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Iqaluit, Nunavut
Monday, June 2, 2025

Members Present:

Hon. David Akeeagok, Hon. Tony Akoak, Mr. Bobby Anavilok, Hon. Pamela Gross, Mr. George Hickes, Hon. David Joanasie, Mr. Joeline Kaerner, Ms. Mary Killiktee, Mr. Adam Lightstone, Hon. John Main, Mr. Solomon Malliki, 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): (no interpretation)

>>*Prayer*

Speaker (interpretation): Welcome, colleagues. I hope you had a good weekend. Welcome, visitors in the gallery. (no interpretation)

Before I start, I have a couple of announcements to make. Just over the weekend we had lost a well known elder, MLA and a former speaker of the NWT, Mr. Red Pedersen passed away over the weekend. Condolences to the family. Also, the member for Iqaluit-Sinaa won't be in today. Our hearts and thoughts are with her family and our prayers are with her. I hope she's well soon. As we all know in this House, family comes first. And the member for Tununiq will not be in today as well, for personal reasons. I'll get my papers straightened out here. I have a list. Ministers' Statements. Hon. Government House Leader, Mr. Joanasie.

Item 2: Ministers' Statements

Minister's Statement 617– 6(2): Ministers Absent from the House

Hon. David Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and we send our condolences to Kugluktukmuit, and we share your pain, and also with the Member for Iqaluit-Sinaa.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I wish to advise members that we will have two ministers absent from the House for the remainder of the spring sitting. Hon. P.J. Akeeagok is attending the first ministers' meeting, and Hon. Lorne Kusugak will be absent for personal reasons. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Minister's Statement 618 – 6(2): Nunavut's Participation on Family Resource Program

Hon. Margaret Nakashuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon to my colleagues and everyone in Nunavut, and all the visitors here. (interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, in April 2025, Family Services officials joined more than 350 professionals, Indigenous leaders, and government officials from across the north at the Tri-Territorial Health and Social Professionals Conference in Yukon, to advance collaboration and innovation in northern health and wellness.

Elder Harry Maksagak and Family Resource Specialist Dat Nguyen participated in a panel discussion that focused on findings from Family Services' Family Resource Program, an initiative created in collaboration with Inuit Elders, Family Resource Workers, and community members across Nunavut. The initiative, which is rooted in Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit principles, supports prevention, wellness, and intergenerational healing through land-based programming, cultural mentorship, and community-led activities.

Mr. Speaker, the presentation highlighted the significance of relational and culturally grounded approaches in enhancing child and family wellness. The program is committed to honouring Inuit knowledge systems, strengthening local capacity, and advancing holistic models to support the wellbeing of children, youth, and families. Mr. Maksagak received a standing ovation at the end of his presentation.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward to seeing the Family Resource Program being run in all our communities. As we work toward building healthier communities, our strength lies in bolstering systems grounded in Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit principles.

Qujannamiik, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Ministers' Statement. Hon. Minister of Environment, Mr. Joanasie.

Minister's Statement 619 – 6(2): Nunavut Environment Week

Hon. David Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share the environmental outreach work that is being done by my department in June. Canadian Environment Week is celebrated across the country. Here in Nunavut, it's a meaningful time to reflect on our deep connection to the land, honour Inuit knowledge and values, and take real, practical steps toward protecting the environment for future generations.

(interpretation) Mr. Speaker, we are excited to announce three special contests open to all Nunavummiut as part of this year's celebration. The challenges will encourage youth to creatively engage with nature and the community through photography, conversations with elders, and collaboration with their peers in school to develop and share about their own environmental initiatives.

Mr. Speaker, the Department of Environment believes it is important to get youth engaged in environmental stewardship in their formative years and this Environment Week will be an excellent opportunity to do so.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister's Statement, Hon. Minister of Community Services, Mr. David Akeeagok.

Minister's Statement 620 – 6(2): Tourism Accommodation Regulations

Hon. David Akeeagok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, before I start, I feel like I'm right in Grise Fiord as I am surrounded by these wonderful Royal Canadian Mounted Police members and their Inuit public servants. I feel really at home, back in Grise Fiord.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I rise today to inform my colleagues and the people of Nunavut that the amendments to the *Tourist Accommodation Regulations* have now been finalized.

These updated regulations mark a milestone in building and modernizing Nunavut's tourism industry. Developed through extensive consultation across all three regions between 2015 and 2017, this process included engagements in seven communities, in addition to valuable input gathered through online surveys and phone interviews. More than 235 individuals participated in meetings, webinars, and conversations, with an additional 53 responding to the online survey. I am particularly grateful for the meaningful contributions made by our youth and elders throughout this process.

Mr. Speaker, the new regulations introduce several key improvements:

- **Streamlined Licensing:** Wilderness tourist accommodations are now subject to a single set of licensing requirements, ensuring consistency.
- **Community Involvement:** A formal process for lodge development has been established, including community consultation and the right of first refusal for Designated Inuit Organizations, supporting Inuit ownership and participation.
- **Enhanced Safety Standards:** Modernized requirements for global positioning systems, emergency supplies, and communication tools that will better protect guests in remote accommodations.

- Improved Data Collection: Licensed operators will now submit monthly occupancy and guest origin reports.
- Stronger Compliance: Tourism Officers will have expanded inspection and enforcement powers to ensure regulations are followed.
- Maintained Affordability: Existing fee structures remain unchanged, ensuring no financial barriers to participate.
- Cultural and Environmental Integration: Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and traditional land use principles are now embedded in the licensing framework, so that tourism development aligns with community values.

Mr. Speaker, these changes reflect the feedback received during consultations and our commitment to the *Tourism Act*. The updated regulations will enhance tourist safety, increase Inuit participation, improve data collection, and simplify the licensing process. My department will work closely with operators to ensure a smooth transition.

(interpretation) I extend deep appreciation to all Nunavummiut who contributed their time, knowledge, and perspectives to this important initiative.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Minister's Statement 621 – 6(2): Strengthening Fuel Security for Nunavut

Hon. David Joanasie: Thank you. I rise today to speak to the essential role fuel plays in supporting daily life across Nunavut, from heating and electricity to transportation and emergency response.

Mr. Speaker, my department, through the Petroleum Products Division, delivers approximately 220 million litres of fuel each year to all 25 communities by sealift, and manages its safe storage and delivery year round. Mr. Speaker, to protect affordability and reduce risk, my department has secured 100 percent of our 2025 fuel inventory. Early purchasing helps maintain stable retail prices and ensures supply is ready ahead of the resupply season.

Additionally, Mr. Speaker, Petroleum Products Division is modernizing operations and financial management through a new Fuel Enterprise System that will improve forecasting, billing, and inventory—from tank farms and delivery trucks to regional offices and headquarters.

Additionally, Mr. Speaker, my department's Petroleum Products Division continues to invest in quality assurance. As part of the new mid-year certification process, testing

shows gasoline is exceeding standards even six months after delivery. Nunavut's premium 92-octane gasoline performs reliably in cold weather, and our diesel exceeds the quality of heating fuel used in the South.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, my department's officials are working to strengthen petroleum infrastructure through targeted tank cleanings, internal inspections, and engineering reviews, completed in 14 communities last year and ongoing in 2025.

Mr. Speaker, I thank our staff, contractors, and partners for their commitment to service and innovation. Their efforts reflect Pijitsirniq, Qanuqtuurniq, and Avatittinnik Kamatsiarniq in action.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Minister's Statement. Hon. Minister of Justice, Ms. Gross.

Minister's Statement 622 – 6(2): Recognition of Inuktitut-Speaking RCMP Employees

Hon. Pamela Gross: *Quana*, Mr. Speaker, and our hearts go out to those that are affected by recent passings, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, earlier this afternoon, I had the honour of joining Commissioner Eva Arriak, RCMP Commissioner Mike Duheme, Chief Superintendent Andrew Blackadar, RCMP staff, colleagues from this House, and guests for a special ceremony. Together, we recognized 14 Inuktitut-speaking RCMP "V" Division employees who were awarded the Indigenous Languages Program coin, in recognition of their service in Inuktitut.

These employees come from a range of roles, including front-line policing, administrative support, and communications. But what unites them is their commitment to making policing in Nunavut more accessible, inclusive, and reflective of our communities. By using Inuktitut in their work, they help the RCMP fulfill its mission to preserve the peace, uphold the law, and provide quality service in partnership with Nunavummiut.

Mr. Speaker, Inuktitut is more than a language. It is the foundation of Inuit identity and a core part of connecting, sharing, and building trust. When RCMP staff speak Inuktitut, they help make services more welcoming, effective, and culturally respectful. We know the immense value this brings and support the RCMP's continued efforts to hire Inuktitut-speaking staff across our territory.

Mr. Speaker, we recognize that the RCMP's history in the Arctic is complex. It includes difficult chapters and continues to shape conversations today. But through meaningful actions like today's recognition and ongoing efforts, we see the kind of respectful, community-rooted service that helps move us forward on the path to reconciliation.

For their demonstrated and successful commitment to serving Nunavummiut in Inuktitut, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Jamie Savikataaq, George Henrie, Josephée Baines, Pauline Melanson, Rosanne Qaqqasiq-Lajoul, Margaret Sikkinerik, Tapea Keenainak, Vicki Gibbons, Sheba Kanayuk, Pudloo Akavak, Yvonne Aggak-Tautu, Kathleen Netser, Jeremiah Nakashuk, and Mina Arragutainaq.

Thank you for your service and for strengthening Inuktitut and Inuit culture through the important work you do every day.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Item 3, Members' Statements. Member for Amittuq, Mr. Kaernerik.

Item 3: Members' Statements

Member's Statement 836 – 6(2): Emergency Telephone Service

Mr. Kaernerik: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Welcome to everyone. Welcome.

(interpretation) I rise today. I believe it's the right time, and I will be asking questions in regards to the services that we receive. I believe that the RCMP officials are here today. I will be asking questions to the Minister of Justice in regards to the people that we have to call from our community when there's an emergency to Iqaluit dispatch. It was set back July 8, 2020 that when there's an emergency, and if we have any questions, we are to call from Hall Beach 928-0813, and Igloodik 924-0123. That's how the system is set up.

Mr. Speaker, in the communities that I represent, there's I believe there's still some danger in there. I believe that we need to set this, and I'm very proud of the RCMP trying to set this up properly, so we need to set this up properly because we need to have reconciliation. Our elders who cannot speak English when they call, they have to call to Iqaluit when they have to call for service. And they call to Iqaluit, and then the RCMP from Iqaluit detachment calls to our community detachments. We would like to see this properly in the community as early as possible, so that in case of emergency and when there's critical emergency cases, I will be very pleased to see people hired at the local level to provide services to Inuit. I believe that the servicing to Inuit will be better if we hire Inuit.

Mr. Speaker, when you're coming out from the smaller communities, when you have to make a service call, you have to call Iqaluit and we have to wait quite a long time for them to respond. I'm talking about this issue that we need to resolve this issue, and I

believe it's the right time right time with the RCMP officials being here. I believe that this has to be looked into. I'm very pleased that had they will be utilizing Inuit traditional knowledge.

At the appropriate time I will be asking questions to the appropriate minister at that time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Member's Statement. Member for Netsilik, Mr. Quqqiaq.

Member's Statement 837 – 6(2): Public Safety in Taloyoak and Kugaaruk

Mr. Quqqiaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address a need identified by the mayor and councillors of the hamlet of Kugaaruk. Mr. Speaker, the current health centre is too small for the community. The council has stated that a new and bigger health centre is a priority for the hamlet. I must agree. I myself have seen a situation where many patients had to be seen, most of them emergencies, and there was not enough space and room for patients when they are in emergencies. Out of respect for my constituents, I gave up my room for a period in order that an emergency patient who was in great pain could be seen.

Mr. Speaker, at the beginning of my term in office, I raised the issue with the Minister of Health that when mental health patients need to be seen, there is not enough space and privacy for them to receive health support. We need a bigger health centre in Kugaaruk.

Mr. Speaker, not too long ago, one of the building maintainers told me that the health centre's generator was very dangerous to fix, and fixing it was life threatening. This situation must be brought to light. An old health centre can have a number of infrastructure risks.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask the Government of Nunavut and the Department of Health in particular to take into future consideration in the next capital plan that a new health centre for Kugaaruk must be included. I would even suggest, Mr. Speaker, that the new health centre project for Kugaaruk should be considered as a priority.

Mr. Speaker, the hamlet of Kugaaruk has requested a new health centre for the community. As the member of the Legislative Assembly representing Netsilik, I'm proud to have a voice in this House and to use it to advocate on issues of concern for my constituents for the community of Kugaaruk, and to raise the hamlet's priority requests for the residents of Kugaaruk. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Member's Statement. Member for Rankin Inlet North-Chesterfield Inlet, Mr. Sammurtok.

Member's Statement 838 – 6(2): Wedding Anniversary

Mr. Sammurtok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to wish a couple of 63 years' wedding anniversary as of today, to Mr. Andrew Tautu and Elizabeth Tautu. Happy anniversary. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

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

Member's Statement 839 – 6(2): Outdoor Safety

Mr. Simailak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon to all the visitors. Welcome. Mr. Speaker, I know now that it's spring, winter is over, spring hunting and fishing is upon us and I would just like to remind all my fellow Baker Lakers to please be aware. I know it is tempting to stay out as long as possible while it's warm and fun, but please, especially to the young people: make sure you bring extra rope, bring extra gasoline and naphtha, advise family members and friends where you will be going and how long you expect to be out on the land hunting or fishing, so that those of us back home do not end up worrying. We know you all will be having fun.

Also as a very serious caution reminder, the rivers have opened up and they are going to be flowing 24 hours a day and it's going to be eating up the ice from underneath so it's going to be very dangerous in front of the river. So please, young people, be very cautious as well when you're going by a river. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

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

Member's Statement 840 – 6(2): Graduation Congratulations

Ms. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the students, as our children and grandchildren attend schools for many years to prepare for their lives and their future. I would like to acknowledge these individual who will be graduating grade 12: Hazel Armatuq (ph), Gena Rose Atagutluk (ph), Gordie Takau (ph), Kaylie Akatsiuk (ph), Sheldon Nattaq (ph), Linda Ayruq (ph), Steven Atagutsiak (ph), Sarah Quassa (ph), Amelia Amtiqia (ph), Bernie Satusiq. They will be having their prom and graduating on June 9, but I'm urging them to prepare for their life-long career. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

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

Member's Statement 841 – 6(2): Condolences to Grieving Families

Mr. Anavilok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon to Kugluktukmuit and to our special guests, welcome. (interpretation ends) And condolences to the Pedersen family. Our hearts are with you, and also my colleague Ms. Brewster's family members.

(interpretation) I want to raise concern regarding the Red Cross, as they will be helping with our community who are grieving and also in this year for their loss of their loved ones. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Member's Statement. Member for Arviat South, Mr. Savikataaq.

Member's Statement 842 – 6(2): Giving Notice of Absence from the House

Mr. Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, we just got informed by the Government House leader that two ministers will not be here during the rest of the sitting, which is today and tomorrow. Mr. Speaker, one of them is the premier. It would be good for us regular members if we would have been officially notified by e-mail or other reasons, or I'm sorry, other sources, that the premier was not going to be here.

This is not about the premier not being here, this is about being informed and being transparent so if any of us members had a question for the premier, we would have asked the premier that question before he left. But now he's not here today and tomorrow, and the sitting is ending tomorrow. So if we're to work together like a well-oiled machine, there should be communication and transparency.

In the future, if a minister or the premier is not going to be here, the regular member should be notified beforehand if it's during the sitting, so if we have any questions, we can get them out and get them responded to before they leave. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Member's Statement 843 – 6(2): High School Graduates

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. During this last week, students in grade 12 have graduated from their school. I would like to congratulate Lorraine Akigulu (ph), Sharon Pelley (ph) Megan Willie (ph). They are from Arctic Bay. Also in the high Arctic, Qarmartalik high school, there was one graduate. On June 7 they will be celebrating the prom, Josiah Kuduk (ph). There are four students that will be graduating.

I would like to thank the parents for keeping their children staying in school and waking them up every day. Those four have completed their grade 12, so it will be up to the students whether they want to learn their life-long career or do something else. I urge the four students to continue their education, and I thank the teachers and their parents.

Thank you.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Member Statement. Member for Cambridge Bay, Ms. Gross.

Member's Statement 844 – 6(2): Cambridge Bay Graduates

Hon. Pamela Gross: *Quana*, Mr. Speaker, and good afternoon, Nunavummiut to those all here with us in the House. Mr. Speaker, I want to share a congratulatory message to the students that are going to be graduating from Cambridge Bay on June 7 at the Kiiliniq high school. Their graduation is a very wonderful milestone, and I would like to recognize Payton Dyer, Agnariuk (ph), Casey Igootaq (ph), Hunter Ikpaququq (ph), Cayley Qaviuaq (ph), Chayenne Kumuktun (ph), Felicity Klinenberg Fraser Lyall (ph), Joshua McPherson (ph), Ezrah Maksagak (ph), Surmar Malla (ph) Taten Maniguranaq (ph), William Maniguranaq (ph), Zachary Maniguranaq (ph), Eva Pedersen, and Felix Legree.

Congratulations on your graduation. You've all worked so hard to get here. It's an incredible milestone to be proud of for you've all come, and we all look forward to where you are all going.

I would like to thank your parents, your peers, educators and community who have stood by you and helped you to get to this amazing accomplishment. We look forward to seeing where you are all headed. Congratulations once again. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Member Statement. Member for Pangnirtung, Ms. Nakashuk.

Member's Statement 845 – 6(2): Pangnirtung Graduates

Hon. Margaret Nakashuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, June 19 and 20, 2025 there's going to be a graduation of the grade 12 graduates, and this is the most number we've seen in a while. On March 25, the Commissioner made a visit to Pangnirtung, and it seemed like it was the first time in a long time that we had a Commissioner visit our community. And then there's King Charles III coronation. Peter Kilabuk (ph), Lisa Kanaiuk (ph), and for his leadership, and again with the King Charles

III coronation, our elder Abraham Arnakuq and Uli Pakatii (ph). They are called the knowledge keepers, as elders, and there were four individuals and also people cited for their bravery and rescuing people. There were 17 individuals within the community. Community involvement and recognition of Sandra Nakasuk, including the community volunteers, the firefighters, and also in the Rangers there was quite a large number of people who were with us at the awards being given out. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Item 4, Returns to Oral Questions. Hon. Minister responsible for the Qulliq Energy Corporation, Mr. Main.

Item 4: Returns to Oral Questions

Return to Oral Question 1243 – 6(2): Anuriquak Nukkiksautiit Project

Hon. John Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and good day, colleagues.

(interpretation ends) I have a return to oral question today, Mr. Speaker, a question asked by the MLA for Hudson Bay, Daniel Qavvik, on the subject of the Anuriquak Nukkiksautiit project.

(interpretation) Mr. Speaker, (interpretation ends) Qulliq Energy Corporation has entered into a 25-year energy purchase agreement with the Nunavut Nukkiksautiit Corporation to procure renewable energy in Sanikiluaq. Under this agreement, Qulliq Energy Corporation will purchase as much electricity as can be safely and reliably integrated from Nunavut Nukkiksautiit Corporation's one-megawatt wind turbine generator and battery storage system into the existing Sanikiluaq electrical grid.

The agreement ensures that energy integration will not compromise the stability or reliability of the local power supply. Every kilowatt-hour of wind energy purchased through this agreement will directly offset the use of diesel fuel in generating electricity, contributing to a cleaner energy future for the community.

The wind turbine generator is anticipated to produce approximately 3.7 gigawatt-hours, or 3,662,000 kilowatt-hours of renewable electricity annually.

This partnership represents an important step in Qulliq Energy Corporation's ongoing efforts to incorporate sustainable energy solutions and reduce reliance on fossil fuels in Nunavut. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Returns to Oral Questions. Hon. Minister of Human Resources, Mr. David Akeeagok.

Return to Oral Question 1275 – 6(2): Staff Housing Update

Hon. David Akeeagok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to provide an answer to the question I took as notice on May 30, 2025 following a question from the Member for Iqaluit-Tasiluk, George Hickes.

Mr. Speaker, the strategic review of the Government of Nunavut's housing program will ensure that the allocation of staff housing is transparent and effective in meeting the needs of government, and reflecting Inuit societal values. The terms of reference are being finalized and we aim to have the contract issued in the next two weeks. The review should be complete in early fall. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Returns to Oral Questions. Hon. Minister of Environment, Mr. Joanasie.

Return to Oral Question 1232 – 6(2): Update on Vacant Positions in Arviat

Hon. David Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to follow up on a commitment I made to respond to MLA Savikataaq, Oral Question 1232 -- 6(2) on May 23, 2025 regarding an update on vacant positions in Arviat, the wildlife life deterrent specialist. This position is currently vacant. The department anticipates staffing this position within the coming months.

The environmental protection officer is filled and the successful applicant starts in August 2025.

I want to thank Mr. Savikataaq for his advocacy for his constituency for jobs at the Department of Environment in the areas of wildlife and environmental protection. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Item 5, Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Cambridge Bay, Ms. Gross.

Item 5: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery

Hon. Pamela Gross: *Quana*, Mr. Speaker. It's an honour to recognize a very large number of people in the House today. We are so thankful to you, Mr. Speaker, for allowing us to host a recognition ceremony over the lunch our hour to recognize some amazing individuals who work with the RCMP "V" Division, and I would like to recognize them alongside their colleagues, and others that are with them to celebrate, Mr. Speaker. We have the privilege of welcoming our Commissioner of the RCMP, Mike

Duheme, as well as Andrew Blackadar here, and someone who is no stranger to this House, Pauline Melanson, who hosted us today.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize these individuals, and when I say your name, please stand up. Mr. Speaker, George Henrie.

>> *Applause*

Josephée Baines.

>> *Applause*

Pauline Melanson.

>> *Applause*

Margaret Sikkinerik.

>> *Applause*

Tapea Keenainak.

>> *Applause*

Sheba Kanayuk.

>> *Applause*

Yvonne Aggak-Tautu.

>> *Applause*

Jeremiah Nakashuk.

>> *Applause*

And Mina Arragutainaq.

>> *Applause*

Mr. Speaker, those were all of the recognition of special people in the RCMP and there were others, as well, who unfortunately are not able in Iqaluit to be here with us, but they will receive their recognition when we see them next.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to welcome to the Gallery Commissioner Mike Duheme.

>> *Applause*

Chief Superintendent Andrew Blakadar.

>> *Applause*

Staff Sergeant Kathleen Aiken (ph).

>> *Applause*

Kareen Wegh (ph).

>> *Applause*

Dan Campbell (ph).

>> *Applause*

Peter Tautu.

>> *Applause*

Superintendent Daryl Dockin (ph).

>> *Applause*

Jim Quitoq (ph).

>> *Applause*

And of course, Suzie Baines.

>> *Applause*

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: And welcome to your Assembly. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery.
Member for Pangnirtung, Ms. Nakashuk.

Hon. Margaret Nakashuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would also like to recognize them. I'm very pleased to see a full house. Was recognized already, Jeremiah Nakasuk. And also from Pangnirtung who has been here in Iqaluit for quite a while, Sheba Kanayuk, and Tapea Keenainak and also Suzy Baines, who is my CA and "V" Division team. I am very proud to have you here. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Welcome to your Assembly. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Rankin Inlet North-Chesterfield Inlet, Mr. Sammurtok.

Mr. Sammurtok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would also recognize an individual who was recognized already, Yvonne Aggak-Tautu and Peter Tautu, and George Henrie. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

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

Hon. Daniel Qavvik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and my regards to the people of Hudson Bay.

We also have an individual from Sanikiluaq, and I'm very glad that people from Sanikiluaq come to visit the House and our community. Mina Arragutainaq, from Sanikiluaq. I would like to thank you on behalf of the people of Sanikiluaq, who helps us speak in our language when there's a need for help from the people of Sanikiluaq. She has been working for quite a number of years, and I'm very pleased to hear somebody from Sanikiluaq in the House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Welcome to your Assembly. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. I see no more times. Oral Questions, Item 6.. Member for Aivilik, Mr. Malliki.

Item 6: Oral Questions

Oral Question 1306 – 6(2): Qulliq Energy Corporation Projects in the Kivalliq

Mr. Malliki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions are for the minister responsible for Qulliq Energy Corporation. As the minister will recall, I asked a number of questions during our recent fall and winter sittings about clean energy projects in Kivalliq, including projects in the communities in Naujaat and Coral Harbour. As the minister is aware, the Ikayuut Solar and Energy Storage Project in Naujaat involves "the construction of 1.0 megawatt solar and battery energy storage facility that will supply

30 per cent of the community's electricity demand with locally produced renewable energy."

In his statement of last week, Wednesday, the minister indicated that the project "is on track to begin operating in the spring of 2026."

Can the minister provide an update today on the status of the Qulliq Energy Corporation's work to negotiate an energy purchase agreement with the project proponent, Kivalliq Alternative Energy. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Hon. Minister responsible for the Qulliq Energy Corporation, Mr. Main.

Hon. John Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I would like to thank the member for his question. I'm very pleased that we're going to working with the Kivalliq Alternative Energy for this project.

(interpretation ends) In terms of the progress through, there are a number of different steps that need to be completed through the independent power producer program. The connection inter -- sorry, I need to get my acronyms right here, Mr. Speaker. At the technical level, the connection CIA, which I believe is a connection interconnect analysis, has been completed. Right now we have signed the capital cost agreement, and there's detailed design that is in progress, and that's to make sure that the solar and battery panel installation will work with our existing diesel power plant. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: First supplementary, Mr. Malliki.

Mr. Malliki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I thank the minister. The Kivalliq Alternative Energy partnership is also working to develop a solar and energy storage project in Coral Harbour that also aims to provide 30 per cent of the community's electricity with locally produced clean energy. When I last raised this issue during our winter sitting, the minister informed the Legislative Assembly that "connection impact assessment has been paused."

In his statement of last week, the minister indicated that the project is anticipated to be begin operating August 2027. Can the minister provide an update today on the status of Qulliq Energy Corporation's work with Kivalliq Alternative Energy on the Coral Harbour project. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister responsible for the Qulliq Energy Corporation, Mr. Main.

Hon. John Main: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I correct myself on the acronym there. It was a "connection impact assessment" that has been completed for the Naujaat project.

For the Coral Harbour project, the member is correct, assessment has been on pause. The current status, my understanding is that there's a feasibility study regarding the location for the renewable installation.

Mr. Speaker, as you could understand, or the member could understand, I would hope, the location of a wind turbine or solar panels or whatever type of generating infrastructure is going to be needs to be carefully selected, so that the community is not negatively impacted. We'll continue working with Kivalliq Alternative Energy to support them on both these projects as best we can. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Second and final supplementary, Mr. Malliki.

Mr. Malliki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, (interpretation) and we would like to see more support in this regard. I thank you for continued support.

(interpretation ends) The minister recently informed the House that the Qulliq Energy Corporation is in the progress of undertaking a generator set project in Coral Harbour, as well as installing an emergency generator unit in the community. Can the minister provide an update today on the timeline and budget for these. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister responsible for the Qulliq Energy Corporation, Mr. Main.

Hon. John Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for your question. The information I have here on hand regarding the emergency unit connection is that the installation has been completed and testing and commissioning are the plan for the current fiscal year. And as for the G2 gen set replacement project, the contract has been awarded. The gen set is purchased. The installation is scheduled for the summer of 2027. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Oral Question 1307 – 6(2): Nunavut Housing Corporation Activities in the Kivalliq

Mr. Sammurtok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my questions are for the minister responsible for the acting minister responsible for Nunavut Housing Corp. As the acting minister, will recall the Nunavut Housing Corporation recently issued an announcement concerning the memorandum of understanding that it signed with Agnico Eagle Mines. The announcement indicated that:

“Agnico Eagle will provide marine shipping for approximately 20 individual housing units in support of acceleration housing supplies for Nunavut. The Nunavut Housing

Corporation will be responsible for purchasing modular units and the placement of units once they arrive in the communities. Approximately 20 new housing units will be delivered to Rankin Inlet and Baker Lake.”

Mr. Speaker, this is very good news. Can the acting minister provide an update today on the status of this project. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Hon. Acting Minister for Nunavut Housing Corporation, Mr. Joanasie.

Hon. David Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I appreciate my colleague asking on this. Mr. Speaker, the Nunavut Housing Corporation did enter into a one-year memorandum of understanding with Agnico Eagle Mines Limited, regarding 20 modular units. From my understanding, it is on track for delivering those 20 units to Rankin Inlet and Baker Lake.

Mr. Speaker, I’m just keeping the seat warm for Minister Kusugak at this point, so if there’s any new movement I’ll have to get the officials to make sure I’m providing the correct information as to the details. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Second and final supplementary, Mr. Sammurtok.

Mr. Sammurtok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Can the acting minister confirm that these new modular units will become the property of the local housing organizations in both communities and can he confirm if the new modular units are designed to be inhabited by a single individual or families with children. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Acting Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation, Mr. Joanasie.

Hon. David Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, regarding the particulars, I don’t have that level of detail, but I do have -- I’ll note that 20 additional units for those communities will add to the existing stock, and whether or not it’s a two-bedroom or three-bedroom, I’m not too familiar with this.

I was happy to be at the signing of this memorandum of understanding and I think it’s a good example of how mining companies can help towards addressing some of the issues that our communities face on the housing front. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Second and final supplementary, Mr. Sammurtok.

Mr. Sammurtok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Can the acting minister indicate if a similar initiative is being considered for other Kivalliq communities, including Chesterfield Inlet. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Acting Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation, Mr. Joanasie.

Hon. David Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I believe the housing corporation did see an opportunity with Agnico Eagle in this venture, and made it so that putting 20 units to these two communities. If there are other potential communities to target I'm sure the housing corporation would be welcome to those discussions, especially looking at where the greatest needs are. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Oral Question 1308 – 6(2): Public Safety in Taloyoak and Kugaaruk

Mr. Quqqiaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my questions are for the new Minister of Justice, and they concern the issue of public safety in Taloyoak and Kugaaruk.

Mr. Speaker, as the member of the Legislative Assembly representing the constituency of Netsilik, I am a strong advocate for enhancing public safety in all of Nunavut's communities, including Taloyoak and Kugaaruk.

Mr. Speaker, a number of my constituents raised their concerns about incidents in our communities involving alcohol and public intoxication. Mr. Speaker, all Nunavummiut deserve to feel safe and free of violence in their communities.

The government's 2025-2026 business plan indicates in its environmental scan that "given that criminal activity in Nunavut involves alcohol and drugs, combatting, bootlegging and drug trafficking is a key objective of the Government of Nunavut and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police." Mr. Speaker, can the minister confirm what specific actions her department is undertaking to address this issue. 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. The Department of Justice is fully committed to working with the Canada Post in tackling public safety issues. We're going to work with the new federal Minister of Public Safety and the Minister responsible for Canada Post to build on their predecessor's commitment to explore strengthening package inspections for illicit goods, including alcohol destined for Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to encourage anyone with information about bootlegging or drug trafficking in their communities to report it to the RCMP. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: First supplementary, Mr. Quqqiaq.

Mr. Quqqiaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the 2022-2025 Shared Directional Statement was tabled in the House on May 31, 2023.

The document identifies a number of shared priorities between the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the Department of Justice. The shared directional statement indicates that, as alcohol is a major factor in the majority of crimes and calls for service in Nunavut, the Government of Nunavut and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police commit to addressing the harmful effects of bootlegging and substance abuse in our communities.

Once again, Mr. Speaker, for clarification, can the minister clarify what specific actions her department has undertaken to support this priority, for clarification. 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. The RCMP and Canada Post, they have been ramping up the capacity efforts to intercept non-mailable items, such as illicit drugs and alcohol, and those have intensified measures. They have also achieved noticeable success with their intervention work, and they also are working on enforcement and public safety requires collaboration and cooperation of all Nunavummiut.

So we do recommend that, as I stated earlier, Mr. Speaker, anyone with information is encouraged to call the tips line, or go and speak to an RCMP member about any information they might know about this type of activity. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Second and final supplementary, Mr. Quqqiaq.

Mr. Quqqiaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the department's approved 2025-2026 business plan indicates that:

"The Royal Canadian Mounted Police continued to collaborate with federal, provincial, and territorial law enforcement partners to prevent the flow of alcohol and drugs into Nunavut, while upholding individuals' rights regarding unreasonable search and seizure."

For Kitikmeot residents and my constituents, can the minister confirm if her department in collaboration with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police are currently screening packaging for the illegal transportation of drugs and alcohol. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister of Justice, Ms. Gross.

Hon. Pamela Gross: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you to the member for that question. I don't have a breakdown of where interceptions have happened, Mr. Speaker, but yes, I believe that that work is ongoing across our territory. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Oral Question 1309 – 6(2): Emergency Dispatch Services

Mr. Kaerner: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I have stated in my member statement, I wanted to direct my question to the new Minister of Justice in regards to providing an emergency and general inquiry phone line. As I stated, again in my member statement it was created July 8, 2020 and I would also like to direct my question again to the minister. When this phone line was set up back in 2020, and I have stated that when it comes to providing emergency services after hours. And in the minister's statement by using Inuktitut in the workplace, is the Department of Justice in collaboration with the "V" Division on how they can tackle emergency after hours locals.

Is the Department of Justice willing to hire Inuit throughout this territory, starting off with my riding of Amittuq? Is there some kind of a plan put in place when it comes to providing Inuktitut-speaking staff at the local level? 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 that question. I think it's really timely, considering we just had the recognition of Inuktitut-speaking RCMP employees here with us over a reception over the lunch hour and just in the House with us earlier, Mr. Speaker, on this very important piece of public servants in speaking Inuktitut in their workplace. This is a great way for Nunavummiut to feel connected to people that they are speaking to and having more accessible and inclusive people to speak to within the RCMP is very important. So we have had 14 individuals recognized for their service and being able to speak Inuktitut.

And just speaking with the commanding officer just over the lunch hour, he indicated that they are looking to hire more individuals in our communities that speak Inuktitut and work in the offices, the RCMP offices in each community.

I don't have a breakdown of how many they are going to be hiring, but I do know that they will and they are working on these efforts as we speak. And as we currently have one RCMP – or sorry, one officer. Sorry, I should rephrase myself. One person dispatcher who speaks Inuktitut at this time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: First supplementary, Mr. Kaerner.

Mr. Kaerner: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess they're in the planning stages at this time so when it comes to providing a service at the local level.

Now, Mr. Speaker, when it comes to calling this emergency number, is the Department of Justice still in the works with the "V" Division to have this phone be locally placed, where the emergency is called from. Let's say for instance in Sanirajak or Igloolik, is there a plan in place to have this locally rather than having people from the other communities calling Iqaluit and Iqaluit detachment call the other detachment.. And has been a concern for quite a while now that I have to bring it up in the House. Is there such a plan to have this more like I said, an Inuit-speaking staff at the local level to provide services? Is there another such a place when it comes to providing a good community safe service? 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. Local detachments across the territory, Mr. Speaker, have limited staff to take calls 24-7, so we can bring this issue up with the "V" Division.

As I indicated, Mr. Speaker, the RCMP is looking to hire more Inuit-speaking staff. And the Department of Justice does strongly encourage the RCMP to continue and enhance its efforts to recruit Inuktitut-speaking staff as well, to support Inuit language. And we're also wanting them to support Inuit-language training for its members, especially for frontline and call centre staff.

And yes, Mr. Speaker, the RCMP can respond 24-7 to calls. And we look forward to them hiring more Inuit, as indicated by the commanding officer, that that work is underway. We look forward to hearing about that soon. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Second and final supplementary, Mr. Kaerner.

Mr. Kaerner (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, Inuit are not supposed to be in danger, and that's real important. And we have to express our gratitude to the RCMP, because they do try to help the communities. This is not a question, but a comment.

I was addressing this issue that our elders mostly cannot speak English, and the minister said they think they can be more welcoming if the local language is used, because the police come from somewhere else, not from our community, and then they have to go by house number, if there's an emergency, because they're not from the community, so that's a real hard part of their job.

I'm glad that RCMP is going to look into this matter more. And I really want it to express this, because emergency services in the communities are very important. It's not a question, it's just a statement. Thank you, and that's what I have to say. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Just a comment. And if the minister would like to comment on the comment. Minister of Justice, Ms. Gross.

Hon. Pamela Gross: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you to the member for that great comment. We do recognize how invaluable those employees are that speak Inuktitut and are working and serving their careers to help Nunavummiut in times of need.

And I do share the sentiment of our colleague to thank those members. We were so thankful to have a special coin that they received for their recognition in the House, and we do look forward to recruiting more individuals into the position. And we really do hope to see more people interested in the frontline work.

And I share this as a call for those who are interested to seek out the opportunity, because we know it's there. Go speak to your local RCMP detachment and inquire if there is availability and put your resume forward. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Member for Hudson Bay, Mr. Qavvik.

Oral Question 1310 – 6(2): Teacher Education Opportunities for Sanikiluaq

Mr. Qavvik: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct my questions to the Minister responsible for Nunavut Arctic College. Mr. Speaker, last week the minister made a statement respecting the success of the Nunavut Teacher Education Program, as a number of students from nine different communities were invited to attend a special event at Nunavut Arctic College.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the minister can she provide an overview of what criteria must be met to have the Nunavut Teacher Education Program delivered in a community. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Hon. Minister responsible for Nunavut Arctic College, Ms. Nakashuk.

Hon. Margaret Nakashuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you for the question. The teacher education program, we've tried to have it available in all the communities in Nunavut, and if a community wants to have that program, they need to have the proper classroom space and the staff at the community learning centre. They need to have proper staff that can teach at the community learning centre. And Nunavut

Arctic College in Iqaluit asked the communities, and the community learning centres can request for the program. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: First supplementary, Mr. Qavvik.

Mr. Qavvik: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for her responses.

Mr. Speaker, I am in full support of having teacher education courses delivered at the community level. Nunavut is in desperate need of teachers, and especially teachers who can speak the Inuit language. Promoting teacher careers at the community level only benefits our education system but supports the community as a whole.

Can the minister indicate what consideration is currently being given to providing the Nunavut Teacher Education Program in the community of Sanikiluaq. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister responsible for the Nunavut Arctic College, Ms. Nakashuk.

Hon. Margaret Nakashuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you for those questions. There was a request to have the teacher education program in Sanikiluaq. However, after further review, there was another ask of the community, if they still want the program and that ask was never responded to. Right now they have to look to see if they have enough room at the community learning centre. That was one of the concerns in Sanikiluaq for the program. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Second and final supplementary, Mr. Qavvik.

Mr. Qavvik: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think the minister partially answered my question, so I'll try a question.

Mr. Speaker, many of Nunavut home-grown teachers and educators are getting ready to retire. We also know that there are vacant educator positions in schools all across Nunavut. It takes a minimum of two years to earn a qualification from Nunavut Arctic College to become an educator and another two years on top of that to achieve a teaching degree. We cannot afford to wait to begin training the next cohort of Nunavut educators.

Mr. Speaker, will the minister commit to having the Nunavut Teacher Education Program delivered to the community of Sanikiluaq by the fall of 2025 at the latest? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister responsible for Nunavut Arctic College, Ms. Nakashuk.

Hon. Margaret Nakashuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you for pushing for that program. It's true what you're saying. We need to have, we want to have Inuit teachers in the communities. There have been many teachers that have graduated, and I'm sure we could consider Sanikiluaq to have the program.

The community learning centre can review to see if Nunavut Teacher Education Program can proceed in Sanikiluaq, and if we are going to try and start a program in this fall, we will need to have the funding for it. And then we'll have to also look at to see if they have enough space in the community learning centre. And we will need to send a teacher that can teach teachers, prospective teachers. And we would have to bring in teachers. But up to now, we've been able to do some of the courses online. But we can review Sanikiluaq's request again. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Oral Question 1311 – 6(2): Mental Health Surveillance System

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions today are for the Minister of Health regarding the newly released mental health surveillance system. But before I get into my question, I would like to thank the minister and his officials for having the mental health open house here in Iqaluit last month, and it was very well attended.

Mr. Speaker, as I indicated during the last sitting, the minister had commenced the roll-out of the new surveillance system which was designed to monitor trends and identify Nunavummiut who require mental health and social supports.

When I questioned the member on the topic, he had indicated that the new surveillance system was being rolled out in a number of communities I'd like to ask this new mental health surveillance system has now been rolled out and being utilized here in Iqaluit. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Hon. Minister of Health, Mr. Main.

Hon. John Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I thank the member for the question. As everyone in the House knows, mental health is a key service. Mental health supports are a key service for Nunavummiut.

In terms of the surveillance system, the program has rolled out in a number of communities. In the Qikiqtaaluk, we've rolled it out to Mittimatalik, Pangnirtung, and Resolute Bay. Our rollout is being impacted by some staffing changes within the department. We do have plans to expand the clinical surveillance program to Qikiqtani General Hospital by fall of 2025.

Mr. Speaker, this is tied to our efforts on Nunavut Suicide Prevention Strategy as well as the Inuusivut Annirnaqtut action plan. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: First supplementary, Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, Minister, for that response. I'm glad that there is a planned rollout coming in the fall period here in Iqaluit.

Mr. Speaker, one of the important aspects of this program is that a case manager will oversee the process to make sure no one falls through the cracks.

Mr. Speaker, I have stated this multiple times. There's a minority of the population contributing to a majority of violence and harm in our territory, and in addition there are so many people suffering in silence and self-medicating with alcohol and other substances here in Iqaluit.

Mr. Speaker, unfortunately the RCMP interacts with these individuals quite frequently, and our holding cells are quite full so I believe it's imperative that the RCMP collaborate with mental health workers and social workers to ensure that those individuals are aware of the services that they could utilize if they decide to make a healthy choice.

So I would like to ask: Can the minister confirm to what extent mental health surveillance system will interact with individuals in RCMP cells. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister of Health, Mr. Main.

Hon. John Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, (interpretation ends) and I thank the member for the question. In terms of the mental health surveillance system, there are three main steps within the system. There's the intake step, when a client presents, their information is collected; there's follow-up within the system, or notifications that would come to the health professional in terms of the client needs follow-up or it's time for follow-up with his client; and there's ongoing case management in component to that.

In terms of the holding cells, mental health and addictions staff do see clients in cells. It's on request, and there are triggers for when a person requires an assessment for mental health and addictions staff, and that is communicated to us by the RCMP.

Almost 100 per cent of the requests are tied to comments regarding suicidal ideation, and so we do provide that service. We're able to follow up with individuals on their request. But of course, Mr. Speaker, the client has to be willing and interested in accessing the services for us to deliver them and support them. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Oral Question 1312 – 6(2): Caribou Management in the Kivalliq

Mr. Simailak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my questions this afternoon are for the Minister of Environment, and they concern his department's five-year statutory report on wildlife that he tabled in the House during last Thursday's sitting. Mr. Speaker, the report appears to be a couple of years late, but better late than never.

Mr. Speaker, my questions today will focus on the Qamanirjuaq caribou herd. The report which the minister tabled last weeks sitting indicates that "the population is showing a declining trend, and there has been a significant increase in harvest for meat sales. The majority of meat sales are to the Qikiqtaaluk region, where capacity is far below demand."

Mr. Speaker, those of us who live in the Kivalliq region recognize that there is a significant challenge, given the need to balance Inuit harvesting rights that are enshrined in the Nunavut agreement with the need to preserve the health of the herd for future generations. Can the minister indicate how his department is currently addressing this issue. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. David Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the Department of Environment, when we look at the caribou population of different herds and how healthy they are, we do have a system in place to monitor to see where things are at. Qamanirjuaq caribou is Nunavut's largest herd, estimated at 250,292. And with that we know that there is some slow decline that we've seen with this particular herd.

With regards to the question around addressing the balance between Inuit harvesting rights through the Nunavut agreement and maintaining and managing herd population, my department works with our co-management partners as well as others to ensure that our herds remain healthy and stay strong. And we've seen the Baffin herd seems to be on the rebound, which I think will help alleviate some of the concerns that my colleague in the Kivalliq is seeing. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: First supplementary, Mr. Simailak.

Mr. Simailak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Minister, for your response. Mr. Speaker, the five-year statutory report on wildlife that he tabled in the House indicates that the estimated population of the Qamanirjuaq herd did decline about 10 per cent between the years of 2017 and 2022. Although this herd is still the largest in Nunavut, the trend is concerning.

Mr. Speaker, it is now 2025. Can the minister indicate when the next population survey will be conducted, and can he describe how the Baker Lake Hunters and Trappers

Organization who use Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit regularly, will participate in this work.
Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister of Environment, Mr. Joanasie.

Hon. David Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My department, along with our partners including local hunters and trappers, do conduct surveys and these counting of caribous. It's a little bit of an ongoing process. I don't have a specific time when the Qamanirjuaq herd will be next surveyed, but it will definitely include local hunters and trappers organizations. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Second and final supplementary, Mr. Simailak.

Mr. Simailak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, Minister, and hopefully you can get back to me at a later time when the survey will be done on that herd.

Mr. Speaker, I was happy that the premier gave a short and clear answer to me last week when I asked him to confirm that our territorial *Wildlife Act* will apply to transboundary settlement areas within Nunavut borders. Mr. Speaker, can the minister highlight what interjurisdictional initiatives his department is currently working on with respect to the Qamanirjuaq caribou herd. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister of Environment, Mr. Joanasie.

Hon. David Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, it provides me an opportunity to mention that I've had the opportunity to meet the Qamanirjuaq joint caribou management board in Rankin Inlet last month. And I know that board has been active, composed different Indigenous groups within Nunavut, NWT, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, so there's ongoing work that my department is doing in relation to this particular board.

But also, if there's other interested parties, we know that for example there's Agnico Eagle mine operation in the Kivalliq and of course there's concern making sure that doesn't adversely affect our caribou herds that we so rely on. So we will continue to engage with our partners, including those in the Kivalliq and the Qamanirjuaq. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Oral Question 1313 – 6(2): Dust Suppression

Ms. Quassa: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my questions today are for the minister of the new Department of Community Services, and they concern the issue of

dust suppression. Mr. Speaker, it is now June, and summer is almost here. Although we are looking forward to longer days and warmer weather, residents of smaller communities are not looking forward to the time of dust.

Mr. Speaker, residents of the capital city are privileged to have paved roads. As the minister will recall, the announcement of this paving project back in the year 2008 was described as being an initiative to achieve a healthier community.

Mr. Speaker, we know that excessive amounts of dust can contribute to respiratory problems. When I asked the previous minister responsible for this issue to provide an approximate figure for what it would cost to fund road paving programs in communities outside of Iqaluit, he indicated that he would have to look into the subject.

Can the new minister provide the Legislative Assembly with this information today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Hon. Minister of Community Services, Mr. Joanassie.

Hon. David Akeeagok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you very much for the question. In terms of paving for all of the municipalities, that has been an ongoing discussion throughout the years. I believe the cost is the most prohibitive factor, and one that will then continue. That's something that we'll continue to try and find solutions.

We have a very good working relationship with the Nunavut Association of Municipalities, in terms of trying to find solutions, not necessarily just on paving the roads, but finding suppressions that can help alleviate all the dust that's around our communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: First supplementary, Ms. Quassa.

Ms. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) It would probably cost a lot to pave a lot of the communities, but one by one would definitely start covering the roads throughout Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, as the minister will recall, my colleague from Aivilik recently asked him questions about his department's dust suppression initiatives. Can the new minister provide an update on what dust suppression initiatives and/or pilot projects the government will be working on this summer in communities like Igloolik. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister of Community Services, Mr. David Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, calcium chloride is an inexpensive and effective means of suppressing dust on municipal roads. That's one product that we have found to be effective in most of the communities. It does require ongoing training on how to apply it properly. Therefore, we are working with the municipal training organizations to conduct those trainings so that the municipalities will know how to apply those.

It's one that we will continue to encourage our municipalities of using that solution, and we'll continue to find other solutions if there are any that would help the municipalities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Second and final supplementary, Ms. Quassa.

Ms. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I would like to thank the minister for his response on what other solutions they're looking at in regards to dust suppression.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, the Department of Environment recently published an updated set of environmental guidelines regarding the use of the dust suppressants. The publication contains excellent information regarding the use of different substances to combat dust, and I encourage all colleagues to review the document with care.

Can the new minister indicate how he will be working with the Minister of Environment to ensure that municipalities are aware of these guidelines. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister of Community Services, Mr. David Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do apologize. I know you are a good Speaker, and am glad to see you sitting up there. In regards to the use of dust suppressants, we have close working relationships with the Minister of Environment, and I thank you for urging your colleagues to review the documents with care. Usually when we have a close working relationship we'll make sure that we get the information out.

Oral Question 1314 – 6(2): Fox Trapping Pilot Program

Mr. Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my questions are for the Minister of Environment and they pertain to the minister's statement for last weeks fox trapping education program pilot. Mr. Speaker, the minister said:

“We’re in the process of organizing the trapping workshop pilot this fall to train our conservation officers in fox trapping so they can later deliver the workshop to their communities.”

Mr. Speaker, I believe the biggest barrier from getting young people or new trappers into trapping is the actually getting the traps. They are expensive. They are not available everywhere. I’ll ask the minister: When they put on this fox trapping pilot project program, will the minister commit to having traps available for participants; and not just a token two, three, four, but enough to actually set a trap line. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister of Environment, Mr. Joanasie.

Hon. David Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This pilot project we’re looking at having, we are wanting to have the actual traps available for when people want to take it up, so we are looking at that to have supplies ready for Nunavummiut to be available to access. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: First supplementary, Mr. Savikataaq.

Mr. Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, where I’m from, Arviat, trapping is still a strong industry there; mostly fox trapping. There’s quite a few fox trappers yet. But if I can get a commitment that one of the first courses could be done or will be done in Arviat, and have enough ample traps available to participants to start a trap line. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister of Environment, Mr. Joanasie.

Hon. David Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I appreciate that my colleague is highlighting that his community is very much into trapping. We do want to see that in more of the communities. This is where we’re trying to build on this momentum.

I’ll have to get back to the member to be part of the pilot project. But we are providing kits through this training to ensure that those taking part know exactly how to set them up and have those ready for deployment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Second and final supplementary, Mr. Savikataaq.

Mr. Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I highly encourage and recommend to the minister that traps are available for the participants, not just traps available for the course so that they learn how to use the traps. It doesn’t do any good, no matter what the course is, to get someone to do it, but they don’t have the mechanism to get into it. For example, they train trappers, but they can’t get traps; well, they’re not

going to trap. Even if they know how, they can't get traps. So I highly encourage the minister to make sure there is ample supply of traps for each course that's put on.

On a lighter side here, on the same statement it says:

"Mr. Speaker, we believe that programs such as these are instrumental in driving Inuit self-determination and building Nunavut sovereignty."

My question is, I'm not sure how fox trapping is connected to sovereignty in Nunavut. So I'm wondering if the minister is hoping that there will be enough traps out so that we can trap a few intruders coming into Canada.

>> *Laughter*

Or can the minister explain how fox trapping will be better for sovereignty in Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister of Environment, Mr. Joanasie.

Hon. David Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I believe one of my colleagues is saying that's a trap.

>> *Laughter*

Mr. Speaker, regarding the question, I think it's regarding ensuring our communities have reliance on the wildlife, the land, and when we tap into as much of our resources as we can, then we're better off for it, and we can remain more sovereign, and economically, hunters, when they tap into our national resources, that it builds a stronger community. So that's towards that.

Mr. Speaker, we do want to see this program succeed and have good uptake, and we encourage Nunavummiut to participate in the trapping training.

I don't want to say the department will become the trap dealers, but we will try to have that resource available and/or point to where they can find those traps to sustain their activities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Oral Question 1315 – 6(2): Marine Infrastructure

Ms. Killiktee (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my questions are for the Minister of Department of Transportation and Infrastructure regarding the marine

infrastructure in Qikiqtarjuaq. As the new minister will recall, the premier issued a statement in February of this year concerning the subject of Arctic sovereignty. In his statement the premier indicated that:

(interpretation ends) “Qikiqtarjuaq is a long-standing prior for the Government of Nunavut. This port provides critical Arctic infrastructure support, national security, search and rescue operations, and maritime defence. It also reduces our dependence on foreign ports for Nunavut’s essential goods. This port will create opportunities for the expansion of the fishing industry in Nunavut, while improving deep water docking capabilities in the eastern Arctic. To date some funding is in place and design work and community engagement have started. However, additional investments are needed to complete this project.”

So, Mr. Speaker, I am pleased that the government remains committed to this important project. Can the minister provide an update today on the status of this project.

(interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. David Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I would like to thank the member for that question. We have taken the initiative in regards to the deep water port at Qikiqtarjuaq, and we do require a large amount of money in order to complete this project. The design phase, it’s at least at 60 per cent completion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: First supplementary, Ms. Killiktee.

Ms. Killiktee (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I would like to thank you for that response, because the people of Qikiqtarjuaq will want to know what’s happening. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(interpretation ends) As the minister will recall, the Legislative Assembly was informed during its last Fall Sitting the Qikiqtarjuaq deep water port increased from approximately \$50 million to over \$300 million. Can the new minister provide an update on what discussions are planned with the new federal government to obtain additional investments to ensure that the project goes ahead. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. David Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Nunavut government has been looking at a large amount of money to go ahead with the programs and we are looking at about four large projects, including the deep sea port in Qikiqtarjuaq.

In a federal government meeting we will make sure that these are included in the discussions, because of course we need the funds from the federal government to initiate those projects. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Oral Question 1316 – 6(2): Kugluktuk Power Plant

Mr. Anavilok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, my questions today are for the Minister responsible for the Qulliq Energy Corporation.

Mr. Speaker, I want to revisit the issue of Kugluktuk's power plant. As the minister will recall, the Qulliq Energy Corporation issued a new request for proposal for the design and construction of Kugluktuk's new power plant in March 2025. The request for proposal was originally scheduled to close on April 16, 2025; however, information published by the Qulliq Energy Corporation indicates that bidders have expressed significant concern about the impact that tariffs are having on suppliers. The closing date was recently extended to June 4, later this week.

Can the minister clearly describe the extent to which tariffs are expected to impact the cost of constructing the new power plant. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Hon. Minister responsible for the Qulliq Energy Corporation, Mr. Main.

Hon. John Main: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I thank my colleague for raising this issue. (interpretation ends) The new power plant project or the tender process in Kugluktuk is one that we continue to be optimistic about, just given the amount of interest from the private sector in the project. Generally speaking, the more bidders we have on a capital project, the more likely it is to come in on budget, or we'll get a competitive price on it.

In terms of the tariff factor, it is a concern for us on our capital front. Many of the major components do have a cross-border nature to them.

For example, generator sets, which are one of the largest pieces of a power plant, some of those are manufactured in the United States. And so by giving proponents additional time to understand the landscape, which seems to change in some cases daily in terms of tariffs, we felt it was appropriate to extend the tenders so that we get as many bids as possible in on this important project. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: First supplementary, Mr. Anavilok.

Mr. Anavilok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) As the minister is aware, the Qulliq Energy Corporation's request for proposal for the design and construction of Kugluktuk's new power plant indicates that the project "is funded in part by the Government of Canada."

Can the minister confirm what percentage of the project cost is being covered by the federal Arctic Energy Fund, and can the minister indicate if the federal government will be providing increased funding to offset the impact of the tariffs that it has imposed on certain U.S. imports. (interpretation ends) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister responsible for the Qulliq Energy Corporation, Mr. Main.

Hon. John Main: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I thank the member for the question. (interpretation ends) The funding split is 75-25, with 75 per cent coming from the federal government through the Arctic Energy Fund, and 25 per cent from Qulliq Energy Corporation.

The Arctic Energy Fund and the ability to access more of that funding is a big concern for Qulliq Energy Corporation. As I've indicated earlier in this sitting, we have almost used up or allocated all the existing funds, and there is currently no mechanism to access additional funds. If tariffs drive the costs higher, there are other issues that drive the cost higher.

For Kugluktuk power plant, for example, we don't have a clear line to additional funding. That's where we've been advocating quite actively to multiple federal departments for more funding so we can build more projects on behalf of Nunavummiut.

We really look forward to seeing the Kugluktuk process continue, and hopefully towards a successful contract award. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Second and final supplementary, Mr. Anavilok.

Mr. Anavilok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for responding. (interpretation ends) The minister recently informed the House that the Qulliq Energy Corporation is in the process of installing emergency generator units in a number of communities, including Kugluktuk. Can the minister clarify the timetable and budget for this project. (interpretation) thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister responsible for the Qulliq Energy Corporation, Mr. Main.

Hon. John Main: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I will need some time to pull that detailed information; unfortunately, I don't have it at that here in front of me. Or I

might have it here in front of me, but I need a magnifying glass to read through the information.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the member for his continued ongoing advocacy for the town of Kugluktuk, in terms of that power plant request-for-proposal process. I know the member has been advocating for Inuit employment at that plant. The member can rest assured that the contract, through the process, will set out terms regarding training for Inuit and Nunavummiut. And that's following the process that we're currently in the public procurement. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Member for Iqaluit-Tasiluk, Mr. Hickes.

Oral Question 1317 – 6(2): Northern Mineral Tax Credits

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct my questions today to the Minister responsible for Mines.

Mr. Speaker, about 15 months ago the Northwest Territories and the Nunavut Chamber of Mines made a statement where they stated in it:

“We believe the increase in Northwest Territory exploration is due to significant interest in critical minerals, particularly lithium, to address climate change, while in Nunavut we have seen an increased interest in precious metals and uranium. Unfortunately, both territories continue to capture a lower share of Canadian investment, considering the Northwest Territories and Nunavut combined are 34 per cent of Canada's land mass and attract only 10 per cent of its investment. This needs to be improved. A federal northern mineral exploration tax credit could help us compete with the provinces.”

My first question for minister today is: What discussions has the minister participated in with his territorial colleagues in Yukon and Northwest Territories talking about that northern mineral exploration tax credit? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Hon. Minister responsible for Mines, Mr. David Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, our ongoing dialogue with my counterparts and with our territorial, has been to double that. That's one outstanding discussions that we have with our federal counterpart is to encourage them to double that tax, in order to be attractive for the three territories to bring in the exploration. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: First supplementary, Mr. Hickes.

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, in addition to doubling of the taxes, Mr. Speaker, are all three territories aligned on the request to the Government of Canada? And if not, where are the differences? And what is the status of those discussions with the federal government? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister responsible for Mines, Mr. David Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, all three territories are aligned when it comes to the tax credit. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Second and final supplementary, Mr. Hickes.

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to get a little bit more information on the status of the discussions with the federal government on this tax, but maybe from a monetary standpoint, what are the anticipated benefits financially of the northern mineral exploration tax credit if it is provided? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister responsible for Mines, Mr. David Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the expected forecast is that if we had this tax credit for all northern territories, is that we would see more of the exploration companies coming into the territory. Without this, and with the cost in order to build a new mine is one of the things that is a discouragement to the territory.

We continue to work with each other between the three territories, and trying and attract more. This is one that we will continue to advocate our federal counterparts to increase that tax credit with the new government. It is something that I'll continue to advocate for for our territory. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Members be aware that 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. Mr. Savikataaq.

Item 12: Reports of Standing and Special Committees on Bills and Other Matters

Bill 75 -- An Act to Amend the Legislation Act and Other Acts Respecting the Nunavut Gazette

Mr. Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I wish to report that Bill 75, *An Act to Amend the Legislation Act and Other Acts Respecting the Nunavut Gazette* 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 75 immediately moved into the Committee of the Whole. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Do members agree that Bill 75 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 65 moved to commit of the whole today. Are there any nays? There are none. Bill 75 will be moved to Committee of the Whole today. Reports of Standing and Special Committee on Bills and Other Matters, Mr. Savikataaq.

Bill 77 – Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act

Mr. Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I wish to report that Bill 77, *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment 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 77 immediately moved in Committee of the Whole. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Do members agree that Bill 77 as amended and reprinted has been reported back to the House?

Some Members: Agreed.

Speaker: The member is seeking unanimous consent to waive 68(6) and have Bill 77 moved to the Committee of the Whole today. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Bill 77 will be moved to the Committee of the Whole today.

Item 13, Tabling of Documents. Hon. Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Nunavut, Mr. Joanasie.

Item 13: Tabling of Documents

Tabled Document 410 -- 6(2): 2023-2024 Grants and Contribution Report

Hon. David Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm pleased to table, seconded by Minister Akeegok, 2023-2024 Grants and Contribution Report. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Tabling of Documents. Hon. Minister of Justice, Ms. Gross.

Tabled Document 411 -- 6(2): 2023-2024 Family Abuse Intervention Act Annual Report

Hon. Pamela Gross: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I'm pleased to table the 2023-2024 Family Abuse Intervention Act annual report. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Item 13, Tabling of Documents. Hon. Minister of Human Resources, Mr. David Akeeagok.

Tabled Document 412 -- 6(2): 2023-2024 Government of Nunavut's Public Service Annual Report

Hon. David Akeeagok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to table the 2023-2024 Government of Nunavut Public Service Annual Report. Mr. Speaker, once the Inuktitut translations are complete, I will file the document with the clerk's office for distribution. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Item 14, Notices of Motions. Mr. Hickes. Tabling of Documents.

Tabled Document 413 -- 6(2): Correspondence from the Minister of Education: Follow-up from Committee of the Whole's Consideration of the 2025-2026 Main Estimates for the Department of Education

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I have one document to table today in my capacity as chairperson of the Committee of the Whole, which is a copy of correspondence from the Minister of Education in response to questions that were asked during the consideration of the department's 2025-2026 main estimates during the proceedings of the Committee of the Whole during the winter 2025 sitting of the Legislative Assembly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Item 13, Tabling of Documents. Item 14, Notices of Motions. Mr. Hickes.

Item 14: Notices of Motions

Motion 47 -- 6(2): Extended Adjournment -- Notice

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Wednesday, June 4, 2025 I will move the following motion:

I MOVE, seconded by the Hon. Member for South Baffin, that pursuant to the provisions of Rule 3 that when the House concludes its present sitting, it shall be adjourned until September 8, 2025.

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

Speaker: Item 14, Notices of Motion. Mr. Hickes. Item 15, Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills. Item 16, Motions. Mr. Hickes.

Item 16: Motions

Motion 47 – 6(2): Extended Adjournment

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

Speaker: Member Hickes is seeking unanimous consent to waive rule 45(1) and move the motion for which he gave notice earlier today. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Mr. Hickes, please move your motion.

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

Mr. Speaker, I MOVE, seconded by the Hon. Member for South Baffin, that pursuant to provision of Rule 3 that when the House concludes its present sitting, it shall be adjourned until September 8, 2025. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: The motion is in order. To the motion? All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried.

Item 17, First Reading of Bills. Item 18, Second Reading of Bills. Item 19, Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters. Bill 75 and Bill 77 with Mr. Hickes in the chair. Before we proceed with the Committee of the Whole, we will take a 20-minute break. Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>House adjourned at 15:40 and Committee commenced at 16:02

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

Chairman (Mr. George Hickes): Thank you. I would like to call the committee meeting to order. In the Committee of the Whole we have the following items to deal with: Bill 75 and Bill 77. What is the wish of the committee? Mr. Savikataaq.

Mr. Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We wish to deal with Bill 75 and Bill 77. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Does the committee agree we'll deal with Bill 75, and time permitting, Bill 77?

Some Members: Agreed.

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

Hon. Pamela Gross: *Quana*, Mr. Chair. Yes, I do. *Quana*.

Chairman: Thank you. Do members agree to allow to have the minister's officials appear before you?

Some Members: Agreed.

Bill 75 – An Act to amend the Legislative Assembly Legislation Act and other Acts respecting the Nunavut Gazette – Consideration in Committee

Chairman: Thank you. Sergeant-at-Arms, please escort the witnesses in. Thank you. For the record, Minister Gross, if you could please introduce your official, and then proceed directly with your opening comments. Minister Gross.

Hon. Ms. Gross: *Quana* Mr. Chair. With me today I have Thomas Ahlfors, the director of our legislation division, who you're all familiar with. Also with us in the gallery we have our Assistant Deputy Minister of Courts and Justice Services, and is also serving as our Acting Deputy Minister, Thilairani Pillay. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Mr. Chair, I am pleased to be here today to discuss Bill 75, *An Act to amend the Legislative Assembly Legislation Act and other Acts respecting the Nunavut Gazette*.

The Nunavut Gazette, serves as the official publication for the Government of Nunavut, prepared by the Legislation Division of the Department of Justice. It includes regulations, orders, statutory appointments, revocations, and various governmental and non-governmental notices intended to ensure transparency and public awareness. However, the Gazette remains tied to outdated publication practices. While certain documents still benefit from formal publication, several statutes either mandate Gazette publication as an unnecessary holdover from the pre-digital age, or the requirement has become obsolete.

Bill 75 seeks to modernize these requirements by amending statutes to remove unnecessary Gazette publication, including various statutory notices, such as notices of destruction under the *Archives Act*; annual insurer lists, and certain international agreements that are obsolete and rarely used.

Others, like legal registry notices for business corporations and partnerships, and notices related to the Nunavummi Nangminiaqqtunik Ikajuuti will transition to more efficient formats, such as online postings.

Additionally, Bill 75 eliminates the full text publication of regulations in the Nunavut Gazette, which are already accessible on the Legislation Division website, preventing redundant duplications.

Additional, Inuit societal value statements for regulations, once required under the *Legislation Act*, will also be published online instead.

These proposed amendments will help reduce unnecessary burdens for departments and the Legislative Division staff responsible for Gazette publication, streamlining processes while ensuring continued accessibility of important information. The bill also makes minor technical adjustments to the *Legislation Act*, addressing omnibus regulations and the calculation of time for statutory appointments, further streamlining Nunavut's legislative framework.

Quana, Mr. Chair, and I welcome questions from your committee. *Quana*, Mr. Chair.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Gross. Does the Chair of the Standing Committee have opening comments? Mr. Savikataaq.

Mr. Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

As Chair of the Standing Committee on Legislation, I wish to make some very brief opening comments as the Committee of the Whole begins its consideration of Bill 75, *An Act to Amend the Legislation Act and Other Acts Respecting the Nunavut Gazette*.

The Standing Committee recognizes the overall purpose of the Bill, which the minister described in her opening comments.

Although the Standing Committee supports the department's work to increase the amount of information that is published in a timely manner on its legislation website, I wish to take this opportunity to note one concern. As members are aware, Part I of the monthly edition of the *Nunavut Gazette* includes notices of statutory appointments and revocations. These monthly listings are extremely valuable for members and other users

of the publication. I also note that for many Nunavummiut, receiving a statutory appointment is a mark of professional and personal accomplishment. Publishing these notices recognizes and reflects this accomplishment. Members do not support ending the practice of publishing notices of statutory appointments and revocations in Part I of the *Nunavut Gazette*.

I also note that subsection 77(1)(c) of the *Legislation Act* currently requires that “a copy of the *Nunavut Gazette* must be delivered by electronic means without charge” to each Member of the Legislative Assembly. The Standing Committee strongly supports this provision being retained in the statute.

I note for the record that one motion to amend the Bill to correct a technical error was adopted during the minister’s recent appearance before the Standing Committee to undertake clause-by-clause consideration of the Bill.

This concludes my opening comments. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Savikataaq. Before I open the floor to general comments, I would like to make one. I would like to echo our Chair’s comments on keeping and maintaining the listing of the Gazette. I look at the last page or the most recent one. It speaks to as Minister responsible for Labour under the *Legislative Assembly Executive Council Act*. Minister Gross, it’s a sense of accomplishment that that’s publicly notified. And we all have constituents that are made aware and get recognition by personal achievements and professional accomplishments.

So I think it is a very important component to the Gazette to maintain, so I’ll leave that as a comment. I’ll open the floor to any general comments. Seeing none, please proceed to Bill 75 in your binder. Government Bill, *An Act to Amend the Legislation Act and Other Acts Respecting the Nunavut Gazette*, as reprinted.

Bill 1, agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Sorry, my apologies. I will now go clause by clause. So clause 1, agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: 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?

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Chairman: Clause 11, agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 12, agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 13, agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 14, agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 15, agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 16, agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 17, agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 18, agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Does the committee agree to Bill 75 as a whole? Apologies, my apologies. Clause 19, agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Sorry, the reprint gave me an extra number. Does the committee agree to Bill 75 as a whole?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Thank you. Does the committee agree to Bill 75 as ready for third reading?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: And thank you, Minister. Do you have any short closing comments? Minister Gross.

Hon. Pamela Gross: Thank you, Mr. Chair, and thank you to the committee for your insight and your input. I would like to thank all the staff at the Department of Justice and the Legislative Assembly staff as well for their input. And just thank you once again for your comments. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Chairman: Thank you, minister. As the same minister will be dealing with the next bill, we'll recess to allow the staff to distribute different papers. The witness can remain in the chair; I assume it's the same witness you want to keep for the next bill. We'll give everyone about 90 seconds to get ready for the next bill. Thank you.

>> *Committee adjourned at 16:13 and resumed at 16:14*

Chairman: Thank you. I would like to call the committee meeting back to order. Before us we have Bill 77 as reprinted, *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act*.

Like I had mentioned, I'm going to make a chair's prerogative. I will skip the requesting for witnesses, as the witness is already in the chair from the previous Bill.

I would like to invite Minister Gross again, just for the record, to introduce her official and proceed with her opening comments. Thank you.

Bill 77 –Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act – Consideration in Committee

Hon. Pamela Gross: *Quana*, again Mr. Chair. For the record, I have Thomas Ahlfors, the director of our Legislation Division, who you're all familiar with, here with us today. We also have in the gallery Thilairani Pillay, who is our Assistant Deputy Minister of Courts and Justice Services, and she's also serving as our acting deputy minister. We all know her as Tilly (ph). Welcome to the House, Tilly.

Mr. Chair, I am here today to discuss Bill 77, *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act*.

The Government of Nunavut uses miscellaneous statutes amendment legislation to correct minor errors, inconsistencies, or outdated terminology in Nunavut's statutes to clean them up and make technical improvements.

Bill 77 amends 55 statutes.

The bill is designed to improve accessibility and comprehension by replacing Latin terms with plain language equivalents, making legislation more transparent and easier for the public to understand. By removing technical and archaic legal jargon, the bill ensures that individuals, regardless of their background or familiarity with legal terminology, can more easily understand the laws that govern them.

In addition to modernizing legal language, the bill also seeks to make the process of taking oaths and affirmations more inclusive. The revised wording recognizes and respects diverse cultural and religious perspectives in legal proceedings, particularly for Nunavummiut and others who may prefer affirmation over a traditional oath.

Furthermore, the bill addresses minor errors discovered through standard reviews of Nunavut's statute book. These corrections enhance accuracy and consistency, preventing misinterpretations. By refining the wording and correcting these issues, the bill strengthens the integrity of Nunavut's legal framework, reinforcing its reliability for lawmakers, legal professionals, and the general public.

Quana, Mr. Chair. I welcome questions from committee members. *Quana*, Mr. Chair.

Chairman: Does the chairman of the Standing Committee on Legislation have opening comments? Mr. Savikataaq.

Mr. Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Mr. Chair, As Chair of the Standing Committee on Legislation, I wish to make some very brief opening comments as the Committee of the Whole begins its consideration of Bill 77, *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act*.

The standing committee recognizes the overall purpose of the Bill, which the minister described in her opening comments. This is a technical and non-contentious initiative.

I note for the record that one motion to amend the Bill to correct a typographical error was adopted during the minister's recent appearance before the standing committee to undertake clause-by-clause consideration of the Bill.

This concludes my opening comments. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Are there any other general comments to the opening comments? Ms. Killiktee, please proceed.

Ms. Killiktee (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chair, and thank you for appearing before the committee. One question that I would like to pose. This legislation talks about *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act*. It states that the translation in Inuktitut. I will only talk about the Inuktitut version, because I read syllabics in Inuktitut, and there are other documents that there has always been typos in the Inuktitut documents. When there's typos they should be read properly. I'm only talking about Inuktitut parts of this, in the Gazette. For example, there's always a typo to correct in the Inuktitut version, as I read them. I note that nobody proofreads them. Nobody proofreads the translations. I just want to point out that there has been some typos in the legislation or in the bills, when you're reading the bills.

I would like to know if there is a proofreader for the bills, and I also urge your department to make sure that you get a proofreader to read the Inuktitut bills, because there's always typos that I can see.

I would like the member to know, and this to be recorded in our meeting. Because it's not a concern, but it's just a written part in Inuktitut that requires correcting and to be proofread before it's set out in the Internet or website. I believe that there's no proofreader for the bills that are reading, as I read them in Inuktitut. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Killiktee. Minister of Justice, would you like to comment on that? Minister Gross.

Hon. Pamela Gross: Thank you, Mr. Chair, and thank you to the member for raising that important point. I know we never want to have typos in any type of documents, but if there ever are any, feel free to let me know and we can relay them on to our colleagues within the department. However, I would like to ask Mr. Ahlfors to further elaborate. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Ahlfors.

Mr. Ahlfors: Thank you, Mr. Chair. With respect to the Inuktitut version, we do always have proofreading. Our division has currently four Inuktitut legal translators, and the process is that one person will do the initial translation; a second translator will do a proofread of that initial translation; and then there's a final proofread, that is done by the manager of the section of Inuktitut legal translation, if she's not the one who did the proofreading. Of course if the second proofread is done by the manager, then there is no third one. So there's at least one proofread and potentially two that are done prior to.

However, one of the difficulties that we have is dialectical, in that we have staff from Sanikiluaq, Resolute Bay, Baker Lake, and Pond Inlet, and so those are sort of very different dialects, and so they have some difficulty proofreading each other's work, due to that difference in dialect. And so something that might be a typo might be seen as a difference in dialect, and therefore not corrected. That's the one challenge that we do have, is that the dialects are so different within the office.

We do make every effort to reduce the number of errors, but they are inevitable, and in the case of this one, for example, we had one that was both in the English and the Inuktitut version, a typo that was corrected with the motion in the standing committee.

So we try to minimize them, but in this line of work, even with the level of precision that we have, sometimes they are inevitable. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Chairman: Thank you. Ms. Killiktee.

Ms. Killiktee (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for your response and for elaborating on this. As I stated, it's not a good thing to talk about, but I'm sure it's just a typo, but I'm sure the terminology is correct. The terminology might be correct. But I just wanted to bring that up at the appropriate time. So that's why I spoke to this

issue so that you can take note, someone can take note. And the public out there can notice the typos, so I believe that we should pay close attention to that as well. I just want it to be known. That's why I just elaborated this concern that I have. Thank you for your response; and I understand that you have proofreaders. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Killiktee. It is a very important topic, so I appreciate and I'm sure many people appreciate you raising it.

Any other general comments? Seeing none, please go to Bill 77 as reprinted in your binder, *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act*. Clause 1, agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 2, agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Clause 3, agreed?

Some Members: 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: And clause 55, agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Does the committee agree to Bill 77 as a whole?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Does the committee agree to Bill 77 that it is ready for third reading?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Gross. Do you have any short closing comments?
Minister Gross.

Hon. Pamela Gross: Thank you, Mr. Chair, and thank you to the committee for your insight and your input, to the comments and to both staff where everyone put their input into this Bill. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Chairman: Thank you, Minister Gross. As we have concluded our business part of this today, I will now rise to report progress. Sergeant-at-Arms, please escort the witnesses out. Thank you.

>>Committee adjourned and House resumed at 16:30

Speaker: Item 20, Report of the Committee of the Whole. Mr. Hickes.

Item 20: Report of the Committee of the Whole

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, your committee has been considering Bill 75 and 77 and that Bills 75 and 77 are immediately ready for third reading. Mr. Speaker, I move that the report of the Committee of the Whole be agreed to. Thank you.

Speaker: Thank you. Is there a seconder? Ms. Nakashuk. The motion is in order. To the motion? All those in favour? Opposed? The motion is carried.

Item 21, Third Reading of Bills. Hon. Minister of Justice, Ms. Gross.

Item 21: Third Reading of Bills

Bill 75 – An Act to Amend the Legislation Act and Other Acts Respecting the Nunavut Gazette – Third Reading

Hon. Pamela Gross: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I MOVE, seconded by the Hon. Member for Arviat North-Whale Cove, that Bill 75, *An Act to Amend the Legislation Act and Other Acts Respecting the Nunavut Gazette* be read for the third time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: A motion is in order. To the motion? All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried. Bill 75 has had third reading and is ready for assent.

>> *Applause*

Bill 77 – Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act – Third Reading

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

Hon. Pamela Gross: Thank you again, Mr. Speaker. I MOVE, seconded by the Hon. Member for Arviat North-Whale Cove, that Bill 77, *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act* be read for the third 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 77 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 Standing Committee on Legislation at 10 a.m. tomorrow, Tuesday, June 3, 2025. *Orders of the Day* for Tuesday, June 3, 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
19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters
20. Report of the Committee of the Whole
21. Third Reading of Bills
22. *Orders of the Day.*

Thank you.

>>*Applause*

Speaker: This House stands adjourned until Tuesday, June 3, at 1:30 p.m.
Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>*House adjourned at 16:34*

