

The Government commends the members of the Standing Committee for their valuable study examining the *2009-2012 and 2013-2015 Summary Reports of the Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Katimajit*. The Government has thoroughly reviewed and given careful consideration to the Standing Committee Report as a whole and to the Standing Committee's recommendations pertaining to the work of the Government contained therein.

The Government finds that these recommendations are consistent with the work of advancing our Government's mandate to develop and implement policies, programs and services aimed at strengthening the culture, language and heritage for all Nunavummiut.

The Government welcomes the four recommendations directed at our work. The following sections provide information on the Government's responses to these recommendations.

Standing Committee Recommendation #1:

The Standing Committee recommends that the terms of reference for the Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Katimajit be revised to explicitly clarify its requirements in the following areas:

- ***The total number of meetings held by the Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Committee each year;***
- ***The Departments or public agencies to which its recommendations are directed; and,***
- ***The priorities, goals and objectives of the Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Katimajit.***

The Standing Committee further recommends that the Minister of Culture and Heritage begin the practice of tabling the annual reports of the Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Katimajit on an annual basis in a timely manner.

Response:

The Terms of Reference in use at the time of the Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Katimajit appearance before the standing committee had been revised and approved on May 21, 2015. Several changes were made to the TOR at that time to better reflect the role of the Katimajit, as well as changes to several issues of a technical nature and to the terms of appointment.

Having acknowledged this, it is apparent since the Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit appearance before the standing committee that further clarification is needed regarding the production of annual reports, the content of the annual reports and the number of members that may be appointed to the Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Katimajit.

As a preface to addressing these three issues, it is imperative that the process of reporting of the information collected at the Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Katimajit meetings toward the creation of annual reports be thoroughly communicated.

The process as it stands is as follows:

1. The Deputy Minister of the Department of Culture and Heritage sends a memo to all departments informing them of upcoming Katimajit meetings. This memo includes an invitation for departments to request time on the agenda to review the development and delivery of any projects, programs, and/or policies to seek advice about their Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit approach.
2. During the meeting with the Katimajit, departments on the agenda present their project, policy or service for review by the Katimajit of their IQ approach. The Katimajit's advice is given immediately.
3. As per the TOR, the Director of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit provides "logistical and records management support to the Katimajit". The meeting is facilitated by the Director of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit, and is recorded, and notes are taken by both the presenting group and a staff member of the IQ Division. In the weeks following the meeting, the recording is transcribed and compiled into a summary report.
4. Within 30 days following the meeting, the departments on the agenda are requested to submit to the Director of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit a summary report with their analysis of the meeting and the recommendations they received from the Katimajit.
5. Within 45 days of the IQ Katimajit meeting, the IQ Division provides a summary report of the entire 3-day meeting to all participants, as well as to the Deputy Minister of the Department of Culture and Heritage.

In response to the report by the standing committee, the Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Division has created one more point of contact between the Division and the Departments who sought advice with the IQ Katimajit.

6. A further follow up will be initiated within 60 days with these departments, and within 120 days a report on the status of the implementation of the recommendations will be required by departments.

Production of annual reports

An annual report of the information gained from these meetings is compiled at the end of every fiscal year. This report compiles the three summary reports from the IQ Katimajit meetings into one omnibus report to be submitted to the Minister of the Department of Culture and Heritage for distribution to Departments.

It is important to highlight that until now the summary reports have been considered “informational items” to Cabinet, and were distributed as such.

Content of the annual report

The content of the annual report is a summary of the information collected at the three meetings of the Katimajit from the previous year, as well as a list of their recommendations and advice.

With regards to making explicitly clear “the departments or public agencies to which its recommendations are directed”, it should be noted that when a department meets with the Katimajit for advice, that advice is given immediately. The details of the meeting are recorded by both the department seeking advice and the Department of Culture and Heritage. The notes from these meetings are compiled to form the annual reports. However, in response to the standing committee’s request, the annual reports will be organized as such that the recommendations and advice given by the Katimajit will be clearly distinguished along with the Department to which it is being given. The formal responses given by Departments 30 days and 120 days after meeting with the Katimajit will be included in these reports and clearly identified.

In regard to the standing committee request that “annual reports provide explicitly clear information about the priorities, goals and objectives of the Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Katimajit”, it should be noted that as per the TOR, the Katimajit is to “provide advice and assistance with Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit to the Government of Nunavut”, and are an “advisory resource for all departments to consult on their Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit initiatives”. The Katimajit has been operating in the spirit of this directive in their interactions with GN departments; departments are notified that there will be a meeting, and it is up to them to utilize this resource. In short, the Katimajit does not create priorities, goals and objectives in this manner.

Recommendation #1 by the standing committee concludes with reference to the tabling of reports. The IQ Katimajit annual reports have been presented as “informational items” to Cabinet. Future reports will be tabled on an annual basis with the Legislative Assembly.

Number of members in the Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit Katimajit

As pointed out in the response from the standing committee the current Katimajit has more than nine members, which contradicts the current Terms of Reference that states that a “minimum of six and a maximum of nine members” will make up the committee. A 10th member was added to this sitting because it was noted that there was no one on the committee who spoke Inuinnaqtun.

In response to this discrepancy, the Department of Culture and Heritage is pleased to report that it has revised the TOR to state that a “maximum of 10 members” will be appointed to the Katimajit to represent Nunavut “geographically and linguistically”. The revised TOR are attached to this Response.

In response to the remainder of this recommendation, the Department of Culture and Heritage will revise the annual reports to make explicitly clear:

“The total number of meetings held each year”: This information will be given along with the date of each meeting.

Standing Committee Recommendation #2:

The standing committee recommends that the Government of Nunavut, in its response to this report, provide formal responses to each of the thirty-four recommendations that have been made by the Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit Katimajit since 2009.

The standing committee further recommends that the Government of Nunavut begin the practice of providing formal responses to the recommendations of the Inuit Katimajit on an annual basis.

The standing committee further recommends that the Premier, on behalf of the Government of Nunavut as a whole, begin the practice of tabling the Government of Nunavut’s formal responses to the recommendations of the Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit Katimajit in the Legislative Assembly.

In response to this recommendation, the Department of Culture prepared a tracking document with the IQ Katimajit’s thirty-four recommendations. This document was distributed to departments for their responses and comments.

Standing Committee Recommendation #3

The standing committee recommends that the Government of Nunavut, in its response to this report, provide a clear timeline by which it plans to complete and make publically available its Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit Strategy.

The standing committee further recommends that the Government of Nunavut, in its response to this report, indicate what specific tools for monitoring and implementing Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit will be included in its Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Strategy.

The standing committee further recommends that the Government of Nunavut, in its response to this report, provide a clear timeline by which it plans to develop and produce the following mechanisms:

- ***Department-specific goals and objectives that will guide government staff in incorporating Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit in its delivery of services and day-to-day operations;***
- ***Policies and procedures by which it will ensure that its laws, policies programs and services reflect Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit;***
- ***Benchmarks and criteria by which it will measure its progress to incorporate Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit in its laws, policies, programs and services.***
- ***Oversight measure that it will implement to ensure that its Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit legislation and policies are adhered to an implemented and that its programs and services are delivered through an Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit approach.***

As a preface to the response to this recommendation, it should be noted that the “Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Strategy”, as it is referred in this recommendation, is now being presented as a “Framework”.

Facilitated by the Department of Culture and Heritage, the Government of Nunavut aims to present a draft of the GN-wide Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Framework at the end of **March, 2016**, a projection date that is reflected in the Business Plan for the department. This draft will largely reflect the work of the interdepartmental IQ Framework Committee, and will include the specific tools for monitoring and implementing Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit in the Government of Nunavut.

This Framework will be set for tabling in the fall session 2016, after which time it will be made public and distributed to all GN departments.

In response to the final recommendation in this section asking that the IQ Framework include “oversight measures that it will implement to ensure that its Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit legislation and policies are adhered to and implemented and that its programs and services are delivered through an Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit approach” it should be noted that there is no Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit legislation in place currently. This Framework will be the policy to guide departments in the creation of their programs and service delivery.

Standing Committee Recommendation #4

The standing committee recommends that the Government of Nunavut revise the terms of reference of the Tuttarviit Committee to:

- ***Require each department and public agency to appoint a representative to the Tuttarviit Committee;***
- ***Clarify the circumstances under which the Tuttarviit Committee must consult with the Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Katimajit;***
- ***Clarify the circumstances under which the Tuttarviit Committee must follow-up on the recommendations of the Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Katimajit; and***
- ***Clarify how often the Tuttarviit Committee is required to meet.***

Through the Deputy Minister of Culture and Heritage, the Government of Nunavut ensures that departments are urged to appoint a representative to the Tuttarviit Committee. Government of Nunavut departments and agencies are not accountable to Culture and Heritage, and this action remains a request. At the time of the IQ Katimajit appearance before the standing committee, 11 departments had active members in Tuttarviit. In response to this recommendation, a further request was sent to departments urging them to appoint a member to the Tuttarviit Committee.

In addition, the Government of Nunavut is pleased to report that it has amended the Terms of Reference for the Tuttarviit committee to more clearly communicate the ways by which Tuttarviit and the IQ Katimajit interact. The amended TOR are attached to this Response.

I would like to thank the Standing Committee for their time in dedicating to review the Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Katimajit.

Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Katimajit Recommendations

No.	Recommendation	Responsibility	Action	Comment
1.	The Katimajit recommend that the RCMP have more right to investigate when given a tip about people who may be bringing drugs and/or alcohol into the community.	JUS (RCMP)	The Department of Justice is finalizing consultations on Civil Forfeiture Legislation. This legislation will provide new tools to follow up on tips of drug dealing and bootlegging and greater ability to seize the proceeds of these unlawful activities.	
2.	The Katimajit want to see more cooperation between RCMP, Family Services and Elders when there is a family dispute.	JUS (RCMP, FS)	The RCMP has greatly increased efforts to ensure new officers are given cultural orientation. The orientation plan was developed with the feedback of Elders and Inuit officers. The RCMP hosts an annual elders gathering to open a dialogue with the Elders and learn from them. The RCMP does work with Social workers on a regular basis. However, the Department of Justice will commit to facilitate more dialogue and cooperation between Family Services and the RCMP.	
3.	The Katimajit would like to see <i>Inuusiliriniq</i> (Inuit-way of counselling) done by Elders being	JUS (CH)	Most communities in Nunavut have interagency working groups which include the	

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	utilized in assistance with the RCMP, and in consultations with Family Services.		RCMP and Community stakeholders. The Department will encourage the RCMP and Family Services, through these working groups, to collaborate, make greater linkages to community Elders, and employ elder counselling.	
4.	The Katimajit recommend that lawyers be easily accessed by phone to those awaiting trial.	JUS	The Legal Services Board of Nunavut offers a law line for individuals needing legal support available 24 hours a day seven days a week. For unilingual Inuktitut speakers, Court workers are available to provide translations. The Law Society of Nunavut also offers a lawyer referral line available in English and Inuktitut.	
5.	The Katimajit recommend that Inuit Customary Laws be taught to all those working for or connected to the Department of Justice.	JUS (CH)	The Department of Justice recently hired an IQ Advisor as well as an Elder Advisor. With these new hires, the Department intends to proceed with a review of our orientation material. The material will be revised to ensure proper cultural, Inuit Customary Law, and, Inuit societal values components are included.	

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6.	The Katimajit would like to see a protocol in the justice system for those with lesser offenses to meet with an Elder to go through Inuit-way of counselling.	JUS	Community Justice Committees are in place to provide diversion and counseling. As well, Elder counselling is available in Nunavut's correctional facilities. The Department will work with Crown, Defence, and the Court to ensure the availability of Elder counselling is understood and being made available to accused and offenders.	
7.	The Katimajit urges the Department of Education to include in the curriculum teaching about the dangers of drugs and alcohol.	EDU		<p>The Department of Education (the department) already includes curriculum with respect to drugs and alcohol. <i>Aulajaaqtut</i> is a strand of curriculum that incorporates health, wellness, safety and leadership. This curriculum is taught through an integrated approach at early grades and becomes more subject-specific in middle, junior and senior years.</p> <p>In the primary grades, the topic of safety and healthy lifestyles incorporates the importance of knowing and recognizing the hazard signs with respect to packaging for</p>

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				<p>prescription drugs, spray cans and cleaning products, as well as the importance of not putting any substances in our body that could cause harm.</p> <p>In junior high school—grades 7, 8 and 9—the dangers of substances such as alcohol and drugs are covered at length. The specifics of drug identification and the consequences of drug or alcohol use, both physical and emotional, are explored.</p> <p>Grades 10-12 level <i>Aulajaaqtut</i> requires a practicum experience at each grade level, where students identify an issue or concern in their community, discuss possible solutions, plan a project and execute the project to address the issue</p>
8.	The Katimajit would like to see Inuktitut-only, on-the-land mentoring programs for parentless children and youth.	EDU		The Department of Education does not provide separate programming for parentless children and youth. Our schools provide opportunities for cultural activities to occur during classes and during assembly time and District

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				<p>Education Authorities can play a role in developing education programming that meets community needs and interests. The department provides funding to each District Education Authority to provide programming that supports Inuit language culture and values. The members of each District Education Authority have the local knowledge and the expertise to develop programming that meets the needs of all the students in their community and this can include on the land programs.</p> <p>On the Land Programs are cross curricular programs in Nunavut and provide a truly unique learning environment. Cross curricular programs are those that teach knowledge, skills and attitudes from several subject or academic studies. Most, if not all, on the land programs include Elders either in the school, as Ilniarvimmi Inuusilirijiit who are hired by the District Education Authorities, or in</p>

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				<p>the community as expert instructors. This serves two purposes. First, instruction is done in the Inuit language and gives students the opportunity to listen, understand and speak the Inuit language. Secondly, Elder instructors provide expert instruction in skills and knowledge in a way that supports IQ. Because Nunavut is an inclusive learning environment rooted in IQ principles, every attempt is made to include all youth in these experiences.</p>
9.	<p>The Katimajit would like to see the education system reflect Inuit values.</p>	EDU		<p><i>Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit</i> (IQ) and Inuit Societal Values are at the heart of the <i>Education Act</i> (the Act), and are included as foundational principals in Part 1 of the Act. References to IQ are included elsewhere in the Act, as guiding principles for a variety of actions and decisions that are required of the department, school staff or DEAs/CSFN as the case may be. Unfortunately, the inclusion of IQ in many of these provisions has created a significant</p>

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				<p>confusion with respect to interpretation and implementation, as there is too much variation in delivery caused by the very personal nature of interpreting the impact of IQ on a particular action or decision. This has created a lack of consistency across the education system and an inability to properly implement the provisions of the Act, something that has been noted by the department, the Auditor General of Canada and the Special Committee to Review the <i>Education Act</i> (Special Committee). The Katimajit likely have taken note of the recommendation in the 2015 report from the Special Committee to remove IQ entirely from the legislation, because of the challenges of incorporating IQ into legislative frameworks. The department only agrees with this recommendation in part, and is of the opinion that IQ and Inuit Societal Values should remain as the foundational principles for the</p>

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				<p>Act, but that references to IQ be removed elsewhere in the Act to address problems of interpretation and implementation.</p> <p>Amendments to the Act will be made based on the principles of IQ and Inuit Societal Values. As part of the development of amendments, the department will consult with the GN Elders Committee, NTI, the Coalition of Nunavut District Education Authorities, and individual District Education Authorities across the territory, as well as Inuit through public consultation.</p> <p>Although the curriculum in Nunavut is already significantly guided by Inuit perspectives, the department is committed to taking further steps to ensure that IQ is incorporated into all relevant curricular outcomes.</p> <p>The department expects educators to develop an understanding of IQ, and how</p>

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				<p>it is incorporated into the basic elements of curriculum, as well as how these core elements of curriculum influence learning and teaching.</p> <p>The Department expects educators to deliver instruction that reflects IQ and achieves the purposes of education in Nunavut as described in the foundation document Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit— Education Framework for Nunavut Curriculum.</p> <p>As described further in the foundation document, using IQ as the foundation for curriculum means that the basic elements of curriculum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow a learning continuum • Incorporate four integrated strands • Introduce and teach cross-curricular competencies based on the eight Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit principles

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include and build upon Inuit philosophies of: Inclusion, Languages of Instruction, Dynamic Assessment and Critical Pedagogy <p>Finally, the department has prioritised putting greater control of the development of local, community based, student-driven programming in the hands of DEAs. This programming will provide the opportunity for students in a DEA's jurisdiction to learn IQ and Inuit Societal values, Inuit language, Inuit culture and Inuit traditions. This local programming will augment a standardized education program and curriculum, ensuring local interests, needs and traditions are incorporated into student learning.</p>
10.	The Katimajit would like to see the incorporation of <i>ukiuqtaqtumi maligaa/piqujaq</i> in education.	EDU		Same as above
11.	The Katimajit want to see education be bilingual.	EDU		Same as above

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12.	The Katimajit would like to see the Education Act updates to reflect Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit.	EDU		<p>The department is committed to bilingual education and to the strengthening and enhancement of Inuit Languages in Nunavut. Any amendments to the <i>Education Act</i> will be made with the sustainable delivery of bilingual education as a priority. Currently, bilingual education is delivered through three models, with the particular model being chosen by DEAs based on their individual community needs and interests. However, the delivery of bilingual education in Nunavut is significantly hampered by a serious shortage of qualified educators who are able to teach in the Inuit languages. This shortage has been aggravated by the inconsistency created by having three different delivery models and a non-standardized school program in each jurisdiction, per the current legislation. The department agrees with the recommendation of the Special Committee to Review</p>

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				<p>the <i>Education Act</i> in their November 2015 report that bilingual education should no longer be delivered through three models, but rather through one standardized framework. This standardization would allow for improvements in how bilingual education is delivered, more effective assessment of student progress and the improved ability of the department to ensure that educator training programs certify Inuit language-speaking instructors to teach in subjects that have been prioritised to be delivered in the Inuit languages.</p> <p>Bilingual education can also be improved through changes to the delivery of early childhood education in Nunavut, as well as the improvement and increase of local, community-based, student-driven programming by DEAs. The department is committed to both of these projects.</p>

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13.	The Katimajit recommend that the Piqqusilirivvik curriculum include Inuit knowledge about discipline, childrearing, Inuit <i>Inuusiliriniq</i> and Inuit <i>Mamisarnilirniq</i> .	EDU (NAC)	These are integrated into the courses currently being offered at Piqqusilirivvik	Mr. Thomas Kublu has done a book that is currently being used by Piqqusilirivvik which covers all of these subject areas.
14.	The Katimajit recommend that when a child is apprehended by social services that grandparents' be considered first as their placement home.	FS	No action required	The Department of Family Services currently works to place children with family first, this includes grandparents.
15.	The Katimajit recommend there be more programs and services for single parents.	FS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="1083 708 1457 911">• The Department of Family Services is exploring the delivery of <i>Inunnguiniq</i> programming as part of poverty reduction initiatives. <p data-bbox="1083 919 1457 1162">The Department of Family Services is currently reviewing the Income Assistance program, which includes the Daycare User Subsidy, to ensure that those who need help the most receive it.</p>	Under Section 5 of the <i>Child and Family Services Act</i> , the Department of Family Services can provide voluntary support services and agreements which may include: counselling; in-home support; respite care; parenting programs; services for improving the family's financial situation; services for improving the family's housing; drug or alcohol treatment and rehabilitation; mediation of disputes; services to assist the family to deal with the illness of a child or a family member; and, any other services agreed to by the Director and the person

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				who has lawful custody of the child.
16.	The Katimajit urges the Department of Family Services to establish a protocol within their department as to immediately inform parents, Elders and in some cases extended family of children at risk before they go into foster care.	FS	No action required.	Under Section 14 of the <i>Child and Family Services Act</i> , a plan of care committee can be established for a child at risk, and under Section 15, additional members can be added to the committee including a member of the child's extended family who lives in the child's community.
17.	The Katimajit recommend that there be funding and programs for communities to hire hunters to regularly fill the community freezer with country food.	FS (Poverty Reduction)	The Department of Family Services is looking at increasing the availability of hunter-training programs. The Department will also work with GN and other partners to coordinate Harvester Support initiatives.	See EDT Country Food Distribution Program. Funding is available for Men and Boys programming through a grants and contributions process totalling \$50K.
18.	The Katimajit recommend that each community have an Elder's office where people can receive Inuit-way of counselling.	FS (Mental Health, CH, JUS)	No action required.	Counselling is not the responsibility of the Department of Family Services. However, should such a service be created, the Department would refer clients to the service.
19.	The Katimajit would like to see more hunter support initiatives, as well as support for community-based initiatives to address food security.	FS (Poverty Reduction)	The Department of Family Services is looking at increasing the availability of hunter-training programs. The Department will also work	See DOE Harvester Support Program and EDT Country Food Distribution Program.

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			<p>with GN and other partners to coordinate Harvester Support initiatives.</p> <p>The Nunavut Food Security Coalition has provided funding to support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Baker Lake Community Led Food Assessment Project - Niqitsiavut • The Iltaqsinuq Nunavut Literacy Council Niqitsialiuq project in Rankin Inlet <p>The Nunavut Food Security Coalition provides \$1500 to each community through Community Cluster Plan wellness dollars to support food security events such as community feasts and cooking classes.</p>	
20.	The Katimajit recommend there be more addiction programs and resources.	HEA	Health is working to develop in-territory addiction treatment capacity and has submitted an associated business case. In the interim, placement in out-of-territory treatment programming continues.	Mamisarvik is a culturally grounded residential counselling and healing program for adults in Canada.

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			<p>Health has new Standing Offer of Agreements with a variety of residential addictions treatment programs, including those offering specialized treatment for trauma, mental illness, and for families.</p> <p>Health has started providing readiness for treatment counselling to support individuals contemplating participation in residential addictions treatment programming.</p> <p>Health is supporting the Mamisarvik Healing Centre (Ottawa) as they work to secure core Federal funding for their program.</p>	
21.	The Katimajit urges the Government of Nunavut to advise all departments and agencies working toward social wellbeing to recognize and implement traditional Inuit practice of involving parents, elders and extended families with youth who are above the age of 18.	HEA (Mental Health)	Health is in the process of revising the Mental Health Act. During the consultation process, Nunavummiut are being asked to comment on sharing information and involvement of parents, elders and extended family in situations where individuals are being dealt with under the Act. This will inform	

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			development of legislation which potentially allows for and/or requires such information sharing and involvement.	
22.	The Katimajit recommend that healing programs be provided for Inuit who have been impacted by residential schools.	HEA	<p>Health is planning in 2016/17 to:</p> <p>Contract with Ilisaqsivik to have their Crisis Response Team provide care, treatment and healing to Inuit communities and Inuit language clients across the territory.</p> <p>Evaluate Mamisarvik and Ilisaqsivik's Inuit specific healing and treatment programs to provide a better understanding of their results and value.</p> <p>Support community organizations to pilot intergenerational grief support networks. Funding will be available by a contribution program to allow for community members to obtain training, rent space, pay honorarium to elders and purchase supplies.</p>	

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23.	The Katimajit believe suicide prevention campaigns are potentially harmful because of the focus on suicide, which is not Inuit-way. The focus should be on strategies for healthy living.	HEA	Health will take advantage of opportunities, as they present themselves, to provide information regarding evidence-based suicide prevention practices and messaging	
24.	The Katimajit want to see an increase in resources and care for Elders in the communities.	HEA	<p>Health completed a long-term care needs assessment in August 2015 to determine how to best meet the long-term care needs of Nunavummiut.</p> <p>Elders programs are available in Cambridge Bay, Kugaaruk, and Pond Inlet. These programs offer opportunities for socializing, as well as education and information regarding healthy living.</p>	

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			<p>Hamlet Community Wellness funds are used to support these programs. These funds are available to all communities, to be used according to local priorities.</p> <p>Health is currently repurposing the 2nd floor at Kitikmeot Regional Health Centre in Cambridge Bay to accommodate residential long-term care patients. Repurposing the unit will add 7 beds to the continuing care system in Nunavut and 1 bed to respite/palliative care.</p> <p>In 2015-16, home care nurses will be or were offered education and training for the following: palliative care, diabetes management, and wound care management education. In addition, ten participants took part in an Advanced Foot Care training program delivered in Iqaluit from January 13-15, 2015.</p>	

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25.	The Katimajit want to see more aftercare resources in all the communities, such as women's and men's groups, and visits from the Community Health and Wellness Committee for those who have suffered trauma.	HEA	Health supports local Community Health and Wellness Committees in developing their capacity to identify community health and wellness priorities, plan and coordinate health and wellness activities, and provide representation on matters of health and wellness for the community. The Health and Wellness Committee plays an important role in enabling Nunavummiut to take action to support health and wellness in their communities, including for those who have suffered trauma.	
26.	The Katimajit would like to see that every community have a wellness centre like <i>Ilisaqsivik</i> in Clyde River.	HEA	Health will continue to bring this recommendation forward as a priority through the NSPS planning process.	
27.	The Katimajit recommend that each community have an Inuit <i>Qaujimajatuqangit Tukisigaiarvik</i> (IQ Knowledge Information Office).	CH	This will continue to be brought forward as a point of discussion.	The IQ Division has set out in the Business Plan for 2018-19 to "organize a program where IQ Katimajit members can be available part-time in their communities as a resource of IQ".

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28.	The Katimajit recommend that each community be given sufficient funding to appoint an Inuit advisor/guidance leader (<i>tuqqatarvik</i>).	CH	Same as above.	
29.	The Katimajit recommend that knowledge about Inuit-way of childrearing be compiled and published.	CH	Done – Published in 2014	
30.	The Katimajit recommend that the Katimajit meet more than three times a year.	CH	TOR not changed	This recommendation has been reviewed by CH and it was decided that it remains logistically appropriate for the entire Katimajit to only meet three times a year.
31.	The Katimajit suggest the creation of a calendar as a health and wellness resource. This calendar would highlight Elders’ advice and messages about healthy living.	CH	In process	Due to be complete in May, 2016.
32.	The Katimajit recommend that the IQ Katimajit be involved in the early stages of planning for programs created during the Tamapta Mandate.	CH		Recommendation from the 2009-2013 Katimajit.
33.	The Katimajit recommend the <i>ujjiqsuiniq</i> – “observation/discernment” – be added to the GN’s eight guiding principles.	CH	Not put forward.	In discussion with the policy division at CH, it was decided that the eight guiding principles as they stand encompass this in <i>pilimmaksarniq/pijariuqsarniq</i> .

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34.	The Katimajit recommend that Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit legislation be made in the government.	Legislative Assembly (CH)		