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Iqaluit, Nunavut
Wednesday, October 21, 2020

Members Present:

Hon. David Akeeagok, Ms. Pat Angnakak, Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak, Hon. George Hickey, Hon. David Joanasi, Mr. Joeline Kaerner, Hon. Lorne Kusugak, Mr. Adam Lightstone, Mr. John Main, Hon. Patterk Netser, Mr. Calvin Pedersen, Mr. David Qamaniq, Mr. Emiliano Qirngnuq, Hon. Paul Quassa, Mr. Allan Rumbolt, Hon. Joe Savikataaq, Mr. Craig Simailak.

>>*House commenced at 13:30*

Item 1: Opening Prayer

Speaker (Hon. Paul Quassa)(interpretation): Good day. Before we proceed, I will ask Mr. Simailak: can you say the opening prayer, please.

>>*Prayer*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Welcome back, my colleagues. I also welcome Nunavummiut, including those who are following the proceedings, as we meet for the next three weeks.

First of all, I will read the money message. I'll read what it states in English.

Money Message

(interpretation ends) I wish to advise that I recommend to the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut the passage of the following bill during the Second Session of the Fifth Legislative Assembly:

- Bill 51, *Appropriation (Capital) Act, 2021-2022*.

Sincerely, Justice N. Sharkey for Rebekah Williams, Deputy Commissioner of Nunavut.

(interpretation) Let's proceed to Item 2. (interpretation ends) Ministers' Statements.

(interpretation) Thank you. (interpretation ends) Ministers' Statements. (interpretation) First is the Government House Leader, Minister Kusugak.

Item 2: Ministers' Statements

Minister's Statement 469 – 5(2): Minister Absent from the House

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I say "good day" to the people of Rankin Inlet and Nunavut. Mr. Speaker, I wish to inform our colleagues that

Elisapee Sheutiapik will be absent from the House for the duration of the sitting due to a family matter. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements. Premier of Nunavut, (interpretation ends) Premier Savikataaq.

Minister's Statement 470 – 5(2): Canadian Collaboration during COVID-19

Hon. Joe Savikataaq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the people of Arviat, I say “good day” to you, as you will be following our proceedings. Also, I celebrate with my daughter as she is on her last day at the isolation hotel in Winnipeg.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I rise today to update my colleagues about the unparalleled collaboration with the Council of the Federation and first ministers since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The purpose of the Council of the Federation meetings is to promote interprovincial-territorial cooperation to strengthen Canada; foster meaningful relations between governments based on respect and diversity; and to show leadership on important Canadian issues. Over the last few months these meetings have provided an almost weekly forum to discuss pandemic priorities, to call attention to Nunavut's unique health care needs and ensure that our territory's concerns are heard and integrated on a national level.

Mr. Speaker, premiers across Canada have also been meeting regularly with Canada's Prime Minister through the first ministers' forum. Topics have included federal funding and agreements to support provinces and territories during COVID-19, Canada's international border measures, contact tracing and testing efforts and approaches, overall health care needs, economic recovery measures, and specific regional needs.

Mr. Speaker, it was through the Council of the Federation and the first ministers' forums that the Safe Restart Agreement and the Safe Return to School Agreement were developed. The Safe Restart Agreement allocated \$12,960,000 to Nunavut to assist us in restarting our economy and to make Nunavut more resilient to future surges of COVID-19. The Safe Return to School Agreement provided Nunavut with \$5.75 million to assist in ensuring that schools can reopen safely. More recently the federal government provided an additional \$12.5 million to Nunavut as a top-up to our Safe Restart Agreement to assist us with the unique challenges our territory faces in responding to COVID-19.

Mr. Speaker, the dialogue and cooperation between the provinces, territories, and the Canadian government over the last few months has highlighted how much can be achieved with a common goal and consideration for one another. We are stronger together, in spite of different realities and priorities, and I am confident that this renewed collaboration will continue well into the future. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements. Minister responsible for the Status of Women, Minister Ehaloak.

Minister's Statement 471 – 5(2): Safe Homes in Nunavut

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) Good afternoon to my colleagues and those in Cambridge Bay.

...(no audio)... Sorry about that.

I want to take this opportunity to provide an update on Safe Homes in Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, when Nunavummiut need safe spaces for victims of family violence, community-based safe homes are one way the department does this. The Department of Family Services is committed to addressing the issue of family violence in Nunavut by assisting youth at risk as well as women and children in need of safety and protection with the option of a community-based solution.

Mr. Speaker, the department has a formal application process. This process includes a criminal record check and vulnerable sector check, a departmental records check, and a home study. Safe homes are paid a retainer per month and when women and children are placed into a home, the safe home provider will receive a per diem per day for each woman and child, and a specific amount per day for any additional expenses.

Mr. Speaker, safe homes are an important part of providing shelter to victims of family violence. The department works with people in community to access this service when needed. I would like to extend my thanks to those individuals who have already opened their homes to victims of violence. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements. Minister of Education, Minister Joanasie.

Minister's Statement 472 – 5(2): Federal Funding to Support Nunavut Schools

Hon. David Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good day, members and Nunavummiut.

Mr. Speaker, since schools were closed to students in March due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many students have been excited to be back in school and continuing their studies.

To ensure that learning continues safely under any scenario the pandemic may bring, the Department of Education has received funding from two Government of Canada programs to assist schools and child care facilities.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, under the Safe Restart Agreement, my department will receive \$2.6 million. This funding will be used for enhanced custodial training and supplies for schools and child care facilities across Nunavut. It will also be used to purchase 1,600 Internet-capable digital devices, such as laptops and tablets, to support remote learning on an as-needed basis if a community is at a higher risk of COVID-19.

Mr. Speaker, over the next year my department is also receiving \$5.75 million from the Safe Return to Class Agreement. This funding will provide Nunavut schools with additional cleaning supplies and personal protective equipment for schools and an additional 1,400 digital devices to support remote learning. This agreement will also enable our schools to potentially hire one additional full-time casual staff member as a custodian to support enhanced cleaning, a student support assistant to support learning recovery and remote learning, or a full-time substitute teacher to cover staff absences.

(interpretation) Mr. Speaker, we are grateful for the support from the federal government during these uncertain times. By working together, we can provide a safe, healthy and productive learning environment for students, no matter the challenges the COVID-19 pandemic may bring. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements. Acting Minister of Family Services, Minister Akeegok.

Minister's Statement 473 – 5(2): National Foster Family Week

Hon. David Akeegok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. October 15 to 21 is National Foster Family Week. I urge my colleagues to join me in taking this opportunity to recognize the critical role these families play in the safety and well-being of this territory's children.

There are approximately 140 foster families in Nunavut. Each one provides a safe and nurturing home for children and youth. This includes extended family members, who are the first choice for children requiring foster care services.

On behalf of Department of Family Services, I would like to thank Nunavut's foster families for their invaluable contributions. I would also like to encourage all Nunavummiut to consider fostering a child today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements. Minister of Health, Minister Hickes.

Minister's Statement 474 – 5(2): Flu Shots

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This year, as we continue to live with COVID-19, it is more important than ever to get your flu shot to protect yourself and the people around you from the flu. While the flu shot will not prevent COVID-19, it will help reduce the strain on the health system and individuals during this pandemic.

Mr. Speaker, while current health measures are effective in reducing the spread of respiratory infections, getting an influenza vaccine is the best way to prevent the flu and its complications. It will also reduce the strain on health resources should an outbreak of COVID-19 occur in Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, we need to prepare as a community to prevent the spread of the flu virus and protect those we love. Those with weaker immune systems are at the highest risk of developing serious complications from the flu, such as our elders and young children. Mr. Speaker, I received the vaccine yesterday to help protect my family, friends, and my community against the flu.

Mr. Speaker, all Nunavummiut over six months of age are encouraged to get the flu vaccine. It is free and available at Iqaluit Public Health or your local health centre. Due to COVID-19 precautions, this year you must call and book an appointment ahead of time.

Mr. Speaker, keeping all Nunavummiut safe and healthy requires everyone's continued commitment to maintain the personal protective measures of good hygiene, frequent handwashing, physical distance, and staying home when feeling sick. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements. Acting Minister responsible for Nunavut Arctic College, Minister Joanasie.

Minister's Statement 475 – 5(2): Welcome to Rebecca Mearns

Hon. David Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to welcome and thank Rebecca Mearns for agreeing to step into the role of Acting President of Nunavut Arctic College.

Ms. Mearns first joined the college as Dean for Education, Inuit, and University studies. In this role she supported programs such as the Nunavut Teacher Education Program, Inuit Studies, and the Interpreter/Translator Program. In this role she also learned the broader operations of the college. She then moved into the vice-president role, where she provided further leadership and oversight on the college's academic programs. Rebecca

Mearns was instrumental in the finalization of Nunavut Arctic College's partnership with Memorial University.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, Ms. Mearns brings a wide range of professional experience to the position of acting president. She served as a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, with postings in both Kimmirut, one of my constituencies, as well as Cambridge Bay (Iqaluktuuttiaq). She was an instructor at the Nunavut Sivuniksavut program in Ottawa while completing her master's degree with Carleton University. She worked with the Qikiqtani Inuit Association as its Inuit impact and benefit agreement coordinator and once upon a time served as my executive assistant.

Mr. Speaker and members, please join me in welcoming Ms. Mearns to her role as Acting President of Nunavut Arctic College. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Ministers' Statements. Let's proceed. Members' Statements. Before we proceed further, I wish to inform the House that Member Nakashuk, Member Keyootak, and Member Akoak will be absent from the House today for personal reasons.

Members' Statements. Member for Arviat North-Whale Cove, Member Main, followed by the Member for Amittuq. Member Main.

Item 3: Members' Statements

Member's Statement 705 – 5(2): Appreciation for Support for People in Isolation Hubs

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good day, my colleagues and I say "good day" to the residents of Whale Cove and Arviat.

Mr. Speaker, the COVID-19 pandemic within Canada has again resulted in a surge among our fellow citizens in many parts of our country, and as Nunavummiut, let us empathize with their plight as our fellow Canadians are undergoing stressful times.

Further, as Nunavummiut we have to take pride in the fact, as I am of the mind that due to these precautions that COVID-19 has not reached Nunavut yet and we should profusely voice our appreciation to the officials from the Department of Health and this government who are working diligently on this pandemic.

Nonetheless, we must also voice our appreciation to the residents of Nunavut who have had to travel outside of Nunavut and who must endure the 14-day isolation period at the hubs, and they are not allowed out until after this period and we have heard how hard it can be, especially from my constituents. I also wish to publicly thank those who have gone through this process to return home.

We must also be grateful to the many people providing assistance and services in the isolation hubs, as an example, in Winnipeg, Pauline and Albert Krause, who operate their own business called “Angiut Safe Ride in the City.” They provide services to residents who are quarantined over the 14 days, offering goods, meals, and other staples in the isolation hub, and I thank them for providing such essential services.

They were also featured in the CBC National news last night and one even could become emotional at least for me, as I became quite proud of the people who are providing assistance to our residents, Mr. Speaker.

Pauline was originally from Whale Cove, and I am especially proud of her as she is now a resident of Winnipeg, and I ask my colleagues to also thank these private business service providers, Pauline and Albert Krause, for providing services during this COVID-19 pandemic and helping to ensure that it doesn't enter Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Amittuq followed by Mr. Qirngnuq, Mr. Kaernerik.

Member's Statement 706 – 5(2): Sanirajak's Recent State of Emergency

Mr. Kaernerik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I start off with greetings to fellow residents of Amittuq and Nunavummiut.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in this House to voice my appreciation to the residents of Sanirajak as after our special sitting over two weeks, upon my return it was to a blackened community as it was without power.

Now, due to this emergency we faced, I would like to first thank the Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Patterson, for his assistance and implementing an emergency declaration following a local resolution of an emergency by exempting personnel to allow for emergency repairs. We voice our thanks as residents of Sanirajak.

Further, I thank our officials and elected representatives who were able to declare an emergency and create a process to allow for emergency repairs as it became a local emergency, especially for our elderly residents and residents with respiratory challenges. The hamlet provided assistance through rides and dropping off people to the emergency shelter at the school gym. I express our thanks for their assistance.

Another name we speak of from time to time, the site of Raytheon who provided support such as beds and emergency food supplies during our local emergency in Sanirajak that we experienced. Further, I want to thank my assistant, Kyle Issigaitok, who may be watching this session, for his assistance during that period, and I thank you.

I also thank the people of Sanirajak who patiently waited for electrical power and services to restart, and the Qulliq Energy Corporation, who arrived in a charter to conduct emergency repairs in our community.

That is the reason why I am standing here today, to pay tribute to the people of Sanirajak, the Raytheon company, the hamlet council, and also the Qulliq Energy Corporation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Let's express our appreciation to those who help. Members' Statements. Member for Netsilik, followed by the Member for Tununiq. Member Qirngnuq.

Member's Statement 707 – 5(2): Marine Mammals

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would first like to take a moment to wish my grandson, Hagvaq, a very happy eighth birthday and wish for many more birthdays to come.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to inform the House about a recent incident that occurred in my constituency of Netsilik.

Mr. Speaker, the national news is now reporting an incident that occurred recently near the community of Kugaaruk.

As you may have noted, Mr. Speaker, a group of polar bear hunters found more than they were looking for when they encountered a number of beached bowhead whales on the shore. The four dead animals were located approximately 60 kilometres north of the community, and the cause of their death has not been confirmed.

Mr. Speaker, this is not the first time that a disturbing incident of this nature has occurred near the community. There has been speculation that the cause of the whales' death was an attack by orcas, and our hunters are concerned about the extent to which a changing climate and changing sea ice conditions have contributed to changes in wildlife behaviour.

Mr. Speaker, we have a responsibility to take action to ensure the health and sustainability of our wildlife populations, and I will have questions on this issue at the appropriate time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Tununiq will speak, followed by the Member for Baker Lake. Member Qamaniq.

Member's Statement 708 – 5(2): Congratulations to Leah Kippomee

Mr. Qamaniq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I say “good day” to my constituents in Pond Inlet as well as my colleagues.

Mr. Speaker, I am very proud to rise today in order to congratulate one of my constituents, Leah Kippomee, on her recent accomplishment.

Mr. Speaker, Leah is a long-time educator in Pond Inlet who was recently recognized with the Prime Minister's award of excellence in the field of early childhood education.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, as you know, this is not the first time that Leah has been honoured for her important work. In 2018, she and a number of her colleagues at Pond Inlet's Pirurvik Preschool were the recipients of the Arctic Inspiration Prize for their innovative approach to early childhood education.

(interpretation) Mr. Speaker, the official citation for Leah's award notes that her “...use of Inuktitut and cultural engagement in the preschool environment allows children to thrive, and provides them with a positive first engagement in education that will affect their lives for years to come.”

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I can attest to the good work that Leah does for the community and I ask members to join me in congratulating her for her well-earned recognition. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. We also congratulate the award recipient. Members' Statements. Member for Baker Lake, followed by the Member for Aivilik. Member Simailak.

Member's Statement 709 – 5(2): Appreciation to Qulliq Energy Corporation Staff

Mr. Simailak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good day to the rest of the people here. I'm glad we're back in the House again. Interpreters and the people back home in Baker Lake, I hope you guys have a good day.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the original starting staff of the Qulliq Energy Corporation head office in Baker Lake. Originally there were 15 of us locals that began working in that head office after division. We started on September 11, 2000.

Mr. Speaker, currently there are five employees left of the original group and I am proud to say that I have had the opportunity to work with the remaining five people over the years. They are:

- Anna Aittauq

- Douglas Iglookyouak
- Rosie Iyago
- Ruth Stoddart
- Ruth Tapatai

Mr. Speaker, these five employees have now been with the Qulliq Energy Corporation for 20 years, and their continued service is greatly appreciated by me and I look forward to their continued service as they bring stability to a very important office. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. We are very proud of them. Members' Statements. Member for Aivilik, Member Netser.

Member's Statement 710 – 5(2): Comments on Recent Facebook Post

Hon. Patterk Netser (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I send my regards to my constituents in Coral Harbour and Naujaat. Furthermore, Mr. Speaker, I was just informed of the loss of our sister in Coral Harbour, as we just lost another elder whom my wife and I absolutely doted on, so we are thinking of our relatives in Coral Harbour who are undergoing hardship during this time, and we send our love, Mr. Speaker.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak to the recent developments surrounding my commitments on my personal... . It's okay? (interpretation) Well, (interpretation ends) my throat. I'll start again.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak to the recent developments surrounding my comments on my personal FB, or Facebook, and present the facts to this House and address concerns and hopefully answer questions that my colleagues may have.

Before I begin, again, I wish to apologize to the black community. If my questions offended you and your community, I sincerely apologize and please know it was never my intention.

Colleagues, many of you know me. I am an Inuk and raised in Nunavut, a family man, a husband, a father, a grandfather, a hunter, a politician. I am also those things and many more and I am also a Christian with strong convictions and beliefs, and I have never made this secret to anyone who knows me. I am a Christian and I am pro-life. This is a fact and no secret.

In October I raised the following question on my FB: "All lives matter. Just thinking out loud, the movement on Black Lives Matter, how many black women go through abortion and at what stage? Are they not lives too?"

Mr. Speaker, based on my Christian beliefs and conviction I simply asked the question to the public and I was not raising this question against any government policy or legislation.

Mr. Speaker, (interpretation) if I unknowingly caused any consternation amongst members of our black community, I apologize. However, I was speaking about those foetuses that are aborted who are voiceless and unable to convey their pain, which I was trying to bring up as a subject. I was not trying to disparage any person as we are to represent those without voices, Mr. Speaker, and these voiceless foetuses have a right to life as soon as they are born.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I wish to conclude my statement. Thank you.

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

Hon. Patterk Netser (interpretation): Thank you. I also thank you for allowing me to conclude my statement.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, in Canada we have a law respecting the rights of women to choose without retribution. There are many Canadians of all backgrounds who are pro-choice and pro-life, male or female. This is called democracy.

In Canada we also have the right to religious freedom and we are all free to worship freely without persecution and the right to speak our minds freely. Mr. Speaker, someone once said the problem with democracy is that we are allowed to say what's on our minds.

Now what transpired, comments from individuals, media, and my own government have been hurtful, disrespectful, biased, and divisive. Let me quote my government. The Government of Nunavut said they acted in the name of diversity. The government "values diversity, equality and fairness for all. We will not stop listening..." This is the press release. "We will not stop listening or acting to make this a reality for all Nunavummiut. There can be no tolerance or disrespectful, hurtful remarks or actions, and we must uphold our government's principles and values." Based on that, I said what was on my mind.

I understand our government principles and values to mean as follows:

- Tolerance: a fair, objective and permissive attitude towards opinions, beliefs, and practices that differ from one's own.
- Diversity means understanding that each individual is unique, recognizing our individual differences. These can be race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, age, physical abilities, and religious beliefs.

- Equality: the state of being equal in status, rights, and opportunities.
- Fairness: impartial treatment of behaviour without favouritism or discrimination.

Now as I reflect back, I realize my question may have hurt my fellow Nunavummiut, in some cases made people uncomfortable, and again it was not my intention. My intention was just to bring to light the many thousands of babies aborted throughout the world.

What I have found more troubling is, as I think deeply on this issue based on what transpired, and I believe this issue I am experiencing goes to the core of our freedom, our diversity and to the heart of the core values as we Canadians take for granted. I believe in the last few years we have been seeing an erosion of diversity, equality, fairness, and tolerance. Mr. Speaker, let me share with you a few examples of the trend that I have been observing in our country and right here in Nunavut.

First, I have been stripped of my portfolios as minister in this government because of my Christian principles and values. In Canada we saw the shutting down of religious freedom organizations that oversaw equality and religious freedom. We saw the federal government cut from religious organizations like our church groups who run various community programs for our elders, youth, and so on because those services are affiliated with a church.

Mr. Speaker, we have seen a federal female MP removed as Chair of the Status of Women Committee because she was pro-life. Imagine that: a woman who is pro-life moved from an organization that is supposed to see the equality of the diverse views of all women. We see the federal party exclude anyone running as a candidate if they are pro-life, male or female. That's in Canada.

Many of you in this House have constituents who are Christians with strong principles and values. We all represent ridings with constituents with different views from ourselves, but as elected people, we represent them all without bias. Anyone that has come to me for assistance, I have done it not because of their colour but because I represent them in the House.

What happened to me and the consequences of our government action is clear... .

Speaker: Excuse me.

Hon. Patterk Netser: ...is a clear indication that diversity, fairness, equality, and tolerance are not practised by this government.

Speaker: There's a point of order on the floor. Mr. Savikataaq, you called for a point of order. Can we hear it?

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My point of order is Minister Netser's portfolios were not...I did not strip Minister Netser's portfolio because of religious or due to his Christianity beliefs. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) As I understand it, it's not a point of order. It's more a point of... (interpretation) It's just a clarification. (interpretation ends) Clarification is the word. (interpretation) It's just a clarification, so I would like the member to proceed with his statement, but I want to tell you to keep your statement to the point. Thank you.

Hon. Patterk Netser (interpretation): I'm trying to stick to the point. That's why I rise.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I asked myself what are the government's principles and values that make one fit to sit in cabinet. I don't believe that was the intention of this government and I don't believe the bigger issues and implication of this decision was thought through, investigated, and examined to understand the full scope and implications of the actions that were taken. Mr. Speaker, I do believe they will listen to both sides of the story and make a sound decision.

I believe the term used today, "lateral discrimination," is very fitting to what has transpired. That is the message we are sending to Nunavummiut, that only one view, one opinion, one value, and one principle matters. The erosion of diversity in Canada, including Nunavut, is what is at risk today, and I believe Nunavummiut are diverse, open, inclusive, and a respectful society. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. I have no more names on my list. Let's proceed. Item 4. (interpretation ends) Returns to Oral Questions. (interpretation) There are none. Let's proceed. (interpretation ends) Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. (interpretation) We can't have any visitors as per the current situation. We do look forward to having visitors in the gallery eventually. That will just continue. No. 6. Oral Questions. First will be the Member for Arviat North-Whale Cove, followed by the Member for Kugluktuk. Member Main.

Item 6: Oral Questions

Question 981 – 5(2): Isolation Hubs

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to direct my question to the Minister of Health.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, it's clear so far that this government's strategy of running isolation hubs in order to deal with the threat of COVID-19 entering into Nunavut is working. I feel very lucky to live in a part of the county where we have a zero case count as what we know as of today. I would like to first of all thank the minister and all his staff and his cabinet colleagues for all their hard work to keep it that way.

Mr. Speaker, regarding the isolation hubs, I have heard from constituents how hard it is to go through the 14-day isolation. It's tough mentally and it's tough on families. My first question for the minister is: what specific changes has the department made to improve the experience of individuals going through 14-day isolation and what further changes are being considered as we go forward? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for the question. It's a very important message to get out there and I would like to take the opportunity to thank every individual who has gone through that isolation. They are the people that should be celebrated in helping keep Nunavummiut safe.

>> *Applause*

Mr. Speaker, as we talked about not too long ago in a recent sitting where this topic came up when we were defending the costs associated with it, there were lessons learned. We had to react very quickly and since then we have taken a number of different measures. We have contracted out the Qikiqtaaluk Corporation to assist us with the hub management, where we have on-site Inuktitut-speaking staff. We have met repeatedly. One of the main concerns was the quality of food that was provided. We have met with our service contractors numerous times.

I think some of the more dramatic measures, just to try to make it more comfortable or tolerable, I guess would probably be the best wording, is to have on-site support with mental health, addictions assistance, psychiatric opportunities to access mental health as well, on-site nursing. We have worked very closely with the airlines to help streamline the process for our residents coming home.

Again, I just want to take a quick moment just to thank all the staff that have been working incredibly hard on this, and I'm sure the member has follow-up questions that I can get into more detail. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, minister. Having heard from my constituents, after staying at the isolation hub for 14 days, they board the aircraft along with people who haven't gone through isolation. That has been a concern, but I understand that there hasn't been a case of coronavirus transmission within Canada among people who have travelled by air. That's what I understand.

(interpretation ends) Regarding the exempted individuals who come into Nunavut as critical workers or otherwise, how confident is the minister that these exempted individuals are following the restrictions put on them when they come into this territory? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Minister of Health, Minister Hickes.

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again I thank the member for the question. To me it's not a matter of confidence in each individual who comes up, which obviously has a factor, but it's the measures that are put in place and the responsibility of the employer as well as the employee to make sure those measures are followed.

We are as a government looking at establishing more of an enforcement team to help oversight, but obviously we don't have the capacity to follow every individual worker and we do rely on the public. As the member noted, there are critical workers coming into the territory quite frequently. Just for the public's notification, not all those workers are coming from the south. We still have critical workers coming from our travel bubble with the NWT who don't have to adhere to the same restrictions that other critical workers have.

I think it's very important to really put the emphasis on each employee who comes up of their responsibility to make sure that they're representing their organization and themselves properly, to make sure that they are adhering to the measures. There are very strict measures for every person who comes into the territory under these critical worker conditions, and we continue to work with stakeholders, identifying different critical worker lists, and evaluate each on a case-by-case basis on their travel history and what type of job performance that they are here to do to make sure that their need is critical.

I hope that answers the member's question. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Your second and final supplementary question, Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, minister. (interpretation ends) The government's most recent COVID-19 update dated October 19 mentions "Travellers to southern Canada are reminded that as the holiday season approaches, travel is not advised. Entry into the isolation sites in Edmonton, Winnipeg, and Ottawa could be delayed if there are no rooms available. Priority will also be given to medical travellers." My final question for the minister is: is the department's message getting through to persons who are planning non-essential, personal trips outside of the territory? Is the department's message getting through so that Nunavummiut understand how dangerous this situation is, as southern Canada is going through the second wave of this pandemic? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I sincerely hope so and the member bringing up here in this public forum helps that message get through. I think it's critical that people really take a serious look at or evaluating whether they really need to travel

right now and coming into the holiday season. It's difficult. All across the world there are individuals and families and communities going through unprecedented times.

The risks associated with the second wave right now of any unnecessary travel, going to visit relatives or going to visit friends and family in the south, it puts a danger on them as well. During your travel, there is potential contact with COVID-19. I can't reinforce enough how important it is for everyone, every one of us to seriously reconsider our travel plans.

With regard to the numbers, we don't actually have the ability to track how many people are leaving the territory. We have noticed a dip since school has started, that there are more medical travellers than personal travellers, where it was more equal a month ago, and I'm hoping that trend continues. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Kugluktuk, followed by the Member for Netsilik. Member Pedersen.

Question 982 – 5(2): Caribou Management

Mr. Pedersen: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon, everybody. I would like to wish Ms. Kiniviaq a very happy sweet 16th birthday today.

Mr. Speaker, my questions are for the Minister of Environment.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to revisit the issue of caribou management. As the minister will recall, I raised this issue during our recent September sitting.

Mr. Speaker, the government's announcement concerning the interim total allowable harvest limit for the Dolphin and Union caribou herd indicated that it will be "...reassessed once formal consultations are completed, new information is reviewed and updated recommendations are submitted to the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board."

Earlier this month the government issued a tender for the purpose of conducting an aerial survey of the herd. However, this tender was subsequently cancelled. Can the minister explain why the tender was cancelled and can he clarify when the survey will be conducted?

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

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The member is correct; the tender was cancelled, but that's not the whole story. Mr. Speaker, the tender was for four fixed-wing aircraft and we are going to continue with the survey with three fixed aircraft. The reason for the cancellation was for budgetary and other considerations, but we feel that the survey will be done just as well and complete with three fixed-wing aircraft. The plan is to do the study before the end of this month, before the end of October. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Pedersen: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The government's announcement concerning the interim total allowable harvest limit for the Dolphin and Union caribou herd indicated that "The Kitikmeot Regional Wildlife Board will be the responsible agency for determining allocation of the total allowable harvest and informing the affected Hunters and Trappers Organizations." For the record, can the minister confirm what allocations have been approved? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Minister of Environment, Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm not aware of where the allocations are going yet for the 42 Dolphin and Union caribou herd, which will, like the member said, be allocated by the regional wildlife board. I have not been notified if the allocations have been done yet or not. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Netsilik, followed by the Member for Amittuq. Member Qirngnuq.

Question 983 – 5(2): Marine Mammal Management

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I say "good day" to my fellow residents of Netsilik and Nunavummiut.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, my questions are for the Minister of Environment.

Mr. Speaker, as I noted in my member's statement, an incident occurred recently in my constituency of Netsilik that involved the death of a number of bowhead whales.

Mr. Speaker, I recognize that the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans has the primary responsibility for marine mammal management, and it is my understanding that the DFO has been involved in the investigation into the recent incident that occurred near Kugaaruk.

Can the minister clarify the extent to which the Government of Nunavut's Department of Environment has been involved in this investigation? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, the member is correct that bowhead whales are under the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. I read the media too of the four bowhead whales that were found deceased and the media report stated that they figure that by the looks of them and by Kugaarummiut that they might have been by killed by killer whales.

Mr. Speaker, to make matters a little more complicated, our conservation officer position is vacant at the moment at Kugaaruk and so we are waiting to see if any samples will be sent out and who will get them from those bowhead whales. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) As I also noted in my member's statement, there has been speculation that the death of the bowhead whales was the result of an attack by orcas, (interpretation) which the minister stated might be the case, (interpretation ends) and there has been speculation that changing sea ice conditions have contributed to new patterns of movement and behaviour.

The Department of Environment is responsible for the Government of Nunavut's Climate Change Secretariat. Can the minister describe what specific actions his department is taking to ensure that its work on climate change takes into account the impact on wildlife populations? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Climate Change Secretariat deals with many factors of climate change and we do have some programs set up to mitigate the effects of climate change. Mr. Speaker, I think we all realize that we can't control climate change right now as it's changing, but we're doing our best in Nunavut to mitigate it. For wildlife species, it's quite a complicated issue because with climate change, some wildlife species will be better off and some species will be worse off. We are studying any migratory or population shifts that might be the result of climate change, as there are many factors on the distribution and the populations of wildlife in Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's good to hear the news, Mr. Speaker.

(interpretation ends) One of the many anticipated impacts of climate change in the Arctic is an increase in marine traffic. Can the minister describe how the Department of Environment is working with the Department of Economic Development and Transportation and the federal government to minimize the negative impacts of increased marine traffic on vulnerable marine species? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The fact that there is less ice in the Arctic now has the potential, and we have seen more in some cases, more increase in

traffic mostly in pleasure craft and cruise ships. I have relayed that concern on to the federal government, in fact, in a way that if there are any major disasters that happen within Nunavut waters, we are not set up to deal with it if it's on a large scale and we have no resources to deal with it. I have been talking with the federal government and my counterparts too on how we can have more infrastructure and more resources within Nunavut so that if there are any marine disasters, we can deal with it in a prompt safe manner. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Amittuq, followed by Member for Baker Lake. Member Kaernerck.

Question 984 – 5(2): Igloolik Boil Water Advisory

Mr. Kaernerck (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will direct my questions to the Minister of Community and Government Services.

Mr. Speaker, my constituency includes part of the community of Igloolik, where the residents had to continually boil water for usage. This also causes safety concerns, especially in light of the coronavirus pandemic.

My first question to the minister is: when was he first made aware of the boil water advisory in Igloolik? When was he aware of this issue? That is my first question. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for asking that question. Mr. Speaker, our department became aware when the Department of Health, which is responsible for testing local potable water to determine if it is safe, identified the need to boil the water. That's when we heard at the same time, when it was announced. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Kaernerck (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, he didn't mention what date that was, so was it last year or the year prior? What was also bandied about was that residents started experiencing stomach aches, resulting in a medevac from Igloolik to the hospital and this is quite problematic for the residents of Igloolik where a boil water advisory remains in effect. This is in addition to the requirement to wash our hands more frequently and to clean surfaces. Is the department working in collaboration with the hamlet to ensure the water reservoir is being properly maintained?

And further, the mayor of Igloolik sent correspondence requesting answers. Now that leads me to ask this question to the minister, Mr. Speaker. Can the water reservoir be dealt with on an emergency basis? Winter is advancing quite fast and it will be here soon,

so can the department deal with this matter on an urgent basis? You can use health and medical issues as the reasons for this repair. Can this be dealt with immediately or in the near future? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. With respect to the water reservoir in Igloolik, I can only state that the people who got sick are not sick due to the water, although I don't know the cause of their illness, as I am not responsible for health issues, so I cannot speak for them.

Nonetheless, we have worked with the Hamlet of Igloolik, and on multiple occasions I have stated, Mr. Speaker, as you yourself also asked about this water reservoir prior to your appointment. We have worked with the hamlet continuously, and the water filtration system that was installed included another year with specialty assistance and training for the local water and sewage operations. We will keep working with them for as long as it takes to fix the problem.

I will just follow the progress as we proceed. We want fresh water for the residents of Igloolik and Nunavut. We will try to move forward on this file. We don't want boil water advisories applying, and I apologize for not including the date of the water boil advisory, although I know it was in the fall and that in the winter there is no longer any need to boil water. We will look into that, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Your second and final supplementary question, Mr. Kaernerck.

Mr. Kaernerck (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank the minister for stating he will deal with this issue. The reason why I brought it up was because the residents of Igloolik live on an island, while Sanirajak is situated on the mainland.

Now I wonder, as my last question, the mayor of Igloolik sent me an email stating that he had sent a letter to CGS, and I also sent a letter to your attention about the need to look into the issue. In looking at their water reservoir, although improvements were made to the facility, due to the lack of proper installation, it becomes empty and needs to be refilled and when they refill it, the water becomes quite silty.

Can you work closer with the hamlet to look at options separate from an island? Perhaps not near Sanirajak, but perhaps you can look into the possibility of having a water reservoir on the mainland and the constant need to have boil water advisories. When they refill the reservoir, it becomes silty. Will the department be able to work more collaboratively with the Hamlet of Igloolik to consider more solutions for the reservoir? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We work hand in hand with all hamlets and work quite closely with all of them, especially when looking at alternative water sources. We work with the hamlets and will continue to do that work in the future, as Nunavummiut deserve good potable water, both in Igloolik and other communities in Nunavut. We have always worked with each hamlet to determine the best sources of water and which places would best suit local needs, and it is obvious that my colleague's comments will be included in any kind of water study and the possible solutions, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Baker Lake, followed by the Member for Iqaluit-Niaqunngu. Member Simailak.

Question 985 – 5(2): Fuel Rebates and Subsidies

Mr. Simailak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions today are for the Minister of Finance.

As the minister will be aware, it has been just over half a decade since the Government of Nunavut has offered its homeowner fuel rebate program to residents of the territory. When the program was last offered in the fall of 2014, the government indicated that it was “offering eligible homeowners in Nunavut another \$500 fuel rebate to help offset the cost of homeownership.”

Mr. Speaker, I understand and recognize that the government announced a reduction in fuel prices earlier this year, but I believe that homeowners, especially lower income homeowners, would benefit from such a program.

Can the minister indicate if he is considering announcing the reintroduction of the homeowner fuel rebate program in his upcoming 2021 Budget Address? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Minister of Finance, Mr. Hickes.

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm very familiar with the program. When I was sitting on the other side, I think I was one of the leaders in bringing back that program from 2014 to carrying it into 2015 through some very unprecedented increases in fuel costs. Mr. Speaker, today our fuel costs are the lowest they have been since 2006, one and a half decades ago. Right now it's not something we are anticipating. Fuel costs now since the program was last administered in 2015 is approximately 20 cents a litre less, so the fuel costs have dramatically decreased, so it's not something we're exploring at this time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Simailak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for his response. Two years ago the minister informed the Legislative Assembly that the Government of Nunavut was attempting to convince the federal government to exempt home heating fuel from the new carbon tax. At that time the minister was able to achieve success in persuading Ottawa to grant carbon tax exemptions to aviation fuel and diesel fuel used to generate electricity. Can the minister update the House today on what discussions he has had with his new federal counterpart on this issue? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Minister of Finance, Mr. Hickes.

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The member can appreciate that we have been a little distracted, I guess, with this global pandemic thing that's going on, so I haven't had an opportunity to revisit that.

We were unsuccessful in our lobbying efforts to get home heating fuel exempted from the carbon tax, but we did take some measures, such as the personal basic tax benefits and the cost of living tax credit that brought approximately \$400 to each individual with incomes up to \$75,000, on everyone, \$300 on the basic personal amount from \$1,200 to \$1,500. That was one way of being able to put money back in Nunavummiut's pockets related to just living expenses, but it is something that's going to continue to be on our radar.

As these carbon tax increases continue to increase each year for the next couple more years, up to the \$50 per metric tonne, we want to continue to lobby the federal government not just on carbon tax offsets for heating fuel but to assist us with more environmentally-friendly power generation and heating opportunities for Nunavummiut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Your second and final supplementary question, Mr. Simailak.

Mr. Simailak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for his response. I am hoping they will have some success in persuading Ottawa to help us out some more, especially for the people who can fall through the cracks; they're in between some program requirements or eligibility.

Mr. Speaker, I understand and recognize that the Government of Nunavut administers the Senior Fuel Subsidy Program, the stated purpose of which is to "help offset the high cost of heating fuel for seniors who live in their homes." Can the minister indicate if he is considering announcing enhancements to this program in his upcoming 2021 Budget Address? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Minister of Finance, Mr. Hickes.

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the member bringing that topic up. We did do a review of the Senior Fuel Subsidy Program two or three years ago, I believe it was, where we standardized and they used to be based on per community individual fuel prices and it was a very complicated process, where we have simplified the process to all seniors with incomes of less than \$75,000 get 100 percent recovery for up to 3,500 litres per year and anyone from \$75,000 a year to \$100,000 a year to 50 percent recovery. It just standardized and simplified the process.

At this time we're not looking at making any new announcements, but these types of programs are always under continual review by all our departments. The senior fuel subsidy does fall under Family Services, but we continue to look at the uptake of these programs and make sure that they are doing what they're intended to do. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Iqaluit-Niaqunnguu, followed by the Member for Hudson Bay. Member Angnakak.

Question 986 – 5(2): Marine Infrastructure

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

Mr. Speaker, there can be no denying that the past six months have been very difficult for the community. Despite the hardships resulting from the pandemic, we have been very pleased to see progress in relation to Iqaluit's new deep sea port and small craft harbour upgrades.

Can the minister provide an update today on the impact that the pandemic has had on the completion date for the marine infrastructure project and can he confirm the current level of Inuit employment on the project? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. David Akeegok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We have a slight delay and the operation is going smoothly at this time. We had slated to have it completed by next year. I heard two questions, but I'll just answer the one for now, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

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

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Concerns have been brought to my attention about the need for improvements to the lighting at the causeway. These improvements are

necessary to enhancing safety for boaters. Sometimes it can be very dark arriving back, especially in the month of August and it is all dark. It would be good to get some light.

Concerns have also been raised about the condition of the road to the new port site, and I want to emphasize the need to address this before the port becomes operational and cargo begins moving by truck after being offloaded. Currently when you have a boat on your trailer, sometimes I think the boat might come off the trailer. It's a dirt road. It's being used a lot. When the trucks start coming back and forth offloading the sealift, when you think about all the hunters who are going with their boats back and forth, and then you have the municipal government with all their vehicles going to the dump, and then you have the people going to the river for picnics, for camping, that's a lot of use on a two-lane road that's not paved.

Can the minister commit to having these issues raised with the contractor and the City of Iqaluit? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Minister of Economic Development and Transportation, Mr. Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I commend the Community and Government Services project managers for managing this project very well in terms of getting all the local concerns and bringing them forward. Whenever there are any issues that are being brought up, they continually update a group of Iqaluit boaters by way of email and if it warrants a meeting, they do that and they look at every issue, whether it's street lights or if there's to be any project change or scope of changes. All those are taken into consideration. I am very pleased with the level of engagement that is taking place between the contractor, our project managers, and ourselves and also the Iqaluit boaters throughout this project. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's really unfortunate that I can't get a straight answer whether or not the minister would be willing to or commit to raising these issues with the City of Iqaluit and the contractor himself. I have heard that the road was never really part of the project, and I'm concerned with the future use and the limitations of that road and so I'm hoping that the minister would agree and maybe bring back that information into the House once he finds out what the next steps are and if this issue will be addressed.

As the minister is aware, there have been discussions concerning the management model for the new deep sea port. Although it is my understanding that the facility will be initially operated by the GN, there has been consideration given to establishing a form of independent port authority. I'm wondering if the minister can update us here in the House today on this issue. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. David Akeeagok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. During question period when there are two or three different topics that are being covered, I try to cover at least one of them, and I tried my best to answer a question, but when there are a series of questions and it feels that the member doesn't seem to get the answer that she wants, I do apologize to that because, in terms of our rules, I thought we try to stick to one specific topic and allow the ministers to answer properly. I do apologize for not covering the city part and for the Inuit employment part, but with the limited time that we have with our question period, we do that.

As for the final question in terms of the oversight of the facilities, we addressed that through our operations and maintenance budget. We have money set aside to do this and while this project is being finalized, we are working in terms of trying to finalize how that authority is going to be shaped. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Hudson Bay, followed by the Member for Tununiq. Member Rumbolt.

Question 987 – 5(2): Status of Government Liaison Office

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon to the people of Sanikiluaq.

Mr. Speaker, my questions today are for the Minister of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to begin by thanking both the Ministers of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs and Economic Development and Transportation for taking the time in recent weeks to visit the community of Sanikiluaq.

One of the responsibilities of the Department of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs' government liaison officers is to assist residents in applying for driver's licences and other documents.

However, the recent devastating storm in Sanikiluaq has severely impacted the ability of our government liaison officer to deliver services in the community, as there is currently no suitable place for them to work and their office equipment suffered extensive damage.

Can the minister update me today on what actions his department is taking to identify temporary workspace and replace equipment for the office? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Minister of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, Mr. Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The GLO operations was advised by CGS that CGS is working on getting some office space in the Almac building. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Obtaining offices is half of the battle and there's also a need for much-needed equipment in the community for the government liaison officer in order to do her duties.

I appreciate and recognize that a long-term solution to the office space situation in Sanikiluaq will require cooperation between different departments of the government, including the Department of Community and Government Services and the Department of Economic Development and Transportation. As the minister will appreciate and recognize, residents of Sanikiluaq need to be able to access core government services, including driver's licences. Can the minister clarify how he is working with the Minister of Economic Development and Transportation to ensure continuity of service in this area? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Minister of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, Mr. Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We always talk amongst ministers on many different issues.

The office situation in Sanikiluaq, I know the member always used to talk about not enough office space. Well, there's even less now and CGS staff have been working. I have not talked to the minister directly on what we can do. We're letting the process play out right now at the staff level, but the Minister of CGS and I talk on a regular basis and the Minister of ED&T, we talk on a regular basis. In fact he's giving me updates on what can or can't be done in Sanikiluaq and we're all working on it.

We know that as of right now we can't take any applications in for either driver's licences or IDs, but we're working on it and I would just plead with Sanikiluaq people that please be patient; we are working on it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Your second and final supplementary question, Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The people of Sanikiluaq have been impatient for many years on these issues. As the minister is aware, his department's current business plan indicates that one of its priorities in relation to the Government Liaison Officer program is to "...expand its services by working collaboratively with external partners such Service Canada and the Canada Revenue Agency and encouraging them to expand outreach initiatives to ensure that Nunavummiut are accessing their programs and

services.” Can the minister update the House on the status of this work? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Thank you. Minister of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, Mr. Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I can inform the member that all the GLOs were trained on how to do a simple income tax return and they are there to help Nunavummiut who can't do their own taxes as long as it's just a basic income tax return. They were all trained at one time. I know there's staff turnover at times, but we will make sure that they all can provide that service because doing your income tax return is vital, it's important, and it needs to be done. I can assure the member that all GLOs were trained not that long ago on helping Nunavummiut doing their tax returns. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Tununiq, followed by the Member for Iqaluit-Manirajak. Member Qamaniq.

Question 988 – 5(2): Polar Bear Management

Mr. Qamaniq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions are for the Minister of Environment and they concern the important issue of polar bear management.

(interpretation ends) As the minister will recall, he made a statement in the House during our recent sitting in which he announced that his department is “preparing for new studies to survey the Lancaster Sound and Norwegian Bay subpopulations, which are a priority for communities in North Baffin.”

Can the minister provide an update on the status of this work and can he clarify the extent to which the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the department's timeline for its completion? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. COVID-19 has affected research that is normally done by the Department of Environment. I can assure the member that we have planned to do the polar bear population survey for Norwegian Bay there in 2021. We will do it in the 2021 year. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Iqaluit-Manirajak, Member Lightstone.

Question 989 – 5(2): Registry of Child Sex Offenders

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

Mr. Speaker, on numerous occasions I have expressed my concern over the rate of child sexual abuse in Nunavut. Mr. Speaker, I believe it is in the best interest for the safety of vulnerable children that their parents know the level of risk in order to ensure the safety of their children.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Minister of Justice: as of today or the most recent information available, how many individuals are currently on the registered sex offender list in Nunavut, including how many of those have also been charged and convicted with crimes against children? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Minister of Justice, Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I thank the member for his question. As of August 2020, there are 416 offenders living in Nunavut. Of the 416 offenders, 209 of them, or approximately 50 percent, were convicted sex offenders against minors. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm a bit surprised by the minister's response. It seems like there has actually been a reduction in the amount of individuals on the registered sex offender list in Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, I'll move on to my next question. In the minister's previous response, there were a total of four individuals who were on that registered sex offender list who had been charged or convicted with crimes against children who have also been listed as high-risk offenders. I would like to ask the minister for another update today. Of those 209 individuals on the registry with convictions against children, how many are currently listed as high-risk offenders? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Minister of Justice, Ms. Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) The member is correct; there is a reduction in sexual offenders against children. To date there is one offender who is designated a high-risk offender. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Your second and final supplementary question, Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm glad to see that the number of high-risk offenders has reduced. That's a positive note there.

For my last question, I'm concerned about the amount of sex offenders who have reoffended. I would like to ask the minister what monitoring or programming is available

to individuals who have been convicted with sexual offences against children to ensure that they will not repeat those offences. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Minister of Justice, Ms. Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) When an individual is released from a facility, there are certain conditions that the member must adhere to and one of them is to check in with the RCMP on a regular basis. The type of programming that these individuals receive, there are two programs that they partake in and that's the Tupiq Sex Offender Rehabilitation Program and also the Inuit Community Maintenance and Counselling Program. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Iqaluit-Niaqunngu, Member Angnakak. I'm sorry that she will have to walk for a bit, for your information.

Question 990 – 5(2): Nunavut Business Credit Corporation

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions are again for the Minister responsible for the Nunavut Business Credit Corporation.

Mr. Speaker, a long-standing issue of concern that I have been raising since the previous Legislative Assembly is the need to amend the Nunavut Business Credit Corporation's enabling legislation to provide for an increase in its lending limit. When I last raised this issue with the minister during the fall sitting of 2019, he assured the House that he would be looking into this.

Mr. Speaker, during our recent September sitting, the response of the chairperson of the corporation's board of directors to the minister's annual letter of expectation was tabled in the House. The chairperson's response stated in part that "...the main priority of the board of directors is to enact legislative amendments...these discussions have taken place since prior to 2012, and we ask that it become a priority of your department."

Mr. Speaker, when will the minister take action on this issue? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Minister responsible for the Nunavut Business Credit Corporation, Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is very timely because the Nunavut Business Credit Corporation is meeting starting this weekend. That is one of the topics that is on their agenda or to discuss with me and the department. Work has been going underway and it does take time for this, but it's still within our priorities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's good to know that they're finally going to be dealing with the issue. It has been eight years, eight years, so it would be good to get the minister to report back on progress on this issue.

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on businesses across the country and many are on the brink of collapse through no fault of their own. Can the minister describe what specific actions the Nunavut Business Credit Corporation has been taking to assist clients that have been impacted by the pandemic? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Minister responsible for the Nunavut Business Credit Corporation, Mr. Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. All the businesses are affected and through every one of our agencies, let it be our own department, the Nunavut Business Credit Corporation, the Nunavut Development Corporation, or CanNor and the Inuit organizations, have been working very hard to try to ensure that this COVID impact is minimized through our businesses. There have been ways that the Nunavut Development Corporation...we asked them to focus on this and there are steps taken. I don't have the firm details in terms of this, but every one of our agencies are dealing with the businesses that are suffering very hard in Nunavut to try to help them. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Your second and final supplementary question, Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would be very interested to hear back from the minister on exact, specific actions where businesses that are struggling have been helped.

Mr. Speaker, as the minister will recall, the Nunavut Business Credit Corporation's 2018-19 Annual Report was tabled in the Legislative Assembly on October 25, 2019. Can the minister assure the House that the corporation's 2019-2020 annual report will be tabled before the end of this current fall sitting? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Minister responsible for the Nunavut Business Credit Corporation, Mr. Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm going to have to qualify it because I'm going to say yes but with a qualifier that I really need to get those details in terms of bringing it forward to the House, but that's my intention. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. I want to again remind the members that the time for question period has expired. We will proceed to Item 7. Written Questions. There are none. No. 8. (interpretation ends) Returns to Written Questions. Mr. Clerk.

Item 8: Returns to Written Questions

Return to Written Question 069 – 5(2): NHC Capital Carry Forward March 31, 2020

Return to Written Question 070 – 5(2): Ministerial Travel 2019-2020

Return to Written Question 072 – 5(2): Administration of Government of Nunavut's Staff Housing 2020

Return to Written Question 073 – 5(2): Administration of QEC's Staff Housing 2020

Clerk (Mr. Quirke): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm tabling the returns to written questions no. 69, 70, 72, and 73 that were filed during the September 2020 sitting of the legislature. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Returns to Written Questions. (interpretation) No. 9. (interpretation ends) Replies to Opening Address. (interpretation) There are none. No. 10. (interpretation ends) Petitions. Member for Iqaluit-Manirajak, Mr. Lightstone.

Item 10: Petitions

Petition 022 – 5(2): Petition for Racial Justice in Nunavut

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is an honour today to present this petition for racial justice in Nunavut. The petition was started by the Nunavut Black History Society in association with the Public Service Alliance of Canada, the Nunavut Employees Union, and others and calls for action towards creating a more informed and welcoming place, safe from the impacts of racism and discrimination. Mr. Speaker, the petition has a total of 685 signatures. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Petitions. (interpretation) Let's proceed. No. 11. (interpretation ends) Responses to Petitions. (interpretation) Let's proceed. (interpretation ends) Reports of Standing and Special Committees on Bills and Other Matters. (interpretation) Let's proceed. No. 13. (interpretation ends) Tabling of Documents. I have one document, if I can get it.

>> *Laughter*

Item 13: Tabling of Documents

*See Appendix for full text of Returns to Written Questions 69 – 5(2), 70 – 5(2), 72 – 5(2), and 73 – 5(2).

Tabled Document 298 – 5(2): 2019-2020 Annual Report of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Nunavut

Tabled Document 299 – 5(2): 2019-2020 Annual Report of the Integrity Commissioner of Nunavut

(interpretation) Thank you. (interpretation ends) I have two documents today to table. The first document is the 2019-2020 Annual Report of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Nunavut, and the second document is the 2019-2020 Annual Report of the Integrity Commissioner of Nunavut. (interpretation) Thank you.

(interpretation ends) Tabling of Documents. (interpretation) I wonder what that was. No. 14. (interpretation ends) Notices of Motions. Member for Arviat North-Whale Cove, Mr. Main.

Item 14: Notices of Motions

Motion 086 – 5(2): Extended Sitting Hours and Days – Notice

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At this time I give notice that on Friday, October 23, I will move the following motion:

(interpretation ends) I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Rankin Inlet South, that the Speaker be authorized to set such sitting hours and days as the Speaker deems fit to assist with the business before the House during this present sitting of the Legislative Assembly.

(interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Notices of Motions. Mr. Premier Savikataaq.

Motion 087 – 5(2): Removal of the Member for Aivilik from the Executive Council of Nunavut – Notice

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Friday, October 23, 2020, I will move the following motion:

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Hon. Member for Iqaluit-Manirajak, that the Member for Aivilik be removed as a member of the Executive Council of Nunavut.

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

Speaker (interpretation): No. 15. (interpretation ends) Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Minister of Finance, Mr. Hickes.

Item 15: Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills

Bill 51 – Appropriation (Capital) Act, 2021-2022 – Notice

Bill 54 – An Act to Amend the Revolving Funds Act – Notice

Bill 56 – Liquor Tax Act – Notice

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Thursday, October 22, 2020 that Bill 51, *Appropriation (Capital) Act, 2021-2022*; Bill 54, *An Act to Amend the Revolving Funds Act*; and Bill 56, *Liquor Tax Act*, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. (interpretation) Minister of Community and Government Services, Minister Kusugak.

Bill 52 – Nunavut Petroleum Products Commission Act – Notice

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I give notice that on Thursday, October 22, 2020, that Bill 52, *Nunavut Petroleum Products Commission Act*, and Bill 55, *An Act to Amend the Property Assessment and Taxation Act*, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Minister of Justice, Ms. Ehaloak.

Bill 53 – An Act to Amend the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Agreement Act – Notice

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I give notice that on Thursday, October 22, 2020, that Bill 53, *An Act to Amend the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Agreement Act*, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Minister of Health, Minister Hickes.

Bill 57 – Tobacco and Smoking Act – Notice

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Thursday, October 22, 2020, that Bill 57, *Tobacco and Smoking Act*, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. (interpretation) Let's proceed. No. 16. (interpretation ends) Motions. Premier Savikataaq.

Item 16: Motions

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

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The Premier is seeking unanimous consent to deal with his motion today. Are there any nays?

An Hon. Member: Nay.

Speaker: I hear one nay. There is one nay and the motion will not be debated today and hence will be on the order paper for this upcoming Friday.

Motions. (interpretation) There are no more. No. 17. (interpretation ends) First Reading of Bills. Minister of Finance, Mr. Hickes.

Item 17: First Reading of Bills

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I request consent of this Assembly to waive the one-day notice requirement to allow for the first reading of Bill 51, *Appropriation (Capital) Act, 2020-2021*. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) The minister is seeking consent to allow for Bill 51 to receive first reading today. Are there any nays? (interpretation) There are no nays. Please proceed, Minister Hickes.

Bill 51 – Appropriation (Capital) Act, 2021-2022 – First Reading

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will clarify the title of the bill during my motion. Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Rankin Inlet South, that Bill 51, *Appropriation (Capital) Act, 2021-2022*, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

An Hon. Member (interpretation): Question.

Speaker: All those in favour. Opposed. The motion is carried.

First Reading of Bills. (interpretation) Let's proceed. (interpretation ends) Second Reading of Bills. Minister of Finance, Mr. Hickes.

Item 18: Second Reading of Bills**Bill 51 – Appropriation (Capital) Act, 2021-2022 – Second Reading**

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Rankin Inlet South, that Bill 51, *Appropriation (Capital) Act, 2021-2022*, be read for the second time.

Mr. Speaker, this bill authorizes the Government of Nunavut to make capital expenditures for the fiscal year ending March 21, 2022. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: The motion is in order. To the principle of the bill.

An Hon. Member: Question.

Speaker: All those in favour. Opposed. The motion is carried and Bill 51 is referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Second Reading of Bills. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters. Bill 51 with Ms. Angnakak in the Chair.

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

Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>*House recessed at 15:27 and Committee resumed at 15:58*

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

Chairperson (Ms. Angnakak): Good afternoon, everybody. I would like to call the committee meeting to order. In Committee of the Whole we have the following item to deal with: Bill 51. What is the wish of the committee? Mr. Simailak.

Mr. Simailak: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. We wish to deal with Bill 51 and the capital estimates for 2021-22, commencing with the Nunavut Housing Corporation. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson: Thank you, Mr. Simailak. Are we in agreement that we deal with Bill 51?

Some Members: Agreed.

Bill 51 – Appropriation (Capital) Act, 2021-2022 – Nunavut Housing Corporation – Consideration in Committee

Chairperson: Thank you. I would now like to ask Minister Savikataaq: do you have any officials that you would like to appear before the committee?

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Madam Chairman. Yes.

Chairperson: Thank you, Mr. Savikataaq. Does the committee agree to let the officials appear before us today?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairperson: Thank you. For the record, Minister Savikataaq, please introduce your officials and proceed with your opening comments. Mr. Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. To my right is Mr. Terry Audla, the president of the housing corporation, and to my left is Ji Liu. He's the vice-president and CEO of the housing corporation.

Thank you, Madam Chairperson. I am here today to present the Nunavut Housing Corporation's capital plan for 2021-22.

Madam Chairman, the capital plan consists of \$48.5 million from the Government of Nunavut and \$29.8 million from the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. CMHC funds include \$4.29 million under the Social Housing Agreement and \$25.5 million through the National Housing Strategy. These funding sources bring the total Nunavut Housing Corporation capital budget for 2021-22 to \$78.3 million. The Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation funds will be combined with GN capital funding to increase the number of public housing units built in 2021-22.

Madam Chairperson, the Nunavut Housing Corporation's capital funding remains at approximately the same level as last year for modernization and improvement, public housing and staff housing construction. The Fire Damage and Replacement Fund as well as the Local Housing Organization Warehousing Fund also remain at the same level for fiscal year 2021-22. The Nunavut Housing Corporation's Mobile Equipment Fund will have a minor increase of \$42,000. This will allow the Nunavut Housing Corporation and local housing organizations to keep up with an increase in public and staff housing units in our inventory across the territory.

In 2021-22 the Nunavut Housing Corporation still anticipates the construction of 35 new public housing units and 12 new staff housing units across the territory using the GN capital fund, including savings and carryovers from previous years.

Mr. Chairman, I am also very pleased to announce new funding of \$5 million to deal with the current mould situation that the Nunavut Housing Corporation is facing in all of our communities. In the past three years the Nunavut Housing Corporation has allocated a total of \$20.3 million from modernization and improvement funding for mould remediation and construction. The new funding will ensure that the Nunavut Housing Corporation continues to improve the current housing conditions. The funding for mould remediation includes the cost to assess, remediate and repair Nunavut Housing Corporation-owned housing stock. Assessment includes determining the level of mould

and scope of work for remediation, removing materials affected by mould, repairing potential structural damage associated with the mould impacts, and restoring all contaminated material and equipment.

Madam Chairperson, mould remediation projects are necessary to ensure the condition of existing Nunavut Housing Corporation-owned housing stock is suitable for habitation, and that the existing housing stock meets both the National Building Code requirements and Nunavut Housing Corporation construction standards.

Madam Chairperson and committee members, thank you for this opportunity. I look forward to a meaningful discussion. My officials and I will be pleased to hear your comments and answer any questions you may have. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson: Thank you, Mr. Savikataaq. Does the chair of the standing committee have any opening comments? Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Madam Chairperson, and good afternoon. I am pleased to provide opening comments on behalf of the Standing Committee on Community and Economic Development on its review of the proposed 2021-22 Capital Estimates of the Nunavut Housing Corporation.

The Nunavut Housing Corporation's proposed capital budget for the 2021-22 fiscal year is \$48,485,000. This represents an increase of approximately 11.6 percent from its 2020-21 capital budget of \$43,443,000. The majority of this increase is accounted for by the introduction of a new "Mould Assessment and Remediation" project.

The ongoing shortage of public housing in all of Nunavut's communities is an issue of significant concern to all Members of the Legislative Assembly. Although the 2017 federal budget announced \$240.0 million in funding over 11 years towards meeting housing needs in Nunavut, the 2018, 2019 and 2020 federal budgets contained no new Nunavut-specific housing funding. The standing committee continues to encourage the minister to provide ongoing updates to the Legislative Assembly on the status of the implementation of the new National Housing Strategy. The standing committee notes that a recently published federal "progress report on housing investments" indicates that a bilateral agreement concerning housing was signed with the territory on August 2, 2019.

The Nunavut Housing Corporation's current methodology for determining new public housing construction allocations is formula-driven and based on relative need. The standing committee continues to emphasize the importance of ensuring that Nunavut residents have confidence in the transparency and accuracy of the Nunavut Housing Corporation's approach to verifying wait-list numbers, and recommends that the minister continue the practice of tabling on an annual basis and in a timely manner the Nunavut Housing Corporation's updated allocation methodology and community allocations.

The standing committee notes that a number of commercial and residential construction projects utilizing modular construction methods and “tiny home” technologies are currently underway in some Nunavut communities.

The standing committee continues to encourage the Nunavut Housing Corporation to work closely with the Department of Community and Government Services to monitor developments in these fields for their potential applicability to public infrastructure projects.

On June 1, 2020 the Nunavut Housing Corporation issued Request for Proposals: Nunavut Construction Cost Review. Two of the specific issues that the review will examine are the current public housing construction allocation methodology and the “cost and feasibility of building smaller units and modular homes.” The standing committee looks forward to the timely tabling of the final report from this review.

The Nunavut Housing Corporation’s proposed 2021-22 capital estimates include funding for the purpose of replacing public housing units that have been destroyed by fire. During the standing committee’s consideration of the Nunavut Housing Corporation’s 2019-2020 and 2020-21 capital estimates, members raised significant concerns regarding the lack of clarity about how the Nunavut Housing Corporation manages the fire damage replacement program. The standing committee notes that information provided by the Nunavut Housing Corporation indicates that it is continuing to work “...towards developing a new policy to address the rebuild of fire-damaged units and how new construction may be addressed to meet the needs of communities.” The standing committee looks forward to the new policy being tabled in the Legislative Assembly at the earliest opportunity.

The Nunavut Housing Corporation’s proposed 2021-22 capital estimates include funding for the construction of new staff housing units. Information provided by the corporation indicates that “...major determinants for allocating construction dollars include existing vacant units versus vacant positions in a community; planned new positions and staffing competitions in the community; forced sharing cases in the community and availability of leasable units in a community.” However, the exact process by which the specific communities in which new staff housing is to be constructed is not entirely transparent.

The Nunavut Housing Corporation administers a number of different programs to assist homeowners and potential homeowners in Nunavut. The standing committee notes significant improvements in the level of detail contained in the Nunavut Housing Corporation’s most recent annual reports concerning the administration of its homeownership programs. This information will help all Members of the Legislative Assembly to better evaluate the extent to which the corporation’s homeownership programs are being accessed in small, medium and large communities.

On November 7, 2019 the Nunavut Housing Corporation’s Homeownership Program Review was tabled in the Legislative Assembly. The Nunavut Housing Corporation’s 2020-23 business plan indicates that one of its priorities for the current 2020-21 fiscal

year is to "...explore options to expand or create new homeownership programs, based on the homeownership program review from 2019-2020."

The standing committee continues to emphasize the importance of ensuring ease of access to information concerning the Nunavut Housing Corporation's homeownership programs, especially in smaller communities. The standing committee continues to emphasize the importance of providing timely decisions on applications submitted under its homeownership programs.

The standing committee continues to encourage the Nunavut Housing Corporation to explore options that would enable local housing organizations to offer, on a cost recovery basis, certain maintenance and repair functions to private homeowners in smaller communities that lack private contractors.

The Nunavut Housing Corporation's 2018-19 annual report indicates that "...eligibility for homeownership programs is based on the applicant's income. Income testing is done against a community-specific Homeownership Program Income Eligibility Limit. These limits range from \$158,500 in Arviat to \$186,000 in Resolute Bay. Homeownership Program Income Eligibility limits are calculated using a modified Core Need Income Threshold. The Core Need Income Threshold is a formula based on the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation's Housing Income Limits for calculating shelter costs, and is used to set public housing income limits. For the purposes of the NHC's homeownership programs, the CNIT was modified to more accurately reflect true costs of homeownership." The Homeownership Program Income Eligibility limits have not been updated since October 2014. The standing committee continues to encourage the housing corporation to regularly review its Homeownership Program Income Eligibility limits to reflect the high cost of living in Nunavut's isolated communities.

The Nunavut Housing Corporation's proposed 2021-22 capital estimates include funding for the purpose of providing an annual contribution to local housing organizations for the creation of a vehicle reserve fund. The standing committee continues to recommend that the Nunavut Housing Corporation's annual reports include a detailed listing of vehicle acquisitions undertaken by local housing organizations.

On June 28, 2019 the Nunavut Housing Corporation issued a request for proposals for a mould remediation plan. Information published by the Government of Nunavut indicates that a contract valued at \$2,217,000 was awarded to Dillon Consulting Limited to perform the work. Given the significant threat that mould poses to the health and well-being of our territory's residents, the standing committee continues to urge the minister to regularly update the Legislative Assembly on the status of the Nunavut Housing Corporation's efforts to combat mould infestation across the territory.

\$5.0 million is included in the Nunavut Housing Corporation's proposed 2021-22 capital estimates for a "Mould Assessment and Remediation" project. The standing committee looks forward to ongoing updates on the status of this important initiative.

This concludes my opening comments on the proposed 2021-22 Capital Estimates of the Nunavut Housing Corporation. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson: Thank you, Mr. Rumbolt. I would like to call on members if there are any general comments. General comments? Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Madam Chairperson. (interpretation ends) Just very briefly, I'm pleased to see this new funding being brought forward on the mould issue. I think many of us have heard from our constituents that the close-up and experiences that they have with mouldy units and I applaud the housing corporation for bringing this forward.

I'm also pleased to continue to look forward to the construction of the new LHO complex in my home community of Arviat. I'll be looking for information in terms of an update as to where that work is at.

Finally, when it comes to allocating units, whether it's public housing units or staff housing units, the push from the committee has been for greater transparency and with this review of the methodology, I'm hopeful that this will lead to improvements down the road, not just for public housing but hopefully that will lead to improvements in how they allocate staff housing units as well. (interpretation) That's all. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson: Thank you, Mr. Main. I don't have any more names on my...oh, Mr. Rumbolt? Okay. I have no more names on my list for general comments. I would like to now proceed to the review of the Nunavut Housing Corporation. Nunavut Housing Corporation. Total Capital Expenditures are \$48,485,000. Questions? Mr. Kaerner.

Mr. Kaerner (interpretation): Thank you, Madam Chairperson. I would like to go back a bit to (interpretation ends) general comments (interpretation) if it's okay with you. Thank you.

Chairperson: I was looking at the lights. Sure, you can go ahead, Mr. Kaerner.

Mr. Kaerner (interpretation): Thank you, Madam Chairperson. Thank you, acting minister and your president.

I am also very pleased that you're working diligently on mould remediation because it contributes to diseases and might possibly be a factor in COVID-19. With COVID-19, the local housing association staff will have to be focused on as they are essential workers as well.

(interpretation ends) Let me speak in English. When it comes to COVID-19, I would like to applaud the Nunavut Housing Corporation on the mould remediation program projects that are going to happen. I just want to mention that the housing association employees, such as the boiler mechanics and plumbers, I see them as essential workers due to the fact

that with the emergency order going on from the chief medical office, we have to have social distancing. I would just like to mention these are our essential workers in the small communities.

I'm going to say I applaud that this will be...it won't be resolved, but it will be looked at and maintained for the future. Thank you very much, Madam Chairman, for giving me a time on general comments. (interpretation) Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): I also thank you. (interpretation ends) I'll go back. I have no more names for general comments. Once again we will look at the review of the Nunavut Housing Corporation. Total Capital Expenditures. \$48,485,000. Any questions? Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Madam Chairperson. (interpretation ends) First of all, I'll ask about this new mould remediation funding. The housing corporation has communicated in previous years that they have currently assessed about 20 percent of their housing stock for mould. When it comes to allocating this mould remediation funding, what is the plan for determining where it will be spent for the upcoming fiscal year? (interpretation) Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you as well, Mr. Main. Mr. Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. I would think that it would be spent in the ones that have the most need in terms of mould remediation. At first, we will have to assess all the stocks of houses. Once the assessment is done, then we will have a much better understanding, once all the assessment is done, so that what level of remediation has to be done to certain houses. Madam Chairperson, up to level 3, the local housing association staff can deal with that. It's only when it's got to that critical level and above that, then we have to generally bring in specialists to deal to with the mould remediation. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you as well, Mr. Savikataaq. Mr. Main, any more questions?

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Madam Chairperson. Thank you, minister. (interpretation ends) In the five-year plan for mould remediation, it works out to about 44 units per year that will be remediated. How will the housing corporation decide which units in which communities are remediated given that they haven't finished assessing all of their stock for mould? (interpretation) Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you as well, Mr. Main. Mr. Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. If you could let Mr. Audla answer that question. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson: Mr. Audla.

Mr. Audla: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. The member is correct in breaking it down by about 44 units per year. What we will do is we will be reaching out to the local housing organizations and work with them as well as with the contractor to ensure that those communities that have the most instances are going to be given the priority that they need to be given, and to ensure that we address those that have potentially a lot more instances of it. That will be in close collaboration with the local housing organizations. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you as well, Mr. Audla. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Madam Chairperson. (interpretation ends) The answer is at this point the housing corporation doesn't know which communities will be seeing remediation work under this funding.

In terms of the root causes of the mould issues, I wonder if we could get a bit of background in terms of the heating system units that are on forced air heating as opposed to hydronic boiler systems and/or how HRV heat recovery ventilation systems tie into the spread of mould within the public housing stock. (interpretation) Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson: Thank you, Mr. Main. Mr. Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. You're getting pretty technical. We know that there are three main reasons why there is mould. One is the structure of the house; two is whether the HRV is operational or not; and the other, I believe, is the number of people in the house. I can't tell you the specifics between the boiler and the forced air, but just common sense is forced air furnace forces air around, which could help maybe take some of the moisture out, but I can't answer that technical question. I don't know if Mr. Audla could, if I can refer that question to Mr. Audla, Madam Chairperson. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Savikataaq. Mr. Audla.

Mr. Audla: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. As it stands right now, the minister and Premier was correct in the three main reasons why there would be increased potential instances of mould depending on the ventilation aspect; the other being the building design and whether or not the HRV is operational. A fourth factor includes the tenant behaviour or whether or not there's behaviour based on either turning off the HRV or not ventilating or opening and keeping windows open in the middle of winter at minus 45. It's all about the aspects of the cold air outside and the warm air inside and if there's any mixture between the two and what creates that.

With respect to the types of heating systems, radiant heat versus forced air heating, again, the Premier was correct in the sense that with forced air heating, there's a lot more air circulation happening, and then with the radiant heat it's more just radiant and there's not

much movement of air. That's the reason why HRVs have been introduced into the modern design aspects of our builds.

We're currently looking at what we can do with respect to the design aspect, where we can fix things. The other aspect of this is working with the Nunavut Literacy Council for the tenant behaviour aspects of things. It's sort of a combined collaborative effort on that, and then with respect to the designs, we are working towards addressing what we can. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson: Thank you, Mr. Audla. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Madam Chairperson. (interpretation ends) Thank you for the information. It has been brought to my attention that some of the units that may have mould issues or I'll just call them maintenance issues aren't necessarily all old units; it can be some newer five-plex buildings that have had issues around roof leaks. It's a two-part question. How common or how widespread are these issues with roof leaks in five-plex units, and will any of this new \$5 million mould remediation pot be going towards addressing those five-plexes with leaky roofs? (interpretation) Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Main. Mr. Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. This is the first I have heard of the leaky roofs, but if that is the case, then that should be dealt with in terms of... It depends how old it is. If it's fairly new and it's less than a year old, then there would be warranty issues that would be given to the contractor. If they're older than that, the mould remediation would just be used on whichever units need it the most. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you as well, Mr. Savikataaq. Any more, Mr. Main? Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Madam Chairperson. (interpretation ends) My question was: how widespread is this issue of leaky roofs on the newer, I'll call them, units built within the last ten years, five-plex units across Nunavut? (interpretation) Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you as well. Mr. Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. For a more refined answer, can you please have Mr. Audla answer the question? Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Audla.

Mr. Audla: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. When you use the term "leaky roof," it's not necessarily if it rains that rain goes through the roofing or anything like that. It's more

interior, the amount of space between the actual roof structure and the warm ceiling of the unit that's found within. We have looked at that design and we have actually made fixes to the design so that we no longer have issues with leaky roofs.

In the number of instances, I can look at for 2021-22, as an example, eight units will be looked at for that specific area of concern with respect to the roofing design and structure, but for any new builds, we have already changed up the design to improve that issue of the roof structure to mitigate the thermal bridging between the two. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you as well. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Madam Chairperson. (interpretation ends) I think this is my last question on mould, but we will see.

Another contributing factor to mould issues can be, I understand, the delivery of municipal services, so either sewage overflows that can happen in a crawlspace or water overflows that happen in a mechanical room and maybe aren't monitored. In terms of addressing that root issue, I know they were doing a trial of a new type of water gauge called the Gibbons gauge in Arviat for water truck drivers so they could see how full the tank was getting and it had different lights that showed to prevent overflow.

Using that as an example, are there any technical solutions that the housing corporation is looking at or has implemented remote monitoring or devices like the Gibbons gauge and rolling them out to public housing units or staff housing to prevent mould issues?
(interpretation) Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson: Thank you, Mr. Main. Mr. Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. If I can get Mr. Audla to answer that question too, please. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson: Mr. Audla.

Mr. Audla: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. Yes, we are looking at currently what we have done in Arviat, as the example that the member gave on the Gibbons type of monitoring of water levels as well as the sewage pump-out aspects of it. There are no other initiatives underway beyond that and where we can fix those types of issues, we have already implemented a lot of that and also working closely with the Department of CGS and one of the hamlets to see what else we can do to improve our design aspects when it comes to the water pump intake as well as the sewage outtake. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you as well, Mr. Audla. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Madam Chairperson. (interpretation ends) In terms of that device to prevent water overflows into a crawlspace or a mechanical room, how much longer does the housing corporation have to test out those types of gauges before they will be looking at rolling them out to more units? (interpretation) Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you as well. Mr. Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. Since it's on the same subject, I'll have Mr. Audla answer that. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson: Mr. Audla.

Mr. Audla: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. When we say testing and we see that there are positive results right away, it's pretty much immediate. When we do find that yes, it is a certain fix, we implement it across the territory. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you as well. Mr. Main, are you done? (interpretation ends) I don't have any more names. Oh, Mr. Lightstone. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. Good afternoon, officials.

I've got a few questions. I guess I would like to start with an issue that I have raised in the past which is the Nunavut Housing Corporation's capital carryovers. My question is going to be along the lines of capacity. If the housing corporation had unlimited amount of funds, how many public housing units could the corporation feasibly, actually, realistically construct in one construction season? Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you as well. (interpretation ends) It's kind of a hypothetical question, but are you willing to answer that, Mr. Savikataaq?

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. The hypothetical question will get a hypothetical answer. Between 180 to 215 units, I think it is. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you as well. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. Thank you for the hypothetical answer to my hypothetical question.

My next question is going to be on the RFP that the corporation had issued in June 2020 and the RFP was the Nunavut construction cost review. My first question will be: which entity has been awarded the contract to perform this work? Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you as well. Mr. Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. Calligers. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson: Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. The RFP indicates that the corporation expects to receive a draft report no later than November 2020. I would like to ask if the corporation still expects to receive the draft by November, next month, and if so, if the minister would be willing to commit to tabling a copy of the final report or the draft report. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you as well. Mr. Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. There has been a slight delay due to COVID issues, so it won't be completed next month in November. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you as well. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. The RFP that was put out had a number of deadlines and I believe it was very ambitious and the corporation was expecting to have a final report received and implemented by the end of the term of this Assembly. Is that final date still feasible? Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you as well. Mr. Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. Yes, we believe it's still achievable. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson: Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. Thank you, minister. I sort of started off on the wrong foot. I wanted to thank the minister and the corporation for putting out that RFP to address the inflating cost of constructing public housing units as well as looking into the possibility of alternative construction methods.

Returning to the topic of the inflating cost of public housing units, it's a major issue that essentially is affecting our entire population. I recall at our sitting just a few weeks ago there was reference to an RFP that the corporation received for a duplex. I think the amount was in excess of \$2 million.

Would the minister be able to update us or provide us a little bit more information on average costs for public housing units and if there are any other bids that are unrealistic and the corporation just refuses to accept? Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you as well. Mr. Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. The member is correct; construction costs are going up. I'll give some examples here. Back in 2017-18 the average cost per unit was \$481,000; in 2018-19 the average cost went to \$533,689; and in the '19-'20 the average cost went up to \$641,831. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you as well. Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. I thank the minister for providing that information. It's a bit shocking, seeing an average cost increase of over \$100,000 in one year alone. That is very significant. I'm glad that the RFP is intended to sort of address this and identify the cost drivers, but does the minister or the corporation have any indication as to what those cost drivers are that are inflating the average cost of public housing units? Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you as well, Mr. Lightstone. Mr. Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. It's the bid we get as the construction cost because it's supply, ship, and erect. We just get the cost of what it costs per unit, but with your permission, if I could get Mr. Audla to maybe elaborate on it a little more. We just get a breakdown cost per unit. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson: Mr. Audla.

Mr. Audla: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. There is one factor that could be attributable. There are a number of things; obviously inflation, cost of material, the shipment cost. Another factor is our changing up of the designs based on our work on the mould assessment, so the roofing design as an example, and yes, they are rising based on those factors. It's just not one factor but a number of them. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson: Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. My next question is in relation to the changing of designs. I believe that it's common practice for the corporation to construct duplexes, five-plexes, and ten-plexes. How often is the corporation changing the designs for these different types of models? Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson: Thank you. Mr. Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. We are striving to do the least changes as possible. We have done some changes, like I talked earlier about, due to mould remediation and how to get less mould. In the very near future, I'm talking either next year, probably they would be very close to a common design. Not only a common design but what we're also doing now to decrease the maintenance cost for the local housing association is the windows will be the same from year to year, the doors will be same, the toilets will be same, the pumps will be same.

We're trying to smoothen it out so that everything is easier so you don't end up with stock that you can't use or all kinds of different toilets you need for different houses. We are striving to make it a common design and we're getting close to there. We try to get the next design a little better so that it's less to maintain and also to have common features so that it costs less to maintain. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson: Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. My next question: for the designs of public housing units, are they designed in such a way that tenants would be eligible to partake in the Tenant to Owner Program? For example, when a ten-plex is designed, are they able to have separate meters to allow for a tenant to actually purchase the property or become an owner? Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson: Mr. Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. It is my understanding that each unit has its own meter and each unit has its own water consumption, but in terms of whether they are set up to be purchased out of like a five-plex or a ten-plex and I will ask Mr. Audla to answer that more specifically, but I think that rent-to-own is more geared toward detached units, but if he can just elaborate on my answer. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson: Mr. Audla.

Mr. Audla: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. The minister is correct in his response. The Tenant to Owner Program that is offered for public housing tenants was geared more specifically toward single-family dwellings, detached units, but if in the instance of let's say a five-plex, it is the one thing that we would work closely with the local housing organization to see if the tenants would be willing as five-plex occupants to see if they would do a condo type or a co-op type of arrangement, but as you can imagine, it is a lot of moving parts and something that would have to be really closely monitored to ensure any success. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson: Okay. Mr. Qirngnuq.

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Madam Chairperson. Welcome, minister and your officials.

I just have basically two questions, Madam Chairperson, in thinking of the challenges we face such as the shortage of housing units in the communities, as the numbers are still very high. Now, announcements were made previously by the Nunavut Housing Corporation about local waiting lists for housing allocations in the communities, as there are still many people on those lists.

Now, the previous winter going on two years since 2019 where the waiting lists haven't changed for many communities with people still waiting with their names listed, and I would like to see an updated list, including the period from December 31, 2019 up to March 31, 2020. When can we anticipate an updated list? I wish to understand, Madam Chairperson, hence my question. Thank you.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq (interpretation): Thank you, Madam Chairperson. People who have applied for housing are written into the waiting lists, and this request for an update was announced in August 2020, and the details are being included in a report that is being prepared, and this report will be tabled, including in English (interpretation ends) wait-list (interpretation) and how we can improve the process for allocations. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you as well. Mr. Qirngnuq.

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Madam Chairperson. When can we see the newly written guidelines or list? Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you as well. Mr. Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq (interpretation): Thank you, Madam Chairperson. We're looking at April. If it can be handed to us in April, we would review it first and we will see if they will improve anything. The work is supposed to end in April, so we're looking at it in April 2021. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Qirngnuq.

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Madam Chairperson. I thought I would have only two questions, but I have another one. Every year you allocate houses to communities according to need. There is a final list made of communities that will get housing and COVID-19 has delayed almost everything. When can we expect the new document? When will the new guidelines for the waiting list be introduced? Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you as well. Mr. Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq (interpretation): Thank you, Madam Chairperson. I'm sorry, but I don't quite understand his question, so if he can ask it again. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson (interpretation): Mr. Qirngnuq, please clarify your question.

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Madam Chairperson. When can you table information in the House about housing allocations to communities? Every year houses

are allocated to communities. When can we expect the new allocation list to be tabled in the House? Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you as well for that clarification. Mr. Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq (interpretation): Thank you, Madam Chairperson. I also thank him for that clarification. Once we complete the document, we will be reviewing it and then we will be tabling it in the House. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson: Mr. Qirngnuq.

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Madam Chairperson. There are many people in the communities who want homes and there is a lack of money. Now, are you going to be following the same allocation method as last year? Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you as well. Mr. Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq (interpretation): Thank you, Madam Chairperson. We will continue to use the method we're using now. Once the review has been completed... . We will continue using the same method until 2021-22. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson (interpretation): Are you done? (interpretation ends) Okay. I don't have any other names. Mr. Simailak.

Mr. Simailak: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. On the subject of mould remediation for homeowners, is there a program going to be set aside for them? I bring this up because homeowners, I'm sure, have complained about mould in their units as well and it could be exacerbated by the fact that they might not have access to a contractor or might not have the funds to get it fixed or something like that. Are the homeowners being looked at as well? First question. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you as well. Mr. Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. I'll get Mr. Audla to comment on it a bit more because he would have more insight.

In terms of the assessment, I'm not sure how the homeowners would do that, but I know it would fall under the homeownership programs where if they put in their proposal that they have mould remediation problem and they put in their proposal that they need assessment, then all that would be factored into there and the price would be on there so that homeowners could be helped with a homeownership renovation program. If it's really urgent, then they can apply to the homeowners' emergency funds. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you as well. Mr. Simailak.

Mr. Simailak: Thank you Madam Chairperson and the minister, for the response. If I understand it correctly, the Home Renovation Program is capped at \$65,000 for the life of the owner and the Emergency Renovation Program is \$15,000. Will the Nunavut Housing Corporation look at putting the mould remediation program for homeowners as a stand-alone program? I ask this because, as you have stated earlier with regard to construction of new units, the price is going up. I'm assuming the price from the contractor is going up for renovations programs as well. Is there going to be any thoughts or something like that for putting mould remediation as a stand-alone program? Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson: Thank you. Mr. Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. In the one week I've had the housing corporation, I have not heard that, so I'll pass it onto Mr. Audla if he can comment on whether it's on their radar. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you as well. Mr. Audla.

Mr. Audla: Thank you Madam Chairperson. As it stands right now, it will be dependent on the review of the homeownership aspects of what we do at the housing corporation and looking at the current suite of programs that we offer, whether a stand-alone for mould would be required.

I will add to the previous question of the member on if the consultants are in the community, we will try to inform the LHOs as well as the community members that if you are a homeowner and you have concerns about mould within your unit, we will try to provide access to the contractors if need be. In the sense of a stand-alone, we would have to look at our suite of programs and whether we should increase the amounts. That's still subject to the current review and bringing forward as a cabinet decision item. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson: Mr. Simailak.

Mr. Simailak: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. I thank you for the responses. On to a different subject, still one of your programs, the down-payment assistance program, is that working? Are we getting more and more people becoming homeowners? I ask this because especially for Kivalliq the last 12 years, we've got the gold mine there, we've got two of them now, and we've got many Kivallirmiut working, and if we expand it further, we've got the TMAC out in the west and Baffinland farther up island. We've got a lot of Nunavummiut with a lot more disposable income, but I don't know if the program is sufficient enough to get more people to become homeowners. Is that being looked at all to see if it's succeeding or if it needs to be revamped or is it already being revamped? Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you as well. Mr. Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. We're always looking to see if our programs are doing what they intended to do and, if they're not and if we can improve them so that Nunavummiut can take advantage of them more to get their intended purpose, then we do. The down-payment assistance program is there and the bulk of it is being utilized here in Iqaluit. There are some in the outlying communities, but not very many. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you as well. Mr. Simailak.

Mr. Simailak: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. Thank you for the response. Has it been studied or looked into as to why the majority of it is only here in Iqaluit and not the outlying communities? Like I mentioned a few minutes ago, we've got many operating mines, we've got many people working for hamlet, housing, other GN departments outside of Iqaluit that should be able to afford homeownership, but if the bulk of it is only here in Iqaluit, there must be a reason why. Has that been looked into at all? Can you look into it? Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you as well. (interpretation ends) Iqaluit is a great place to build a home. Mr. Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. Iqaluit does have the biggest private housing market in Nunavut. There's a bit of a private market in Cambridge Bay and a little bit again in Rankin Inlet, but the bulk of the communities don't have a private market in terms of buying and selling house. Sometimes the odd house goes for sale, but the outlying communities have very few houses that are built on spec and hope to sell.

With the down-payment assistance program, you can't use it to build a house because of our situation in terms of the material all has to be bought and it has to be all brought up. It's more geared to buying an existing house that's already there. We believe that due to the private residential market being the biggest demand here in Iqaluit, that's why it's used the most here in Iqaluit, but it's available for all Nunavummiut. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson (interpretation): Any more questions? Mr. Simailak.

Mr. Simailak: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. Just a thought popped into my head. Baker Lake has a brand-new LHO and we're actually waiting for the grand opening to take place now, but that was built by a company that is not based in Baker Lake. Has the NHC looked at doing out a tender so that a company like that that is not based in Baker Lake or any other outlying community can go in and build ten houses that would be sold?

Maybe they could do the same program where they have here where, I believe, you have the purchase to own, basically the condo program or something like that where GN employees are buying condos from the GN? I heard a little bit about that last night and that caught me off guard, actually. Has the NHC looked at doing something like that where they do up an RFP to build 20 three-bedroom detached units for 10 communities

or something like that, anything like that, anything coming out, any ideas or brainstorming? Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you as well. Mr. Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. First I'll explain about the condo units here that the Nunavut Housing Corporation is in the process of...we have sold some and some are still for sale for GN employees. This was an opportunity that was presented to the Nunavut Housing Corporation where they could buy these condo units at a reasonable price and then resell them at a reasonable price to its government staff. That's the program that was there.

In terms of what you're talking about, we could do a tender. We actually haven't looked at that. Our mandate is more on providing affordable housing to Nunavummiut, but if any private company wanted to do that, it's open. I know that in some places they do that. They do that here sometimes. I have heard it has been done in Cambridge Bay. I know that in Rankin Inlet it was done where they brought in a modular unit to sell their private company doing that. It is being done on a small scale, but if any private company wanted to build on spec and sell it, then we would be there to help the homeowner with the down-payment assistance program so that they could purchase that unit.

We are looking at the maximum amount that a person can get in terms of the down-payment assistance because the prices of houses have been going up substantially. The amount that we can give out right now under the down-payment assistance is \$30,000 and we know that that's a figure from many years ago and we're looking at it to possibly increase that amount. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you as well. Mr. Simailak.

Mr. Simailak: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. Thank you for the response. It sounds ambitious, I guess, what you just said, but you also just said that the bulk of the homeownership program is working here and is not working anywhere else. How is it going to work based on what you just said? It's not going to work anywhere else because there are limited contractors, I guess, which is why I brought up the suggestion of doing up an RFP for this one company to go out and build in ten communities or something like that. It's a suggestion. What you just said already sounds like it's going to fail just based on the fact that there are not enough contractors outside of Iqaluit. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you as well. Mr. Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. We're talking right now just one component of the homeownership program, the down-payment assistance program, which the majority of it is utilized here in Iqaluit. When I'm talking about it's going to be set up to fail because there's no one there, if a construction company wanted to build a

house on spec in any community and have a good chance of selling it, then it's there. The possibility is there.

If we were to do that on our own, we would be taking money from... . There's no extra money for this, so we would be taking money from public housing units in hoping to sell and if we build a detached unit, as we stated earlier, it would be, I'm guessing, about \$800,000 per unit. If we did 10 units, then that's \$8 million that we would take away from public housing or staff housing units to build for Nunavummiut. We would get it back if we sold it, but there's no guarantee that it would be sold.

We are working on, like in the old NWT days, a HAP type program where there's homeownership. We are working on that. We're not finalizing it yet, but we are working on that and that would be geared to the communities that don't have the private housing market there. That program would be geared to the smaller communities that don't have a private housing market. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you as well. Mr. Qamaniq, it's now your turn.

Mr. Qamaniq (interpretation): Thank you, Madam Chairperson. Welcome, Acting Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation and his officials.

On November 7, 2019 the Nunavut Housing Corporation introduced a homeownership program review report to the Assembly. That report identifies 18 formal recommendations. One of the recommendations was that the Nunavut Housing Corporation (interpretation ends) should consolidate programs related to purchasing or building a home into a single homeownership program and consolidate programs related to home repairs, maintenance and renovation into a single home improvement program.

(interpretation) My question is: which of the recommendations contained in the report does the Nunavut Housing Corporation agree with and which recommendations do they disagree with? Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. So that the member will get a clear, precise answer to his questions, if I can, through you, ask Mr. Audla to answer that. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson: Mr. Audla.

Mr. Audla: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. We are looking at all the recommendations. In some cases we're already putting it into practice. As an example, the different suite of programs in the homeownership programs, if we have opportunity where one program is being underutilized, or *atuqtaunnngiluaqtuq*, we will try to use that towards other parts where there is a lot of use or a lot of applications. There is flexibility in that way. To

formalize it into a policy will take longer, but in practice this is what we're already trying to do. In that sense that's what we're doing.

There is nothing really within the report that we disagree with. It's more what can we do to get to that point so that all the recommendations are being looked at and given serious consideration with respect to the formal practice, but in the actual carrying out of reviewing the applications and applying the funds where they're needed, that is what we do currently in practice. Thank you, Madam Chairperson. I hope that answers the question.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Qamaniq.

Mr. Qamaniq (interpretation): Thank you, Madam Chairperson. I also thank you for the response. The Acting Minister responsible for the Housing Corporation just stated prior to the creation of Nunavut, the homeownership program was running quite well and he also stated that it benefited the smaller communities that don't really have active housing markets which will be the primary target, which I completely agree with.

The previous HAP program under the Northwest Territories included requirements for the potential homeowner to occupy their home for five years straight, after which they would own the unit. If I understood the response, this type of program will be introduced. At least that is how I understood the housing corporation stance to be.

Now, with respect to the program that the Nunavut Housing Corporation is looking to implement within the recommendations for homeownership, when can we anticipate a timeline where the program will be introduced? Will this occur prior to the end of our mandate? That is my question for now, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq (interpretation): Thank you, Madam Chairperson. Before our government mandate ends is when we would like to introduce this program. Nonetheless, as to whether that is possible is another matter altogether as we cannot ascertain that without more work. Under the *Turaaqtavut* mandate, this government will try to introduce that during our current mandate. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson: Mr. Qamaniq.

Mr. Qamaniq (interpretation): Thank you, Madam Chairperson. My colleague for Baker Lake spoke earlier about why the smaller communities are not usually approved for homeownership. In my constituency community of Pond Inlet, the last person who bought a home was 13 years ago. Perhaps the applicants' income is too high or too low for their applications to be approved. I'm not quite sure of the reasons for not accepting applications. What are the usual reasons, if any, for certain communities where an interminably long period awaits any person wanting to apply for a private home? Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson: Mr. Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq (interpretation): Thank you, Madam Chairperson. The down-payment assistance program, if you want to buy a home, there are not many applicants from the smaller communities because houses that are for sale are not there. It's not slated for construction work. The materials have to be bought and then a home is built. The down-payment assistance program is not for that. It's slated for homes that are already built and for that reason, the smaller communities don't utilize it much, but the money that is there is slated for all of Nunavut. For example, if a house was up for sale in Pond Inlet, then we would be able to do the down-payment assistance. The maximum contribution is \$30,000. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson (interpretation): Are you done? (interpretation ends) Okay, next on my list is Mr. Main, round two. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Madam Chairperson. (interpretation ends) We received a letter a year ago around this time of year that detailed the Nunavut Nangminiqagtunut Ikajuuti breakdown and NNI labour, and it had Table A and Table B on it and it was in response to standing committee questions. I had requested an updated version of this letter at standing committee last month wanting updated information on the information provided in Table A and Table B, which were from 2018 and 2019. I was wondering when we can expect that information for the committee. (interpretation) Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson: Mr. Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. If I can ask Mr. Audla to address that question. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson: Mr. Audla.

Mr. Audla: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. I would say imminently. We're just ironing out the details on those and hopefully we will be able to provide them to the committee members once we have actually put them together, I could say within 60 days or so. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson: Yeah, the mic stays on until you say "thank you." Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Madam Chairperson. (interpretation ends) I look forward to getting that information.

The two tables here, I'm going to refer to the detail, the Inuit percentage of total labour, which is an important topic in terms of how the housing corporation executes their capital projects. Looking at the Inuit percentage of total labour in 2018, going down the list, community to community, project to project, it's 40 percent, 32 percent, 35 percent, 20 percent, 25 percent, 35 percent. The numbers differ depending on the community. That's

in 2018 and then you look at 2019 and it's 30 percent, 30 percent, 32 percent, 30 percent, 30 percent, 30... . I wonder what explains the difference in that between 2018 and 2019. Was it that when this information was prepared, the construction wasn't actually complete and so 30 percent is just a placeholder? I'm just looking for an explanation. (interpretation) Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson: Mr. Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. If I can have Mr. Audla answer that question. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson: Mr. Audla.

Mr. Audla: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. The 30 percent is the average that we target based on the overall GN procurement requirements under NNI. The one thing, obviously, is that we would encourage the successful bidders or the contractors to try to drive up those numbers, but for enforcement purposes, we go with the current NNI requirements. It's also something that we have been working towards overall in the sense of trying to increase the Inuit labour content or the Inuit labour percentages, but that's something that we will continue to strive towards in trying to get better numbers reflected within the actual contents of the contracts that we administer. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you as well. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Madam Chairperson. (interpretation ends) On the topic on Inuit percentage of total labour, is there any evidence that the corporation's efforts are succeeding in that the trend is up in terms of the percentages being achieved, and what feedback has the corporation been getting from contractors in terms of the reality on the ground when they're building housing units and what the challenges are in terms of these labour numbers? (interpretation) Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you as well. Mr. Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. We strive to get as much Inuit employment as we could within any contracts with the NHC in the communities because we know that this is an economic boost for communities that don't have many job opportunities. As specifically for the member's question, if I can ask Mr. Audla to address it. Thank you, Madam Chairman.

Chairman (Mr. Rumbolt): Thank you. Mr. Main, please continue.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) I'm just waiting for a response from Mr. Audla. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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Chairman: I apologize. I just stepped in for the other Chair and I didn't get the response from the minister. Mr. Audla, please go ahead.

Mr. Audla: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Because of that transition, I kind of lost my train of thought and, if I remember the question correctly, it's one thing that, as the minister had said, is that we're continuing to try to find ways to increase the Inuit labour content within the carrying out of those contracts. Again, it varies from community to community and the availability of local labourers and local availability of individuals. We are striving towards trying to increase the eligibility with respect to whether or not they are trained up and whether or not they pursue the trades, as an example, to try to increase those numbers, but it's a collaborative effort that's being worked at right now with not only Community and Government Services; the Department of Family Services as well as Nunavut Arctic College in trying to increase the numbers so that when the contractors do go into those communities, they can actually drive up those numbers. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Audla. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) When the housing corporation builds, let's say, a five-plex, there are certain standards that have to be met. That's my understanding. I don't know if it's national building standards that have to be met. The trend is towards more higher standards or more regulation, I'll call it, of the buildings that are going up. Are these building standards becoming more strict and requiring more tradespersons to be involved in the construction? What I'm trying to get at is: are there building standard requirements or other technical requirements that are making it harder for uncertified, semi-skilled labourers to work on housing corporation builds? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, anything that the Nunavut Housing Corporation built would be up to the Canada Building Code standards and which require tradespeople of either the plumber, the electrician, the carpenters. In terms of whether it's getting more stringent, I'm not sure about that, so if I can ask Mr. Audla to comment on that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Savikataaq. Mr. Audla.

Mr. Audla: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The short answer, yes. The medium to long answer is that with respect to the plumbing requirements, the electrical and the structural aspects, there are those requirements to ensure that certified people are actually putting the structures together.

Over time, if you look at what we have been doing with respect to homeownership programs and the difference 30 to 40 years ago with the old HAP program under the NWT and what we're looking at now today, the sweat equity aspects have changed a lot

as well because of National Building Code requirements, but at the same time the type of structures that are going up are becoming a lot more technical.

If we were to look at, let's say, modular and panel type things, it would further reduce the actual local labour aspects or what we can do with respect to increasing the numbers because there are more technical issues related to modular type and/or panel type of construction. That's something that we're mindful of as well. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson (Ms. Angnakak): Thank you, Mr. Audla. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Madam Chairperson. (interpretation ends) I'm going to move on to homeownership. Does the housing corporation track the number of units that are handed over or converted from homeownership, private owned dwellings to public housing units in any given year and, if so, what's the number in the most recent year? (interpretation) Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson: Mr. Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. I'm sure it would be tracked, but I don't have the numbers in front of me, so if I can have Mr. Audla respond to the member. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson: Mr. Audla.

Mr. Audla: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. Yes, they are tracked. For the '19-'20, I don't have those numbers at hand, but on an annual basis average with respect to those homeowners where we provide some of the program dollars or the mortgage aspects of it have been averaging out to about 16 quitclaims, meaning people basically giving up those units into the public housing stock. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you as well. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Madam Chairperson. (interpretation ends) Thanks for the information. It's concerning because it shows how difficult it is for people to maintain a private dwelling and I think it shows that we as a territory are heading in the wrong direction in terms of the number of homeowners in the territory.

When somebody is going to a quitclaim or whatever it's called, when they're going to approach the housing corporation to request that their house be converted into a public housing unit, is there a requirement that the homeowner put their house on the market first so that other potential homeowners would have a chance to buy it before it becomes a public housing unit and is more difficult to purchase? (interpretation) Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you as well. Mr. Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. Yes, we do encourage them to try to sell it privately first and if they're unsuccessful, then we work with them. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you as well. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Madam Chairperson. (interpretation ends) What does that look like when the housing corporation is encouraging someone to put their house on the market? Is there a time period when it has to be advertised for? Do they have to post up signs around the community? How do you ensure that other potential homeowners have been given a chance to bid or buy the unit? (interpretation) Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson: Mr. Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. I don't know the exact process. I just know that we encourage them to sell it privately first in their community, so if I can have Mr. Audla elaborate on that response. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson: Mr. Audla.

Mr. Audla: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. First we require that they actually put it out in the private market locally for a 90-day period and it's also encouraged based on the fact that if they were to make a private sell, they're more likely to gain a bigger selling price because the Nunavut Housing Corporation would look to purchase that single-family dwelling based on the actual cost, not the sort of a private market number aspect. It's encouraged that they first really try to deplete the local potential.

It's somewhat difficult for the individuals in smaller communities because there's not a lot of potential buyers and at the same time, if they did go down the path of actually selling it to the Nunavut Housing Corporation, we do try to accommodate for them to remain as tenants within that same single-family dwelling, which could be kind of an added incentive because if they did sell it at the private market, then they would have to sort of go through the normal public housing tenant application process and we would have to work a lot more diligently with the local housing organization when it comes to the allocation. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you as well. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Madam Chairperson. (interpretation ends) Would the minister be able to commit to providing numbers going back for, let's say, the last five years in terms of the number of these quitclaims? I don't know if it's the right term, so the numbers of units that have been converted or gone from privately owned to owned by the housing corporation, and I'm not asking for it right now. I'm asking for a commitment to provide that to the committee so as to aid future work in this area. (interpretation) Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson: Mr. Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. Yes, I can commit to providing the information to the committee as soon as we have it. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson: Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Madam Chairperson. (interpretation ends) Moving on to staff housing, the NHC's planned builds and public housing construction allocation and methodology document dated February 2020, on page 2 it mentions at the bottom with the asterisk, it says "Staff housing construction is based on a review of demand, availability of market rental units and in consultation with the Department of Human Resources." Is there a wait-list available in terms of the demand for staff housing units by community? (interpretation) Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you as well. Mr. Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. I'll talk about it a bit and then I'll hand it over to Mr. Audla.

The way it works right now for staff housing is the human resource, which is in charge of staff housing now, would say "We need staff houses in this community, this community, and that community," and then we would build the staff houses in those communities that the request came to the housing corporation to build in that community. The housing corporation does not actually pick which communities get staff housing; we just build them. We are given a request from what used to be Finance and now it's Human Resources on which community the staff houses will be built in.

Madam Chairperson, if I can just get Mr. Audla to elaborate on that a bit more. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson: Mr. Audla.

Mr. Audla: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. The Nunavut Housing Corporation continues to try to supply staff housing units throughout the territory to meet the needs of the Government of Nunavut employees and to assist the Department of Human Resources in the recruitment process, and then through the newly adopted Staff Housing Policy which is now being administered by the Department of Human Resources through the allocation methodology, which includes all the departments now at the assistant deputy head level, are constantly working to try to address the staff housing wait-list or number of applicants that put in for the purposes of wanting to be housed in GN staff housing. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you as well. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Madam Chairperson. (interpretation ends) I'm trying to understand how this process is working. The Department of Human Resources goes to the housing corporation and says "This is where we need units," so looking at your summary of planned builds, in 2021-22 you're planning to build five units in the community of Pangnirtung. Am I to interpret this as meaning that there is no staff housing needed in any of these other communities or will there be additional units that will be leased?

I know that in some communities you don't generally build staff housing because there are private companies or landlords that can provide it. I'm looking for clarification here and I apologize if my question is not clear on the clarification. (interpretation) Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you as well. Mr. Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. Both public housing and staff housing needs are, the demand is less than the needs. We know that. We don't build enough public housing units and we also don't build enough staff housing units, but to get the member a better answer for his question, if I can turn it over to Mr. Audla. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you as well. Mr. Audla.

Mr. Audla: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. When we look at sort of the government-wide requirements and staffing recruitment requirements and number of staff housing units available, we try to make sure that appropriate numbers are being allocated for the purposes of having units available for GN staff housing.

The number that you referred to in some of the communities, as an example, Sanikiluaq building a new health centre and the increased number of PYs for that purpose, it was determined at the time that four more units would be required, so a four-plex is being built there. Another community, I believe it was Kinngait, same issue with the increased size of the health centre. For Pangnirtung, it has always been there are a lot of still vacant positions for the GN and we wanted to ensure that we had at least an increased number of staff units available so that the recruitment process can go a lot more smoothly. Again, this is always in collaboration with the Department of HR. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson: Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Madam Chairperson. (interpretation ends) For communities like Arviat, for example, where, to my knowledge, there hasn't been any staff housing units built in a number of years and there's a bit of a private market for staff housing units, how does the housing corporation communicate to the private sector that we have a need for, I don't know, ten units in this community so that the private sector could go and acquire land and then build on land and create more staff housing for the

housing corporation, is there a letter that goes out to the private sector? Does the minister communicate to all companies in Nunavut?

I'm trying to bring it back to the need to understand that the demand for staff housing and without a wait-list or anything to look at, I'm trying to understand how the private sector is supposed to step in and do their part in terms of staff housing. (interpretation) Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson: Mr. Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. I believe at times there is a call letter or requests for proposals that are written out when the demand is there and the housing stock is not there, but if I can get Mr. Audla to comment on that too. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson: Mr. Audla.

Mr. Audla: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. The minister is correct. I don't think I can really expand on that, except that we do have our requests for proposals and that's sort of the way we use sort of the notification of any local contractors that might be interested, but again, it's all dependent on what we're allocated budget-wise and what we can do within those parameters. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson: Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Madam Chairperson. (interpretation ends) My last question is I would like to request an update on the status of the planned build of a new LHO complex in Arviat. My understanding is that the project was out to design this fiscal year and I just wanted an update and reassurances that it hasn't been delayed due to pandemic issues. (interpretation) Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson: Mr. Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. The member's preamble was a bit short; I didn't get time to open the picture, but it has not been delayed and it's on schedule to be built in Arviat during the scheduled time. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you as well. Mr. Rumbolt, it's now your turn.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. I'm going to ask some questions around fire damage replacement and I'm not sure if anybody has touched on that yet, and if I ask a question that has already been asked, I apologize.

In the substantiation sheets for fire damage replacement it indicates that the Nunavut Housing Corporation is working towards developing a new policy to address the rebuild of fire-damaged units and how new construction may be addressed to meet the needs of

the communities. What specific changes to the current policy are being considered and what is the timeline for finalizing the new policy? Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. We're looking at updating this policy because we know that it's deficient in some areas. For example, if you have a fire-damaged unit that's a write-off in a community where they're pretty far down the wait-list... There are 25 community lists. Let's take for example that this one is 22 on the list, so they're not going to get any new builds for a long time. We don't build detached units anymore due to cost. We build mostly multiplex to try to build as many units as we can for the amount of money we spend.

When a single detached unit is burned and is written off and cannot be repaired, then if we put a tender out to just to do that one detached unit, the cost would be too high. We wait until there's planned construction in that community and then we add onto that. We know that the downfall in this if you're far down on the list is that it might be a very long time until you get a replacement. That's why we're looking at it so we can try to correct this where if there's a written off unit in the community on a detached unit, if it's a five-plex and the whole building is destroyed, not that I recommend it, but it would be rebuilt as soon as we can, like the following year it would start. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson: Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you. When this new fire damage replacement policy is complete, will you be tabling it in the Legislative Assembly or will you commit to tabling it? Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson: Mr. Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. Once we look at it and finalize it and make sure all the i's are dotted and the t's are crossed, yes, we can look at tabling that document. It will be our policy and we want to make it work better for Nunavummiut, so yes. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson: Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. Also in your substantiation sheets for fire damage replacement it indicates that the Nunavut Housing Corporation will request all deferred funds which totals now to about \$5.3 million in future years' substantiation sheets. A formal schedule will be supplied with proposed units' replacement for fire damage funds. What is the timeline for developing this schedule and will you commit to providing a copy of the schedule to Members of the Legislative Assembly? Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson: Mr. Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. If I can get Mr. Audla to respond to that. Thank you Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson: Mr. Audla.

Mr. Audla: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. There's no specific timeline like an end date, this is what we're going to do by this time period, but it's more, as the minister had responded in a previous answer, on what we can do better.

As part of this, the thing that we will need to factor in as well is the current review that's being done and undertaken currently with respect to allocation methodology and how we can sort of build into the whole aspect of not only aging of units; units within communities where they haven't seen allocation of new construction in a long period of time, knowing that those are communities that are still finding that these units within their communities are aging and how we can work towards replacing those, add to that the whole aspect of how we can get into the communities faster if they have lost a unit due to fire.

That's the one thing that we want to work towards and spending that money that is already allotted for those communities that have lost those units to fire. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson: Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. I just have three more questions. Last year we approved a million dollars for the fire damage replacement for the Nunavut Housing Corporation. Are you able to update us where you spent that million dollars this year and what units were replaced? Thank you Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson: Mr. Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. I don't have that information in front of me, but what we do is that money is put into the total project into public housing units that are being built in that community. For example, if your community had a unit that was burned down a few years and it's their turn to get public housing units, that money would be put in there to enhance the numbers there, but if I can just... . Now the numbers are here, okay?

The NHC will be allotting previously fire damage funding in our current construction schedule for 2020-21 as outlined below:

- \$4.4 million towards construction of a public housing unit, a ten-plex in Iqaluit;
- \$1.65 million for funding towards construction of a public housing unit, a five-plex in Pond Inlet;

- \$1.8 million towards construction of a public housing unit, a five-plex in Kugaaruk;
- \$1.2 million for construction of a public housing five-plex in Gjoa Haven.

Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson: Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. When we were having our standing committee meetings on this budget, there were several commitments by the minister at the time to get information to us concerning fire-damaged units and the allocation process, but that information has never come to us and I'm just wondering when we can expect to have that information for the committee. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairperson: Mr. Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. I will commit to the committee that they will have that information before the end of this sitting. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson (interpretation): Are you done? I have no more names on my list. (interpretation ends) Nunavut Housing Corporation. Mr. Simailak.

Mr. Simailak: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. I'm curious: when was the last time you guys had discussions with the federal minister responsible for the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, or is that going to be delayed as well because of the pandemic? Is that going to have any effect at all? Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson: Mr. Savikataaq.

Hon. Joe Savikataaq: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. The discussions we have are ongoing. We're always trying to get any more funds we can to build more houses, whether it be with the federal minister of housing or the CMHC. The pandemic hasn't stopped the communication other than there are no in-person meetings and everything is by phone or video. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson (interpretation): Are you done? (interpretation ends) Okay. Nunavut Housing Corporation. Total Capital Expenditures. \$48,485,000. Agreed? Mr. Main, one question and this is your third round. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) I would like to make a motion to report progress at this point, Madam Chairperson. (interpretation) Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Chairperson: Okay. We have a motion on the floor to report progress and the motion is not debatable. We will stop for two minutes.

(interpretation) Oh, the witnesses need to be escorted out. (interpretation ends) Sergeant-at-Arms, will you escort the witnesses out, please. Thank you. All rise.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Ms. Angnakak.

Item 20: Report of the Committee of the Whole

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Your committee has been considering Bill 51 and would like to report progress. Mr. Speaker, I move that the Report of the Committee of the Whole be agreed to. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. There is a motion on the floor. Is there a seconder? The seconder is Mr. Joanasie. The motion is in order. To the motion.

An Hon. Member (interpretation): Question.

Speaker (interpretation): All those in favour. Opposed. The motion is carried.

21. Third Reading of Bills. 22. (interpretation ends) *Orders of the Day*. Mr. Clerk.

Item 22: Orders of the Day

Clerk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just a reminder that the Regular Members' Caucus meets tomorrow at nine o'clock in the Nanuq Boardroom.

Orders of the Day for October 22:

1. Prayer
2. Ministers' Statements
3. Members' Statements
4. Returns to Oral Questions
5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery
6. Oral Questions
7. Written Questions
8. Returns to Written Questions
9. Replies to Opening Address
10. Petitions
11. Responses to Petitions
12. Reports of Standing and Special Committees on Bills and Other Matters
13. Tabling of Documents

14. Notices of Motions

15. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills

16. Motions

17. First Reading of Bills

- Bill 52
- Bill 53
- Bill 54
- Bill 55
- Bill 56
- Bill 57

18. Second Reading of Bills

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

- Bill 51

20. Report of the Committee of the Whole

21. Third Reading of Bills

22. Orders of the Day

Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) This House stands adjourned until Thursday, October 22, 2020, at 1:30.

Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>*House adjourned at 17:59*

Appendix – October 21, 2020



Return to Written Question

Asked by: Adam Arreak Lightstone MLA for Iqaluit-Manirajak

**Asked of: Hon. Patterk Netser
Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation**

Number: 069 – 5(2)

Date: October 12, 2020

Subject: NHC Capital Carry Forward March 31, 2020

I am pleased to respond to this written question on behalf of the Nunavut Housing Corporation (NHC), submitted by Adam Arreak Lightstone MLA for Iqaluit-Manirajak, regarding the NHC Capital Carry Forward as of March 31, 2020.

Many factors contribute to dollar amounts being carried forward. Carry forwards are a product of varying construction schedules and limited sealift periods in a short building season. The availability of contractors in a community may affect when projects are awarded through the NHC tender process and completed. Payment for completed construction will also result in carry forwards.

It is worth noting that the NHC Capital Budget surplus should not be considered on a strict year-by-year basis. Instead, the analysis of capital programs should always be conducted considering projects' life span.

A significant expenditure of construction projects approved under a year's budget will not reflect on the NHC's financial statement until 1-2 years after this approval, due to the GN budget cycle: approval and operation procedures.

Question 1:

Provide the Capital budget appropriated April 1, 2019 for each of the following projects for the 2019-20 fiscal year;

- NHC 01 – Fire Damage Replacement
- NHC 02 – Homeownership programs – Nunavut
- NHC 05 – Modernization and Improvement/Retrofit – GN Funds (public housing)
- NHC 06 – Staff Housing Units
- NHC 09 – Homeownership Programs – Heating Oil Tank Replacement Program
- NHC 10 – Modernization and Improvement/Retrofit – Staff Housing
- NHC 11 – Mobile Equipment
- NHC 12 – Senior and Disabled Persons Preventative Maintenance Program
- NHC 13 – Public Housing Units
- NHC 14 – LHO Workshop, Warehouse & Administrative Offices

Response:

- **NHC 01 – Fire Damage Replacement = \$4,700,000**
- **NHC 02 – Homeownership programs – Nunavut = \$4,000,000**
- **NHC 05 – Modernization and Improvement/Retrofit – GN Funds (public housing) = \$11,299,000**
- **NHC 06 – Staff Housing Units = \$5,000,000**
- **NHC 09 – Homeownership Programs – Heating Oil Tank Replacement Program = \$500,000**
- **NHC 10 – Modernization and Improvement/Retrofit – Staff Housing = \$500,000**
- **NHC 11 – Mobile Equipment = \$1,120,000**
- **NHC 12 – Senior and Disabled Persons Preventative Maintenance Program = \$116,000**
- **NHC 13 – Public Housing Units = \$42,043,000**
- **NHC 14 – LHO Workshop, Warehouse & Administrative Offices = \$7,360,000**

Question 2:

Provide the Capital expenditures incurred during April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020 for each of the following projects;

- NHC 01 – Fire Damage Replacement
- NHC 02 – Homeownership programs – Nunavut
- NHC 05 – Modernization and Improvement/Retrofit – GN Funds (public housing)
- NHC 06 – Staff Housing Units
- NHC 09 – Homeownership Programs – Heating Oil Tank Replacement Program
- NHC 10 – Modernization and Improvement/Retrofit – Staff Housing
- NHC 11 – Mobile Equipment
- NHC 12 – Senior and Disabled Persons Preventative Maintenance Program
- NHC 13 – Public Housing Units
- NHC 14 – LHO Workshop, Warehouse & Administrative Offices

Response:

- **NHC 01 – Fire Damage Replacement = \$616,000**
- **NHC 02 – Homeownership programs – Nunavut = \$4,832,000**
- **NHC 05 – Modernization and Improvement/Retrofit – GN Funds (public housing) = \$13,545,000**
- **NHC 06 – Staff Housing Units = \$8,275,000**
- **NHC 09 – Homeownership Programs – Heating Oil Tank Replacement Program = \$400,000**
- **NHC 10 – Modernization and Improvement/Retrofit – Staff Housing = \$604,000**
- **NHC 11 – Mobile Equipment = \$1,114,000**
- **NHC 12 – Senior and Disabled Persons Preventative Maintenance Program = \$22,000**
- **NHC 13 – Public Housing Units = \$47,326,000**
- **NHC 14 – LHO Workshop, Warehouse & Administrative Offices = \$1,306,000**

Question 3:

Provide the amount carry forward from March 31, 2020 to April 1, 2020 for each of the following projects;

- NHC 01 – Fire Damage Replacement
- NHC 02 – Homeownership programs – Nunavut
- NHC 05 – Modernization and Improvement/Retrofit – GN Funds (public housing)
- NHC 06 – Staff Housing Units
- NHC 09 – Homeownership Programs – Heating Oil Tank Replacement Program
- NHC 10 – Modernization and Improvement/Retrofit – Staff Housing
- NHC 11 – Mobile Equipment
- NHC 12 – Senior and Disabled Persons Preventative Maintenance Program
- NHC 13 – Public Housing Units
- NHC 14 – LHO Workshop, Warehouse & Administrative Offices

Response:

- **NHC 01 – Fire Damage Replacement = \$16,997,000**
- **NHC 02 – Homeownership programs – Nunavut = \$3,476,000**
- **NHC 05 – Modernization and Improvement/Retrofit – GN Funds (public housing) = \$6,357,000**
- **NHC 06 – Staff Housing Units = 5,350,000**
- **NHC 09 – Homeownership Programs – Heating Oil Tank Replacement Program = \$583,000**
- **NHC 10 – Modernization and Improvement/Retrofit – Staff Housing = \$1,699,000**
- **NHC 11 – Mobile Equipment = -\$9,000**
- **NHC 12 – Senior and Disabled Persons Preventative Maintenance Program = \$224,000**
- **NHC 13 – Public Housing Units = \$91,825,000**
- **NHC 14 – LHO Workshop, Warehouse & Administrative Offices = \$8,065,000**

Question 4:

Figure 1 above identifies that NHC 01 – Fire Damage Replacement – has drastically lower expenditures than planned. NHC loses numerous public housing units due to fires, why are expenditures so low?

Response:

NHC reviews fire replacement units in all communities in each public housing construction season and decides if they will be added to the new construction schedule. For the upcoming 2020/21 construction season, NHC will be using \$9.5 million of previously received fire funding to build units in the following communities: Iqaluit, Pond Inlet, Kugaaruk and Gjoa Haven.

Question 5:

Figure 1 above identifies that NHC 02 – Homeownership programs – has budget remained stagnant while NHC continues to deny applicants due to insufficient funds.

- a) When was the last time this project has seen an increase in the budget?
- b) There is significant demand for this program, why has NHC not increased it?

Response:

- a) **The last budget increase for Homeownership Programs was in NHC's Capital Budget 2010-11.**
- b) **Demand will vary with each fiscal year. NHC has seen an increase in applications for homeownership programs. Despite the increase in applications, NHC has not turned away any applicants based on its homeownership program budget. NHC is currently reviewing the overall Homeownership Program.**

Question 6:

Figure 1 above identifies that NHC 09 – Homeownership Programs – Heating Oil Tank Replacement Program - budget remained stagnant at \$500,000 a year, while lapsing roughly 50%. Why has this budget not been adjusted to meet demand, and reallocated to other priority areas?

Response:

NHC reviews and evaluates spending on all homeownership programs each fiscal year to identify programs where the funds can be better utilized. This program is also under review, along with all other homeownership programs.

Question 7:

Figure 1 above identifies that NHC 10 – Modernization and Improvement/Retrofit – Staff Housing - budget remained stagnant at \$500,000 a year while lapsing a significant amount on average in excess of 50%. Why has this budget not been adjusted to meet demand, and reallocated to other priority areas?

Response:

Staff Housing is made up mostly of newer units and therefore requires fewer minor repairs. Major M&I repairs do occur, and NHC needs these funds in place to complete this work when required. NHC will also evaluate any unspent funding to see if it can be utilized in other capital programs.

Question 8:

Figure 1 above identifies that NHC 12 – Senior and Disabled Persons Preventative Maintenance Program - Staff Housing - budget remained stagnant at \$116,000 while lapsing nearly 90%. Why has this budget not been adjusted to meet demand, and reallocated to other priority areas?

Response:

NHC is currently reviewing the overall Homeownership Program to see if programs can be funded or utilized more efficiently.



Return to Written Question

Asked by: Adam Arreak Lightstone

Asked of: Hon. Joe Savikataaq
Minister of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs

Number: 70-5(2)

Date: October 13, 2020

Subject: Ministerial Travel 2019-20

Question 1: *How many trips, and what was the total number of days, that each Minister respectively spent on duty travel in the 2019-2020 fiscal year?*

Response: Duty Travel

	Trips	Total Days
The Honourable Joe Savikataaq, Premier	13	55
The Honourable Elisapee Sheutiapik, Minister	5	31
The Honourable David Akeeagok, Minister	9	37
The Honourable David Joanasi, Minister	8	35
The Honourable George Hickes, Minister	6	47
The Honourable Lorne Kusugak, Minister	10	34
The Honourable Patterk Netser, Minister	5	25
The Honourable Jeannie Ehaloak, Minister	10	42

Question 2: *How many trips and what was the total number of days, that each Minister respectively spent on home travel in the 2019-2020 fiscal year?*

Response: Home Travel

	Trips	Total Days
The Honourable Joe Savikataaq, Premier	8	105
The Honourable Elisapee Sheutiapik, Minister	-	-
The Honourable David Akeeagok, Minister	-	-
The Honourable David Joanasié, Minister	-	-
The Honourable George Hickes, Minister	-	-
The Honourable Lorne Kusugak, Minister	9	60
The Honourable Patterk Netser, Minister	11	125
The Honourable Jeannie Ehaloak, Minister	5	205

Question 3: *Figure 1 below depicts the collated information that was provided in my previous written question on Ministerial Travel 2018-19. As you will see there are a number of Ministers who have spent approximately 40% of the fiscal year away from their respective departments headquarter offices. What kind of challenges do Ministers, or their departments and agencies face when the Minister responsible for overseeing portfolios is out of the office for a significant amount of time?*

Minister	Start of Period	End of Period	Total Days	Duty Travel		Home Travel		Total Days on Travel	Total Days In Office	% of days away
				Trips	Days	Trips	Days			
Paul Quassa	01-Apr-18	14-Jun-18	74	6	19	0	0	19	55	25.7%
Joe Savikataaq	01-Apr-18	31-Mar-19	364	10	51	9	106	157	207	43.1%
Elisapee Sheutiapik	01-Apr-18	31-Mar-19	364	5	25	0	0	25	339	6.9%
Patricia Angnakak	01-Apr-18	1-Nov-18	214	3	21	0	0	21	193	9.8%
Patterk Netser	01-Nov-18	31-Mar-19	150	2	16	5	43	59	91	39.3%
Jeannie Ehaloak	01-Apr-18	31-Mar-19	364	10	84	4	73	157	207	43.1%
Lorne Kusugak	01-Apr-18	31-Mar-19	364	10	38	9	111	149	215	40.9%
David Joanasié	01-Apr-18	31-Mar-19	364	12	52	0	0	52	312	14.3%
David Akeeagok	01-Apr-18	31-Mar-19	364	6	23	0	0	23	341	6.3%
George Hickes	14-Jun-18	31-Mar-19	290	6	29	0	0	29	261	10.0%
				70	358	27	333	691	2221	

Response: *During periods when Ministers are unavailable, acting Ministers are appointed to provide oversight and continuity at the political and departmental level. Additionally, the Minister's staff assist acting ministers with administrative and operational business to ensure there is no disruption in service to Cabinet or the departments. Moreover, great strides have been made to ensure seamless service for Ministers while being able to both represent the GN as a Minister and support their constituency. Improved telecommunications and software have helped. Ministers use technologies which allow them to access files, emails and information while on both*

duty and home travel. We have tried to make this information accessible from anywhere the Minister travels whether it be duty travel or home travel.

Question 4: What is the Premier's position on Ministers spending 150 days out of office on travel?

Response: *The Premier recognizes that Cabinet members that are not from Iqaluit have important constituency work to complete in their home communities and will often find it necessary to work from those communities while attending to Ministerial duties. This has not been a concern as Ministers have effective secure access to materials from their communities. Additionally, Ministers are readily available to their staff, other Ministers and the Premier while outside of Iqaluit and have no challenges with fulfilling their responsibilities from any community in Nunavut.*

Question 5: When a Minister is on home travel, do they have access to the network?

Response: *Yes, Ministers have access to the GN network during home travel. Either access is acquired by cellphone or remote login to their GN platform. These technologies have advanced through lessons learned during ransomware. We have upgraded our security networks and Ministers can now access to a secure link to the GN network.*

Question 6: When a Minister is on home travel, do they have access to a full office?

Response: *Yes. Much like MLAs, Ministers provide service and require access to information 24/7. Ministers are issued a cellphone and Surface from which they can work remotely. This connection in tandem with their office staff provide them with the information and support required to perform their duties as a Minister.*



Return to Written Question

Asked by: Adam Arreak Lightstone MLA for Iqaluit-Manirajak

**Asked of: Hon. Patterk Netser
Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation**

Number: 072 – 5(2)

Date: September 24, 2020

**Subject: Administration of Government of Nunavut's Staff
Housing 2020**

I am pleased to provide a response to this written question on behalf of the Nunavut Housing Corporation (NHC), submitted by Adam Arreak Lightstone MLA for Iqaluit-Manirajak, regarding the Administration of the Government of Nunavut (GN) Staff Housing.

The NHC is committed to supplying and managing staff housing units throughout the territory to meet GN employees' needs and assist program objectives.

Question 1:

As of March 31, 2020, broken down by community and size of the unit (bachelor unit, 1 bedroom unit, 2 bedroom unit, 3 bedroom unit and 4+ bedroom unit), how many staff housing units were maintained by the Nunavut Housing Corporation?

Response:

Table 1 below shows the breakdown of the number of staff housing units that the NHC maintained on March 31, 2020.

Table 1 – Number of Staff Housing Units Maintained

Community	<i>GN STAFF HOUSING AS OF MARCH 31, 2020</i>					
	Total # of Staff Housing units	Total Bachelor units	Total 1 bedroom units	Total 2 bedroom units	Total 3 bedroom units	Total 4 bedroom units
Major Communities						
IQALUIT	695	10	332	236	106	11
RANKIN INLET	182	0	60	93	29	0
CAMBRIDGE BAY	127	0	34	73	20	0
Total Major	1004	10	426	402	155	11
Decentralized Communities						
POND INLET	68	0	13	36	19	0
IGLOOLIK	73	0	5	52	14	2
PANGNIRTUNG	55	0	4	32	19	0
CAPE DORSET	60	0	8	34	18	0
ARVIAT	73	0	6	50	17	0
BAKER LAKE	51	0	11	26	14	0
KUGLUKTUK	48	0	7	28	12	1
GJOA HAVEN	39	0	7	26	6	0
Total Decentralized	467	0	61	284	119	3
Other Communities						
QIKIQTARJUAQ	17	0	2	13	2	0
ARCTIC BAY	19	0	0	16	3	0
CLYDE RIVER	29	0	4	25	0	0
KIMMIRUT	10	0	0	7	3	0
HALL BEACH	14	0	0	10	3	1
RESOLUTE BAY	8	0	0	6	2	0
SANIKILUAQ	15	0	0	12	3	0
GRISE FIORD	3	0	0	2	1	0
CHESTERFIELD INLET	10	0	0	10	0	0
CORAL HARBOUR	15	0	0	13	2	0
NAUJAAT	19	0	2	15	2	0
WHALE COVE	12	0	0	9	3	0
TALOYOAK (SPENCE BAY)	17	0	0	14	2	1
KUGAARUK (PELLY BAY)	16	0	1	13	2	0
Total Other	204	0	9	165	28	2
GN Total	1675	10	496	851	302	16

Question 2:

As of March 31, 2020, broken down by community and size of the unit (bachelor units 1 bedroom unit, 2 bedroom unit, 3 bedroom unit and 4+ bedroom unit), how many staff housing units were vacant?

Response:

Table 2 below shows the breakdown of the number of staff housing units that were vacant as of March 31, 2020.

Table 2 - Number of Vacant Staff Housing Units

Community	<i>GN STAFF HOUSING AS OF MARCH 31, 2020</i>				
	Total Bachelor units vacant	Total 1 bedroom units vacant	Total 2 bedroom units vacant	Total 3 bedroom units vacant	Total 4 bedroom units vacant
Major Communities					
IQALUIT	0	4	22	10	1
RANKIN INLET	0	14	16	6	0
CAMBRIDGE BAY	0	9	18	3	0
Total Major	0	27	56	19	1
Decentralized Communities					
POND INLET	0	2	6	7	0
IGLOOLIK	0	0	12	4	1
PANGNIRTUNG	0	0	3	10	0
CAPE DORSET	0	0	7	3	0
ARVIAT	0	0	5	6	0
BAKER LAKE	0	2	5	3	0
KUGLUKTUK	0	0	7	3	1
GJOA HAVEN	0	0	4	0	0
Total Decentralized	0	4	49	36	2
Other Communities					
QIKIQTARJUAQ	0	0	2	1	0
ARCTIC BAY	0	0	0	0	0
CLYDE RIVER	0	0	5	0	0
KIMMIRUT	0	0	1	2	0
HALL BEACH	0	0	0	0	0
RESOLUTE BAY	0	0	0	0	0
SANIKILUAQ	0	0	1	1	0
GRISE FIORD	0	0	0	0	0
CHESTERFIELD INLET	0	0	3	0	0
CORAL HARBOUR	0	0	2	0	0
NAUJAAT	0	0	0	0	0
WHALE COVE	0	0	2	3	0
TALOYOAK (SPENCE BAY)	0	0	3	0	0
KUGAARUK (PELLY BAY)	0	0	0	1	0
Total Other	0	0	19	8	0
GN Total	0	31	124	63	3

Question 3:

As of March 31, 2019, broken down by community and size of the unit (bachelor unit, 1 bedroom unit, 2 bedroom unit, 3 bedroom unit and 4+ bedroom unit), how many staff housing units were occupied?

Response:

Table 3 below shows the breakdown of the number of staff housing units occupied as of March 31, 2020.

Table 3 - Number of Occupied Staff Housing Units

Community	<i>GN STAFF HOUSING AS OF MARCH 31, 2020</i>				
	Total bachelor units occupied	Total 1 bedroom units occupied	Total 2 bedroom units occupied	Total 3 bedroom units occupied	Total 4 bedroom units occupied
Major Communities					
IQALUIT	10	328	214	96	10
RANKIN INLET	0	46	77	23	0
CAMBRIDGE BAY	0	25	55	17	0
Total Major	10	399	346	136	10
Decentralized Communities					
POND INLET	0	11	30	12	0
IGLOOLIK	0	5	40	10	1
PANGNIRTUNG	0	4	29	9	0
CAPE DORSET	0	8	27	15	0
ARVIAT	0	6	45	11	0
BAKER LAKE	0	9	21	11	0
KUGLUKTUK	0	7	21	9	0
GJOA HAVEN	0	7	22	6	0
Total Decentralized	0	57	235	83	1
Other Communities					
QIKIQTARJUAQ	0	2	11	1	0
ARCTIC BAY	0	0	16	3	0
CLYDE RIVER	0	4	20	0	0
KIMMIRUT	0	0	6	1	0
HALL BEACH	0	0	10	3	1
RESOLUTE BAY	0	0	6	2	0
SANIKILUAQ	0	0	11	2	0
GRISE FIORD	0	0	2	1	0
CHESTERFIELD INLET	0	0	7	0	0
CORAL HARBOUR	0	0	11	2	0
NAUJAAT	0	2	15	2	0
WHALE COVE	0	0	7	0	0
TALOYOAK (SPENCE RAY)	0	0	11	2	1
KUGAARUK (PELLY BAY)	0	1	13	1	0
Total Other	0	9	146	20	2
GN Total	10	465	727	239	13

Question 4:

As of March 31, 2020, broken down by community and size of unit (within the meaning of Schedule E of the Government of Nunavut's Staff Housing Policy), how many of the staff housing units referred to in question #1 were owned by the Nunavut Housing Corporation?

Response:

Table 4 below shows the breakdown of the number of staff housing units owned by the NHC as of March 31, 2020.

Table 4 - Number of Owned Staff Housing Units

Community	<i>GN STAFF HOUSING AS OF MARCH 31, 2020</i>				
	Total Bachelor units owned	Total 1 bedroom units owned	Total 2 bedroom units owned	Total 3 bedroom units owned	Total 4 bedroom units owned
Major Communities					
IQALUIT	0	6	7	8	0
RANKIN INLET	0	16	44	10	0
CAMBRIDGE BAY	0	13	13	13	0
Total Major	0	35	64	31	0
Decentralized Communities					
POND INLET	0	4	10	5	0
IGLOOLIK	0	0	27	4	0
PANGNIRTUNG	0	4	8	4	0
CAPE DORSET	0	0	14	4	0
ARVIAT	0	0	13	5	0
BAKER LAKE	0	0	7	0	0
KUGLUKTUK	0	6	19	4	1
GJOA HAVEN	0	2	21	1	0
Total Decentralized	0	16	119	27	1
Other Communities					
QIKIQTARJUAQ	0	1	8	2	0
ARCTIC BAY	0	0	15	3	0
CLYDE RIVER	0	0	17	0	0
KIMMIRUT	0	0	5	3	0
HALL BEACH	0	0	6	3	1
RESOLUTE BAY	0	0	6	2	0
SANIKILUAQ	0	0	11	3	0
GRISE FIORD	0	0	1	1	0
CHESTERFIELD INLET	0	0	9	0	0
CORAL HARBOUR	0	0	8	2	0
NAUJAAT	0	0	10	2	0
WHALE COVE	0	0	9	1	0
TALOYOAK (SPENCE BAY)	0	0	12	1	1
KUGAARUK (PELLY BAY)	0	1	10	1	0
Total Other	0	2	127	24	2
GN Total	0	53	310	82	3

Question 5:

As of March 31, 2020, broken down by community and size of unit (within the meaning of Schedule E of the Government of Nunavut's Staff Housing Policy), how many of the staff housing units referred to in question #1 were leased by the Nunavut Housing Corporation?

Response:

Table 5 below shows the breakdown of the number of staff housing units leased by the NHC as of March 31, 2020.

Table 5 - Number of Leased Staff Housing Units

<i>GN STAFF HOUSING AS OF MARCH 31, 2020</i>					
Community	Total Leased Bachelor Units	Total Leased 1 bedroom units	Total Leased 2 bedroom units	Total Leased 3 bedroom units	Total Leased 4 bedroom units
Major Communities					
IQALUIT	10	326	229	98	11
RANKIN INLET	0	44	49	19	0
CAMBRIDGE BAY	0	21	60	7	0
Total Major	10	391	338	124	11
Decentralized Communities					
POND INLET	0	9	26	14	0
IGLOOLIK	0	5	25	10	2
PANGNIRTUNG	0	0	24	15	0
CAPE DORSET	0	8	20	14	0
ARVIAT	0	6	37	12	0
BAKER LAKE	0	11	19	14	0
KUGLUKTUK	0	1	9	8	0
GJOA HAVEN	0	5	5	5	0
Total Decentralized	0	45	165	92	2
Other Communities					
QIKIQTARJUAQ	0	1	5	0	0
ARCTIC BAY	0	0	1	0	0
CLYDE RIVER	0	4	8	0	0
KIMMIRUT	0	0	2	0	0
HALL BEACH	0	0	4	0	0
RESOLUTE BAY	0	0	0	0	0
SANIKILUAQ	0	0	1	0	0
GRISE FIORD	0	0	1	0	0
CHESTERFIELD INLET	0	0	1	0	0
CORAL HARBOUR	0	0	5	0	0
NAUJAAT	0	2	5	0	0
WHALE COVE	0	0	0	2	0
TALOYOAK (SPENCE BAY)	0	0	2	1	0
KUGAARUK (PELLE BAY)	0	0	3	1	0
Total Other	0	7	38	4	0
GN Total	10	443	541	220	13

Question 6:

As of March 31, 2020, broken down by community and size of unit (within the meaning of Schedule E of the Government of Nunavut's Staff Housing Policy), from which entities were the units referred to in question #3 leased? For each entity identified, please provide the total value of lease payments for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

Response:

Table 6 below shows the breakdown of the occupied units leased by the NHC as of March 31, 2020.

Appendix A shows the total lease payments of each entity identified as of March 31, 2020.

Table 6 - Number of Leased and Occupied Staff Housing Units

<i>GN STAFF HOUSING AS OF MARCH 31, 2020</i>						
Community	Total Bachelor units leased	Landlords	Total 1 bedroom units leased	Landlords	Total 2 bedroom units leased	Landlords
Major Communities						
IQUALUIT	10	10 - Nunastar	326	37 - Inuksugait Inc. 200 - Northview 61 - Nunastar 8 - Nunavut Employees Union Holding Corp. 20 - TBG Construction Ltd.	229	1 - DJ Specialities Ltd. 5 - Inuksugait Inc. 26 - NCC Residential Properties Ltd. 169 - Northview 4 - Nunastar 5 - Nunavut Teachers Association 19 - TBG Construction Ltd.
RANKIN INLET	0	0	44	11- EPLS PropertiesLtd. 21 - Illagiiktut Ltd. 5 - NCC Residential Properties Ltd. 7 - TGB Constuction Ltd.	49	6 - EPLS Properties LTD. 30 - Illagiiktut Ltd. 2 - NCC Residential Properties Ltd. 11 - TBG Construction Ltd.
CAMBRIDGE BAY	0	0	21	8 - Enokhok Development Corp. 8 - Northview 5 - NCC Residential Properties Ltd.	60	4 - 5043 Nunavut Ltd. 4 - Enokhok Development Corp. 49 - Northview 2 - NCC Residential Properties Ltd. 1 - Dave & Kimberley Crockett
Total Major	10		391		338	
Decentralized Communities						
POND INLET	0	0	9	8 - NCC Residential Properties Ltd. 1 - Toonook Sahoonek Co-op Ltd.	26	8 - Northview 14 - NCC Residential Properties Ltd. 4 - Toonook Sahoonek Co-Operative Ltd.
IGLOOLIK	0	0	5	5 - NCC Residential Properties Ltd.	25	1 - Carl's Woodworking Ltd. 18 - NCC Residential Properties Ltd. 6 - Northview
PANGNIRTUNG	0	0	0		24	1 - Eepow Construction Ltd. 17 - NCC Residential Properties Ltd. 6 - Northview
CAPE DORSET	0	0	8	8 - NCC Residential Properties Ltd.	20	8 - NCC Residential Properties Ltd. 8 - Northview 4 - West Eskimo Co-Operative Ltd.
ARVIAT	0	0	6	6 - EPLS Properties Ltd.	37	6 - Alex & Shelia Arychuk 14 - EPLS Properties Ltd 15 - NCC Residential Properties Ltd.
BAKER LAKE	0		11	11 - Baker Lake Contracting Service	19	5 - Baker Lake Contracting Services 14 - NCC Residential Properties Ltd.
KUGLUKTUK	0		1	1 – Hamlet of Kugluktuk	9	8 - NCC Residential Properties Ltd. 1 – Enokhok Development Corp.
GJOA HAVEN	0		5	5 - NCC Residential Properties Ltd.	5	2 - NCC Residential Properties Ltd. 3 - NCC Gjoa Haven Inc.
Total Decentralized	0		45		165	
Other Communities						
QIKIQTARJUAQ	0	0	1	1 - B15 Ltd.	5	4 - B15 Ltd. 1 - Tulugak Co-Operative Socierty Ltd.
ARCTIC BAY	0	0	0	0	1	1 - Northview
CLYDE RIVER	0	0	4	4 – Ilisaqivik Society	8	2 – Ilisaqivik Society 6- Northview
KIMMIRUT	0	0	0	0	2	2 - Northview
HALL BEACH	0	0	0	0	4	4 - Northview
RESOLUTE BAY	0	0	0	0	0	0
SANIKILUAQ	0	0	0	0	1	1 - Kawtak Construction
GRISE FIORD	0	0	0	0	1	1- Grise Fiord Inuit Co-Operative Ltd.
CHESTERFIELD INLET	0	0	0	0	1	1 - Pitsuilak Co-Operative Association Ltd
CORAL HARBOUR	0	0	0	0	5	5 - Illagiiktut Ltd.
NAUJAAT	0	0	2	2 - Naujaat Co-Operative Ltd.	5	3 - Illagiiktut Ltd. 2 - Naujaat Co-Operative Ltd.
WHALE COVE	0	0	0	0	0	0
TALOYOAK (SPENCE BAY)	0	0	0	0	2	2 - 923117 NWT Ltd.
KUGAARUK (PELLY BAY)	0	0	0	0.	3	3 - Koomiut Co-Operative Ltd.
Total Other	0		7		38	
GN Total	10		443		541	

Table 6 - Number of Leased and Occupied Staff Housing Units

<i>GN STAFF HOUSING AS OF MARCH 31, 2020</i>				
Community	Total 3 bedroom units leased	Landlords	Total 4 bedroom units leased	Landlords
Major Communities				
IQALUIT	98	5 - GC North Inc. 1 - Midnight Sun Management 1 - Inuksugait Inc. 14 - NCC Residential Properties Ltd. 73 - Northview 1 - Nunastar 3 - TBG Construction Ltd.	11	5 - Northview 6 - TBG Construction Ltd.
RANKIN INLET	19	13 - Ilagiiktut Ltd. 3 - NCC Residential Properties Ltd. 2 - TBG Construction Ltd. 1 - Kissarvik Co-op	0	
CAMBRIDGE BAY	7	4 - Northview 3 - NCC Residential Properties Ltd.	0	
Total Major	124		11	
Decentralized Commun				
POND INLET	14	4 - Northview 10 - NCC Residential Properties Ltd.	0	
IGLOOLIK	10	9 - NCC Residential Properties Ltd. 1 - Carl's Woodworking Ltd.	2	2 - NCC Residential Properties Ltd.
PANGNIRTUNG	15	10 - NCC Residential Properties Ltd. 5 - Northview	0	
CAPE DORSET	14	10 - NCC Residential Properties Ltd. 4 - Northview	0	
ARVIAT	12	4 - Alex & Shelia Arychuk 2 - EPLS Properties Ltd 6 - NCC Residential Properties Ltd.	0	
BAKER LAKE	14	8 - Baker Lake Contracting Services 6 - NCC Residential Properties Ltd.	0	
KUGLUKTUK	8	8 - NCC Residential Properties Ltd.	0	
GJOA HAVEN	5	3 - NCC Residential Properties Ltd. 2 - NCC Gjoa Haven Inc.	0	
Total Decentralized	92		2	
QIKIQTARJUAQ	0	0	0	0
ARCTIC BAY	0	0	0	0
CLYDE RIVER	0	0	0	0
KIMMIRUT	0	0	0	0
HALL BEACH	0	0	0	0
RESOLUTE BAY	0	0	0	0
SANIKILUAQ	0	0	0	0
GRISE FIORD	0	0	0	0
CHESTERFIELD INLET	0	0	0	0
CORAL HARBOUR	0	0	0	0
NAUJAAT	0	0	0	0
WHALE COVE	2	2 - Ilagiiktut Ltd.	0	0
TALOYOAK (SPENCE BAY)	1	1 - Northview	0	0
KUGAARUK (PELLY BAY)	1	1 - Koomiut Co-Operative Ltd.	0	0
Total Other	4		0	
GN Total	220		13	

Question 7:

As of March 31, 2020, broken down by size of unit (within the meaning of Schedule E of the Government of Nunavut's Staff Housing Policy), what was the average monthly lease?

Response: No changes from 2019

As of March 31, 2020, the average monthly lease, broken down by bedroom type, in accordance with the Government of Nunavut's Staff Housing Policy Schedule E (Average Tenant lease rate), is as follows:

- a. Bachelor - \$670.00
- b. 1 Bedroom - \$1,092.00 c. 2
Bedroom - \$1,428.00 d. 3
Bedroom - \$1,746.00 e. 4
Bedroom - \$1,927.00

Question 8:

As of March 31, 2020, broken down by size of unit (within the meaning of Schedule E of the Government of Nunavut's Staff Housing Policy), what was the average monthly rent deducted from employees renting staff housing units?

Response: No changes from 2019

As of March 31, 2020, the average monthly rent deducted from employees renting staff housing units, broken down by bedroom type, in accordance with the Government of Nunavut's Staff Housing Policy Schedule E, is as follows:

- a. Bachelor - \$670.00
- b. 1 Bedroom - \$1,092.00 c. 2
Bedroom - \$1,428.00 d. 3
Bedroom - \$1,746.00 e. 4
Bedroom - \$1,927.00

Question 9:

As of March 31, 2020, what was the average monthly value of the staff housing subsidy provided to employees renting staff housing units?

Response: No changes from 2019

As of March 31, 2020, the average monthly subsidy provided to employees renting staff housing units is as follows:

- a. Bachelor - \$1,240.00**
- b. 1 Bedroom - \$1,325.00 c.**
- 2 Bedroom - \$1,545.00 d. 3**
- Bedroom - \$1,812.00 e. 4**
- Bedroom - \$2,134.00**

Question 10:

As of March 31, 2020, broken down by community and employing entity (Government of Nunavut department, Crown agency and territorial corporation), within the meaning of the "Sponsoring" provision that is provided for in Schedule A of the Government of Nunavut's Staff Housing Policy, how many contract employees of the Government of Nunavut were residing in staff housing units?

- a. How much are each employing entity paying for housing non-GN employees?
- b. Does the employing entity cover the full cost of the lease, or is it deducted from the contract employees?

Response:

Non-GN employees are typically not permitted to live in staff housing units that NHC operates through the staff housing program (as the primary tenant). Though a department can sponsor a non-GN employee under the Policy, departments typically request units for non-employees for which NHC will establish a lease agreement through a Memorandum of Understanding with the department. The requesting department is responsible for the cost of the unit and its use.

- a. Table 7 lists each employing entity and the total rent charged per community, through the Memoranda of Understanding to other GN departments, as of March 31, 2020.**

Table 7 – Total Rent Charged per MOU

Department	Community	MOU Monthly Rate	Admin Fee	Total Rent
CGS	Iqaluit	\$22,440.00	\$2,244.00	\$24,684.00
			Total	\$24,684.00
FAMILY SERVICES	Iqaluit	\$7,398.00	\$739.80	\$8,137.80
	Pond Inlet	\$2,400.00	\$240.00	\$2,640.00
	Arctic Bay	\$2,200.00	\$220.00	\$2,420.00
	Igloolik	\$2,400.00	\$240.00	\$2,640.00
			Total	\$15,837.80
EDUCATION	Baker Lake	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
	Iqaluit	\$3,053.57	\$305.36	\$3,358.93
			Total	\$5,858.93
HEALTH	Iqaluit	\$106,138.50	\$10,613.85	\$116,752.35
	Arviat	\$4,180.00	\$418.00	\$4,598.00
	Rankin Inlet	\$14,400.00	\$1,440.00	\$15,840.00
	Sanikiluaq	\$3,937.50	\$393.75	\$4,331.25
	Baker Lake	\$2,900.00	\$290.00	\$3,190.00
	Igloolik	\$2,500.00	\$250.00	\$2,750.00
	Arctic Bay	\$10,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$11,000.00
	Cambridge Bay	\$10,787.88	\$1,078.78	\$11,866.66
	Kugluktuk	\$2,983.31	\$298.33	\$3,281.64
Gjoa Haven	\$7,200.00	\$720.00	\$7,920.00	
			Total	\$181,529.90
JUSTICE	Iqaluit	\$5,435.50	\$543.55	\$5,979.05
	Taloyoak	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
	Kinngait	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
	Igloolik	\$3,937.23	\$0.00	\$3,937.23
			Total	\$14,916.28

- b. The NHC leases units for those departments requesting units through a Memoranda of Understanding. The NHC invoices each department for the cost of the lease. However, independent of the NHC, each department will have its agreements with the contract employees on what costs they cover for the lease.

Appendix A – Total Lease Payments

MARCH 2020 STAFF HOUSING LEASE PAYMENTS			
Community	Vendor	Exact monthly payment	total pymt to landlord
Iqaluit	Atilu Real Estate	\$ 3,350.00	
Iqaluit	Atilu Real Estate	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 6,650.00
Iqaluit	Thule Investments (Atilu)	\$ 3,053.57	\$ 3,053.57
		\$ 9,703.57	
Iqaluit	DJ Specialties	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 1,900.00
		\$ 1,900.00	
Iqaluit	Nunavut Employees Union Holding Corp	\$ 12,239.49	\$ 12,239.49
		\$ 12,239.49	
Pond Inlet	Toonoonik Sagoonik	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,000.00
		\$ 14,000.00	
Cape Dorset	West Baffin Eskimo Coop.Ltd	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00
		\$ 11,000.00	
Rankin Inlet	Kissarvik Co-op Ass.	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,800.00
		\$ 2,800.00	
Chesterfield Inlet	Pitsiulak Co-op Ass.	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,800.00
		\$ 2,800.00	
Arviat	EPLS PROPERTIES LTD.	\$ 39,152.00	\$ 39,152.00
Arviat	EPLS PROPERTIES LTD.	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,800.00
Arviat	EPLS PROPERTIES LTD.	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,800.00
Arviat	EPLS PROPERTIES LTD.	\$ 5,600.00	\$ 5,600.00
Arviat	EPLS PROPERTIES LTD.	\$ 6,400.00	\$ 6,400.00
Rankin Inlet	EPLS PROPERTIES LTD.	\$ 7,050.00	\$ 7,050.00
Rankin Inlet	EPLS PROPERTIES LTD.	\$ 35,600.00	\$ 35,600.00
		\$ 99,402.00	
Cambridge Bay	David and Kimberley Crockatt	\$ 2,940.00	\$ 2,940.00
		\$ 2,940.00	
Igloolik	Carl's Woodworking Ltd.	\$ 4,916.66	\$ 4,916.66
		\$ 4,916.66	
Pangnirtung	Eepow Construction Ltd.	\$ 2,170.00	\$ 2,170.00
		\$ 2,170.00	
Sanikiluaq	Kawtaq Construction Limited	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
		\$ 3,000.00	
Cambridge Bay	Enokhok Dev.Corp	\$ 21,726.00	
Cambridge Bay	Enokhok Dev.Corp	\$ 10,650.00	\$ 32,376.00
		\$ 32,376.00	
Iqaluit	Cameron & Katherine McGregor	\$ 3,850.00	\$ 3,850.00
		\$ 3,850.00	
Iqaluit	Inuksugait Inc	\$ 3,800.00	
Iqaluit	Inuksugait Inc	\$ 2,951.00	
Iqaluit	Inuksugait Inc	\$ 2,338.00	
Iqaluit	Inuksugait Inc	\$ 30,700.00	

Iqaluit	Inuksugait Inc.	\$ 68,150.00	
Iqaluit	Inuksugait Inc.	\$ 2,350.00	
Iqaluit	Inuksugait Inc.	\$ 2,422.00	
Iqaluit	Inuksugait Inc.	\$ 2,895.00	
Iqaluit	Inuksugait Inc.	\$ 2,422.00	\$ 118,028.00
		\$ 118,028.00	
Gjoa Haven	NCC GjoaHaven Inc	\$ 13,515.00	\$ 13,515.00
		\$ 13,515.00	
Iqaluit	Midnight Sun Management	\$ 3,450.00	\$ 3,450.00
		\$ 3,450.00	
Iqaluit	Nunavut Teacher's Association	\$ 13,200.00	\$ 13,200.00
		\$ 13,200.00	
Repulse Bay	Naujat Co-Op Ltd.	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00
		\$ 11,000.00	
Igloolik	Trudy Pettigrew	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00
		\$ 2,400.00	
Arviat	Alex & Sheila Arychuk - Yk	\$ 24,713.70	\$ 24,713.70
		\$ 24,713.70	
Kugaaruk	Koomiut Cooperative	\$ 11,200.00	\$ 11,200.00
		\$ 11,200.00	
Iqaluit	TBG Construction Ltd	\$ 7,700.00	
Iqaluit	TBG Construction Ltd	\$ 33,600.00	
Iqaluit	TBG Construction Ltd	\$ 18,700.00	
Iqaluit	TBG Construction Ltd	\$ 62,000.00	
Rankin Inlet	TBG Construction Ltd	\$ 52,375.00	
Rankin Inlet	TBG Construction Ltd	\$ 7,800.00	
Iqaluit	TBG Construction Ltd	\$ 5,300.00	
Iqaluit	TBG Construction Ltd	\$ 15,600.00	\$ 203,075.00
		\$ 203,075.00	
Rankin Inlet	STEPHANIE LACHANCE	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 3,800.00
		\$ 3,800.00	
Kugluktuk	Hamlet of Kugluktuk	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
		\$ 2,000.00	
Iqaluit	Tegvic Ventures	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 3,750.00
		\$ 3,750.00	
Rankin Inlet	Stacy Anawak	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
		\$ 4,000.00	
IQALUIT	SIKU SERVICES INC.	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 3,300.00
		\$ 3,300.00	
Sanikiluaq	Nunavut Construction (2009) Ltd.	\$ 2,047.50	\$ 2,047.50
Sanikiluaq	Nunavut Construction (2009) Ltd.	\$ 1,890.00	\$ 1,890.00
		\$ 3,937.50	
Clyde River	ILLISAQSIVIK SOCIETY	\$ 8,448.00	
Clyde River	ILLISAQSIVIK SOCIETY	\$ 5,248.00	\$ 13,696.00
		\$ 13,696.00	
Taloyoak	923117 NWT Ltd.	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
		\$ 4,000.00	
Qikiqtarjuaq	BI 5 LIMITED	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Qikiqtarjuaq	BI 5 LIMITED	\$ 29,750.00	\$ 29,750.00
		\$ 49,750.00	

Grise Fiord	Grise Fiord Co-op	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
		\$ 2,500.00	
Iqaluit	Nunastar Properties	\$ 64,232.45	
Iqaluit	Nunastar Properties	\$ 2,387.00	
Iqaluit	Nunastar Properties	\$ 2,119.00	
Iqaluit	Nunastar Properties	\$ 2,270.00	
Iqaluit	Nunastar Properties	\$ 2,250.00	
Iqaluit	Nunastar Properties	\$ 2,270.00	
Iqaluit	Nunastar Properties	\$ 2,220.00	
Iqaluit	Nunastar Properties	\$ 2,245.00	
Iqaluit	Nunastar Properties	\$ 2,245.00	
Iqaluit	Nunastar Properties	\$ 44,650.00	
Iqaluit	Nunastar Properties	\$ 57,900.00	
Iqaluit	Nunastar Properties	\$ 12,125.00	
Iqaluit	Nunastar Properties	\$ 2,443.00	
Iqaluit	Nunastar Properties	\$ 2,680.00	
Iqaluit	Nunastar Properties	\$ 2,655.00	
Iqaluit	Nunastar Properties	\$ 3,960.00	
Iqaluit	Nunastar Properties	\$ 1,691.00	
Iqaluit	Nunastar Properties	\$ 1,696.00	
Iqaluit	Nunastar Properties	\$ 15,876.00	\$ 227,914.45
Iqaluit	Nunastar Properties	\$ 2,970.00	\$ 2,970.00
		\$ 230,884.45	
Qikiqtarjuaq	Tulugak CO-OP	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,800.00
		\$ 2,800.00	
Arviat	NCC Residential Properties	\$ 12,889.75	
Arviat	NCC Residential Properties	\$ 12,889.75	
Arviat	NCC Residential Properties	\$ 16,112.08	
Arviat	NCC Residential Properties	\$ 12,907.81	
Arviat	NCC Residential Properties	\$ 12,907.81	
Baker Lake	NCC Residential Properties	\$ 21,496.34	
Baker Lake	NCC Residential Properties	\$ 21,496.34	
Baker Lake	NCC Residential Properties	\$ 12,907.81	
Baker Lake	NCC Residential Properties	\$ 15,489.37	
Cambridge Bay	NCC Residential Properties	\$ 16,082.09	
Cambridge Bay	NCC Residential Properties	\$ 22,742.92	
Cape Dorset	NCC Residential Properties	\$ 14,183.83	
Cape Dorset	NCC Residential Properties	\$ 14,183.83	
Cape Dorset	NCC Residential Properties	\$ 13,264.67	
Cape Dorset	NCC Residential Properties	\$ 13,264.67	
Cape Dorset	NCC Residential Properties	\$ 15,489.37	
Cape Dorset	NCC Residential Properties	\$ 15,489.37	
Gjoa Haven	NCC Residential Properties	\$ 23,338.75	
Gjoa Haven	NCC Residential Properties	\$ 16,082.09	

Igloodik	NCC Residential Properties	\$ 11,054.87	
Igloodik	NCC Residential Properties	\$ 3,684.96	
Igloodik	NCC Residential Properties	\$ 14,739.83	
Igloodik	NCC Residential Properties	\$ 14,739.83	
Igloodik	NCC Residential Properties	\$ 15,566.17	
Igloodik	NCC Residential Properties	\$ 15,748.92	
Igloodik	NCC Residential Properties	\$ 3,937.25	
Igloodik	NCC Residential Properties	\$ 11,137.59	
Igloodik	NCC Residential Properties	\$ 12,907.81	
Igloodik	NCC Residential Properties	\$ 12,907.81	
Iqaluit	NCC Residential Properties	\$ 12,224.25	
Iqaluit	NCC Residential Properties	\$ 12,224.25	
Iqaluit	NCC Residential Properties	\$ 18,269.00	
Iqaluit	NCC Residential Properties	\$ 18,269.00	
Iqaluit	NCC Residential Properties	\$ 15,489.37	
Iqaluit	NCC Residential Properties	\$ 15,489.37	
Iqaluit	NCC Residential Properties	\$ 12,907.81	
Iqaluit	NCC Residential Properties	\$ 10,326.25	
Kugluktuk	NCC Residential Properties	\$ 13,001.25	
Kugluktuk	NCC Residential Properties	\$ 13,001.25	
Kugluktuk	NCC Residential Properties	\$ 16,171.92	
Pangnirtung	NCC Residential Properties	\$ 17,733.84	
Pangnirtung	NCC Residential Properties	\$ 17,733.84	
Pangnirtung	NCC Residential Properties	\$ 15,489.37	
Pangnirtung	NCC Residential Properties	\$ 16,780.15	
Pangnirtung	NCC Residential Properties	\$ 16,780.15	
Pangnirtung	NCC Residential Properties	\$ 16,780.15	
Pangnirtung	NCC Residential Properties	\$ 10,326.25	
Pond Inlet	NCC Residential Properties	\$ 12,975.09	
Pond Inlet	NCC Residential Properties	\$ 12,975.09	
Pond Inlet	NCC Residential Properties	\$ 17,733.84	
Pond Inlet	NCC Residential Properties	\$ 15,489.37	
Pond Inlet	NCC Residential Properties	\$ 16,780.15	
Pond Inlet	NCC Residential Properties	\$ 3,356.03	
Pond Inlet	NCC Residential Properties	\$ 13,424.12	

Pond Inlet	NCC Residential Properties	\$ 12,907.81	
Rankin Inlet	NCC Residential Properties	\$ 14,643.50	
Rankin Inlet	NCC Residential Properties	\$ 21,711.59	\$ 830,637.75
		\$ 830,637.75	
Baker Lake	Baker Lake Contracting	\$ 10,600.00	
Baker Lake	Baker Lake Contracting	\$ 12,800.00	
Baker Lake	Baker Lake Contracting	\$ 2,900.00	
Baker Lake	Baker Lake Contracting	\$ 7,500.00	
Baker Lake	Baker Lake Contracting	\$ 2,500.00	
Baker Lake	Baker Lake Contracting	\$ 34,400.00	\$ 70,700.00
		\$ 70,700.00	
Coral Harbour	Ilagiiktut Limited	\$ 15,750.00	
Rankin Inlet	Ilagiiktut Limited	\$ 88,000.00	
Rankin Inlet	Ilagiiktut Limited	\$ 50,400.00	
Rankin Inlet	Ilagiiktut Limited	\$ 40,320.00	
Rankin Inlet	Ilagiiktut Limited	\$ 7,000.00	
Rankin Inlet	Ilagiiktut Limited	\$ 3,600.00	
Repulse Bay	Ilagiiktut Limited	\$ 9,450.00	
Whale Cove	Ilagiiktut Limited	\$ 6,720.00	\$ 221,240.00
		\$ 221,240.00	
Arctic Bay	NORTHVIEW APARTMENT REIT	\$ 2,467.50	
Cape Dorset	NORTHVIEW APARTMENT REIT	\$ 5,400.00	
Igloolik	NORTHVIEW APARTMENT REIT	\$ 4,950.00	
Pond Inlet	NORTHVIEW APARTMENT REIT	\$ 4,900.00	
Pangnirtung	NORTHVIEW APARTMENT REIT	\$ 3,375.00	
Clyde River	NORTHVIEW APARTMENT REIT	\$ 14,805.00	
Hall Beach	NORTHVIEW APARTMENT REIT	\$ 9,800.00	
Igloolik	NORTHVIEW APARTMENT REIT	\$ 2,700.00	
Igloolik	NORTHVIEW APARTMENT REIT	\$ 4,935.00	
Igloolik	NORTHVIEW APARTMENT REIT	\$ 2,450.00	
Kimmirut	NORTHVIEW APARTMENT REIT	\$ 4,900.00	
Cambridge Bay	NORTHVIEW APARTMENT REIT	\$ 77,280.00	
Cambridge Bay	NORTHVIEW APARTMENT REIT	\$ 73,600.00	
Cambridge Bay	NORTHVIEW APARTMENT REIT	\$ 34,150.00	
Cape Dorset	NORTHVIEW APARTMENT REIT	\$ 24,800.00	
Iqaluit	NORTHVIEW APARTMENT REIT	\$ 2,400.00	
Iqaluit	NORTHVIEW APARTMENT REIT	\$ 8,400.00	

lqaluit	NORTHVIEW APARTMENT REIT	\$ 13,380.00	
lqaluit	NORTHVIEW APARTMENT REIT	\$ 7,125.00	
lqaluit	NORTHVIEW APARTMENT REIT	\$ 68,092.50	
lqaluit	NORTHVIEW APARTMENT REIT	\$ 48,998.25	
lqaluit	NORTHVIEW APARTMENT REIT	\$ 31,525.00	
lqaluit	NORTHVIEW APARTMENT REIT	\$ 45,360.00	
lqaluit	NORTHVIEW APARTMENT REIT	\$ 23,887.50	
lqaluit	NORTHVIEW APARTMENT REIT	\$ 28,050.00	
lqaluit	NORTHVIEW APARTMENT REIT	\$ 20,000.00	
lqaluit	NORTHVIEW APARTMENT REIT	\$ 3,050.00	
lqaluit	NORTHVIEW APARTMENT REIT	\$ 12,000.00	
lqaluit	NORTHVIEW APARTMENT REIT	\$ 11,400.00	
lqaluit	NORTHVIEW APARTMENT REIT	\$ 16,975.00	
lqaluit	NORTHVIEW APARTMENT REIT	\$ 2,300.00	
lqaluit	NORTHVIEW APARTMENT REIT	\$ 41,160.00	
lqaluit	NORTHVIEW APARTMENT REIT	\$ 72,500.00	
lqaluit	NORTHVIEW APARTMENT REIT	\$ 103,795.00	
lqaluit	NORTHVIEW APARTMENT REIT	\$ 25,130.00	
lqaluit	NORTHVIEW APARTMENT REIT	\$ 168,900.00	
lqaluit	NORTHVIEW APARTMENT REIT	\$ 71,875.00	
lqaluit	NORTHVIEW APARTMENT REIT	\$ 17,600.00	
lqaluit	NORTHVIEW APARTMENT REIT	\$ 12,200.00	
lqaluit	NORTHVIEW APARTMENT REIT	\$ 10,000.00	
lqaluit	NORTHVIEW APARTMENT REIT	\$ 7,717.50	
lqaluit	NORTHVIEW APARTMENT REIT	\$ 77,336.25	
lqaluit	NORTHVIEW APARTMENT REIT	\$ 2,520.00	
lqaluit	NORTHVIEW APARTMENT REIT	\$ 111,300.00	
lqaluit	NORTHVIEW APARTMENT REIT	\$ 3,100.00	

Iqaluit	NORTHVIEW APARTMENT REIT	\$ 9,065.00	
Iqaluit	NORTHVIEW APARTMENT REIT		
Iqaluit	NORTHVIEW APARTMENT REIT	\$ 2,992.50	
Iqaluit	NORTHVIEW APARTMENT REIT	\$ 18,600.00	
Iqaluit	NORTHVIEW APARTMENT REIT	\$ 19,300.00	
Iqaluit	NORTHVIEW APARTMENT REIT	\$ 2,950.00	
Iqaluit	NORTHVIEW APARTMENT REIT	\$ 4,600.00	
Iqaluit	NORTHVIEW APARTMENT REIT	\$ 2,250.00	
Iqaluit	NORTHVIEW APARTMENT REIT	\$ 2,950.00	
Iqaluit	NORTHVIEW APARTMENT REIT	\$ 6,800.00	
Iqaluit	NORTHVIEW APARTMENT REIT	\$ 3,150.00	
Iqaluit	NORTHVIEW APARTMENT REIT	\$ 2,900.00	
Iqaluit	NORTHVIEW APARTMENT REIT	\$ 2,300.00	
Iqaluit	NORTHVIEW APARTMENT REIT	\$ 75,750.00	
Iqaluit	NORTHVIEW APARTMENT REIT	\$ 15,000.00	
Pangnirtung	NORTHVIEW APARTMENT REIT	\$ 3,150.00	
Pangnirtung	NORTHVIEW APARTMENT REIT	\$ 24,800.00	
Pond Inlet	NORTHVIEW APARTMENT REIT	\$ 24,800.00	
Taloyoak	NORTHVIEW APARTMENT REIT	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,561,947.00
		\$ 1,561,947.00	
Cambridge Bay	5043 Nunavut Ltd	\$ 10,800.00	\$ 10,800.00
		\$ 10,800.00	
Arviat	Amanda Hanson-Main	\$ 4,180.00	\$ 4,180.00
		\$ 4,180.00	
Rankin Inlet	JC Rentals and Leasing	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
		\$ 3,000.00	
Iqaluit	5554 NUNAVUT LTD.	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 17,500.00
		\$ 17,500.00	
		\$ 3,648,102.12	
		\$ 3,648,102.12	\$ 3,648,102.12



Return to Written Question

Asked by: Adam Arreak Lightstone

Asked of: Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak

Number: 73-5(2)

Date: September 24, 2020

Subject: Administration of QEC's Staff Housing 2020

Purpose: As I have previously indicated I am concerned over the lack of Inuit participation in QEC's staff housing program. To my disappointment, the response to my previous written question Inuit participation in QEC's staff housing was at 27%, which is much lower than the Inuit employment which is 51% for the same time period. I hope to see improved figures with Qulliq Energy Corporation's next response.

1. As of March 31, 2020, broken down by community and size of unit (bachelor unit, 1 bedroom unit, 2 bedroom unit, 3 bedroom unit and 4+ bedroom unit), how many staff housing units were **maintained** by the Qulliq Energy Corporation?

Answer:

	Bachelor	1 Bdrm	2 Bdrm	3 Bdrm	4 Bdrm	5 Bdrm	Total # Units
Iqaluit	1	35	19	33	5	0	93
Iqooolik	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
Pangnirtung	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
Pond Inlet	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
Kinngait	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Resolute Bay	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Santajak	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Qikiqtarjuaq	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Kimminut	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Arctic Bay	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Clyde River	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Grise Fiord	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Sankiuaq	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Rankin Inlet	0	1	3	4	0	0	8
Baker Lake	0	15	14	7	1	0	37
Arviat	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Coral Harbour	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Chesterfield Inlet	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Whale Cove	0	0	1	0	0	0	1

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Nauyasat	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Cambridge Bay	0	1	4	10	1	0	16
Gjoa Haven	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Taloyoak	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
Kugaaruk	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Kugukukuk	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Territory	2	52	54	59	11	1	179

*QEC received four housing units during the transfer of assets from Northwest Territories Power Corporation; which are not maintained nor will be renovated for use as they are in a dilapidated state of repair. These units are located in Iqloolik, Pangnirtung, Pond Inlet & Taloyoak; QEC is looking to dispose of these four units and will work with the GN and the municipalities in this process.

- How many of the units referred to in question #1 are reserved for transient use?

Answer:

	Bachelor	1 Bdrm	2 Bdrm	3 Bdrm	4 Bdrm	5 Bdrm	Total # Units
Iqaluit	1	2	0	5	0	0	8
Iqloolik	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Pangnirtung	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Pond Inlet	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Kinngat	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Resolute Bay	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Sanirajak	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Qikotarluaq	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Kimmirut	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Arctic Bay	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Clyde River	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Grise Fiord	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Sanikiluaq	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Rankin Inlet	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Baker Lake	0	1	1	0	1	0	3
Anivat	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Coral Harbour	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Chesterfield Inlet	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Whale Cove	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Nauyasat	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Cambridge Bay	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Gjoa Haven	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Taloyoak	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Kugaaruk	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Kugukukuk	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Territory	2	3	16	11	2	0	34

- As of March 31, 2020, broken down by community and size of unit (bachelor unit, 1 bedroom unit, 2 bedroom unit, 3 bedroom unit and 4+ bedroom unit), how many staff housing units were maintained by the Qulliq Energy Corporation were vacant?

Answer:

	Bachelor	1 Bdrm	2 Bdrm	3 Bdrm	4 Bdrm	5 Bdrm	Total # Vacant Units	Vacant (Ready)	Vacant (Major Renovations Required)
Iqaluit	0	2	3	10	2	0	17	10	7
Iqloolik	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
Pangnirtung	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
Pond Inlet	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1
Kinngat	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Resolute Bay	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Sanirajak	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Qikotarluaq	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kimmirut	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Arctic Bay	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clyde River	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grise Flord	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sanikiluaq	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rankin Inlet	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	2
Baker Lake	0	2	4	0	0	0	6	6	0
Arviat	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Coral Harbour	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Chesterfield Inlet	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whale Cove	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nauyasat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cambridge Bay	0	0	1	3	1	0	5	3	2
Gloa Haven	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Taloyoak	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
Kugaanuk	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Taloyoak	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Territory	1	4	16	19	7	1	34	18	16

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- As of March 31, 2020, broken down by community and size of unit (bachelor unit, 1 bedroom unit, 2 bedroom unit, 3 bedroom unit and 4+ bedroom unit), how many staff housing units were maintained by the Qulliq Energy Corporation were **not vacant**?

Answer:

	Bachelor	1 Bdrm	2 Bdrm	3 Bdrm	4 Bdrm	5 Bdrm	Total # Occupied Units
Iqaluit	1	33	16	23	3	0	76
Iqloolik	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pangnirtung	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pond Inlet	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kinngait	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Resolute Bay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sanirajak	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Qikiqtarluq	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kimminut	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arctic Bay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clyde River	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grise Flord	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sanikiluaq	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rankin Inlet	0	1	3	1	0	0	5
Baker Lake	0	13	9	7	0	0	29
Arviat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Coral Harbour	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chesterfield Inlet	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whale Cove	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nauyasat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cambridge Bay	0	1	2	7	0	0	10
Gloa Haven	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Taloyoak	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kugaanuk	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kuquluktuk	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Territory	1	48	30	38	3	0	120

*Difference between total occupied units in Iqaluit and the subtotals of Nunavut Inuit and non-Nunavut Inuit by position category in Iqaluit (Question 5 & 6) is 1 contractor who is overseeing a review of QEC's metering and billing process. This is a 6 month contract.

*Transient units in all communities have been omitted with the exception of Iqaluit as they are used for staff travelling for maintenance purposes and to perform other duties throughout the territory.

- As of March 31, 2020, broken down by community, and category of position (Executive, Senior Management, Middle Management, Professional,

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Paraprofessional, Administrative Support), how many staff housing units were rented to employees who were **Nunavut Inuit**?

Answer:

	Executive	Senior Management	Middle Management	Professional	Paraprofessional	Administrative Support	Total # of Inuit in Staff Housing
Iqaluit	0	0	1	7	4	1	13
Igloolik	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pangnirtung	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pond Inlet	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kinngait	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Resolute Bay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sanirajak	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Qikiqtarjuaq	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kimminut	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arctic Bay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clyde River	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grise Fiord	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sanikiluaq	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rankin Inlet	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Baker Lake	0	0	1	2	4	5	12
Arviat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Coral Harbour	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chesterfield Inlet	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whale Cove	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nauyasat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cambridge Bay	0	0	0	1	2	1	4
Gloa Haven	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Taloyoak	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kugaanuk	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kugluktuk	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Territory	0	0	2	10	11	7	30

6. As of March 31, 2020, broken down by community, and category of position (Executive, Senior Management, Middle Management, Professional, Paraprofessional, Administrative Support), how many staff housing units were rented to employees who were **not Nunavut Inuit**?

Answer:

	Executive	Senior Management	Middle Management	Professional	Paraprofessional	Administrative Support	Total # of Non- Inuit in Staff Housing
Iqaluit	1	5	11	39	6	0	62
Igloolik	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pangnirtung	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pond Inlet	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kinngait	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Resolute Bay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sanirajak	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Qikiqtarjuaq	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kimminut	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arctic Bay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clyde River	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grise Fiord	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sanikiluaq	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rankin Inlet	0	0	0	4	0	0	4
Baker Lake	0	2	5	9	1	0	17
Arviat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Coral Harbour	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chesterfield Inlet	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whale Cove	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nauyasat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cambridge Bay	0	0	2	4	0	0	6
Gloa Haven	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Taloyoak	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kugaanuk	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kugluktuk	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Territory	1	7	18	56	7	0	89

7. As of March 31, 2020, broken down by community and size of unit (bachelor unit, 1 bedroom unit, 2 bedroom unit, 3 bedroom unit and 4+ bedroom unit), how

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many of the staff housing units referred to in question #1 were owned by the Qulliq Energy Corporation?

Answer:

	Bachelor	1 Bdrm	2 Bdrm	3 Bdrm	4 Bdrm	5 Bdrm	QEC # Owned Staff Housing Units
Iqaluit	0	0	0	10	2	0	12
Iqoolik	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
Pangnirtung	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
Pond Inlet	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
Kinngait	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Resolute Bay	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Sanirajak	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Qikiqtarjuaq	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Kimminut	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Arctic Bay	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Clyde River	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Grise Fiord	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Sanikiluaq	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Rankin Inlet	0	0	1	4	0	0	5
Baker Lake	0	2	3	0	1	0	6
Arviat	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Coral Harbour	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Chesterfield Inlet	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Whale Cove	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Nauyasat	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Cambridge Bay	0	0	0	5	1	0	6
Gloa Haven	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Taloyoak	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
Kugaaruk	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Kugluktuk	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Territory	0	3	18	24	8	1	54

8. As of March 31, 2020, broken down by community and size of unit (bachelor unit, 1 bedroom unit, 2 bedroom unit, 3 bedroom unit and 4+ bedroom unit), how many of the staff housing units referred to in question #1 were **leased** by the Qulliq Energy Corporation?

Answer:

	Bachelor	1 Bdrm	2 Bdrm	3 Bdrm	4 Bdrm	5 Bdrm	QEC # Leased Staff Housing Units
Iqaluit	1	35	19	23	3	0	81
Iqoolik	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pangnirtung	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pond Inlet	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kinngait	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Resolute Bay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sanirajak	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Qikiqtarjuaq	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kimminut	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arctic Bay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clyde River	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grise Fiord	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sanikiluaq	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rankin Inlet	0	1	2	0	0	0	3
Baker Lake	0	13	11	7	0	0	31
Arviat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Coral Harbour	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chesterfield Inlet	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whale Cove	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nauyasat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cambridge Bay	0	1	4	5	0	0	10
Gloa Haven	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Taloyoak	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kugaaruk	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kugluktuk	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Territory	1	50	36	35	3	0	125

9. As of March 31, 2020, what was the average monthly value of the staff housing **subsidy** provided to employees renting staff housing units?

Answer:

As of March 31, 2020, the average monthly staff housing rental subsidy provided to employees is \$1918. This does not include utilities, due to the variable nature of unit sizes, time of year, and occupant heat and water usage these subsidy averages are difficult to provide accurately.

10. As of March 31, 2020, broken down by community, how many individuals were on the staff housing **waiting list**?

Answer:

There are no employees on the staff housing waiting list.

11. In a previous response QEC had indicated that there were zero employees on the waitlist. Does QEC have an application process for employees who wish to participate in the staff housing program?

Answer:

Yes, QEC has a staff housing application process for employees.

12. In a previous response QEC had indicated that there is not a **Rental Assistance Program** similar to that offered by The Government of Nunavut Staff housing Policy to ensure lower income employees in staff housing are charged affordable rent, why is that?

Answer:

In total, the housing compensation package for employees includes subsidized housing with rental rates that are lower than the GN's rates. Also, QEC pays for water, sewer and garbage to the units which the GN does not. QEC believes this to adequately compensate for the lack of a rental assistance program.

13. In a previous response QEC had indicated that the Corporation encourages homeownership by providing a household allowance to employees that are not in staff housing, as of March 31, 2020 how many employees receive this benefit?

Answer:

26 employees receive this benefit of which 2 were on leave without pay, they have now returned to work.

14. In the 2018-2019 Annual report of the Qulliq Energy Corporation, Note 13 – other income, identifies housing recoveries of employees to be \$1,481,000. What was the total cost associated with Qulliq Energy Corporation’s staff housing in the 2018-2019 fiscal year?

Answer:

In fiscal year 2018-2019, \$4,135,322 was paid for employees’ rent.

15. The Nunavut Housing Corporation Schedule B – consolidated schedule of expense by type provides detailed expenditures by type for the staff housing program, can the Qulliq Energy Corporation provide the same level of **detail for the cost** of staff housing program for the 2018-2019 fiscal year?

Answer:

QEC’s finance department does not capture information in the manner that NHC does and therefore cannot identify the various elements that NHC reports on. QEC will review these reporting categories and consider incorporating more detail into subsequent financial reports.

16. As the Corporation’s staff housing program is essential to program delivery, as well as the fact that the costly program represents 4% of total expenditures in 2017-18, why are the costs not disclosed into the financial statements?

Answer:

The costs are disclosed in the financial statements but are not separated out because 4% is a fairly small number relative to the other categories that are listed and Public Service Accounting Standards makes no request for this detail.

17. In the Qulliq Energy Corporation annual contracting, procurement and leasing activity report, Appendix 5 Leases, identifies the landlord of each leased property. Will the Qulliq Energy Corporation identify the actual owner of each property that is leased in 2018-2019 fiscal year, and going forward?

Answer:

Yes, the owner of each property will be disclosed in the next and future Contracts, Purchasing and Leasing report.

18. In the Qulliq Energy Corporation annual contracting, procurement and leasing activity report, Appendix 5 Leases, identifies the landlord of each leased property. What procedures does Qulliq Energy Corporation have in place to identify the actual owner of each property that is leased?

Answer:

QEC's older lease stated "the Landlord has the authority to permit the occupancy of the rental premises to Qulliq Energy Corporation".

Newer leases have the following clause:

"ABILITY TO LEASE

That the Landlord has the capacity and is entitled to enter into this Lease, and that the nature of the Landlord's possession of the Building legally entitles the Landlord to lease the Building under the Terms contained herein for the entire Term of this Lease and for any Extended Term thereof."

New leases are also verified through legal registries for the ownership of the property.

19. Does Qulliq Energy Corporation currently lease staff housing units from Qulliq Energy Corporation employees?

Answer:

No.