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Iqaluit, Nunavut
Monday, September 8, 2025

Members Present:

Hon. David Akeeagok, Hon. P.J. Akeeagok, Hon. Tony Akoak, Mr. Bobby Anavilok, Ms. Janet Brewster, Hon. Pamela Gross, Mr. George Hickes, Hon. David Joanasie, Mr. Joeline Kaernerker, Ms. Mary Killiktee, Mr. Adam Arreak Lightstone, Hon. John Main, Mr. Solomon Malliki, Hon. Margaret Nakashuk, Ms. Karen Nutarak, 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): I hope you had a good summer. Before we proceed with the Orders of the Day, I'm pleased to welcome members back to the House for the final sitting of the 6th Legislative Assembly.

>>*Applause*

Speaker: I also extend a very warm welcome to elders and Nunavummiut who are following the proceedings on radio, television and internet live stream.

In recent weeks a contract to develop a business case for a much needed new water treatment plant in the community was awarded, and we look forward to progress in the coming months.

I would also like to announce a new member of our staff in the clerk's office. Prior to becoming the deputy clerk, she was the director of operations and financial services for the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut. She brings a wealth of knowledge in corporate affairs. I ask you all to join me in welcoming Wendy Bens to the role of deputy clerk.

>>*Applause*

Speaker: As you can see, we have an all-Inuit staff in front of me sitting now.

>>*Applause*

Speaker: I would like to also say a big birthday greeting to a couple of family members for me. The first one's name is Jako Akoak. He's named after my father. He's 31 years old today. I hope you have a good day.

>>*Applause*

Speaker: Also today my father has a birthday. He's now 88 years old today. If you are watching the proceedings, my dad, my father, have a good day and we love you.

Also, we have just recently lost a family member in Cambridge Bay. (interpretation ends) a cousin of mine who was also the KIA president in Cambridge Bay who just passed away recently, and he helped keep together Kitikmeot before. Before, it was almost known as Kitikmeot East and Kitikmeot West, but with him behind the seat as president, that disappeared all in one word, Kitikmeot. So I'm happy that he got that work done. Condolences go out to the family of Mr. Bobby Greenley, his wife, his kids and also to all of Kitikmeot. We'll miss you.

Money Message

Speaker: Before we proceed with the Orders of the Day, it is my duty to advise the House that I have received the following message from Her Honour the Commissioner of Nunavut. The letter is dated September 2, 2025.

"Mr. Speaker:

"I wish to advise that I recommend to the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut the passage of the following bills during the 2025 Fall Sitting of the second session of the 6th Legislative Assembly:

Bill 81, *Interim Appropriation (Capital) Act, 2026-2027*;

Bill 82, *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 3, 2025-2026*; and

Bill 83, *Supplementary Appropriations (Operations and Maintenance) Act, No. 3, 2025-2026*.

Sincerely,

Eva Qamaniq Aariak

Commissioner of Nunavut"

We will now proceed to the Orders of the Day. Item 2, Ministers' Statements. Hon. Government House Leader, Mr. Joanasie.

Item 2: Ministers' Statements

Minister's Statement 628 - 6(2): Minister Absent from the House

Hon. David Joanasié: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good day, colleagues, and Nunavummiut, listening and watching.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to advise members that Hon. Lorne Kusugak will be absent from the House until further notice for a family matter. Our thoughts are with him and his family.

Mr. Speaker, Minister David Akeeagok will be acting Minister of Finance, and I will be acting Minister responsible for Nunavut Housing Corporation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Minister's Statement 629 - 6(2): Team Nunavut – Canada Summer Games

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In regards to what the speaker said about Bobby Greenley, I have his family in my thoughts and in my heart, and also for Minister Kusugak. They are going through a very hard time right now.

Good day, Mr. Speaker. In August, I had the opportunity to travel to St. John's, Newfoundland with the premier to support Team Nunavut at the 2025 Canada Summer Games. The Canada Games is the highest level of competition within the amateur sport sector and puts our athletes up against the best in Canada.

My department would like to congratulate the members of Team Nunavut who participated and competed at the 2025 Canada Summer Games. Team Nunavut had many "firsts". This was the largest delegation that Team Nunavut has sent to a Canada Summer Games; and for the first time, Nunavut competed in basketball; and Nunavut secured their first win in indoor volleyball.

Mr. Speaker, during my time at the Games, I saw the resilience and the spirit our young athletes have. Despite the challenges, they continued to compete and represented our territory well as youth ambassadors. We received an abundance of compliments from the fans and volunteers for the strong sportsmanship displayed by Team Nunavut. What a compliment.

We also saw that sportsmanship and close connections we have within the three territories show up strong. The territories are often the underdogs at national events such as the Canada Games, and due to the long distances have less fans in the stands. However, we saw the territories come out to support each other at matches like never before. This speaks to the opportunity these events have outside of sport, building close

connections across the northern neighbors and presents opportunity for future collaborations that extend beyond the time spent at the Summer Games.

Mr. Speaker, during Team Nunavut's time in St. John's, Newfoundland the province was experiencing some of the worst forest fires in Newfoundland's history. Despite this, the host society and volunteers continued to show up and put on the best possible Games for our athletes. For this, I would like to thank them and commend them on a job well done.

Additionally, Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the 2024-2025 cohort of Youth Ambassadors who represented Team Nunavut and volunteered for the Host Society. Team Nunavut had a delegation of 14 Youth Ambassadors who supported the Host Society by doing a variety of jobs during the Games and acted as Ambassadors for Nunavut.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank all the volunteers at home, the volunteer coaches and the mission staff that worked tirelessly to ensure our team was supported to have the most successful games possible. It is quite remarkable the time these volunteers give up ensuring our athletes are prepared and supported before, during, and after the Games.

I wish all athletes and coaches the best of luck as we start preparing for the 2026 Arctic Winter Games which are just around the corner, this March, and are taking place in Whitehorse, Yukon.

Atii Aksut!

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>Applause

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

Minister's Statement 630 - 6(2): Honouring Lillian Oktaptauyak

Hon. Margaret Nakashuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you to my colleagues. And we have Lauren and the other families going through sorrow in Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sorrow that I rise today to honour the life and memory of Lillian Oktaptauyak of Rankin Inlet, a long-serving and deeply respected member of the Department of Family Services.

Lillian passed away on August 5, 2025, in Winnipeg, Manitoba, at the age of 68. For 25 years, Lillian dedicated her career to serving Nunavummiut. She began as a receptionist

with the Department of Social Services, later became a social worker, and then went on to serve with the Income Assistance Team. Her commitment and leadership saw her rise to Regional Manager of Income Assistance. She was guiding front-line staff across the Kivalliq region.

Mr. Speaker, Lillian's devotion to public service, her care for her community, and her support for her colleagues left a lasting mark on all who knew her. Lillian's commitment and leadership left a lasting impact on the services and communities that Nunavummiut rely on.

I thank Lillian Oktaptauyak on behalf of the Government of Nunavut and the Department of Family Services, and we extend our heartfelt condolences to Lillian's family, friends, and colleagues. Her legacy of service and compassion will be remembered with gratitude and respect.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

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

Minister's Statement 631 - 6(2): Kitikmeot Long Term Care Centre Tundra-Turning

Hon. John Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also send my condolences to the people in Rankin Inlet and also in Cambridge Bay.

Mr. Speaker, last week I was lucky to be in Cambridge Bay for a milestone occasion. I was joined by our premier, Minister Joanase, Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated Vice President Irngaut, Kitikmeot mayors, and our Deputy Premier Pamela Gross and MLA for Cambridge Bay, as we gathered for a Tundra-Turning ceremony marking the beginning phase of work on the Kitikmeot Long-Term Care Centre.

(interpretation ends) This facility will be a first for the Kitikmeot region, and only the second of its kind in our territory. With 24 beds, it will form a cornerstone of our long-term strategy to provide culturally grounded, community-based care in each of Nunavut's three regions. It reflects our vision of a health system that honours Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit, strengthens family and community ties, and supports elders to age in place with dignity, closer to the people, language, and traditions they know best.

While the project is still in the design phase, this ceremony was an important opportunity to acknowledge the progress we have made together, to celebrate the partnerships that are driving this work forward, and to reaffirm our shared commitment to improving elder care for Nunavummiut. This project highlights the importance of strong

intergovernmental partnerships in advancing essential infrastructure in northern and remote communities.

We are fortunate to have funding from the federal government for this project through the Canada-Nunavut Integrated Bilateral Agreement, under the Rural and Northern Communities Infrastructure Stream of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program.

The Kitikmeot Long-Term Care Centre project represents more than a building; it is also a promise to our elders that they will be able to remain closer to their homes, their families, and their culture as they receive the care they deserve. It will be transformative for the region, and it marks a vital step toward building sustainable, culturally responsive elder care across Nunavut.

(interpretation) Mr. Speaker, with our partners within Inuit organizations, federal departments, and Nunavut municipalities, this is a vision we are bringing to life together, and one that will serve Nunavummiut for generations to come. I'd like to thank the many Kitikmeot residents who welcomed us so warmly for last week's ceremony. *Quana*.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Item 3, Members' Statements. Member for Tununiq, Ms. Nutarak.

Item 3: Members' Statements

Member's Statement 860 - 6(2): Food Insecurity

Ms. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think of Pond Inlet residents and good afternoon to the people of Nunavut.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share my concerns regarding the increase in food insecurity since the federal government's Inuit Child First Initiative stopped funding hamlet food vouchers in April 2025.

Mr. Speaker, from Cambridge Bay in western Nunavut to Pond Inlet in the eastern High Arctic, we are hearing of families who have less food to eat and drink, and food banks that cannot meet the needs of the community members.

Mr. Speaker, the cost of food in Nunavut is already very high. Prices continue to increase. Even working families struggle to make it to the next payday. People are increasingly asking for food or borrow money to buy food. Parents are stressed and struggling. Children are going hungry.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank our member of Parliament, the Hon. Laurie Idlout, for standing up and calling out the federal government for the way it has addressed food insecurity in the north. Changes to the federal Inuit Child First Initiative application requirements have made it incredibly difficult for families to access food funding that could directly address food insecurity in our northern community.

Mr. Speaker, according to the *2020 Canadian Community Health Survey*, 76 per cent of children live in food insecure households and almost 50 per cent of the households in the territory are food insecure. This is four times higher than the rest of Canada.

Mr. Speaker, hunger, stress, and poverty can be very hard on the mental health and well-being of entire communities. In some cases, consequences are tragic.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly encourage our Nunavut-based leaders to address this serious issue with the utmost urgency. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Member's Statement. Member for Hudson Bay, Mr. Qavvik.

Member's Statement 861 - 6(2): New Granddaughter

Mr. Qavvik: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon, colleagues, Nunavummiut, and my constituents of Hudson Bay.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to begin my first member's statement. I would like to introduce someone very special from Sanikiluaq. On September 3, 2025 approximately 2:26 p.m. Eastern time I became a grandfather. I became a grandfather.

My eldest daughter gave birth to a baby girl, and I would like to introduce her name to Nunavut and to our Canada. I would like to introduce Letitia Paniak Inuktaluk (ph). She was 7 pounds, 3.2 ounces. And I just can't wait to go home and love her, be with her, hold her, and do everything as a grandfather, as you know, most of you here know the feeling every being a grandfather. It's the best feeling in the world to me. And I just can't wait to go home.

Mr. Speaker, what a way to end my first term as an MLA, to become a grandfather. And I just can't wait to go home and be with my family. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

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

Member's Statement 862 - 6(2): Passing of Bobby Greenley

Mr. Quqqiaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as the Kitikmeot MLA.

Mr. Speaker, I was saddened to hear of the passing of our president for Kitikmeot Inuit Association, now late Bobby Greenley.

Mr. Speaker, I had meetings with Mr. President and also talked with him on multiple occasions, and Mr. President wanted to help with housing needs in our Kitikmeot region and many other issues of concerns for the residents of Kitikmeot, and Inuit as a whole.

Mr. Speaker, my sincere condolences to Mr. President's family and extended family. Mr. Speaker, forever in my heart and books he will be Mr. President. And I know for a fact that we'll see again on other side of eternal life, when it's our time to see Kingdom comes calling us.

Much love and my respects. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Member Statement. Member for Aivilik, Mr. Malliki.

Member's Statement 863 - 6(2): Opening of Air Terminal Naujaat

Mr. Malliki (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon to the people of Naujaat and also the Assembly community.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to talk about on what occurred this spring in Naujaat. The air terminal has been opened. We had an official opening in Naujaat of the air terminal last spring when we had an opening ceremony. The elders were very happy to see the air terminal, and also Minister Akeeagok came and we celebrated the handover of the terminal, and after they had left, we still enjoyed through our local radio station and elders were very pleased about that.

I also would like to thank ministers that are able to come to our community, although it was a short visit, but the opening ceremony was very successful in Naujaat. I also would like to thank the ministers and my colleagues. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Member Statement. Member for Iqaluit-Manirajak, Mr. Lightstone.

Member's Statement 864 - 6(2) Congratulations to Qavvik

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to start off by expressing my condolences to Mr. Greenley's family and those he left behind in the Kitikmeot and across Nunavut, as well as express my condolences to Minister Kusugak and the Kitikmiummiut who are impacted.

On a more lighthearted note, I would also like to express happy birthday to your family members, Mr. Speaker, as well as welcome back all of my colleagues here for the last sitting of the 6th Legislative Assembly of Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to get to my point now and I would like to also extend my sincere congratulations to Mr. Qavvik; sorry, the Member for Hudson Bay. I would like to start off this Assembly by sharing a lighthearted story.

During our meetings on Saturday – yes, we had to meet on Saturday – Mr. Qavvik was kind enough to hold the door for a number of members and allow us to pass through, and he said “elders first”, and of course I initially accepted his respect and recognition. Then moments later I turned around and said “Dang, I should have said grandpas first.”

>>*Laughter*

Mr. Lightstone: I just want to do say congratulations again, Daniel Qavvik, Member Qavvik on becoming a grandfather. I would just like to highlight that our youngest member of the 6th Legislative Assembly has reached a milestone. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

Speaker: Member for Baker Lake, Mr. Simailak.

Member's Statement 865 - 6(2) Qamani'tuaq Graduates

Mr. Simailak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I wish they have a beautiful day in Baker Lake.

On August 22, 2025, we had a very hot day in Baker Lake, and on that day we had a graduation for the grade 12 where we had a banquet for the students and played games at the community centre.

I was also invited for that graduation party and the names of the graduates, first:

Tullik Amarook

Terence Arna'naaq

Torrey Hachey

Ken Irkok-Tagoona

Harriet Amitnaaq

Aalu Duvall

Vladmir Haqpi

Adara Noah

Those were the graduates in our community of Baker Lake. I also extend my congratulations to their families, and I'm sure that there's doors opening for them. I congratulate all the graduates. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Member Statement. Member for Uqqummiut, Ms. Killiktee.

Member's Statement 866 - 6(2) Qikiqtarjuaq Water Tank

Ms. Killiktee (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm also very proud, and I also congratulate the member who just became a grandfather. After 24 years I also got a grandchild, and I'm very, very proud.

With this pre-dissolution Mr. Speaker, if the weather cooperates, I would like to walk into the chambers with my grandchild in my amauti.

But, Mr. Speaker, the reason why I rose is to thank my constituents of Qikiqtarjuaq where recently we had a problem with the water tank and we had to close the tank. I would like to thank the people of Qikiqtarjuaq who worked together and usually the people out there, the visitors to Qikiqtarjuaq usually say that the community of Qikiqtarjuaq is very clean and the residents identified another river where we can get the water supply for the community.

I would also like to thank the local housing organization's chair person and the staff who delivered water to the residents of Qikiqtarjuaq at the time when the water tank had to be closed.

I thank you, all people of Qikiqtarjuaq. During question period I will be making statements on this subject. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

Member's Statement 867 - 6(2): Opening of Airport Terminal

Mr. Sammurtok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and good afternoon to the people of Rankin Inlet and Chesterfield Inlet.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, back in July the new airport terminal was opened, and I would like to thank Minister David Akeeagok and Minister David Joanase for going to Chesterfield Inlet to do the official opening of the terminal, and at the same time they gave out a King Charles award medal to Anne Marie Tautoo (ph). Last but not the least, I also gave a King Charles award to the late Rosalie Sammurtok (ph), back in September. Qujannamiik, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Member's Statement. Member for Cambridge Bay, Ms. Minister Gross.

Member's Statement 868 - 6(2): Cambridge Bay Activities

Hon. Pamela Gross: *Quana*, Mr. Speaker, and welcome back to all of our colleagues. It's wonderful to be back with all of you.

Our thoughts are with Minister Kusugak and his family in the community of Rankin Inlet, as well as the Kitikmeot and the Greenley family. Mr. Speaker, on Friday when they have the service for Bobby, I'll be doing a special member statement on that day for him.

Mr. Speaker, it is a wonderful day for birthdays and I want to wish your father Akoak a very happy 88th birthday, as well as Jako, who you mentioned is my colleague, our colleague Annie's son, Jako. Happy birthday to both of them, Mr. Speaker.

And congratulations to our colleague MLA Qavvik on the arrival of his granddaughter. What a special and joyous time for the family and for all of us here to say congratulation as well to the new little bundle of joy.

Mr. Speaker, because we're meeting in September, I can say some special birthday greetings during this sitting. I would like to a happy belated birthday to one of my

dearest friends, my cousin Sarah Jenkie (ph). I hope you had a wonderful day yesterday and I wish I was there to celebrate you, because you're such an amazing person.

Mr. Speaker, I want to speak about some wonderful activities that have happened in Cambridge Bay last week. I got to welcome our cabinet colleagues, Premier Akeeagok as well as Minister Main and Minister Joanasie to Cambridge Bay, alongside Vice President Irngaut. We welcomed them with our Mayor Gregory to Cambridge Bay.

We had a lot of bustling activities happening in the community, and something that I think holds strong for our community to be proud of and to look forward to.

We marked the tundra turning for the new Kitikmeot long term care centre, and once that is built, Mr. Speaker, I know that this facility will help keep our elders in our region, as well as receive care that is closer to home and so that they can be closer to their families, our language, and our culture.

It was also a wonderful day to honour the late Johnny Lyle, Sr., as he received a King Charles award, alongside Harry Miksagak (ph) who also received an award that day in the community. There was a lot of appreciation for their immense contributions that they have done throughout the years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask for unanimous consent to conclude my statement.

Speaker: The member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude her statement. Are there any nays? There are none. Please proceed, Ms. Gross.

Hon. Pamela Gross: Thank you, colleagues. Mr. Speaker, the last highlight I want to share is I want to say congratulations to B2Gold on their milestone and announcement of a \$10 million donation towards housing and education in our region. This will mean more jobs for residents of Cambridge Bay and the Kitikmeot, and more opportunities for education and training in our future.

I want to thank everyone who joined us, especially the community and the people, for making date so memorable and for the warm hospitality. *Quana*, Mr. Speaker.

>>*Applause*

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

Member's Statement 869 - 6(2): Running for Iqaluit Niaqunnguu

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just recently we had our tenth grandchild, and I will take the time to introduce my little grandchild, my little

grandfather. At that time with the last sitting I had made a statement in this spring that I will not be running for the riding of Quttiktuq. I would like to thank all the communities who elected me to the House. I'm very thankful on a daily basis that people of Quttiktuq.

With that, I indicated about what we are going to be doing in the future, and I would like to let everyone know that I will be running for Iqaluit-Niaqunngu. And that's a heads up for the people of Iqaluit.

I'm very pleased I would like to thank the present member for Iqaluit-Niaqunngu, and I thank you, as I live in Apex.

I was representing three communities in the high Arctic, but there's a lot of houses to visit this time around, and I will make sure that I go to every community.

Again, let's work together because that's the only way that we can make achievements and face the challenges. But it's the constituents who will make the selection of who is going to be their representative. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Item 4, Returns to Oral Questions. Mr. Clerk.

Item 4: Returns to Oral Questions

Return to Oral Question 1322 - 6(2): Property Taxes

Return to Oral Question 1326 - 6(2): Importance of Language to Inuit Culture

Mr. Clerk: Thank you. I have two returns to Oral Questions. The first one is 1322 - 6(2) and the second one is 1326 - 6(2), both of which were asked during the Spring Sitting of the Legislative Assembly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Item 5, Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Quttiktuq, Mr. David Akeeagok.

Item 5: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery

Hon. David Akeeagok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank my friend who is here in the House. We work very closely together. I would like to thank my dear wife for her support. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member for Iqaluit-Niaqunngu, Mr. Pauloosie Akeeagok.

Hon. P.J. Akeegok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and good afternoon, colleagues. I also send my condolences to the individuals who have lost close family members.

I rise today to recognize an individual who I represent. I would like to recognize Carol Akeegok. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Welcome to your Assembly. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Welcome everyone else sitting in the gallery. Item 6, Oral Questions. Member for Iqaluit-Tasiluk, Mr. Hickes.

Item 6: Oral Questions

Oral Question 1332 - (62): Kitikmeot Long-Term Care Centre

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Health today.

There is recent media coverage titled “Construction Starts on Long-Term Care Facility in Cambridge Bay, Nunavut”, and in that article it was stated that Cambridge Bay, Nunavut, will soon be home to a long-term care centre allowing elders from the community and in the Kitikmeot region to age closer to home.

It follows to say crews broke ground on the new 24-bed facility Friday, in a ceremony that included the territory’s premier, health minister, and infrastructure minister.

Mr. Speaker, in a news release Friday, it continues to say, health minister John Main said that the start of construction represents the government’s ongoing commitment to Nunavut’s elders and aging with dignity.

Mr. Speaker, my first question to the minister is: Who was awarded the construction contract? And how was the financial authority to proceed approved? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. John Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I thank my colleague for the question.

It is great news having the new elders facility. Although it’s in the first stages of (interpretation ends) design, (interpretation) the progression as we envision it and we identified it.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I believe the details are all in the news release. The event really did reflect that we are making real progress on this project, and that it was a milestone occasion.

I did mention in my statement today, I mentioned strong intergovernmental partnerships, and we're very fortunate to have support from our federal partners for this important project. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: First supplementary, Mr. Hickes.

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would respectfully disagree with the minister that the information is in the release. I had asked who was awarded the construction contract and under what financial authority was approved, but I'll move on.

Mr. Speaker, my next question is: Did the premier and members of cabinet that attended this event consult with the integrity commissioner on the optics of creating and participating in an event announcing progress on a project yet to have construction budget approved in this House, just two weeks the dissolution of this government, and if not, why not. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister of Health, Mr. Main.

Hon. John Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(interpretation ends) I'm unable to answer on behalf of my colleagues here in the House, but if the member's interested in that information, I'm sure, or I'm thinking that they would do their best to answer those questions. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Second and final supplementary, Mr. Hickes.

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do look forward to those responses.

Mr. Speaker, in the news release that was put out by the Government of Nunavut, on the second page it states that:

"Funding for this project is being delivered through the Canada-Nunavut Integrated Bilateral Agreement, under the Rural and Northern Communities Infrastructure stream of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program."

Mr. Speaker, that says two things to me, that there is a good estimate of the total cost, and there was a number that would be associated with that funding agreement with the Government of Canada.

Can the minister update the House today on what those two numbers are. Thank you.

Speaker: Minister of Health, Mr. Main.

Hon. John Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(interpretation ends) The funding that has been secured through that funding agreement is significant. However, as the member has highlighted, we are yet to go through the procurement process and enter into a contract, and so in order to protect that procurement process, I'm going to not mention specific numbers here today.

It is significant funds from our federal partners, and it's a great day when we have federal government supporting health infrastructure here in Nunavut. And I believe it's a partnership approach that needs to be taken on more health infrastructure here in Nunavut, so I just take this opportunity to thank our federal partners for their support.

Yeah, I hope the member can understand that we want to protect the procurement process and not mention specifics here in the House, similar to how in Committee of the Whole, when it comes to specific projects and specific capital projects, we make efforts to not compromise the procurement process. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Oral Question 1333 - 6(2): Memorandum of understanding - Caribou Herd

Mr. Anavilok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon to Kugluktukmuit. Also I want to sent my condolences to all the families that have lost their loved ones.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, my questions today are for the Minister of Environment and they concern the issue of payroll management in the Kitikmeot.

As the minister will recall, his department issued a news release last week announcing the signing of an updated memorandum of understanding with the government of Northwest Territories concerning the management of shared population of caribou herds.

Mr. Speaker, will the minister commit to tabling a copy of the updated memorandum of understanding in the Legislative Assembly before the end of the current sitting.
(interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. David Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I thank my colleague.

On the question of the memorandum of understanding with the NWT government, this is being updated in our endeavours together that we would like to put forward.

Mr. Speaker, the government, NWT along with us, and the process we use, we would like to have it pass in this House, and when available, I will commit to tabling this in the House during this session. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): First supplementary, Mr. Anavilok.

Mr. Anavilok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for your response.

(interpretation ends) As the minister is aware, his department and administrators of the wolf sample collection program, which is an important part of efforts to protect our region's caribou herds, the department's recent news release indicates that the updated memorandum of understanding includes "an agreement to pursue the development of predator research and/or management programs on barren ground caribou ranges in collaboration with co-management partners, when practical."

As the minister will appreciate, animals do not care about human borders. Concerns have been raised with me that Nunavut hunters harvest wolves in our Inuit traditional land use areas that are located within the Northwest Territories. They are not eligible for payment under the wolf sample collection program.

Can the minister indicate that actions will be taken under the new memorandum of understanding to address this concern. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister of Environment, Mr. Joanasie.

Hon. David Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague for that question, and if I recall, it was one of the topics raised by the hunters and trappers association when we were in Kugluktuk for the air terminal building opening, and we had a chance to meet with members of the hunters and trappers association.

Mr. Speaker, under this renewed memorandum of understanding, these are some of the things that we can discuss with our sister territory. I agree that our animals do not see the boundaries where we do, in that sense. But I think it's an area where we can try to find a common ground on interjurisdictional programs of this nature, whether it's wolf samples or other predatory species that affect our wildlife, particularly the caribou. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Second and final supplementary, Mr. Anavilok.

Mr. Anavilok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(interpretation ends) During the Legislative Assembly's Winter Sitting, the minister indicated that "the Dolphin Union caribou are listed as species at risk, and are currently in the process of being uplisted to endangered under the federal *Species At Risk Act*."

When I raised this issue during our Spring Sitting, the minister did not clearly indicate if the Government of Nunavut supports the designation of the herds as being endangered. Can the minister clarify how this uplifting will impact Inuit rights to harvest caribou from the herd, and can he clearly indicate if the Government of Nunavut supports the designation of the heard as being endangered.

(interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister of Environment, Mr. Joanasie.

Hon. David Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, our government, we do have a collaborative working relationship with other jurisdictions and our federal partners, and co-management Nunavut Wildlife Management Board around caribou herds.

We do not support the listing of barren ground caribou as threatened. We are engaged around the federal species-at-risk process. And we'll continue to make sure that Nunavut's interests and voices are heard at all levels.

Mr. Speaker, with that, I wanted to also point out that for the wolf sampling program, we do have payments that go towards samples that are found near caribou herds that are of concern, and one being around the Kitikmeot region, so some samples you can get up to \$900 per wolf. That's to support the herds to rebound. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Oral Question 1334 - 6(2): Water Infrastructure

Ms. Killiktee (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to ask my questions to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure.

Mr. Speaker, (interpretation ends) as the minister is aware, the Government of Nunavut recently issued a boil-water advisory for the community of Qikiqtarjuaq. The advisory indicated that "this is the safety measure, due to the contamination in the water reservoir and reported discontinuation of cartridge filtration."

Mr. Speaker, this has been concerning for my constituents and community. Can the minister indicate what actions his department has been taking to address the situation with the Qikiqtarjuaq's water treatment infrastructure. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. David Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my department continues to work with our municipal partners around ensuring that the water treatment plants are producing water at the highest quality, and Mr. Speaker, when there is a concern that's identified, our partners at the Department of Health who regulate drinking water in our water systems can be ingested.

With that we try to work with, in this case the municipal council or Hamlet of Qikiqtarjuaq, on those particulates and how to ensure that they get addressed in the short and medium and long term. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: First supplementary, Ms. Killiktee.

Ms. Killiktee (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I hope this will go on.

(interpretation ends) in May of this year, the minister's department issued a request for proposal to develop a business case for the replacement of Qikiqtarjuaq's existing water treatment plant for the new facility. Mr. Speaker, the department's request for proposals closed on June 13, 2025. Can the minister confirm the status of his department's procurement process.

(interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. David Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, we did have \$1.2 million for planning identified for water treatment in Qikiqtarjuaq through the Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund stream, and with that, we want to advance that to the next stage for design and construction to ensure Qikiqtarjuaq's water treatment plant meet or exceeds regulations. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Second and final supplementary, Ms. Killiktee.

Ms. Killiktee (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you for explaining that very well. I'm very glad to hear that and I'm glad that it's in the Orders of the Day for this session.

Mr. Speaker, (interpretation ends) as the minister will recall, his department awarded a contract in September of last year, 2024, for the development of a business case for the replacement of Clyde River's existing water treatment plant with a new facility.

Mr. Speaker, can the minister provide an update today on the status of this work. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. David Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I have to apologize to my colleague. On this particular one I'll have to check back with the department on the details on where things stand on the Clyde River, but I can commit to getting the information to her. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Oral Question 1335 - 6(2): Kitikmeot Long-Term Care Centre

Mr. Savikataaq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I say good day to the people of Arviat .

Mr. Speaker, I would like to question the health minister about the news release too, about the long term care facility in Cambridge Bay.

I too am concerned that the sod-turning would be done without any capital funds for construction being appropriated by this House. And the minister did state that they are getting federal funding, and generally when you sign an agreement with the federal government for funding, there is a formula, a percentage formula.

So I'll ask the minister: What is the percentage formula? How much are the feds paying and how much is the Government of Nunavut paying for this new facility? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. John Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you for my colleague for asking that question. After we had gotten back to Cambridge Bay, we were reminded about the Katujjiluta mandate that we agreed after all MLAs met together, and as the work progresses for the elder facility in Cambridge Bay, we have to use Katujjiluta mandate. It's part of the mandate that we agreed upon on, on also how we're going to use the mandate.

The federal government has approved a great deal of money, enough money to build the facility. I can't talk about any numbers right now, because of confidentiality under the procurement.

I would like to respond to the MLA's question, but the money will be coming from the federal government, and it's a substantial amount of money, and it's going to be enough money to complete the facility. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: First supplementary, Mr. Savikataaq.

Mr. Savikataaq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's unfortunate that the minister did not answer my question. I didn't ask him how much the federal government will be paying; I was asking what percentage the federal government will be paying.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I asked for a percentage. I did not ask for the amount, which would interfere with procurement. Is it 10 per cent? Are the feds giving 10 per cent? Are the feds giving 25 per cent? Are the feds giving 50 percent? 75 per cent? This House needs to know.

There's no time left for us to appropriate the extra funds. The next government will have to do that, and the next government may have different priorities than this government. They may choose to fast-track the Iqaluit long-term care centre. They may choose to concentrate on the youth, as there's so much suicide, and the majority of suicides are youth.

I asked quite a simple question. When you sign an agreement with the feds, generally there's a percentage that the feds say they will pay, and the territorial or provincial government is responsible for the other portion.

So I'll ask the minister again: What percentage will the feds be paying for the capital construction of the long-term care in Cambridge Bay? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister of Health, Mr. Main.

Hon. John Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(interpretation ends) I understand and I appreciate the member's interest in this area, but I really don't want to discuss numbers specifics here. I can, given the obvious interest, my door is always open for a discussion that's not on TV cameras. I can offer, provide an in-camera briefing to members if there's that level of interest.

However, I want to protect the procurement process. We're still in the design phase, about to move into construction phase.

There is a significant commitment from our federal partners. We're very thankful for that, and this will mark the second long-term-care facility in Nunavut that has secured federal funding. And that's I believe an achievement that we can be proud of.

I would like to thank my colleagues here in the House, for approving the design funds to allow this project to proceed to where it is today. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Second and final supplementary, Mr. Savikataaq.

Mr. Savikataaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the minister is correct; the House did approve design funds. Design funds. The House has not approved any construction funds. And there's quite a difference between design. There's many projects in Nunavut that were designed that never, ever went to construction, and we don't know if this will happen or not, because the next government will come up with a mandate. The next government will have its priorities.

Dissolution is in two weeks, so we don't have too much impact now on the future of what's coming, what the other government wants to do. It's obvious that a simple thing like the funding formula is not going to be given to this House and to Nunavummiut.

I have not asked for the total construction cost, which just by looking at the Rankin standards would be close to \$100 million. I just want to know a percentage, what the funding formula was from the feds, but I'm not going to get that answer.

It appears this is just a photo op. Half of cabinet went to go do this photo op on a project that may or may not go ahead.

I'll ask the minister: What was the total cost of this photo op for construction of the long-term care, which may or may not go ahead? That will depending on the next government. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister of Health, Mr. Main.

Hon. John Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) You know, I'm going to have to disagree with the premise of the question a little bit. One person's photo op is another person's accessible and transparent government.

When we were in Cambridge Bay, there was a photo portion to our visit. I also took the time to visit our excellent staff at the Kitikmeot regional health centre. I was privileged to have some interaction with elders and individuals in the community who are experiencing needs around disabilities, and so I disagree with the premise of the question around it become a photo op.

When I made my statement earlier, I'm very thankful to Cambridge Bay residents for welcoming us there.

In terms of the details of the cost of my trip, I can certainly look at compiling those and making them available, and I'll also reextend the offer of a meeting or a briefing in a closed-door scenario where we don't compromise any procurement processes regarding this important project.

(interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Oral Question 1336 - 6(2): Water Infrastructure in Igloolik

Ms. Quassa: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions are for the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure.

As the minister will be aware, the Government of Nunavut recently issued a boil-water advisory of Igloolik. The advisory indicated that "this is a safety measure due to high turbidity levels."

Mr. Speaker, I was very pleased that the department issued a request for proposals in July 2024 to develop a business case for new water treatment infrastructure for Igloolik. The department awarded a contract for this work in September 2024. The request for proposals indicated that the final business case is scheduled to be submitted next month in October 2025. Can the minister provide an update today on the status of this work.

(interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. David Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Igloolik, among others, do experience boil-water advisories on occasion, and some are seasonal in nature. We are trying to address this, advancing several water-treatment-plant either upgrades or brand-new construction to meet or exceed drinking water guidelines.

For Igloolik specifically, we do have a number that are under design phase and we are trying to advance through to completing that work, the initial planning for Clyde River and Coral Harbour as well as Igloolik, and we've secured the approval for Housing Infrastructure Canada to advance to the next stage. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: First supplementary, Ms. Quassa.

Ms. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(interpretation ends) As the minister is very much aware, the current Assembly dissolves later this month, and the next government will not take office until November. The government's 2026-2027 capital estimates will not be introduced until next year's Winter Sitting.

Can the minister indicate where his department is at in terms of planning for a new water treatment plant for the community of Igloolik.

(interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. David Joanasie: Is thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, again, we have a number of treatment plants either being upgraded, or we are trying to go through to constructing new ones, but of course it has to go through the cycles of the capital planning process.

Of course being an election year next month, we do have an interim capital appropriation that is being presented this Fall Sitting. It won't be including brand new facilities for Igloolik, unfortunately, but the planning studies and funding again has been approved for Clyde River, Coral Harbour and Igloolik.

Then once that's completed, they would move on to the next phase of design and construction dollars for the work. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Second and final supplementary, Ms. Quassa.

Ms. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We would like to expect a new water treatment plant, a better water treatment plant in our community before the dissolution of this Legislative Assembly.

(interpretation ends) The Department's request for proposals indicates that:

"The upgraded new water treatment plant in Igloolik is required to meet the treatment objectives in the Health Canada guidelines for Canadian drinking water quality, and to reduce turbidity levels in drinking water in Igloolik."

Can the minister indicate what new federal funding is being provided to help Nunavut meet the federal guidelines. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. David Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, again, we do work with the regulators at the Department of Health to ensure that our boil-water advisories are in

place to protect Nunavummiut. And there are safety instructions provided to our constituents.

Our current regulations pre-date the guidelines for Canadian drinking quality, and we do recognize the importance of aligning with those standards in terms of federal funding that we're accessing to address this.

We are trying to maximize and ensure that we tap into as many programs that we can find that are eligible towards this. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Oral Question 1337 - 6(2): Airline Sector

Ms. Brewster: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Welcome back, everybody. I would like to also express my condolences to Minister Kusugak's family and community, as well as to the family and community of Mr. Greenley. I know he will be very much missed.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions are for the minister of the new Department of Transportation and Infrastructure. Mr. Speaker, in July of this year the Government of Nunavut announced that it has entered into a ten-year travel agreement with the new owners of Canadian North. Although the announcement was issued by the Department of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, the agreement will impact a number of different services, including medical travel and Family Services client travel.

Mr. Speaker, my question is can the minister of transportation confirm which department of the government will be responsible for administering this new agreement, and will he commit to tabling a copy of the agreement in the House prior to the dissolution of the current Legislative Assembly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. David Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I appreciate the question.

Mr. Speaker, my Department, Transportation and Infrastructure, will be in charge of managing this contract on behalf of the Government of Nunavut, and how this contract will be reported publicly is through our normal contracting procurement leasing activity reports, Mr. Speaker, so we'll be going through that process. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: First supplementary, Ms. Brewster.

Ms. Brewster: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The announcement was about the agreement, and I understand that there are certain parts of the contract that shouldn't or cannot be

published, but the announcement of the agreement specifically stated that the implementation will prioritize operational excellence, transparency, and the well-being of communities across Nunavut, so I think it would be helpful to see what that agreement actually says.

Mr. Speaker, the recent announcement concerning the ten-year travel agreement indicated that:

“The Government of Nunavut has acquired an option from the Exchange Income Corporation to purchase an equity interest in Bradley Air Services Limited, which is operating as Canadian North, should it choose to exercise that option.”

Mr. Speaker, both you and I are old enough to remember the addition when Air Canada was owned by the federal government. I wonder, can the minister clarify the extent to which this option would allow for the territorial agreement to purchase a majority ownership in the airline, and can he indicate when a decision on this option will be made. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. David Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. With that option to potentially purchase shares in the air service industry, that will not take place within the life of this government, but my colleague the Minister For Community Services on the economic development side is the lead on that portion of this. It is a separate venture or initiative on this file.

But we do work closely between departments around how best to position the government as we proceed with this. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Second and final supplementary, Ms. Brewster.

Ms. Brewster: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the minister will recall, I have asked a number of questions concerning the federal Competition Bureau’s announcement that it will be undertaking a market study of competition in the Canadian airline industry, and in June of this year, the bureau released its final report on the study.

Mr. Speaker, as the minister will be aware, the bureau made three recommendations, one of which is to establish a national working group focused on remote air transportation, to properly address the unique challenges of northern and remote communities.

Mr. Speaker, can the minister describe what actions his department is taking to help implement this recommendation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. David Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, through the Competition Bureau's market study, we do remain, continue to provide input and bring in Nunavut's unique circumstances and voice to the table, advocating for Nunavummiut. We want to maintain efficient and reliable, safe air travel, whether it's for people or goods, and we do want to support improved services to our communities. And so we're very committed to that.

Mr. Speaker, the development of the study's terms of reference market study, members from my department did highlight some specific areas of concern as they relate to Nunavut, and again, we'll continue to participate and bring Nunavut's views and voice to the table. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Oral Question 1338 - 6(2): Water Infrastructure in Baker Lake

Mr. Simailak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, this afternoon my questions are for the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, as the minister will recall, I have raised a number of concerns about the frequency and number of boil-water advisories issued for my community of Baker Lake in recent years. And actually, right now we are now going through the longest one. We have been under a boil-water advisory since February 26 of this year, which is now more than six months, which is why I was very pleased to see the department issue a request for proposal in July of this year to develop a business case for the replacement of Baker Lake's existing water treatment plant with a new facility.

Mr. Speaker, information published by the minister's department indicates that:

"The existing treatment system has been unable to manage seasonal turbidity, resulting in several prolonged precautionary boil-water advisories in the community. Additionally, there has been multiple instances of intake freezing and failures, requiring repairs to restore operations. Concerns have also been raised about fuel spills into Baker Lake, which is used for recreation and for transporting goods by barge. Furthermore, the outlet of the wastewater lagoon wetlands system discharges into Baker Lake."

Mr. Speaker, the department's request for proposal closed on August 28. Can the minister confirm how many proposals were received, and can he indicate when the contract award is expected to be made. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. David Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, Baker Lake's treatment plant, similar to Qikiqtarjuaq, we are advancing with the planning identified at \$1.2 million through the Canada... sorry, what is it. My apologies, I had my briefing note open.

We are trying to advance through the planning for addressing boil-water advisories in Baker Lake and have \$1.2 million to do the planning.

As for the number of proposals that went through the RFP process, I don't have that level of detail, but I can commit to bringing the information once I have it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: First supplementary, Mr. Simailak.

Mr. Simailak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Minister, for the commitment to get back to me with more information.

Mr. Speaker, information published by the department indicates:

"The community's primary water source is Baker Lake itself, with water drawn directly into the water treatment plant located on the lake shore, within the community. In parallel, the consultant shall identify and evaluate three alternative sites. This will begin with a desktop review to identify potential locations including those that may rely upon a different water source."

As the Minister of Infrastructure will be aware from his discussions with the Minister of Environment, the Thelon and Kazan Rivers near Baker Lake are part of the national heritage river system. Can the minister indicate what other water sources will be considered. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. David Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my departments, both Transportation and Infrastructure as well as Environment, do work hand in hand around this, to ensure that every community has safe and reliable drinking water source, and of course it has to go through the process of being certified and our regulators, the Department of Health, are also involved in that.

So with that I cannot say specifically what other sources are being looked at, but we will, of course, we would involve the municipal council as well to ensure they are on board with how to proceed. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Second and final supplementary, Mr. Simailak.

Mr. Simailak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Minister. I'm glad the minister mentioned the municipal council will be involved.

I have one final question I'm hoping will be a straightforward yes. Will the hunters and trappers organization also be involved in the questions or studies on where might be the best location to get water from potable drinking water for Baker Lake? Will the hunters and trappers be consulted? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. David Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The hunters and trappers can hunt and trap the water, yes.

>> *Laughter*

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

Oral Question 1339 - 6(2): Managing Complaints about the Iqaluit Boarding Home

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

Over the term of this Assembly, as well as the last, numerous members have raised concerns respecting the Iqaluit boarding home. I would like to ask, can the minister provide an overview of some of the more common complaints that are received by his department with regard to the boarding home. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. John Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker and I would like to thank you for the question.

(interpretation ends) With regards to the Iqaluit boarding home, it is similar to the other boarding homes that we have either in Edmonton, Winnipeg, Ottawa, or Yellowknife. We frequently have issues brought forward. Or the most frequent issues that are brought forward, I should say, are around the conditions of the accommodation, in terms of safety of clients, access to a quiet and healthy environment.

We also have different issues around the operational procedural issues with medical travellers. We're dealing with hundreds every travellers a week in most of these boarding

homes, so we do keep a close eye on them in terms of regular meetings with our contractors, as well as providing opportunity for our travellers to give us input through the Office of Patient Relations, or directly to our medical travel staff. We want to identify problems and try to identify solutions. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: First supplementary, Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the minister's response. As the Department of Health operates these boarding homes through contracts, the minister had indicated that his department does have regular meetings with these contractors.

Can the minister further elaborate and describe what steps the department does to ensure that the contractor is operating these boarding homes, does address these complaints and concerns that are brought forward, and further, can the minister shed some light on some potential positive outcomes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister of Health, Mr. Main.

Hon. John Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(interpretation ends) It's through regular communication and contract implementation or monitoring that we are able to make positive changes to boarding homes. So in case of the Iqaluit facility, the Nova Group communicates with our staff regularly. Our staff have the ability to bring forward issues and to request the contractor identify or find solutions.

We have had some progress. We've had some difficulties over the past months; there was an increase in client evictions, primarily related to intoxication over the summer months.

But on a positive note, we've seen an expansion in programming for clients here in Iqaluit. There was a sewing program. There's movie nights. There has been a trip to the Sylvia Grinnell River recently, as well as Apex beach. The boarding home has even purchased fishing rods for guests to use while in Iqaluit. If they want to have some of the delicious Iqaluit fish, they have the tools to do so.

So that's a few examples of positive changes that have come for the Iqaluit boarding home. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Second and final supplementary, Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank the minister for shedding light on some of the issues that do come forward, and I appreciate learning with some of the programming that is made available to clients.

Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, several residents post their complaints and concerns and issues about the boarding home on Facebook and other social media. While this may raise public awareness on these issues, it's not necessarily effective in informing the Department of Health when such issues arise.

I would like to ask, would the minister agree to having representatives from the Office of Patient Relations visit the boarding home on a regular basis, such as weekly, in an effort to encourage and assist clients to lodge complaints in a more formal manner? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister of Health, Mr. Main.

Hon. John Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, (interpretation ends) and thank you for the question to my colleague. Yes, I can commit to that. In fact, the Office of Patient Relations does visit the Iqaluit boarding home on a weekly basis. Usually it's on a Thursday or Friday. That's actually more frequent than what I was previously aware of.

They make themselves available to clients, to introduce them to the Office of Patient Relations, explain their role, and share information. There are business cards and brochures distributed to medical travellers.

I would like to thank the member for raising this. For the Iqaluit boarding home as well as the other boarding homes, that Department of Health has travellers going to, we want them to be as best as they can be. We want them to be welcoming and places of health. We understand that travellers are quite often going through difficult medical issues, and we know that a healthy living environment supports better health conditions and outcomes.

I thank the member for raising these issues, and we'll keep working with our contractors to make improvements where they are identified.

(interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Member for Aivilik, Mr. Malliki.

Oral Question 1340 - 6(2): Airport Infrastructure

Mr. Malliki (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the new Department of Transportation and Infrastructure.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, as the minister is aware, Nauyasat airport terminal building was officially opened in June of this year. The community is very happy that the

government invested in new infrastructure. Can the minister provide an update on the first few months of the new terminal's operation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. David Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Maybe I'm sitting on the hot seat.

Mr. Chairman, in Naujaat the new airport terminal was opened in June of this year, and it has been going very smoothly since it has been opened. Everything seems to be in working order. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: First supplementary, Mr. Malliki.

Mr. Malliki (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker and I would like to thank the minister.

(interpretation ends) As the minister will recall, my colleague from Rankin Inlet North-Chesterfield Inlet previously tabled a document of resolutions that were passed at the October 24, 2024 meeting of Kivalliq mayors. One of the issues passed is the critical need for the Naujaat runway to be extended. As the minister is aware, Naujaat airport runway is the shortest runway in the region. This causes many challenges for air carrier service in the community. Recent news reports have indicated that new department is reviewing this issue.

When I raised this issue during our Spring Sitting, the minister indicated that his department has been making an effort to access federal funding under the Airport Capital Assistance Program.

Can the minister provide an update today on how his department is working to address this need for runway extension in Naujaat airport. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. David Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I do recall that resolution from the Kivalliq mayors and the community and airline input has been received and incorporated. Stakeholders have voiced their support for improving the runway reliability in Naujaat.

To date class D cost estimates for extending the runway to 4,000 to 4,400 and 6,000 feet options are being conducted this year, in 2025, and will reflect current costs and construction realities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Second and final supplementary, Mr. Malliki.

Mr. Malliki (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I would like to thank the minister for his response.

(interpretation ends) As the minister will recall, he tabled the Nunavut Airports 20-Year Capital Needs Assessment Update in March 2023. The report identified a number of issues at Coral Harbour airport, including the need to address several abandoned legacy abandoned building and assets. When I raised this issue during our Spring Sitting, the minister provided a general response about his department's capital planning activities. Can the minister provide an update today on how Coral Harbour issues are being addressed. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. David Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, with some of the older assets in Coral Harbour, Salliq, those would have to go through our government surplus disposal process. We do have a list of different assets, properties that we are moving forward with to ensure that they are disposed of in the most safest way, and to make way for new infrastructure development within each community.

Of course we can only do so much within our approved budgets, but we would be open to working with the municipality of Salliq to see how far we could take those specific ones around the airports. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Oral Question 1341 - 6(2): Naja Isabelle Facility in Chesterfield Inlet

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

Mr. Speaker, in previous sittings I asked the minister whether the Naja Isabelle facility in Chesterfield Inlet would continue to provide services in the future. A request for proposal was withdrawn because repairs were needed at the facility.

Can the minister confirm that it is still the government's intention to provide services at the Naja Isabelle facility once the repairs are done. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Hon. Member of Family Services, Ms. Nakashuk.

Hon. Margaret Nakashuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you for your question. The Naja Isabelle facility that was previously used had to be renovated, so the use has been extended and will be used through Family Services. For what purpose, though, is something that is being considered. It is in the planning stages, but not as yet identified in final stages. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: First supplementary, Mr. Sammurtok.

Mr. Sammurtok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, a request for tender to conduct repairs at the Naja Isabelle facility was issued earlier this summer, in July. However, it was very quickly withdrawn and another request for tender has not yet been issued.

Can the minister explain why the request for tender to repair the roof to the Naja Isabelle Facility was withdrawn immediately after it was issued, and tell us when the request for tender to complete this work will be issued. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister of Family Services, Ms. Nakashuk.

Hon. Margaret Nakashuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you for your question. The previous tender for renovations was discussed on the roof that it would have to be repaired. However, the timing for sea lift was not in par, so it has been pushed for next year to be tendered on. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Second and final supplementary, Mr. Sammurtok.

Mr. Simailak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, over the past few years a number of facilities have stopped providing local community-based services to elders and other individuals requiring care. Although the government initially states that the facility will be renovated and service will resume, in many cases the repairs are continuously delayed until an announcement comes out that the facility will be closed for good. The foreign clients are then sent out to institutions outside the community, and even out of the territory, while local trained staff remain unemployed.

What assurance can the minister provide to the community of Chesterfield Inlet that the Naja Isabelle Facility will be repaired and renovated to once again offer local, community-based services? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister of Family Services, Ms. Nakashuk.

Hon. Margaret Nakashuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you for the question. The capital request was approved here, in the House, for renovations for the building of Naja Isabelle. These are still in the planning stages, and hopefully they will move ahead even when this Assembly dissolves.

In the near future the Naujaat Isabelle is to be used, and as it is under the government, we recognize the renovations required and the plans are still yet in place for that renovation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Oral Question 1342 - 6(2): Municipal Infrastructure in the Kitikmeot

Mr. Quqqiaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions today are for the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure.

Mr. Speaker, both of the communities that I'm proud to represent in the Legislative Assembly are in need of new infrastructure. Mr. Speaker, as the minister will recall, the Legislative Assembly approved capital funding during last year's Fall Sitting for its department's budget for local government planning and design initiatives. Information presented by the department indicates that design work for a new parking garage in Kugaaruk was scheduled to begin during the current 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Mr. Speaker, can the minister provide an update today on the status of this project. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. David Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, that portion of the local government fund project, as I recall it – if you give me a second. My colleague here, the community services would be taken over. I would have to confer with my colleague around where that Kugaaruk project stands. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: First supplementary, Mr. Quqqiaq.

Mr. Quqqiaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I'm confident that the minister will agree with me when I say that all Nunavut municipalities should have recreational infrastructure that allows for community gatherings, and encourages youth to participate in sports and other healthy activities.

Information presented by the department also indicates that design work for a new community arena in Kugaaruk is scheduled to begin during the 2027-2028 fiscal year. Mr. Speaker, can the minister confirm that this project is on schedule. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. David Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And again, with the reorg, there was government programs and funding streams towards municipalities that deviated from each department. So with that, the arenas project that municipalities are trying to advance forward would be through the community services department, but we do work closely with infrastructure development as a whole.

Municipal infrastructure of this nature, recreational, garage, those types would be at the local government, if that makes sense. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Second and final supplementary, Mr. Quqqiaq.

Mr. Quqqiaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, with the department realignment I have to get used to it, so I'm going to continue on.

Mr. Speaker, I am confident that the minister will also agree with me when I say that all Nunavut municipalities should have modern solid waste management facilities and infrastructure. As the minister will recall, the government issued a request for proposals in April 2022 to develop a business case for solid waste facility upgrades in a number of communities, including Taloyoak.

Mr. Speaker, can the minister provide an update on the status of the Taloyoak project, and can he confirm when his department will issue a new request for proposals, a business case for solid waste facility upgrades in Kugaaruk, including the land fill and metal dump. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. David Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my department will continue to work with the municipalities and our partner Department of Community Services around municipal infrastructure needs, solid waste, recreation, parking garages. There are multiple needs that all communities are wanting to advance, and Taloyoak is one of them.

We are continuing to work at advancing different projects at the local level, and my department will support that on an ongoing basis. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Oral Question 1343 - 6(2): Food Insecurity

Ms. Nutarak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct my questions to the premier, Minister of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs.

Mr. Speaker, the loss of the hamlet food vouchers which were funded through the federal government's Inuit Child First Initiative has had a profound impact on the community of Pond Inlet. Can the premier provide an overview of any discussions or interventions he has had with his federal counterparts to address the federal government's decision to change how Inuit families can apply for this.

Speaker: Hon. Minister of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, Mr. Pauloosie Akeeagok.

Hon. P.J. Akeeagok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to thank my colleague for her question.

To date we have engaged in three official letters, really advocating on the importance of the Inuit Child First Initiative program. Whether it's myself or a few of my colleagues here, we continue to press the importance and the significance of that program, and I will continue to bring that forward in any conversations that I do have moving forward. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: First supplementary, Ms. Nutarak.

Ms. Nutarak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I thank the premier.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, the issue of food insecurity is a very real concern in many if not most Nunavut communities. Can the premier confirm that he received a copy of my letter to Nunavut's Member of Parliament, the Hon. Lori Idlout, and indicate whether he has given any consideration to the specific issue I raised. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, Mr. Pauloosie Akeeagok.

Hon. P.J. Akeeagok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again I want to thank my colleague for the question. Yes, I did read the letter that did come in July, and did I go into it with care, and continue to advocate and support really the importance of that program and the importance at the federal government.

As we have to remember, this is a federal responsibility. It is a federal fiduciary duty to provide that, and I will continue and agree with what is contained in the letter; that it has had a positive impact in terms of the programming. We've seen it firsthand in all our communities. I will continue to voice that in any conversation I have, whether it's federal members or officials. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Second and final supplementary, Ms. Nutarak.

Ms. Nutarak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, Premier. Mr. Speaker, in my correspondence to Nunavut's Member of Parliament, a copy of which I will table in this House, I included documentation demonstrating the extremely high prices at Pond Inlet's Co-op store and Northern Store. These photos only provide one snapshot of a growing problem. Our government needs to advocate strongly to address it.

Mr. Speaker, the Department of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs oversees Nunavut's Bureau of Statistics. Can the prime minister --

>> *Laughter*

Ms. Nutarak: Can the premier describe how the Bureau of Statistics measures the rising cost of Nunavut's community-based stores and calculate the increasing level of food insecurity across Nunavut, to show how many children are going hungry from day to day. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, Mr. Pauloosie Akeeagok.

Hon. P.J. Akeeagok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker I'm not quite the Prime Minister, but (laughter).

Mr. Speaker, I did look into this. I know the GLOs are doing some incredible data collection directly from the retailers to my understanding, even though we've now since transferred that responsibility over to Community Services in terms of that function.

The Nunavut Food Price Survey, to my understanding, is at the data analysis phase within the department. We are now turning and looking into, and crunching the numbers that we were able to find during the retailers. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Members be aware, the time allotted for question period is now over. Member for Aivilik, Mr. Malliki.

Mr. Malliki (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to make a motion to extend Oral Questions. Thank you.

Speaker: Member is seeking unanimous consent to extend question period. Are there any nays? There are none. Question period extended for another 30 minutes.

Oral Questions. Member for Amittuq, Mr. Kaernek.

Oral Question 1344 - 6(2): Search and Rescue

Mr. Kaerner: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Community Services, who is responsible for the emergency management services and search and rescue in Nunavut.

As the minister is aware, the federal government recently announced approximately \$1.36 million in funding for an initiative titled as Closing the Gap North of 60, addressing critical challenges in Arctic ground search and rescue.

Mr. Speaker, this is an issue that I had raised in this House on many occasions, if not every session. Can the minister describe how his department is involved with this important initiative pertaining to closing the gap. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. David Akeeagok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I truly would like to thank the federal government for providing this much needed funding, in terms of closing the gap on emergency preparedness for the north. It's one that they are collecting data, and we're getting the work done, in terms of sort of what is needed here in the north, not just in Nunavut, but in the north. A lot of work will be compiled in getting that, and our Nunavut emergency management staff are very engaged in this initiative. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: First supplementary, Mr. Kaerner.

Mr. Kaerner (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a very important matter when it involves lives, and the searchers don't get paid.

(interpretation ends) As the minister will recall, the Nunavut municipalities at the NAM passed a resolution in its most recent annual meeting concerning the designation of Sanirajak as a regional hub for emergency management services in Nunavut. As the minister is aware again, we are located in centre of Nunavut, and it would be a great location for the government to consider.

In saying that, Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the association for its support, and I applaud the municipality of Sanirajak for its ongoing on this issue.

Now, can the minister describe how his department is working to implement this resolution when it comes to closing the gap. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. David Akeeagok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, our government has been advocating that a proper search and rescue should be up in the north and should be in

Nunavut, and that's one discussion that we continue to have WITH our federal colleagues. Our premier has raised it a number of times with the prime minister and other federal ministers, in terms of having adequate search and rescue capability, as the federal government is mandated to do that, and those discussions are continuing.

In terms of pinpointing exactly where it will be, your advocacy and your continued advocacy in terms of wanting to see it in your community has been heard, and it has been in our conversations. That money, that 1.3 million, is going to the university for the roundtable, and then through those roundtables are what is heard. And those will continue and continue to hope that it gives shape to be that there is adequate search and rescue operations, led by the federal government, here in Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Second and final supplementary, Mr. Kaerner.

Mr. Kaerner: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I would like to show my appreciation. Yes, I agree with the minister that yes, we need a territorial recognized search and rescue association in Nunavut when it comes to closing the gap, and I would encourage the federal counterparties to at least look into this when it comes to closing the gap, Mr. Speaker.

Now, in saying that again, Mr. Speaker, as the minister is aware, the department responsible for administering the government's community-based search and rescue contribution policy, this policy has expired in 2017 and it was sunsetted in 2022. And therefore, Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to all the volunteers in Sanirajak and Igloolik.

Mr. Speaker, the policy was last revised January 2017, over eight years ago, and as the minister will recall, this question was asked in our Spring Session: When will the policy be updated? So can the minister enlighten us of when this policy will be updated. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. David Akeeagok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the member for highlighting the policy being expired. There are a number of policies under my department that are under review. This is one of them. And it is trying to find the fine balance of keeping a policy updated and keeping everything working, and something, especially search and rescue, we haven't stopped in terms of training our very hard dedicated working volunteers throughout Nunavut. Those are critical to our communities, and they were very busy this weekend at Sanirajak, and glad there was a good outcome.

It's like that, that our department focuses on ensuring that we have trained and certified search and rescue so that they can continue.

My department will continue to advocate and work very closely with the local search and rescue to ensure that training and equipment are provided. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Oral Question 1345 - 6(2): Water Infrastructure in Sanikiluaq

Mr. Qavvik: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I think Minister Joanasie got the record of questions today, as I would like to ask him questions in regards to water infrastructure for my constituency.

Mr. Speaker, I recall my very first question as an MLA was water issue, and for the past ten years or more, my community of Sanikiluaq has been under a do-not-consume advisory in place due to high salinity in our drinking source water.

The minister will recall that Government of Nunavut recently issued a drinking water advisory for the community of Sanikiluaq, and we have been using reverse osmosis in our units in our community. Back in last year, in June 2024, the government awarded a contract for architectural and engineering services for the community's new water-treatment facility. I would like to ask the minister to provide an update today on the status of this project. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. David Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And Mr. Speaker, we did advance and complete planning activities for water-treatment infrastructures in Arctic Bay, Grise Fiord, Pond Inlet, Rankin Inlet and Sanikiluaq, and we do want to advance to the next stage of having them designed and then eventual construction. So that work is ongoing, and we'll continue to work with the municipality with the appropriate steps being made. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: First supplementary, Mr. Qavvik.

Mr. Qavvik: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the minister for his update.

Mr. Speaker, in June 2023, the government awarded a contract for architectural and engineering services for the community's new waste-water treatment facility. I would like to also ask the minister if he can provide an update on this project. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. David Joanasie: My apologies. Give me a minute here, Mr. Speaker. I have so many briefing notes to go through for each; how many questions we have been dealing with today.

For the record, Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the member for asking. One of his first questions was on water treatment plants, and as we're closing out our final sitting of this Assembly, he's still maintaining and continuing to push for his constituency.

Mr. Speaker, the Sanikiluaq waste water lagoon project, the planning has been completed and the design contract has been awarded. Design is about 25 per cent completed. There are some delays relating to some geotechnical concerns, but once those have been resolved, they will be advancing forward on that project. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Second and final supplementary, Mr. Qavvik.

Mr. Qavvik: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I thank the minister for updating those two projects for my constituency.

Mr. Speaker, as the minister will also recall, he tabled the Government of Nunavut's Drinking Water Strategic Framework during the spring 2023 sitting of the House. The framework indicated that:

"Upon approval of the Drinking Water Strategy, work will begin on developing a detailed action plan. The cost to fulfill the Drinking Water Strategy estimated in 2022 will be \$610 million, with an estimated annual operation and maintenance increase to \$600,000 to \$1.2 million for most communities."

Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the minister if he can provide an update today on how much federal funding has been provided to address Nunavut's water infrastructure deficit. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. David Joanasie: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, as mentioned before, we do try to access and benefit and make use of as many federal funding programs that we can get our hands on. Through the Investing in Canada infrastructure program we've had \$223 million towards water and waste water infrastructure improvements. We want to add to that. We do have a number of projects in different stages, as we've heard today.

And Mr. Speaker, we want to continue to work with our municipal partners for the operations of these facilities to the highest standards that we can. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Oral Question 1346 - 6(2): Office Space

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My next round of questions is for the premier.

Mr. Speaker, last year there was a fire that happened in Aeroplex, which houses the Department of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs office. During the last sitting, the Assembly approved \$1.6 million in supplementary funding for the purchase of furniture for the department's new office.

I do note that the tender for the purchase of the office furniture has re-tendered just a few weeks ago, and closes today. I would like to ask if the Minister of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs can explain the rationale for reissuing the tender. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Hon. Member of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, Mr. Pauloosie Akeeagok.

Hon. P.J. Akeeagok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to thank my colleague for his question. First off, I also want to recognize the incredible firefighters who really are unsung heroes, who do some incredible work. It's very unfortunate there's one too many fires all the time, and we were affected as our office around that, as the member is aware.

I don't know the exact specific details on the tender. I don't have that, as it just closed not long ago. I do know we are anticipating – originally we were supposed to move into our new office space, which we're very much looking forward to, in September. Due to delays in the completion of the actual office space, right now the projected timeline of the move from our existing temporary location is now November 1 of this year. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: First supplementary, Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you for the response. Last spring there was quite a considerable amount of debate over this issue, and as the minister had indicated, the targeted move-in date was September 1, as was indicated in June.

Although work had started on this building a number of years ago, it still appears to be remain unoccupied, as the target move-in date has been postponed.

I would like to ask can the minister clarify the length of the lease of the new building and can the minister confirm whether or not the government has the option to purchase the building at the end of the least term. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, Mr. Pauloosie Akeeagok.

Hon. P.J. Akeeagok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I thank my colleague for his question.

As the member is aware, we work very closely with the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure on the actual procurement and securing the leases. I don't have that level of detail, but I could look into it with the department and get back to the member. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Second and final supplementary, Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In July of this year the government issued an advisory indicating that all Iqaluit-based divisions of the Department of Culture and Heritage has moved into the Aeroplex building, the former office of the Department of Executive. This move also took into account the need for the new office space for the Inuit Language Authority, which had lost its previous home in yet another fire.

I would like to ask, can the minister indicate how much has spent to date to remediate the fire damage has occurred in the Aeroplex building. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, Mr. Pauloosie Akeeagok.

Hon. P.J. Akeeagok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again I want to thank my colleague for his question. I will have to look into that. I believe the actual lease, the onus on the actual landlord, but on that specific question it's detailed and I don't have that in front of me. I will get back to the member once I've had an opportunity to look into it further. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Oral Question 1347 - 6(2): Kitikmeot Elders Facility

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct my question to the premier, following up with the recommendation by Minister Main during the line of questioning with him where I didn't get a response on whether there was consultation with the integrity commissioner.

I'm going to assume that Minister Main did not consult with the integrity commissioner. So I would like to ask the premier: Did the premier and/or any other participating members of cabinet consult with the integrity commissioner on the appropriateness of holding the tundra turning event in Cambridge Bay for a project yet to be approved in

this House, just two weeks before Assembly is dissolved? And if not, why not? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. P.J. Akeeagok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to thank my colleague for his question.

Mr. Speaker, in prep for the dissolution of the 6th Assembly, our office has been engaged with the integrity commissioner, and I want to thank her for her guidance throughout as we go through this in terms of the best practices.

In accordance with her advice, we are focussing on advancing initiatives that are already in progress in the next few weeks, as in the case, as it was noted, Cambridge Bay was a key project that we have discussed here many times.

Mr. Speaker, I did get the advice as part of the trip as I was going to Cambridge Bay. We did go to the B2 Gold official commercial production at the Goose Lake Mine. We did get her advice on that as well.

So specifically to the elder care, as it has been an initiative that has been ongoing, it fits within the parameter in terms of the files that have been advancing. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: First supplementary, Mr. Hickes.

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, while I respect that response, I would just like to get a little bit more clarification. In the communication with the integrity commissioner, was it clearly outlined that this project had no capital construction funding appropriated through this House for that project? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Premier of Nunavut, Mr. Pauloosie Akeeagok.

Hon. P.J. Akeeagok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. No. Thank you.

Speaker: Oral Questions. Member for Aivilik, Mr. Malliki.

Oral Question 1348 - 6(2): Education Curriculum

Mr. Malliki (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for recognizing me again. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Education in regards to Nunavut's school curriculum for the smaller communities, because there's a difference between school curriculum in larger communities and smaller communities.

For the communities that have grade 12, they go down south to further their education. When the students go to further their education, they go through hardship due to the fact that what they're taught was a lot less than the ones down south. And many times the students that graduate will have to do some more. What kind of solutions did you find for that during this? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Pamela Gross: Thank you to the member for our question. We are very proud of our Made in Nunavut curriculum, Mr. Speaker. I will say that curriculum that is being worked on is being implemented this school year for kindergarten and grade 1, to be immersed in the new Made in Nunavut curriculum that has resources and guides and teacher tracking, and the way in which everything a teacher would need to fully implement Made in Nunavut curriculum, with our local knowledge, with our traditional knowledge being imbedded in the curriculum, as well as our language and the fundamentals as to who we are as Inuit and the guiding principles, the IQ principles being implemented throughout the course of the curriculum.

Mr. Speaker, I know that we have a lot to be proud of for that curriculum being developed, and we look forward to the day when we can reach all the way to grade 12 with that curriculum.

In terms of the member's question regarding comparing and going forward with the level of grade 12 being the same as that down south, Mr. Speaker, I just want to note that we do offer online courses to students if they have courses that might not be offered in their community for the higher grades. If they do have a particular class that they need to graduate or would like to take, they can take that.

In Nauyasat, Mr. Speaker, there are not enough applicants to fill all of the positions right now. We have ten out of 21 staff. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: First supplementary, Mr. Malliki.

Mr. Malliki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the minister did not respond to my question. I'm talking about the communities. The students in the larger communities, and also in the smaller communities in high school, the curriculum or what they are being taught is different, because in the smaller communities, when the students who graduate in the smaller communities, the knowledge is not comparable. When they want to go to college they have to do upgrading in order to get into college.

My question is what kind of solutions, or did you rectify the situation. Thank you.

Speaker: Minister of Education, Ms. Gross.

Hon. Pamela Gross: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you to the member for the question. So we have the new curriculum, as I mentioned, that is being worked on and being implemented, but we also have guidance counsellors that we put money towards to each school to help students to support the students along their career paths throughout their high school journey. Starting from grade 9 they can work with a guidance counsellor to support them on the courses that they need, that they are required to take throughout their high school, to get enough credits and then go on and move into a post-secondary program and work closely with that guidance counsellor to get into that academic course that they do need.

They are a wonderful asset to our schools, and we really encourage our schools to utilize the resource of a guidance counsellor, which are usually hired teachers that focus on supporting the students' needs throughout their academic career from grade 9 to 12.

Mr. Speaker, I want to say that we are also working for our curriculum, that we are accelerating it and the department has come forward with some information. I know in this House I've shared that we want to implement a new grade every year, but I did just receive word that that is being accelerated even further, so next school year we'll be able to offer grades 2 and 3. And with that implementation the timeframe will become sooner for students to receive our Made in Nunavut curriculum, which is something that we should all be proud of, and I look forward to that as well, because we all have a hand in education. We are all touched in our communities by education, and we want to have our Inuit world view incorporated in that education. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Second and final supplementary, Mr. Malliki.

Mr. Malliki (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question has not been answered.

(interpretation ends) We are failing our Nunavut students in high school. Academics should be the same, right across Canada. That's what we're asking for. Is there any way that this minister can make that for a business plan? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister of Education, Ms. Gross.

Hon. Pamela Gross: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you to the member for that question. I can say yes, for sure that is our aim to do that, Mr. Speaker, and whenever we do have questions that are raised upon the Department of Education, we can specifically look into that community's request and see where we can provide extra support for the higher-level courses to be offered, and work with our regional school operations to ensure that the timetables and everything that has gone through with the close relationship between our regional school operations and the Department of Education and

the schools is being implemented, and that courses that the students want and need are being taught.

We've done that in several different communities over the past couple years, and I am committed to working with the member's constituency communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Members be aware the time allotted for extended question period is now over. Item 7, Written Questions. Item 8, Return to Written Questions. Item 9, Replies to Opening Address. Item 10, Petitions. Item 11, Responses to Petitions. Item 12, Reports of Standing and Special Committee on Bills and Other Matters. Item 13, Tabling of Documents.

Item 13: Tabling of Documents

Tabled Document 418 - 6(2): Members' Dissolution Guidelines and Information on Indemnities, Allowances, and Services in the 2025 Election Year

Speaker: Thank you. I have nine documents to table today. The first document is the Members' Dissolution Guidelines and Information on Indemnities Allowances and Services in the 2025 Election Year.

Tabled Document 419 - 6(2): 2023-2024 Report on Members' Absences from Sitting of the House and Meetings of Committees and Caucuses

Speaker: The second document is 2023-2024 report on Members' Absences From Sitzings of the House and Meetings of the Committees and Caucuses.

Tabled Document 420 - 6(2): 2024-2025 Report on Members' Absences from Sitting of the House and Meetings of Committees and Caucuses

Speaker: The third document is the 2024-2025 Report on Members' Absences From Sitzings of the House and Meetings and Committees and Caucuses.

Tabled Document 421 - 6(2): 2023-2024 Annual Report of the Integrity Commissioner of Nunavut

Speaker: The fourth document is the 2023-2024 Annual Report of the Integrity Commissioner of Nunavut.

Tabled Document 422 - 6(2): 2024-2025 Annual Report of the Chief Electoral Officer of Nunavut

Speaker: The fifth document is 2024-2025 Annual Report of the Chief Electoral Officer of Nunavut.

Tabled Document 423 - 6(2): 2024-2025 Annual Report of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Nunavut

Speaker: The sixth document is the 2024-2025 Annual Report of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Nunavut.

Tabled Document 424 - 6(2): 2024-2025 Annual Report of the Language Commissioner of Nunavut

Speaker: The seventh document is 2024-2025 Annual Report of the Language Commissioner of Nunavut.

Tabled Document 425 - 6(2): Information and Privacy Commissioner's Response to the Standing Committee on Oversight of Government Operation and Public Accounts on the Review of the 2023-2024 Annual Report of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Nunavut

Speaker: The eighth document is the Information and Privacy Commissioner's Response to the Standing Committee on Oversight of Government Operations and Public Accounts On the Review of the 2023-2024 Annual Report of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Nunavut.

Tabled Document 426 - 6(2): Representative for Children and Youth's Response to the Standing Committee on Oversight of Government Operations and Public Accounts on the Review of the 2023-2024 Annual Report of the Nunavut's Representative for Children and Youth

Speaker: The ninth document is the Representative for Children and Youth's Response to the Standing Committee on Oversight of the Government Operation and Public Accounts' Report on the Review of the 2023-2024 Annual Report of Nunavut's Representative for Children and Youth. Thank you.

Tabling of Documents, item 13. Member for Iqaluit-Sinaa, Ms. Brewster.

Tabled Document 427 - 6(2): Letter from Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure in response to Oral Question 1235 - 6(2)

Ms. Brewster: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table today a copy of correspondence that I recently received from the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure in response to questions that I asked during our recent Spring Sitting concerning the important issue

of the airline sector in Nunavut. I encourage all members to review the document with care. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Tabling of Documents. Member for Aggu, Ms. Quassa.

Tabled Document 428 - 6(2): Letter from Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure in response to Oral Question 1257 - 6(2)

Ms. Quassa: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table today a copy of correspondence that I recently received from the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure in response to questions that I asked during our recent Spring Sitting concerning the Igloolik airport. I encourage all members to review the document with care, and I will have some follow-up questions for the minister during our pre-dissolution sitting. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Tabling of Documents. Member for Rankin Inlet North and Chesterfield Inlet, Mr. Sammurtok.

Tabled Document 429 - 6(2): Correspondence from Perrie Law re Wills Act

Mr. Sammurtok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to table a copy of the correspondence that was recently sent to members of the Legislative Assembly concerning the *Territorial Work Wills Act*. I wish to thank the auditor for the document for taking the time to write. I encourage all members to review the document with care, and I will have questions for the appropriate minister during our sitting. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Tabling of Documents. Member for Netsilik, Mr. Quqqiaq.

Tabled Document 430 - 6(2): Nunavut Association of Municipalities Resolution Concerning Weather Observer Services at Nunavut Airports

Mr. Quqqiaq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to table a copy of our resolution passed by the Nunavut Association of Municipalities at its most recent annual general meeting concerning the issue of weather observer services at Nunavut airports.

Mr. Speaker, this is an issue I have raised in the House on a number of previous occasions. Mr. Speaker, I encourage all members to review the document with care and I will have questions for the minister concerning this subject during our sitting. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Tabling of Documents. Member for Tununiq, Ms. Nutarak.

Tabled Document 431 - 6(2): Correspondence to Member of Parliament re Food Insecurity

Ms. Nutarak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to table a letter which I sent to Nunavut's Member of Parliament the Hon. Lori Idlout on July 24, 2025. This letter was also copied to Premier Akeeagok as well, as the president of Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated, Mr. Jeremy Tunraluk.

This letter shares my concern with respect to food insecurity in Pond Inlet in my constituency of Tununiq, and addresses the devastating consequences respecting the cost of food since the Inuit Child First Initiative stopped supporting food vouchers in the community. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Tabling of Documents. Member for Amittuq, Mr. Kaernerck.

Tabled Document 432 - 6(2): Nunavut Association of Municipalities Resolutions concerning the Designation of Sanirajak as the Regional Hub for Emergency Measures Services in Nunavut

Mr. Kaernerck: (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to table a copy of the resolution passed by the Nunavut Association of Municipalities at its most recent annual general meeting concerning the designation of Sanirajak as a regional for emergency measures services in Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, this is an issue that I have raised in the House on many number of previous occasions. Mr. Speaker, I encourage all members to read it with care. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Tabling of Documents. Before we go to – Tabling of Documents. Mr. Hickes.

Tabled Document 433 - 6(2): Correspondence from the Deputy Minister of Family Services to the Standing Committee on Oversight of Government Operations and Public Accounts

Mr. Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I have one document to table today in my capacity of Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Oversight of Government Operations and Public Accounts, which is a copy of correspondence from the Deputy Minister of Family Services with the additional information that he committed to providing during the committee's April 2025 hearings to review the office of the Auditor General of Canada's 2025 follow-up report on Child and Family Services of Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Tabling of Documents. Member for Cambridge Bay, Ms. Gross.

Hon. Pamela Gross: *Quana*, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask if we can return to item number 5. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Member is seeking unanimous consent to return to item 5, Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Are there any nays? There are none. Please proceed, Ms. Gross.

Hon. Pamela Gross: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you colleagues for the opportunity to return to Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. It's with great pleasure and happiness I recognize this special young lady here from Cambridge Bay, Nicole Olsen-Hakongak. Please stand.

>> *Applause*

Hon. Pamela Gross: Mr. Speaker, I've known this bright young lady since before she was born, as her dad was my teacher, when she was still yet to be born. I remember the pure joy that we all felt as a class in grade 3 when she arrived into the world. And she's been such a bouncing bright young woman throughout her whole life, as a wonderful role model for our community. She's done a lot over her career to where she is today, and I want to highlight her.

She works now at Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated as their junior legal counsel, but she took the Akitsiraq law program. She has taken many other things along other way, including being a flight attendant and went to the Nunavut Arctic College for office admin. She has a long history of education, and she has now worked with NTI for three years.

She is just such a phenomenal person. She radiates just like her mom and sister and her family, I just want to say congratulations to her formally here, and recognize her here in the House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker: Welcome to your Assembly. Back to Orders of the Day. Item 14, Notices of Motions. Item 15, Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills. Hon. Acting Finance Minister, Mr. David Akeeagok.

Item 15: Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills

Bill 81, Interim Appropriation (Capital) Act, 2026-2027 - Notice

Bill 82, Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 3, 2025-2026 - Notice

Bill 83, Supplementary Appropriation (Operation and Maintenance) Act, No. 3, 2024-2025 - Notice

Bill 84, Write-Off of Assets and Debts Act, 2024-2025 - Notice

Bill 85, Supplementary Appropriation (O&M) Act, No.1, 2025-2026 - Notice

Hon. David Akeeagok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Tuesday, September 9, 2025 that the following bills:

Bill 81, *Interim Appropriation (Capital) Act, 2026-2027*;

Bill 82, *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 3, 2025-2026*;

Bill 83, *Supplementary Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act No 3, 2024-2025*;

Bill 84, *Write-Off of Assets and Debts Act, 2024-2025*; and

Bill 85, *Supplementary Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, No. 1, 2025-2026*;

will be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Item 16, Motions. 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. Item 20, Report of Committee of the Whole. Item 21, Third Reading of Bills. Item 22, Orders of the Day. Mr. Clerk.

Item 22: Orders of the Day

Mr. Clerk: There's a meeting of the Standing Committee on Oversight of Government Operations and Public Accounts at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. *Orders of the Day* for Tuesday, September 9, 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
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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, September 8, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.
Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>*House adjourned at 16:11*

