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Iqaluit, Nunavut
Tuesday, May 27, 2025

Members Present:

Hon. David Akeeagok, Hon. P.J. Akeeagok, Hon. Tony Akoak, Mr. Bobby Anavilok, Ms. Janet Brewster, Hon. Pamela Gross, Hon. David Joanasie, Mr. Joeline Kaerner, Ms. Mary Killiktee, Mr. Adam Lightstone, Hon. John Main, Mr. Solomon Malliki, Ms. Karen Nutarak, Hon. Margaret Nakashuk, Mr. Daniel Qavvik, Ms. Joanna Quassa, Mr. Joseph Quqqiaq, Mr. Alexander Sammurtok, Mr. Joe Savikataaq, Mr. Craig Simailak.

>>*House commenced at 13:30*

Item 1: Opening Prayer

Speaker (Mr. Tony Akoak) (interpretation): *Ullaakuut*. Good afternoon. Mr. Anavilok will say opening prayer before we proceed.

>>*Prayer*

Speaker's Statement

Speaker (interpretation): Good afternoon. Hon. Minister of Languages, Mr. Pauloosie Akeeagok.

Item 2: Ministers' Statements

Minister's Statement 596 – 6(2): IUT – Supporting Inuktitut through Development of New Terminology

Hon. P.J. Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I say good afternoon to my colleagues and all the visitors. Please feel welcome, and everyone in Nunavut that's visiting.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share the work of Inuit *Uqausinginnik Taiguusiliuqtiit*, which is an independent statutory body established under the *Inuit Language Protection Act*.

(interpretation ends) With renewed leadership and the support of the Department of Culture and Heritage, the organization is advancing language with clarity, commitment, and collaboration.

(interpretation) Mr. Speaker, six terminology sessions were scheduled and completed during the financial year 2024–2025. These workshops—three in Inuktitut and three in Inuinnaqtun—brought together language specialists from all regions of Nunavut.

As a result, over 600 new terms were developed and approved by the Inuit *Uqausinginnik Taiguusiliuqtiit* board of directors. Many of these terms are related to education, contributing to the development of the new Made-in-Nunavut Education curriculum to help our students learn in Inuktitut.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, Inuktitut is a vibrant language that is adapting to the 21st century. Developing new terminology is essential in fostering the use of Inuktitut in the years ahead.

This work reflects the broader mandate of Inuit *Uqausinginnik Taiguusiliuqtiit* to support the promotion of Inuktitut. By engaging with the departments, agencies, as well as Inuit organizations and the public, we are ensuring Inuktitut continues to grow as a language of learning, governance, and daily life.

Qujannamiik, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Minister's Statement. Hon. Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Nunavut, Mr. Joanasie.

Minister's Statement 597 – 6(2): Working Together on Infrastructure

Hon. David Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and good day, MLAs and Nunavummiut.

Mr. Speaker, the infrastructure gap across Nunavut is real, and the needs are both immediate and long-term. From water treatment and power generation to health centres, schools, airports, and recreational infrastructure, every community is impacted by aging assets, limited capacity, and growing demands. These challenges aren't just about infrastructure – they affect how people live, and need to be addressed through a coordinated effort across the territory.

Mr. Speaker, at times, the scale of these challenges seems daunting; however, I believe we are taking the strategic steps necessary to address them. My department plays a central role in advancing infrastructure development through a strategic and coordinated approach. The team responsible for managing infrastructure funding agreements helps establish agreements and facilitate access to federal infrastructure funding in the service of our client departments. In many ways, this team functions like the rope that binds together a qamutik – while it may not haul the load itself, it ensures that everything is securely in place, enabling the journey to move forward smoothly and with purpose. These agreements, delivered in partnership with agencies such as Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada, Transport Canada, and Environment and Climate Change Canada, support a wide range of projects and enable us to respond to the financial scale of our infrastructure needs.

Mr. Speaker, while we are making progress, we acknowledge that more work is needed to fully understand the needs of each community. Strengthening our data, improving internal coordination, and developing clear infrastructure plans – at both the departmental and Government of Nunavut-wide levels – is essential. These tools will allow us to have meaningful, evidence-based discussions with our federal partners, clearly articulate our priorities, and present a compelling vision for continued federal investments in Nunavut.

(interpretation) Mr. Speaker, looking ahead, we will continue working closely with departments, agencies, communities, and Inuit organizations and other stakeholders to better define our infrastructure priorities. By doing so, we ensure that the projects we advance are grounded in local needs and aligned with the government's mandate. Through thoughtful planning and collaboration, we can build momentum and secure the investments needed to deliver lasting results.

Mr. Speaker, by working together – and guided by the principles of *aajiiqatigiinniq*, *piliriqatiginniq*, and *Qanuqtuurniq* – we remain committed to building stronger, more resilient communities across Nunavut.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister's Statement. Hon. Minister of Family Services, Ms. Nakashuk.

Minister's Statement 598 – 6(2): Sexual Abuse Action Plan

Hon. Margaret Nakashuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon, my colleagues, and everyone in Nunavut. I say good afternoon.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight work Family Services and its partners are doing to keep children and youth safe during sexual abuse and neglect disclosures.

The Government of Nunavut's departments of Family Services, Education, Health, and Justice, as well as the RCMP and the Umingmak Centre, are partners in Surusinit Ikajuqtiit, otherwise known as the Child Abuse and Neglect Response Agreement. The partners recently reviewed and amended the agreement and are expected to sign it next month.

The renewed agreement strengthens interdepartmental collaboration and clearly outlines responsibilities for reporting, investigating, and supporting disclosures of child abuse and neglect. It includes a new Disclosure Referral Roadmap, updated joint investigation protocols, and stronger mechanisms for training and evaluation. Training modules for service providers are simultaneously being developed.

The partners are now focussing their attention on the development of a sexual abuse action plan, utilizing Greenland's action plan as a framework. A whole of government response will be used to develop this action plan.

In January 2025, a third-party resource was retained to assist in the development of the sexual abuse action plan, and interviews with Government of Nunavut departments, including Nunavut Tunngavik and the Representative for Children and Youth, began. A list of action items was developed, and through an in-person engagement of the stakeholders earlier this month, action items were assigned priorities, key indicators, timelines, and accountabilities. Once this action plan is drafted, next steps will include a collaborative engagement with all the government departments providing input and agreement on our path forward.

These steps will then lay the groundwork to complete a comprehensive implementation plan, which will include a thorough communications strategy and training roadmap, utilizing the online Child Abuse and Neglect Response Agreement training modules for service providers as a foundation. The communications strategy will focus on increasing public education surrounding child sexual abuse. This important work demonstrates the partners' commitment to improving the safety of children.

Qujannamiik, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Minister statement. Hon. Minister of Human Resources, Mr. David Akeeagok.

Minister's Statement 599 – 6(2): Tuglirijavut Student Employment Program

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to share good news on the launch of the Government of Nunavut's newly revitalized student employment program, Tuglirijavut. Tuglirijavut, meaning "our next ones," highlights the significance of this initiative. It represents the future of our public service, guided by the next generation of engaged employees and leaders.

This program, Mr. Speaker, offers not only summer placements but also year-round employment opportunities for Nunavut students looking to complement their studies with meaningful on-the-job experience, training and skills development. Tuglirijavut prioritizes Inuit student employment, and promotes Pilimmaksarniq/Pijariuqsarniq, serving as a pathway to attract students in pursuing and completing post-secondary education that are aligned with a career in public service.

Mr. Speaker, the Government of Nunavut's has been recognized as an employer of choice for young people. Tuglirijavut demonstrates why we have been awarded this honour – a

public service that opens its doors to learners and new graduates, and provides them with meaningful work and learning and supports youth through mentorship and other career supports, will lead to an engaged and representative workforce into the future.

Qujannamiik, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Minister's Statement. Hon. Minister of Health, Mr. Main.

Minister's Statement 600 – 6(2): Reduced Wait Times for Colonoscopies in Nunavut

Hon. John Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I say good day to the people of Nunavut and my colleagues.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share some encouraging news – we have seen a significant reduction in wait times for endoscopy procedures, specifically colonoscopies, here in Nunavut.

Canadian guidelines recommend that endoscopies for most reasons should be completed in less than 60 days. Unfortunately, while that is the benchmark, it is rarely met. Most Canadian jurisdictions report average wait times ranging from three to six months—or even longer. Our waitlist reduction means most new referrals for endoscopy in Nunavut can now be completed within the recommended 60-day timeframe—putting us on track to meet, and even exceed, national standards.

Mr. Speaker, when we began our focused efforts on our waitlist, the situation was concerning. As of June 1st, 2024, approximately 750 Nunavummiut were waiting for this important diagnostic procedure. The average wait ranged from 6 to 18 months.

Now, I am pleased to report our waitlist has been reduced down to approximately 150 patients. This success was the result of a collaborative effort led by Dr. Colin Clarkson. I would like to recognize all the dedicated operating room booking staff, operating room nurses, cleaners, equipment reprocessing staff, surgeons, and anesthetists who contributed. Our staff worked as a team in addressing the backlog and improving patient care.

Looking ahead, as we launch our territory-wide colorectal cancer screening program, there will be more demand for this procedure. Our goal is to maintain a waitlist that remains low enough to consistently allow for timely bookings within the Canadian guidelines. The progress we have made gives us reason for optimism. From being among the slowest in the country for endoscopy wait times, Nunavut has now become one of the best. With continued support and the right investments, I am confident we can maintain and build on this success in the long term.

With the ongoing launch of our territory-wide colorectal cancer screening program, matched with the reduced wait times for colonoscopy, we have taken a significant step toward improving health outcomes for Nunavummiut. Without the efforts of our dedicated staff, none of this would be possible, and I pay tribute to their skill, their vision, and their dedication to serving Nunavut residents.

Matna, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Item 3. Members' Statements. Member for Netsilik, Mr. Quqqiaq.

Item 3: Members' Statements

Member's Statement 801 – 6(2): Birthday Greetings to Son

Mr. Quqqiaq (interpretation): I thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today May 27, 2025. My eldest son is having his birthday today. I say happy birthday to him. I love him dearly, my son in Taloyoak. Have a very good day. And I thank you for your big help to your elders, your grandmother and your grandfather. You provide them with fish, caribou. Anything you harvest you provide. Have a very good day and just to say happy birthday to my eldest son. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Member's Statement. Member for Aggu, Ms. Quassa.

Member's Statement 802 – 6(2): Nunavut Sivuniksavut Graduates

Ms. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to show my appreciation to my fellow residents who just finished a course in Nunavut Sivuniksavut, Frank Angalik (ph), Sarah Pilamiki (ph), and Brent Quassa, in the first year of Nunavut Sivuniksavut program. These three just completed the course. If they continue on and hopefully they will success. And also I appreciate the fellow students that passed the course as well. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Member's Statement. Member for Kugluktuk, Mr. Anavilok.

Member's Statement 803 – 6(2): Recognition of Nunavummiut

Mr. Anavilok (interpretation): (no interpretation) Charlie Hinali (ph), Jane Arnaktu (ph) Jean Miuk (ph), Bobby Algoona (ph) Alice Eequa (ph) Roger Iquluk (ph), Stanley Klinkenberg (ph), Mona Tiktalik (ph), Laura Quotiktoq (ph), that have been working for a long time and have been helping Doris Iliktea (ph). She was an interpreter, Mona Tiktalik (ph) and later Roger Qikloqtoq (ph). And he has offered help them with the

Rangers with search and rescue. Taqqaugaq, that have committed suicide, Larry Adjun (ph), Mavis Adjun (ph) Richard Takana (ph), Peter Taqtuqun (ph).

Mr. Speaker, last month in May, Commissioner Aariak presented the King Charles III Coronation Medals to Alice Eequa, Roger Qikloqtoq, Carrie and Irene Horne. Commissioner Awards to Roger Qikloqtoq and Marjorie Qaviq (ph).

Coronation Medals were given Commissioner Eva Aariak, Premier P.J. Akeeagok, and other organizations in Nunavut to recognize Nunavummiut who have worked hard to support others, inspire our youth, and care for our environment.

The Commissioner presented the Order of Canada on behalf of Her Excellency Mary Simon to Brett Peterson, who has served the communities of Canada's central Arctic region for seven decades. An entrepreneur and community leader, he has made significant contributions to the region's economic and social development. He has been chair of the Coppermine settlement education and health councils and has served as a longtime Canadian Ranger. Former member and speaker of the Northwest Territories Legislature, and subsequently mayor of Kugluktuk. He has been integral to the growth and evolution of public government in the north. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Member's Statement. Member for Quttiktuq, Mr. David Akeeagok.

Member's Statement 804 – 6(2): Iga Atagutsiaq lighting the Qulliq

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, today at 11 o'clock our King gave a Throne Speech at the Senate chambers. I was really proud of an individual who lit the qulliq in the chamber, Iga Atagutsiaq, who is originally from Arctic Bay, who has been living in Ottawa for a time now. She lit the qulliq, and it was visible to see the qulliq and the individual who lit the qulliq. I was very proud of her, and I would like to express my pride to her here. We were so appreciative that we couldn't hear the words she was expressing. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Member's Statement. Member for Baker Lake, Mr. Simailak.

Member's Statement 805 – 6(2): Baker Lake Awards

Mr. Simailak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon. Let's have a good day and have a good day.

Mr. Speaker, May 7 was a great event in Baker Lake. King Charles Award was given to two individuals in Baker Lake. First, Peter Taputai (ph) and Peter Ivik (ph), who started

Arctic Limited and worked with IBC. I think everyone knows him then as Super Samu. I used to watch him as a child, when they would air Super Samu show. He is very active in the community and the council in Baker Lake, and tirelessly worked with Agnico Eagle, and had worked since the advent of the mine in Baker Lake. He has helped many individuals in Baker Lake. I would like to acknowledge you.

And the next one being Irene Avala Kiktalaq (ph), who was also recognized in the month of March. It's unfortunate she passed away. Avala, since I was child I knew her. She hunted. She had skills, and she would make many crafts. A seamstress. And she was recognized with Commissioner's Arts Awards last year. Her art was displayed in Toronto and many other places. Avala, I still think of you.

I believe that is all, Mr. Speaker, thank you.

Speaker: Member's Statement. Item 4, Returns to Oral Questions. Item 5, Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Iqaluit-Sinaa, Ms. Brewster.

Item 5: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery

Ms. Brewster: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Hello, everybody who is listening and is here.

I'm really happy to see that my dear sister-in-law Jessica Patterson is back in the House. We've been having a really nice time visiting. And there's a video that's going around showing two Australian sisters who speak in union, finishing each other's sentences, and we are at that point in our visit. I'm always so full of joy when Jessica is here, and it's kind of bitter sweet because she will be leaving tomorrow, and so then I have to go to New Zealand to visit her.

Mr. Speaker, many people in the House recognize Miles Tukulegs Brewster, my son, and I'm really happy to have his father Bruce Uviluq join us in the House today. Bruce is legal counsel for NTI. He's a member of the Nunavut Bar. He taught at Ottawa U, where he actually went to law school and got his law degree. He taught at the Nunavut law program. He's also taught environmental law at the environmental technology program, so many, many students will recognize Bruce. He's also really important to me as a friend. He pulled in on his snowmobile this past weekend, and I went outside to meet him, and I had a cup of coffee in my hand and I slipped down the stairs. As soon as my bum hit the first step, I started laughing, and then it just kept going. And right at the bottom Bruce caught me, and he was not laughing. He immediately hit his first aid mode, which he learned from working in the territorial parks here, And assessed whether or not I was okay, and I was. And that really speaks to the nature of our relationship. There's a Japanese proverb that says fall down seven times and get up eight, and what I know about Bruce is that I can always count on him to catch me, if I fall. And he knows that I will do that for him, and so do our family and friends. And that's because we had a song when we were dating, which Jessica I'm sure will learn and sing. It's by a musician

called Danny Michelle, and it's called "I will love you for miles", and I always will. Please join me in become welcoming Bruce and Jessica to their house. Thank you.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Welcome to the Assembly. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Baker Lake, Mr. Simailak.

Mr. Simailak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's not often that I get to do this. This one is extra special. My two daughters are here with me on this trip. They are helping in this House as well as they are pages, Mr. Speaker. They are twins. The first one, the older twin is Lilly Atangat Ukatiku. She's sitting across diagonally.

>> *Applause*

Mr. Simailak: And her younger twin, Maggie Hingaqtu Ukatiku.

>> *Applause*

We're glad they could help to make this trip more meaningful and special for me. It's not often I have family here for these meetings so it has been much better for me. Please welcome them. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Welcome to your Assembly. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Item 6, Oral Questions. Member for Hudson Bay, Mr. Qavvik.

Item 6: Oral Questions

Oral Question 1248 – 6(2): Air Travel in the North

Mr. Qavvik: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and good afternoon to my constituents. My questions are for the Minister responsible for the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure, and they concern the issue of air service in the north.

Mr. Speaker, my colleague from Iqaluit-Sinaa asked important questions yesterday about the proposed sale of Canadian North to the Exchange Income Corporation. As the minister is aware, the announcement about the sale indicated:

"The acquisition excludes the Montreal to Kuujuaq route, which will be maintained by one of the vendors, Makivik Corporation."

Mr. Speaker, I myself flew to Iqaluit last week for our sitting by taking the Montreal to Kuujjuaq-Iqaluit route. Can the minister clarify what discussions he has had with the leadership of Air Inuit and the Makivvik Corporation regarding the future status of the Kuujjuaq-Iqaluit portion of this route. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Hon. Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Nunavut, Mr. Joanasie.

Hon. David Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the Government of Nunavut, we acknowledge that the acquisition is a significant one in Nunavut's airline industry, and we do want to again maintain the services that we've seen to date, if not better.

With regards to the question on the Kuujjuaq-Montreal-Iqaluit route, I haven't had any specific discussions with senior management of Canadian North or Makivvik, but I do know that we will continue to advocate for Nunavut's interests throughout this acquisition and beyond. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: First supplementary, Mr. Qavvik.

Mr. Qavvik: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, it is not easy for residents of my community to get to the capital city of their own territory. Our remote location and the high cost of northern air travel are major factors. I would like to ask the minister, can he indicate what consideration is being given to revisiting the pilot project that the government launched a few years ago, to work with a smaller carrier to provide direct service between Sanikiluaq and Iqaluit. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Nunavut, Mr. Joanasie.

Hon. David Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and again Mr. Speaker, we expect open communications from Income Exchange Corporation as well as Canadian North throughout this process, as we and evaluate potential impacts, and also looking forward.

With regards to the question that my colleague asked around the pilot project, I don't know if we're in a position yet to reevaluate that pilot project at this time, but we will consider all options as we proceed. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Second and final supplementary, Mr. Qavvik.

Mr. Qavvik: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my community is the most southern community in Nunavut. I also feel for the people of Grise Fiord, who live over 2,000 kilometres north of us. The cost of air travel is also prohibitive for ordinary residents of the community. Mr. Speaker, can the minister indicate what discussions he plans to have

with the new national Minister Of Transport to address the high cost of air travel in the north. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Nunavut, Mr. Joanasie.

Hon. David Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Throughout the Income Exchange Corporation and Canadian North transaction, as it proceeds, we want to maintain fair and reasonable airline pricing for passengers, and recognizing that it is an essential service to our communities. Whether it's Grise Fiord, Sanikiluaq, Kimmirut, Kugluktuk, every community needs a level of service and we want to maintain a standard that suits everybody's needs across.

We will continue to put that forward on our federal partners' forefront, to ensure that Nunavummiut needs and travel service requirements are met. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Member for Tununiq, Ms. Nutarak.

Oral Question 1249 – 6(2): Airport Infrastructure

Ms. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon to the people of Nunavut and have a good day.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, my questions are for the new Department of Transportation and Infrastructure. As the minister will recall, I raised concerns during our recent winter sitting regarding the urgent need to repair the fencing around Pond Inlet's airport. At the time I noted that the fencing around the airport was not in good condition, which was resulting in situations where animals, people, and vehicles were endangering themselves and others by crossing the airstrip and being in an unsafe area. Can the new minister confirm that the work to repair the fencing has been successfully completed. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Hon. Minister for Transportation and Infrastructure Nunavut, Mr. Joanasie.

Hon. David Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I am gaining my bearings on this new transportation file, and as it pertains to the specific question my colleague asked, I'll have to get details around that and get back to her with some further details. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: First supplementary, Ms. Nutarak.

Ms. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) As the minister will recall, the updated 20-Year Airport Capital Needs Assessment, the report identifies a number of immediate issues with the current airport, including the need for a

major overlay of the taxiway and apron. Can the minister confirm when this work will begin. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Nunavut, Mr. Joanasie.

Hon. David Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the Transportation Branch does on a regular basis do try to address issues as they arise on airport operations and maintenance. Regarding Pond Inlet specifically, I don't have the level of detail that she is asking about, but I do consider that the airport safety management systems, they are complex and there's reporting requirements and audits done, especially when they are time-sensitive. We try to make sure that we're following through the processes in our reporting requirements. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Second and final supplementary, Ms. Nutarak.

Ms. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Mr. Minister.

(interpretation ends) As the minister will recall, the government's first 20-Year Airport Infrastructure Need Assessment recommended that a feasibility study be undertaken to determine the costs and benefits of constructing a new high Arctic hub airport at Pond Inlet, for civil for military purposes. The report also identified Pond Inlet as a site of strategic military importance on the Northwest Passage.

Mr. Speaker, the current national focus on Arctic security and sovereignty means that this is a good opportunity to revisit the issue with the federal government. Can the new minister confirm when he will be meeting with Canada's new national Minister of Transportation to discuss areas of investment and cooperation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Nunavut, Mr. Joanasie.

Hon. David Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my department will continue to work to prioritize our resources and delivering on different projects, runway projects or right now we have a slew of air terminal buildings that we have constructed and are now on line.

Regarding the 20-year needs assessment, that particular resource has also provided us some insight on how we want to proceed with prioritizing different projects.

With regards to questions around when I'm meeting with the transport minister, we are engaging at the staff level to set up meetings with my counterparts, and I would be happy to share the outcome of those discussions after they have occurred. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Member for Amittuq, Mr. Kaernerck.

Oral Question 1250 – 6(2): Igloolik Department of Environment Vacant Positions

Mr. Kaernerck (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon, my colleagues. I would like to address my question to the Minister of Environment in regards to employment positions in Igloolik.

Can the minister identify the status in regard to environmental technology staff, like for example environmental technologists and wildlife biologists, the staff in Igloolik, I would like to know how many positions are filled and how many position are vacant in the Department of Environment in that community. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Hon. Minister of Environment, Mr. Joanasie.

Hon. David Joanasie (interpretation): Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the Department of Environment has researcher positions. Last April there were eight or six positions that were vacant. Out of eight, the six positions in Igloolik -- what the numbers are. (interpretation ends) Six out of the eight vacant position are in Igloolik. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: First supplementary, Mr. Kaernerck.

Mr. Kaernerck (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. These positions remain vacant, although they remain very important. Like for example I talked about the environmental technology or wildlife biologist. What is your department planning for the positions that cannot be filled for the community of Igloolik? What are your current plans to hire casuals as Inuit? Because we used to have, Josiah Qadlutiaq (ph) was an elder, and he was a very capable worker. I was wondering if you can look at, have you looked to make sure that you fill these positions with Inuit people. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister of Environment, Mr. Joanasie.

Hon. David Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you. Just to further clarify, the Department of Environment is trying to fill the positions that are vacant. There are 59.5 positions from all the departments, and the 37 vacant positions are in the stage of advertising. (interpretation ends) They are at various stages of staffing. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Second and final supplementary, Mr. Kaernerck.

Mr. Kaernerck: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The minister did not respond to my question. Let me try it this way, Mr. Speaker. These vacant positions the wildlife officer from

Sanirajak goes back and forth. Igloolik is more populated than Sanirajak. Can you fill that position in Igloolik as soon as possible. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister of Environment, Mr. Joanasié.

Hon. David Joanasié (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Department of Environment have been trying to fill this vacant positions in various communities, including Igloolik. And as well we have been trying to utilize the guardians, like for example they have utilized the guardians in other communities and they have been doing that work in the communities. But sometimes in the communities that don't have wildlife officers, the other surrounding community, the wildlife officer goes to the other communities. And also the positions that need to be filled in Igloolik, we're working on it. I will inform the Member once there's any more further movement on this. Thank you.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Member for Netsilik, Mr. Quqqiaq.

Oral Question 1251 – 6(2): Revitalization of the Nattilingmiutut Dialect

Mr. Quqqiaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my questions are for the Minister of Languages and they concern the revitalization of the Netsilingmiut dialect.

Mr. Speaker, as you are well aware, the Netsilingmiut dialect is spoken in the eastern part of the Kitikmeot region. Mr. Speaker, Statistics Canada released a Languages In Nunavut report, based off statistics collected in 2021. The report indicates that less than 40 per cent of the population in Taloyoak and Kugaaruk identifies Inuktitut as their mother tongue. This statistic highlights the need to promote and revitalize the Netsilingmiutut dialect in our communities.

Mr. Speaker, as the minister is aware, the *Katujjiluta* mandate was tabled in the House March 22, 2022. The mandate indicates that “we will prioritize the Inuit language and cultural strengthening our foundations and our resilience.”

Mr. Speaker, the question is: Can the minister clarify what actions his department has undertaken to support the promotion of the Inuit language, more specifically the Netsilingmiutut dialect. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Hon. Minister of Languages, Mr. Pauloosie Akeeagok.

Hon. P.J. Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I would like to thank the member for lobbying on these languages. And I do agree with you about the importance of using the Inuktitut language. When we have monies available, for example,

the Netsilik Heritage Society has been getting some money to revitalize the Netsilingmiut dialect. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: First supplementary, Mr. Quqqiaq.

Mr. Quqqiaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the department's Uqausivut 2.0 Strategy is a five-year implementation plan that outlines four primary outcomes. One of those identified outcomes is a language revitalization with the emphasis on communities most affected by language loss.

Mr. Speaker, Uqausivut 2.0 also indicates that one of its strategic priorities is to “develop regional language plans that align with the Government of Nunavut’s language planning process for each region, incorporating input from regional focus group consultations to ensure grassroots participation and local regional relevance.”

Mr. Speaker, when I raised this issue, the minister committed to getting back to me with more details. Mr. Speaker, can the minister provide a substantive update today on the status of the Netsilik regional language plan. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister of Languages, Mr. Pauloosie Akeeagok.

Hon. P.J. Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I would like to thank my colleague. I will get further details on what the status is of the Netsilik Regional Language Plan, and I will get back to the member and give him an update once I have the details. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Second and final supplementary, Mr. Kaernerck.

Mr. Kaernerck: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Uqausivut 2.0 was tabled in the House on June 14, 2018. The government’s approved 2025-2026 business plan indicates that one of its priorities for 2025 is to “introduce an updated comprehensive plan to implement Nunavut’s updated language legislation and begin monitoring its implementation.”

Mr. Speaker, can the minister confirm when the updated and revised Uqausivut 2.0 will be tabled in the House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister of Languages, Mr. Pauloosie Akeeagok.

Hon. P.J. Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Going back to the Kitikmeot Inuit Association, we have indicated to them that we would like to work together with them. I would like to thank the colleague for that question.

We are reviewing the legislation, and there is a need to update Bill 76. We had also wanted to get feedback to the committee about the update and the revision. I look forward to giving you further details on this subject. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Member for Rankin Inlet North-Chesterfield Inlet, Mr. Sammurtok.

Oral Question 1252 – 6(2): Funding for Elder Vans

Mr. Sammurtok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct my questions to the Minister responsible for Seniors.

Mr. Speaker, the government's process on meeting its commitments in its Elders Strategy is very disappointing. The purchase of vans to provide transportation for elders seems to have been a hasty gesture, with no planning or foresight. Can the minister provide specific details on this specific commitments, obligations, deliverables and accountabilities, including in the \$1 million contract with Northern Future Skills Development to provide five elders van for five Nunavut communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Hon. Minister responsible for Seniors, Mr. Pauloosie Akeeagok.

Hon P.J. Akeeagok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to thank my colleague for his question. The recipient, the Northern Future Skills Development, as I understand, is still securing and looking to secure funding from different levels of government, as well as Inuit organizations, to operationalize the elders van, and I believe to this moment it there has been no commitment to date. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: First supplementary, Mr. Sammurtok.

Mr. Sammurtok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, when the government departments want to spend \$1 million on a capital project, a detailed business plan is provided. For example, when the Department of Education requests capital funding for community school buses, they provide details on the cost of a bus. Education's most recent capital documentation shows that a special needs school bus with two wheelchair capacity, including freight, is \$133,000. An elders van with wheelchair capacity is probably a similar cost range, perhaps be even cheaper. Five of these vehicles landed in Nunavut should have cost around \$665,000 or less. However, it seems that five elders vans were purchased for \$1 million, and there's no money left to operate them.

Can the minister provide a clear, concise answer with respect to how much each of these elders vans actually cost and whether these vans are now government assets. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister responsible for Seniors, Mr. Pauloosie Akeeagok.

Hon P.J. Akeeagok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again I want to thank my colleague for his question. As noted on the previous conversations around this, it was a one time grant for the pilot program and the cost was \$200,000 per van, as noted. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Second and final supplementary, Mr. Sammurtok.

Mr. Sammurtok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the media indicated that the newly created Northern Futures Development group, which received \$1 million for this government to purchase five elders vans, is currently struggling to secure funding to operate the vans. Can the minister clarify whether it is his intent for this government to fulfil its commitment to provide elders transportation services in the five identified communities, and will this government be providing additional funds to operate these five elders vans. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister responsible for Seniors, Mr. Pauloosie Akeeagok.

Hon P.J. Akeeagok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We are continuing to be committed to supporting the Nunavut skills, to secure the operational funding, as I indicated earlier. And I want to remind the members that this is a pilot program, and we look forward to learning from this experience as we move forward. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Member for Arviat South, Mr. Savikataaq.

Oral Question 1253 – 6(2): Building Housing Units

Mr. Savikataaq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon (interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I would like to question the premier, too, on the Auditor General's report on public housing in Nunavut pertaining to the mandate.

Mr. Speaker, the government's mandate was to build a minimum of 1,000 units within Nunavut within the time period, and we're getting close to the mandate time. We have four more months left before dissolution. Mr. Speaker, I have asked questions many times of the housing minister about how many public housing units are completed and turned over to Housing, and it has been hard to get a straight answer. But the Auditor General did give a straight answer: 18 units have been completed and turned over to local housing associations since the Nunavut 3000 strategy was signed.

Mr. Speaker, the premier on many occasions has stated that they're building three times as many houses at half the cost. Does the premier still stand by that statement? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Hon. Premier of Nunavut, Mr. Pauloosie Akeeagok.

Hon P.J. Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I would like to thank the member for his question, and again I would also like to thank the Auditor General for looking at the housing situation in Nunavut.

I do agree that we have accelerated this project and we're looking at all the Nunavut communities and the building of those additional houses. I'm very pleased today about the project that we're doing to increase housing stock. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: First supplementary, Mr. Savikataaq.

Mr. Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I didn't hear whether the premier still stands by his statement that they are building three times as many houses at half the cost, because, Mr. Speaker, in three years they have completed 18 units. If they are building three times the number of units that means the previous government only built, if you divide 18 by three, six units.

I'll ask the question again: Does the premier still stand by the statement that he has made on numerous occasions that they're building three times as many houses at half the cost, when only 18 units have been completed in three years? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Hon. Premier of Nunavut, Mr. Pauloosie Akeeagok.

Hon P.J. Akeeagok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, we still stand by the statements, as we noted, as our goal was to reach a thousand and the partnership that we brought. I will leave the details to the numbering as to the Minister responsible for Housing, and I know the member has had some discussions with the minister. But I do stand in terms of the approach and the work that we've done on housing file. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Second and final supplementary, Mr. Savikataaq.

Mr. Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, this report also states that, and this is due to the mandate. I'll tie it back to the mandate in terms of the fact that the premier on numerous occasions always says that we are building three times as many houses at half the cost.

There's a lack of communication and misinformation that has been given to us MLAs who keep asking questions about housing, and Nunavummiut that have been expecting to have public housing finished so they could move into them. When the mandate was first made at the beginning of the Assembly, I too was happy and I too was hopeful that Nunavummiut that have been waiting so long to get into public housing would be able to get into public housing. But that has not materialized.

The Auditor General's report has clearly stated that they have not been clear in their communication. Eighteen units have been completed, 18, as of December 2024, which is roughly five months ago, six months ago. It feels like us MLAs have been asking questions, and this Auditor General's report on public housing has vindicated all the questions that we have been getting and been getting answers like oh, yeah, it's on the website, there's supposed to be this many, we're starting construction here.

I'll ask the premier: With all the misinformation that has been coming out, is that misinformation coming from the government's office? The premier's office when he makes a statement? Or is it coming from the bureaucrats, from Nunavut Housing Corporation? Obviously there's misinformation that has been fed to us and Nunavummiut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Premier of Nunavut, Mr. Pauloosie Akeeagok.

Hon P.J. Akeeagok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to mention that there is no misinformation provided with the work that housing corporation has been doing. As noted many times in this House, currently there are over 440 units in various stages right across the 25 communities, and that is something we've been open and transparent in terms of showcasing what levels, and they're all in different stages in terms of the construction phases. So there is no misinformation, to the member's question. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Member for Uqquummiut, Ms. Killiktee.

Oral Question 1254 – 6(2): School Counsellors

Ms. Killiktee (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good day to the people of Nunavut.

I rise today because I have some questions to the Minister of Education. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address the issue of school community counsellors. Now, these individuals can play a very important role in providing wellness counselling to students in our schools in all the communities. Children and youth can face some serious personal challenges in their lives, and it is important that while they go through this hardship, it's very important that there is someone who can listen to them and provide the support that they need in the school so they can be heard and helped. These are the students in the Arctic I'm talking about.

Can the minister clarify how her department ensures that there are both female and male school community counsellors providing support for students in all of our schools. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Hon. Minister of Education, Ms. Gross.

Hon. Pamela Gross: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you to the member for the question. Our Iliniavimmi Inuusilirijiit are very important and integral positions within our schools, and we are very happy that we have a number of positions in each community. In total we have 47 positions of Iliniavimmi Inuusilirijiit, and of those 35 are filled positions of the 47 and we have eight vacancies. So the rate is fairly high for filled positions, because they do work with the students on very important issues. They work with social, emotional and behavioural issues to help them cope with difficulties in their lives. Yes, we are working to always staff those positions.

In terms of the male and female, it's up to the district education authorities to hire based on what their needs are, and with your point, we'll make sure that they hear that information that that is of consideration for each district education authority to consider. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: First supplementary, Ms. Killiktee.

Ms. Killiktee (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, from time to time the challenges that we face when we are young and growing up, even though it is in the school setting, are very relevant to our personal sense of self and identity. Bodies change. Social pressures shift. Family circumstances and expectations can be difficult to cope with. Mr. Speaker, can the minister tell us in this House how many schools currently have Iliniavimmi Inuusilirijiit, how many of them are male, and how many are female, and how many schools have both male and female in every school's community counsellors. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister of Education, Ms. Gross.

Hon. Pamela Gross: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you to the member for that question. I know I can answer part of it, but I can look for the other information for the high level of information on male and female counsellors.

As I noted, there are 47 positions; 35 of those are filled, four are on leave, and eight are vacant. In the Kitikmeot there are nine, all filled; In the Kivalliq there are eight; three on leave and three are vacant. In the Qikiqtani there are 18, one on leave, and five vacant. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Second and final supplementary, Ms. Killiktee.

Ms. Killiktee (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The minister did not answer my question. I asked about how many female and male, how many communities have both female and male counsellors was my question.

And also what the minister said earlier about in the schools, that you would inform the local DEAs and today, these days when there are male counsellors are not allowed to be

alone with a female student, and the same with a female counsellor and not be allowed to be alone with a male student. So it's worrisome that they have to do that.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, in May 2023, the minister rose in this place to make a statement on the importance of school counsellors. She stated:

"We are looking forward to hiring more people into this much-needed position and giving students another avenue for success."

Will the minister commit to increasing her department's effort to hire school counsellors for Nunavut schools, including guidance counsellors and school community counsellors; and further, will she work to ensure that every school has both a male and a female school community counsellor. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister of Education, Ms. Gross.

Hon. Pamela Gross: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you to the member for raising that point. I think maybe there was a misunderstanding. I did say that I will get back to the member with that information when I have it about the number of male and female in the positions, and a breakdown by community.

I think this is a complicated answer, and I don't know if it could be done to hire both a male and a female, because people are hired into positions and we don't want them to lose out on a position and not have them in our schools anymore, just because of their gender. But if there's alternative solutions to hiring another gender to have people come and if they would request to speak, if for example they have one specific person or gender in their school and if they want to talk to a different counsellor that is of the opposite gender, we can look into that. But as for further information on that, I don't know where we could go any further than that at this point in time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Member for Kugluktuk, Mr. Anavilok.

Oral Question 1255 – 6(2): Legal Aid in the Kitikmeot

Mr. Anavilok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) My questions are for the new Minister of Justice, and they concern the issue of Legal Aid in Kitikmeot region. Mr. Speaker, the Legal Aid Service Board, which operates at arm's length from the department, is responsible for providing eligible Nunavummiut with legal aid and other related services.

Mr. Speaker, the department's approved 2025-2026 business plan indicated "the board is also responsible for overseeing the operation of the three regional clinics. The regional

clinics provide legal services, court worker services, referral services, and public education and information in their respective regions.”

Can the minister clarify what specific actions the Legal Services Board undertakes in efforts to raise awareness of public legal education in the Kitikmeot communities.

(interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Hon. Minister of Justice Ms. Gross.

Hon. Pamela Gross: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you to the member for the question. As noted, I am fairly new into this position, and I might not have all of the answers provided to you today in the House, but I can definitely commit to getting all of the information to you.

I do know that the Department of Justice does work with the Legal Aid and the Legal Aid offices that are in the regional centres to provide training and support to the staff that are in those positions, and we, the Department of Justice is developing an independent legal review and advice program, which would be funded by Justice Canada. We are also working toward implementing the program with the department and collaborate with our Justice partners and our organizations to improve legal resources for victims and survivors of intimate partner violence and sexual assault. But I will commit to getting back to our colleague in letter form. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: First supplementary, Mr. Anavilok.

Mr. Anavilok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I look forward to that correspondence.

Mr. Speaker, the 2021-2022 Legal Services Board Nunavut annual report was tabled in the Legislative Assembly on November 5, 2024. Mr. Speaker, the report addressed a fire in Gjoa Haven that burned down the government building which housed the Legal Services Board headquarters in 2022. Mr. Speaker, when I last raised this issue, the minister of the day indicated that “we have been able to secure a new building. We have been working closely with the Legal Services Board to try and get that staff again.”

Can the minister provide an update today on the status of the positions located in the Legal Services Board’s head office. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister of Justice, Ms. Gross.

Hon. Pamela Gross: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you to the member for the question. Yes, the Legal Services Board staff in Gjoa Haven are working out of the cap building until the new office space is ready. The Legal Services Board is also working on

job actions to fill staff vacancies. Currently the new space will consist of offices for a new court worker and five Government of Nunavut positions assigned to the Legal Services Board in the Gjoa Haven office, an office manager, supervisor, finance and operations, finance and operations analyst, a statute clerk, a statute administrator, and an administrative assistant. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Second and final supplementary, Mr. Anavilok.

Mr. Anavilok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for your response. (interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, the department's approved 2025-2026 business plan indicates that one of the Legal Services Board's priorities for 2025 is to "continue to improve service to our clients, including access to justice and public legal education, so as to ensure high quality legal services."

Can the minister clarify, clearly explain what specific actions her department is undertaking to assist the Legal Services Board achieved this priority. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister of Justice, Ms. Gross.

Hon. Pamela Gross: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you to the member. If he can please clarify what priority. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Clarify the priorities, Mr. Anavilok.

Mr. Anavilok: I'll read the question again. Can the minister clearly provide what specific actions her department is undertaking to assist the Legal Services Board achieve this priority. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister of Justice, Ms. Gross.

Hon. Pamela Gross: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you to the member. I'm not sure if I fully caught the question, but the Department of Justice is working with the Legal Services Board to support them, be adequately resourced to provide reliable services to eligible Nunavummiut, and as indicated, we are working with them to re-establish their office in Gjoa Haven. And we look forward to them being able to move in September or October of this coming year, after sea lift arrives. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Member for Iqaluit-Sinaa, Ms. Brewster.

Oral Question 1256 – 6(2): Status of Collective Bargaining

Ms. Brewster: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions today are for Minister of Human Resources.

Mr. Speaker, I was happy to read the recent announcement from Department of Human Resources and Nunavut Teachers Association concerning the tentative settlement that both parties have reached, and I appreciate the hard work from both parties. I know from experience that the collective bargaining process is never easy.

Mr. Speaker, the current collective agreement with the association expires at the end of next month. Can the minister provide an update today on the timetable for the ratification process. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Hon. Minister of Human Resources, Mr. David Akeeagok.

Hon David Akeeagok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the ratification is in process right now and should be completed by beginning of June. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: First supplementary, Ms. Brewster.

Ms. Brewster: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm happy to hear that. I know that will go some ways to help to actually fill some of our teaching positions, as well, when teachers know that they have a collective agreement to rely on.

As the minister is aware, the current collective agreement with the Nunavut Employees Union expired in September 2024, which is over seven months ago, and earlier this month the Nunavut Employees Union issued an update on the status of negotiations. This update emphasized the need to address the issue of the government's use of casual, term, and relief employees as well as agency staff in the health care sector.

Can the current minister indicate whether or not he has issued any new instructions to the government's bargaining team on these issues. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister of Human Resources, Mr. David Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't want to get into the details of what's being negotiated. That needs to be left at the negotiating table. But those negotiating tables, they continue to meet, and I hope that the two sides will agree to the issues that are being discussed. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Second and final supplementary, Ms. Brewster.

Ms. Brewster: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When I last raised these issues with the minister's predecessor, I was informed that the government was also working on developing a negotiation mandate with respect to the collective agreement with the Qulliq Energy Corporation's unionized employees, and as the minister is aware, the previous agreement expired in December of last year.

Given the recent signing of a tentative deal with the Nunavut Teachers Association, can the minister confirm the extent to which this has established a precedent with respect to anticipated wage settlements for the other two collective agreements? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister of Human Resources, Mr. David Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the Nunavut Teachers Association has historically been very fast in completing and negotiating, and that has been the trend for the Nunavut Teachers Association and the Government of Nunavut's work. With the other two, those have historically taken a longer period, and that's the sort of the expectations that we have right now. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Member for Aggu, Ms. Quassa.

Oral Question 1257 – 6(2): Airport Infrastructure

Ms. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) My questions today are for the Minister of the new Department of Transportation and Infrastructure, and they concern the issue of airport infrastructure.

As the minister will recall, he tabled his department's Updated 20-year Airport Capital Needs Assessment during the Legislative Assembly's sitting of March 10, 2023. The report identifies a number of immediate issues that Igloolik's current airport, including the need for overlay work on the apron, taxiway, and runway. I appreciate the new minister's recent letter to me on this subject.

For the benefit of my constituents, I will ask the minister today to confirm the status of this work. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Hon. Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Nunavut, Mr. Joanasie.

Hon. David Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, as stated, my department has been forging ahead on different fronts, trying to address some of the capital needs of our territory as it relates to transportation. Our airports are vital for every community to ensure that air services are operational, and with that, we do come forward with capital

budget requests to ensure, whether it's equipment that's needed or shelter or air terminal, new upgrades. We have a slew of them that are being put on line as of now.

Regarding Igloolik specifically, I'll have to get the final details and report back to my colleague on that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: First supplementary, Ms. Quassa.

Ms. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Hopefully it will be good news what plans are in place.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, the minister's recent letter to me indicated that his department may be able to secure support from the federal airports capital assistance program. Can the minister indicate what specific changes or enhancements to this program he will be asking the new federal government to consider. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Nunavut, Mr. Joanasie.

Hon. David Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Regarding the airport capital assistance program, it is a federal program where my department does requests for funds. Back in 2023 I stated that proposals under this program, I sought comprehensive runway rehabilitation projects in Kugluktuk, Whale Cove, and Pangnirtung. They were approved, and we're also looking at advancing pavement condition studies at Qikiqtarjuaq and Sanikiluaq, as well as electrical assessments in Cambridge Bay that have recently been completed.

The airport capital assistance program does not take into funding considerations when we're looking at airport relocations or expanding the runway, but everything else, we try to access funds through there. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Second and final supplementary, Ms. Quassa.

Ms. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The minister will probably know, we live on an island. I'm not saying we're orphans

>> *Laughter*

Ms. Quassa (interpretation ends): As the minister will recall, I have previously raised concerns regarding the need for long term planning for a new airport terminal building and for discussions with the airline to address opportunities for service enhancements, such as lengthening and paving the runway. Can the minister provide an update today on his new department's priorities in these areas. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Nunavut, Mr. Joanasie.

Hon. David Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, again my department, we do look at the whole territory and every community has differing levels of needs. Regarding air terminal buildings, for example, we're completing five new air terminal buildings this year alone, and also there's a tremendous amount of work going on in Rankin Inlet, as well as it's two phases going on with that.

Regarding paving or expanding, this will require a significant amount of funding that we will have to consider which funding opportunities at the federal level, or otherwise we'll have to try to find out where best to access that from. And of course on a year-to-year basis, the department does come forward with capital requests through this legislature, and we'll continue with that cycle. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Member for Baker Lake, Mr. Simailak.

Oral Question 1258 – 6(2): Kivalliq Hydro-Fibre Link

Mr. Simailak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, my questions today are for the premier. Mr. Speaker, I want to take advantage of the premier's return to the House by taking this opportunity before he leaves again to ask him some questions regarding the Kivalliq Hydro-Fibre Link megaproject.

In April of this year a joint statement was signed by the Nunavut and Manitoba governments concerning this project. I would like to publicly express my appreciation for the Manitoba premier's support for us. Good neighbours.

Mr. Speaker, the Kivalliq Hydro-Fibre Link project has been identified as one of a number of nation-building initiatives that will require significant federal investments to make it into a reality. Can the premier update us today on what the current estimated price tag is for the project. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Hon. Premier of Nunavut, Mr. Pauloosie Akeeagok.

Hon P.J. Akeeagok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to thank my colleague for his continued advocacy and support for this very exciting project. I too would like to take a moment to acknowledge Premier Kinew, a good friend, for being a strong champion of realizing where the barrier was for us to advance this very exciting project being led by Nukkek Corporation, which is an Inuit-led, Inuit-drive initiative as well. And for that, as the member questioned the exact pricing, it is up to the proponent. I know we are engaging with them. There's a lot of variables that will go, whether it's the institution of power purchased in order to supply the communities. But it is going to be a significant investment that's needed from the federal government, as identified by Nukkek

Corporation, and for that I will get the corporation or the proponent to get back to the member specifically on the exact amount. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: First supplementary, Mr. Simailak.

Mr. Simailak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I thank the premier for committing to getting back to me, or getting the corporation to get back to me on that. I'm hopeful that this government will keep track of the projected price tag, because the Government of Nunavut will be the biggest customer to this Nukkik Corporation, and there are many variables that will come into play, business jargon like rate of return, how long it will take for a business to start making a profit. So the Government of Nunavut will need to keep tabs on price tags, which is why I asked that question.

But moving along, as the premier will be aware, information published by the Nukkik Corporation indicates that "a dedicated new working group with the Government of Canada, Government of Nunavut, the Government of Manitoba, Manitoba Hydro, Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated, and Kivalliq Inuit Association is helping to make sure we continue to advance coordinated discussions on the Kivalliq Hydro-Fibre Link with key government partners through an open and transparent forum for information sharing."

Can the premier confirm who is representing the Government of Nunavut on this working group, and will he commit to tabling its terms of reference in the Legislative Assembly before the end of our current Spring Sitting. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Premier of Nunavut, Mr. Pauloosie Akeeagok.

Hon P.J. Akeeagok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again I want to thank my colleague for his question. Just to go back, we know that the cost estimates are in the billions. It's noted in the public, in terms of this very exciting nation-building project.

further to that, we as a government as well as QEC are very supportive of this initiative, and I had the pleasure of being in Winnipeg just a few weeks ago to be able to sign a commitment agreement for us to start really exploring, of actually coming to the table and really start ironing out exactly where the work will be required as we move forward. As noted as well, although the Government of Nunavut, the homeowners would be a big part of the customers.

The really exciting part of this project is that there's a mining sector as well, which has shown tremendous support and opportunity for them to become a big client as well, as we move forward.

Right now the working group will consist with our office as well as QEC really at the table as well. And I was really pleased to be joined by Minister Main when we were in

Winnipeg to sign the agreement for us to work on this very exciting project. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Second and final supplementary, Mr. Simailak.

Mr. Simailak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I will also take this opportunity to put the premier on notice that I will be revisiting the topic of transboundary issues in the Kivalliq before the end of this I week.

Mr. Speaker, it is no secret that I am deeply concerned about the potential impact that proposed agreements with transboundary groups in southern Canada will have on our region of Nunavut. Can the premier clarify the extent to which the Kivalliq Hydro-Fibre Link project will require the consent of the Ghotelnene K'odtjneh Dene in order to proceed. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Premier of Nunavut, Mr. Pauloosie Akeeagok.

Hon P.J. Akeeagok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again I want to thank my colleague for his question. It is something I know I had spoken directly with Premier Kinew on the importance of making sure the consent, and the involvement of Indigenous people, Inuit included, right across the communities, is really going to be at the forefront.

Mr. Speaker, currently Nukkik Corporation is leading the engagements with many First Nations communities right across northern Manitoba in particular, and I look forward to continuing to build that strong relationship with Indigenous people all along the important corridor that is being discussed. But we're very excited to continue to push this very important nation-building project at this moment in our moment as a country to really connect for the first time from coast to coast and to really finally connect the third and most important coast, right here in the north. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Member for Iqaluit-Manirajak, Mr. Lightstone.

Oral Question 1259 – 6(2): Public Service Annual Report

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions are for the Minister of Human Resources, regarding the Public Service Annual Report.

Mr. Speaker, in our recent winter sitting the minister of the day had tabled the 2022-2023 report. Mr. Speaker, it's now 2025, so we are two years behind in reporting on these important statistics. I would like to ask if the minister can provide rationale on the delay on tabling the 2023-2024 Public Service Annual Report. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Hon. Minister of Human Resources, Mr. David Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, he pre-empted my soon-to-be minister's statement and my tabling of 2023-2024 Public Service Annual Report. It will be tabled this session. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: First supplementary, Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the minister's response. I'm glad that the 2023-2024 report will only be one year overdue. However, Mr. Speaker, in recent years the Government of Nunavut has introduced a number of new initiatives to address our public service capacity crisis, such as the remote hiring policy, the telework policy, and the Nunavut-wide hiring policy.

Unfortunately, the previous Public Service Annual Report did not provide any information about employees working under these specific policies. Can the minister indicate if the next Public Service Annual Report will include such statistics. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister of Human Resources, Mr. David Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, for the upcoming tabling of the 2023-2024, those that my colleague just referenced were not in place, so therefore it will not be in that report. But we will, we are planning for our future annual reports of including those, because those will have been in place from the date that they started. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Second and final supplementary, Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and the minister can correct me if I'm wrong, but I'm pretty sure there were a number of GN employees working remotely in both 2023-2024 and 2022-2023. However, Mr. Speaker, I would like to move on to some good news.

As you know, I have been a very strong advocate for requesting and advocating for our youth and requesting that the Government of Nunavut expand the summer student employment program to be a year-round initiative. Again I would like to thank the minister and the Government of Nunavut for acting on that. Again, I would like to thank the minister for his minister's statement on the topic.

I would like to ask, for the benefit of Nunavut students and parents that are listening, can the minister elaborate a bit further on this new initiative, and will he assure the House that future public service annual reports will include such detailed information. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister of Human Resources, Mr. David Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, it is a very good program, and we're converting it to a year-round. That's the most significant thing, and allowing students to get the mentorship and on-hands training that they need. So that's going to happen.

The previous program, which was the summer student program are included in the annual report and those statistics will be available for that. So that statistics for this new program will continue with a branding and a new name. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Congratulations to the colleagues; you've done well today. Member for Aivilik, Mr. Malliki.

Oral Question 1260 – 6(2): Funding for the Elder Vehicles

Mr. Malliki (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thought we were going to run out of time before I took my turn.

I would like to ask my question to the premier, and also to the ministers that are talking about the elder vehicles. The elder vehicles were allocated to our community and the elders were very happy, but there was no funding allocated for the operation and maintenance of the elders vehicles. My colleagues have been asking questions in regards to this, how they can provide more funding for the elders vehicles in the community, especially for the premier. I would like to ask if the government have been looking for funding to be used for the elders vehicles at the community. Thank you.

Speaker: Hon. Premier of Nunavut, Mr. Pauloosie Akeeagok.

Hon. P.J. Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you and I'm very pleased that we're on time with our oral question period. I also would like to thank my colleague.

Yes, our vision that the communities have been requesting to the federal government to the Nunavut government and also Inuit organizations, but we did not get any information or response from either of these, but we are corresponding in regards to this to make sure there's funding allocated for the operation of these vehicles. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: First supplementary, Mr. Malliki.

Mr. Malliki (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The vehicles for the elders, in my constituencies, the community of Salliq, Coral Harbour, they are still expecting their vehicle, but we have heard through the media that there's no vehicle or there's no funding

for the operation or maintenance for the elders vehicles. This \$1 million could have been used. It seems like they're wasting money, and that's how I'm seeing it. It could have been utilized. I'm just wondering, sometimes feel that there could be other issues such as this arising within the government.

Why is the department not providing any funding? Because the elders are expecting the vehicles to be operating, and they were rushing to make sure that the communities received the vehicles. And it's not right to do that. The premier's department should, or what are the consideration to resolve the situation? Can the premier state, are they doing something to help with the funding, yes or no? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Hon. Premier of Nunavut, Mr. Pauloosie Akeeagok.

Hon. P.J. Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank the member for his question. We were able to set aside one-time funding for those vehicles. For example, there might be a decrease in the amount of funding coming in from the federal government, but I'm still hopeful because I fully support this program to have elder-specific vehicles.

But in regards to your question, the federal government and the Inuit organizations and there are various organizations that we have heard from. At that time we'll have an understanding of where we stand. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Second and final supplementary, Mr. Malliki.

Mr. Malliki (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I didn't get a response to my question. Is your department going to be providing funding for the operation and maintenance of these vehicles? For those communities that received those vehicles, the hamlet of Coral Harbour has access to that vehicle and it's taking space in the garage where the municipal vehicles should be in. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Mr. Pauloosie Akeeagok.

Hon P.J. Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I would like to thank you for that question. First, no, we don't have any money set aside for the operation and maintenance of these vehicles. It was a pilot project. We have not set up any funds for the operations and maintenance. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Members, the time allotted for Question Period is now over. Item 7, Written Questions. Item 8, Returns to Written Questions. Item 9, Replies to Opening Address. Item 10, Petitions. Item 11, Responses to Petitions. Item 12, Reports of Standing and Special Committees on Bills and Other Matters. Member for Iqaluit-Sinaa, Ms. Brewster.

Ms. Brewster: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to report that Bill 74, *Pharmacy Professions Act*, has been reviewed by the Standing Committee on Legislation and that the Bill as amended and reprinted is ready for consideration in Committee of the Whole. Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to waive rule 68(6) and have Bill 74 immediately moved into Committee of the Whole. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Do members agree that Bill 74 as amended and reprinted has been reported back to the House.?

Some Members: Agreed.

Speaker: The member is seeking unanimous consent to waive rule 68(6) and have Bill 74 moved to Committee of the Whole today. There are any nays? There are none. Bill 74 will be moved to Committee of the Whole today.

Item 13, Tabling of Documents. Minister of Family Services, Ms. Nakashuk.

Item 13: Tabling of Documents

Tabled Document 396 – 6(2): Surusinut Ikajuqtigiit, Nunavut Child Abuse and Neglect Response Agreement, updated April 2025

Hon. Margaret Nakashuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to table the Surusinut Ikajuqtigiit, Nunavut Child Abuse and Neglect Response Agreement, updated April 2025. Mr. Speaker, once the translations are completed I will be filing the document with the clerk's office. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Item 14, Notices of Motions. Item 15, Notice of Motions for First Reading of Bills. Item 16, Motions. Item 17, First Reading of Bills. Hon. Minister of Languages, Mr. Pauloosie Akeeagok.

Item 17: First Reading of Bills

Bill 76 – An Act to Amend the Official Languages Act and the Inuit Language Protection Act – First Reading

Hon P.J. Akeeagok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I MOVE, seconded by the Hon. Member for Cambridge Bay, that Bill 76, *An Act to Amend the Official Languages Act and the Inuit Language Protection Act*, be now read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: The motion is in order. To the motion? All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried. Bill 76 has had first reading.

Item 18, Second Reading of Bills. Item 19, Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters, Bill 74 and Bill 80, with Mr. Savikataaq in the chair. Before we proceed to Committee of the Whole we'll take a 20-minute break. Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>*House adjourned at 15:25 and Committee commenced at 15:48*

Chairman (Mr. Joe Savikataaq): Good afternoon. I would like to call our Committee of the Whole meeting to order. In Committee of the Whole we have the following items to deal with: Bill 74 and Bill 80. What is the wish of the committee? Mr. Malliki.

Mr. Malliki: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We wish to deal with Bill 74. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: *Mat'na*. Are we in agreement to first deal with Bill 74?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Minister Main, do you have officials you would like to have appear before the committee?

Hon. John Main (interpretation): Yes, Mr. Chairman. Yes, I do.

Chairman: Does the committee agree to let the minister's officials appear before you?

Some Members: Agreed.

Speaker: Sergeant-at-Arms, please escort the officials to the witness table. Minister Main, for the record please introduce your officials and proceed with your opening comments. Minister Main.

Bill 74 – Pharmacy Professions Act – Consideration in Committee

Hon. John Main (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Thank you for taking the time to consider Bill 74, *Pharmacy Professions Act*. Mr. Chairman, I'll introduce the officials joining me today. From the Department of Health we have our own birthday girl, also known as Deputy Minister Megan Hunt. I also have Tim Smith, who is our territorial Director of Pharmacy with us. Also here in the Assembly we have Carlyn Twomey, Acting Director of Policy and Planning, and from the Department of Justice, Amy Short, who's our legislative counsel for Bill 74.

The current *Pharmacy Act* is outdated and no longer reflects the realities of modern pharmacy practice. Pharmacy practice has evolved significant in recent years, including

expanded scope of practicing for pharmacists and the introduction of pharmacy technicians as regulated health professionals.

Traditionally, pharmacists focused on dispensing medications and providing basic drug information. Today, their role has expanded to include a broader range of clinical services, such as administering vaccines and supporting chronic disease management. To keep pace with these changes, Bill 74 proposes a comprehensive modernization of Nunavut's pharmacy legislation.

The objectives of Bill 74 are clear:

1. Expand the scope of pharmacist practice to improve patient care.
2. Define the role of pharmacy technicians in legislation.
3. Establish robust quality assurance mechanisms to uphold patient safety and professional standards.
4. Enable innovation and technology adoption to improve patient access and health care delivery.
5. Modernize the complaints and disciplinary process to ensure transparency, fairness, and accountability.
6. Authorize the dispensing of veterinary medications.

Mr. Chair and members, the Department of Health has also worked to embed Inuit Societal Values into the Bill with the addition of Nunavut-specific provisions and requirements. Specifically:

- The standards of practice and code of ethics, as defined in the regulations, will require pharmacy services to be delivered in a way that:
 - Respects the Official Language rights of patients; and
 - Provides care that is culturally appropriate.
- Additionally, the Bill requires that continuing professional development programs include training on Inuit cultural safety and awareness, ensuring that pharmacy professionals understand and respect the cultural contexts of those they serve.

This modernization is not just a legislative update—it is an advancement in patient-centred care. With this new framework, pharmacists and pharmacy technicians will be empowered to play a more active role in Nunavut's health care system, improving access to high-quality services, and contribute to our government's broader health care goals. Mr. Chair, this repeal and replacement of the *Pharmacy Act* is a Health business priority, and I am pleased to see the new *Pharmacy Professions Act* being considered today. I look forward to your questions and comments.

(interpretation) This concludes my opening comments. *Matna*.

Chairman: *Mat'na*. does the chair of the standing committee have opening comments? Please proceed. Ms. Brewster.

Ms. Brewster: Thank you, Chair. Happy birthday, Deputy Minister Hunt. As our chair can attest, I'm a terrible singer so I won't sing to you today.

As co-chair of the Standing Committee on Legislation, I wish to make some brief opening comments as the Committee of the Whole begins its consideration of Bill 74, *Pharmacy Professions Act*.

The standing committee supports the purpose of the Bill, which the minister described in his opening comments. Committee members note that a number of stakeholders were consulted for the development of this legislation and I very much appreciate their input.

For the record I note that three motions to amend the Bill were adopted during the Minister's recent appearance before the standing committee to undertake clause-by-clause consideration of the Bill.

These amendments:

- Clarified terminology respecting restrictions that a pharmacy professional, intern or student may be subject to following an inquiry by the board of inquiry;
- Specifically identified which persons are protected from liability under the act; and
- Ensured that consequential amendments to other pieces of Health legislation with respect to liability insurance and protection come into force on the assent to Bill 74.

The Committee anticipates that this new legislation will greatly support the modernization of pharmacy practice in Nunavut and improve the territory's health care delivery system as a whole.

This concludes my opening comments. Thank you.

Chairman: *Mat'na*. Do any members have any general comments before we proceed to clause by clause? I see none, so members, please go to Bill 74 in your binder. Bill 74, *Pharmacy Professions Act*. Clause 1, agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: It's pretty long. Clause 2, agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 3, agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 4, agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 5, agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 6, agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 7, agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 8, agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 9, agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 10, agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 11, agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 12, agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 13, agreed?

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Chairman: Clause 14, agreed?

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Chairman: Clause 15, agreed?

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Chairman: Clause 16, agreed?

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Chairman: Clause 17, agreed?

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Chairman: Clause 18, agreed?

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Chairman: Clause 19, agreed?

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Chairman: Clause 25, agreed?

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Chairman: Clause 26, agreed?

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Chairman: Clause 27, agreed?

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Chairman: Clause 28, agreed?

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Chairman: Clause 29, agreed?

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Chairman: Clause 30, agreed?

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Chairman: Clause 31, agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 32, agreed?

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Chairman: Clause 33, agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 34, agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 35, agreed?

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Chairman: Clause 38, agreed?

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Chairman: Clause 40, agreed?

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Chairman: Clause 41, agreed?

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Chairman: Clause 47, agreed?

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Chairman: Clause 49, agreed?

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Chairman: Clause 50, agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 51, agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 52, agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 53, agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 54, agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 55, agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 56, agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 57, agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 58, agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 59, agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 60, agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 61, agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 62, agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 63, agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 64, agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 65, agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 66, agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 67, agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 68, agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 69, agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 70, agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 71, agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Are members agreed to Bill 74 as a whole?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Do members agree to put Bill 74 immediately into the House for the third reading?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Minister's closing comments. Minister Main.

Hon. John Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and I thank all of the committee members. I know that this will help Nunavut a great deal, and we are very happy that it has been approved by the committee. We want to work very well on behalf of the people of Nunavut, and this will help us renew our efforts to do our work and we are very happy.

I thank all the workers, my deputy minister and Mr. Smith and Ms. Twomey, and Ms. Short and others who worked real hard on the Bill. I thank them. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Chairman: *Mat'na*. Sergeant-at-Arms, please escort the witness from the witness table. And I'll be reporting to report progress. As I rise to report progress, happy birthday, Dorcus.

>>*Committee adjourned and House resumed at 16:03*

Item 20: Report of the Committee of the Whole

Speaker: Report of the Committee of the Whole. Mr. Savikataaq.

Mr. Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, your committee has been considering Bill 74, and would like to report that Bill 74 is ready for third reading. Mr. Speaker, I move that the report of the Committee of the Whole be agreed to. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Item 21: Third Reading of Bills

Bill 74 – Pharmacy Professions Act – Third Reading

Speaker: Thank you. Is there a seconder to the motion? Who is it? Mr. Simailak. The motion is in order. To the motion? All those in favour? All those opposed? Motion is carried. Item 21. Hon. Minister of Health, Mr. Main.

Hon. John Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I MOVE, seconded by the Hon. Member for Cambridge Bay, that Bill 74, *Pharmacy Professions Act* be read for the third time. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: The motion is in order. To the motion? All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried and Bill 74 has had third reading and is ready for assent.

>>*Applause*

Speaker: Item 22, *Orders of the Day*. Mr. Clerk.

Item 22: Orders of the Day

Mr. Clerk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There will be a meeting of the regular members caucus tomorrow morning at 10 a.m. *Orders of the Day* for Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.:

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 the 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 Motion
15. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills
16. Motions
17. First Reading of Bills
18. Second Reading of Bills
- Bill 76
19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters
- Bill 80
20. Report of the Committee of the Whole
21. Third Reading of Bills
22. Orders of the Day.

>>*Applause*

Speaker: This House stands adjourned until Wednesday, May 28 at 1:30 p.m. Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>*House adjourned at 16:07*

