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# **PARLIAMENTARY REPORT**

**December 11-13, 2012**

**Speaker: Patricia Ford**

**In Attendance:**

**Speaker of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency,  
Honorable Patricia Ford**

**President of Nunatsiavut, Honorable Sarah Leo**

**First Minister of Nunatsiavut Affairs, Acting Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Ordinary  
Member for Rigolet, Honorable Darryl Shiwak**

**Minister of Finance, Human Resources, and Information Technology, Ordinary Member for the  
Canadian Constituency, Honorable Daniel Pottle**

**Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Ordinary Member for Nain, Honorable Johannes  
Lampe**

**Minister of Health and Social Development, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville,  
Patricia Kemuksigak**

**Minister of Education and Economic Development, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville,  
Gary Mitchell**

**Ordinary Member for Postville, Glen Sheppard**

**Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Honorable Susan Nochasak**

**Chair Person for the NunaKatiget Community Corporation, Malcolm Winters**

**Chair Person for the Sivunivut Community Corporation, Edward Tuttauq**

**AngajukKâk for Nain, Anthony Andersen**

**AngajukKâk for Postville, Diane Gear**

**AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Wayne Piercy**

**AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Charlotte Wolfrey**

**Deputy Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Carl McLean**

**Deputy Minister of the Nunatsiavut Secretariat, Secretary to the Executive Council, Isabella Pain**

**Deputy Minister of, Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Dave Lough**

**Clerk of the Assembly, Mary Sillett**

**Absent:**

**Ordinary Member for Nain, William Barbour**

**Ordinary Member for Makkovik, Deputy Speaker, Denise Lane**

**Deputy Minister of Finance and Human Resources, Information Technology, Rexanne Crawford**

**AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Herb Jacque**

**Director of Legal Services, Loretta Michelin**

**Acting Director of Communications, Bert Pomeroy**

**Deputy Minister of Nunatsiavut Affairs, Toby Andersen**

**The Nunatsiavut Assembly proceedings**

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**December 11th-13th, 2012**

**Assembly commenced at 9:00 a.m. on December 11th, 2012**

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Ullâkut Illonasi. I would like to call to order, the seventh session of the second Nunatsiavut Assembly, first sitting in the fall of 2012. I will ask Martha Winters-Abel to say the opening prayer.

**MS. ABEL:** Heavenly Father, thank you for this day, the day that our Nunatsiavut Assembly has gathered. I ask that you bless the President and all the AngajukKaat and all the Ministers. Help us to deal with the times that may be very difficult. Be here the rest of the service that our problems may (INAUDIABLE) I thank you, Lord, for bringing them to our community safe and sound I ask that you keep them and guide them as they return back to their respective communities. Lord, we come to you today and also for all those who have passed before us, all those who are healing, who are hurting who are in pain. I ask that you be with each member of our community and for this coming season, this Christmas Season, and help us all to remember the real meaning of Christmas. May you rest of this assembly now. And we leave it in your name for your peace and healing in Jesus name, Amen.

**ASSEMBLY:** Amen.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Amen. Thank you, Martha. Going down through the Orders of the Day, item number two, "Opening Address by the President," I would like to now recognize the President, The Honourable Sarah Leo, for her opening address.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. First of all, I want to thank you all, indeed, as Members of the Assembly for the tremendous support you have provided me since the election in June. It's been a great experience so far, and I'm confident that we'll continue to work together to make the life of our beneficiaries better. It's been a fairly busy few months since I last reported to the Assembly on behalf of my department, the Nunatsiavut Secretariat. As many of you know, I had the opportunity to meet with Premier Dunderdale in September. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss issues of mutual concern between the two governments, between Newfoundland Government and Nunatsiavut. Issues that were raised, Madame Speaker, included provincial funding for the Torngasuk Cultural Centre, the Regional Land Use Plan, the contaminated sites and remediation efforts for Hopedale, foster care, the state of the George River Caribou Herd, the Muskrat Falls Project and its downstream effects on the Labrador Inuit. Although the meeting was very cordial, Madame Speaker, I left with the impression that while we were being heard, our concerns weren't really being taken seriously, particularly with respect to Muskrat Falls. In fact, Madame Speaker, once the topic of Muskrat Falls came up, the Premier decided to go on her own speech about the project for approximately 15 minutes, which sort of was the end of the meeting. She, basically, went on, on why the project should go

ahead. In any event, Madame Speaker, we decided at the end to keep our lines of communication open and discuss a cabinet to cabinet meeting between the provincial cabinet and our Nunatsiavut Executive Council. Hopefully that'll happen sometime in the New Year. I understand one was held before and it was quite beneficial to everybody. Madame Speaker, as President, and on behalf of the Labrador Inuit, I want to take this time to congratulate some of our beneficiaries and distinguished elders for the significant contributions they've made throughout their life. First off, on October 16th, Fran Williams was named to the Order of Newfoundland and Labrador. This is the highest honour of the province and recognized individuals who had demonstrated excellence in achievement in any field of endeavour. Anyone that knows Fran will understand she was highly deserving of this recognition. Fran started out as a nurse. She was one of the past Presidents of the LIA. She's certainly a champion of the *Inuttitut* language. She still continues to be involved in different organizations within not only Nain, but within Nunatsiavut on different women's organizations and just things that are going on in the community. She's also one of the founding members of the Nain Heritage Committee. Also on October 19th, Madame Speaker, our own Max Winters, whom I want to congratulate personally here today, was inducted into the Newfoundland and Labrador Volunteer

Hall of Fame. And, again, as all of us know Max, has been volunteering for years and continues to do so. Well done, Max. I also want to acknowledge some of our beneficiaries, Madame Speaker, and we received the Queen's Jubilee medal. I know to date three have been presented to Mr. Ted Andersen of Makkovik. Sarah Anala who now lives in New Brunswick and Rod Pilgrim of Nain. And I'm sure; actually, I know there are many more jubilee recipients to be awarded. Finally, I want to congratulate Rita Andersen, interpreter/translator and co-ordinator. Rita just completed 35 years of service to the LIA and to Nunatsiavut Government. She has had a distinguished career and is certainly a champion of Labrador *Inuttitut*, having done so much to preserve, promote and enhance our language. Congratulations, Rita, and thank you very much. While we celebrate the work that Rita has done we also had to say goodbye one of our interpreter/translators. John Jararuse had decided to retire. I believe the 30th of November was his last day. I want to wish John all the best in his retirement. Along with protecting our land and environment and ensuring long-term health and social well-being of our people and our communities, Madame Speaker, perhaps it is the most important challenge we face here. That is why we made an extra effort to inform residents on the province and indeed the country of our concerns with respect to the possible downstream

impacts of the Muskrat Falls Project, the impacts this will have on our health, our people and our future. As you know, Madame Speaker, with the blessing of the Assembly Members we held Nunatsiavut Government's first news conference. This was held in St. John's on the 28th of November. We provided details on research and monitoring work that was being conducted and had been conducted in Lake Melville over this past summer. While the results are preliminary, Madame Speaker, we do know that there are concentrations on mercury in Lake Melville extending into the Labrador Inuit Settlement area. We also know that Churchill River is the source of this contamination. We strongly believe, Madame Speaker, the eventual flooding of the reservoir above Muskrat Falls will result in more mercury entering into Lake Melville. I want to make it quite clear, Madame Speaker, that we do not know what the health effects, if any, will be as a result of the Muskrat Falls Project. What we do know is there is a high probability that there will be an increase in mercury in Lake Melville as a result of the Muskrat Falls Project. It is important, Madame Speaker, that we continue with the research and monitoring program and to lobby both the federal and provincial governments for funding to help us carry out this vital work. As per executive order under Section 17(3) of the *Beneficiaries Enrolment Act*, and Sections 5 and 6 of the Nunatsiavut Government

Organization or *Transitional Act*, Madame Speaker, I am pleased to announce the following re-appointments to the four regional membership committees for a four-year term ending November 20th, 2016. For Rigolet and Lake Melville Land Use region, it's Iris Allen, Sarah Baikie, Verna Faulkner, Sam Palliser and Robert Shiwak Jr. For Makkovik and Postville Land Use, John Andersen, Elizabeth Evans Mitchell and Sheila Priddle. For the Hopedale Land Use region, James Nitsman, Gustave Semigak, and Clara Winters. And for the Nain Land Use region and the Land Use region north of Nain, Julius Ikkusek, Wilson Jararuse, Julius Merkuratsuk and Ernestina Tuglavina. Now as you've noticed we have a few members of our Assembly missing. Unfortunately, this is due to family members passing of the individuals that are missing. So I'd like to take the opportunity to pass on my deepest condolences to the Jacques and Andersen family in Makkovik in the passing of Brent who passed away on the 2nd of December. Also more recently this past weekend we lost a strong provider, a true fisherman and hunter, Mr. Tom Barbour, of Nain passed away. I believe his funeral will be held later on in this week. So my condolences to those two families. The loss of these two men is leaving a void, not only with their families, but certainly within the community of Nunatsiavut as a whole. On a brighter note, our youth continue to prove that they are some of the province's best.

Recently, the Makkovik Wolverines competed in the girls “A” championship volleyball and won the gold. And more recently just this past week the Nain Huskies went out and competed in the Triple “A” provincial volleyball championships and came out gold winners as well. So congratulations to our youth who are doing very well. In closing, Madame Speaker, with the holiday season just around the corner, I want to pass on my best wishes to all the members and their families of this Assembly. I hope you have a wonderful Christmas season and a prosperous and happy new year. I would also like to take this time to thank your families for allowing you to commit the time that you do to the Nunatsiavut Assembly. Thank you very much.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Madame President. Go down to item number three. For information on the Assembly the pages are Nancy Rose and Priscilla Nochasak. The interpreter/translators are Wilson Jararuse and Rita Andersen. Andrew Hamel is the IT staff helping out for this Assembly. As well, we would like to recognize OkâlaKatiget staff, Jodie Green and Lavinia Jararuse. If there are any questions around travel and logistics, please see Hilda Hunter.

On behalf of the Assembly I would like to congratulate the First Minister, the Honourable Daryl Shiwak in his appointment as Acting Minister of Lands and Natural Resources.

I would like to advise the Assembly that Denise Lane, William Barbour and Herb Jacque have been excused from attending this sitting. We go down to item number four on "Minister Statements". Minister statements do not exceed 35 minutes. So are there any Minister statements? I'd like to recognize the Honourable Minister of Education.

**MR. MITCHELL:** Nakummek, Madam Speaker. I have a few reports here and they're quite lengthy, so I'm going to break them down over two days because I have the report on PSSSP, Inuit Pathways, an update from the Trust and Nunatsiavut Group of Companies and Economic Development. So this morning I'm going to do the PSSSP Report, and Inuit Pathways, and a short note there from Nunatsiavut Group of Companies in Trust. Anyway the PSSSP Report for the fall, for the winter sitting, December sitting, PSSSP started the 2012/13 economic year with a total of 203 students, 168 full-time and 35 part-time students. Throughout the semester we had three students granted medical jobs, three students due to graduate in December, three discontinued for personal reasons and another six students who have decided not to continue with their studies during the winter 2013 semester. As of December 6th we will have 155 full-time students and 33 part-time students registering for the winter term.

We are operating within budget limitations and currently showing a small surplus. The Inuit Bachelor of Social Work Program continues and 18 students still registered. They will finish all work and exams. The past week they finished their exams and marks will follow shortly. The initial indications to date show only one student struggling with her program and in jeopardy of failing the term. Students will go into their final field placement in January and complete the final course for the academic requirements through distance. The program will end in early April and a graduation celebration will be held in Goose Bay on June the 14th. And these placements are starting in January, as I mentioned, and we have a few that has come into Nunatsiavut, and some are involved with the DHSD Program and with other health agencies in Upper Lake Melville, plus one in St. John's and one in Lab City, or two in Lab City. So hopefully after the graduation we'll have lots of social workers to fill the void that we've been waiting for. A promotional blitz began in late September to promote teacher education. At this time we are seeking information on who may be interested in the teaching career where they are academically and use this information and knowledge to build a program that will meet our teacher education needs. The first showing of posters advertising this project went out during late summer but feedback from this activity was minimal. Another series of posters depicting teachers

currently in our school have gone out, and an interview was done on OkâlaKatiget Society Radio. Community business kicked off last week with Jodie Lane going into Nain and holding a community information session. However, only one person attended the session. Jodie attended the public function where she handed out more information on the PSSP Program. The visit to Hopedale was postponed last week due to weather. This visit will be rescheduled for some time in the New Year. We also have business plan for Rigolet, Postville and Makkovik in the New Year. To date we have only received five expressions of interest applications for the teacher program.

We continue to be actively involved in the National Strategy on Inuit Education, development of a major Aboriginal studies at MUN, development of Bachelor of Aboriginal Studies Program at MUN, research on programs and institutions, monitoring and offering assistance and support amongst Aboriginal Affairs office for the implementation of task force initiatives, as well as a number of other activities and projects.

So you can see the PSSSP Report and the Education Division is quite active in offers a lot of opportunities to our students and beneficiaries. I haven't been able to travel to meet with Lucy at the St. John's, but I'm hoping to do that shortly to get briefed on some things Lucy has concerns with. So hopefully I'm not sure if I'll get it

done before Christmas, but certainly after the New Year I'll be travelling to St. John's to meet with her. Kim has filled me in on a lot of things, so I'm quite up to date on most of it, but I know it's good to sit down with staff members and talk about it. Report from Inuit Pathways. Inuit Pathways continue to provide funding for skills development training. Currently there are 39 students funded under assets for long-term training and 32 long-term students with funding provided to Inuit Pathways under the Nunatsiavut Government. We continue to be very thankful for these extra funds as helped us to help a large number of clients that would not have been successful and receive funding due to lack of funds from HRSDC. Currently we have six work experience contracts underway, many of these funded with Nunatsiavut Government extra support. In order to provide funding to as many employers organizations as possible for work experience, guidelines have been put in place for the assets work experience opportunities. For example, 16 weeks duration. With the Nunatsiavut Government funds for work experience, we have been able to provide funding for some very meaningful work experience in the communities. These work experience projects are high cost compared to what that some that we fund and are able to be offered for longer periods of time to provide some valuable work experience to participants as well as bill capacity in communities. In an effort to

continue to be accountable to the pillars of assets, Inuit Pathways has placed more of an emphasis on building partnerships and developing relationships with various employers and agencies. Some of these have generated work experience opportunities for clients while others have been the basis to develop potential formal partnerships. In the continuation of accountability measures on site monitoring was carried out with some of the current work experience project. The financial manager met with employer and participant. The on-site monitor is a requirement of the program and allows the client employer to give an update on progress and provide Inuit Pathways an opportunity to document that quality work experience is being delivered. Inuit Pathways ASETS along with Nunatsiavut Government Department of Education and Economic Development provided the funds for an Aboriginal Career Fair which was held in Goose Bay. It was held at the College of the North Atlantic on October 19th and 20th. This career fair was a combined effort of all Aboriginal groups within Labrador, with the Labrador Friendship Centre contracted on behalf of all three groups to organize the event. Each group had a member on the steering committee to oversee the planning and was instrumental in developing the event. We had 13 high school and adult basic education students from Rigolet, Hopedale and Nain. The students who've expressed interest in Postville and Makkovik were

unable to attend due to varying circumstances. The youth attended along with two chaperones. Were able to come away from the career fair with many memorable experiences. The success of this event was a direct result of all agencies partnering together to provide all youth with a great opportunity to gain knowledge. Inuit Pathways staff continues to be accountable to Service Canada as per the ASETS Agreement. As part of this, the annual midyear dialogue exercises completed along with a quarterly monitor with Service Canada in October. The quarterly monitor consists of a random sampling of files to ensure complete file management is in place. In addition to this the midyear dialogue initiates a complete review of the implementation of the five-year strategic business plan along with the annual upgrading plan and provides an opportunity to review previous years' activities stemming from the annual report audit each July. The midyear dialogue and quarterly reminders provide an opportunity to ensure there's accountability to the agreement. As well it allows staff to more effectively maintain and manage programs, and like I say this, the mid-year dialogue is like an audit of all our files and make sure the program is run as required by the federal government. Staffs were fortunate to attend various workshops this fall. October was a busy month starting with the annual ASETS Folders Meeting for Newfoundland and Labrador

region. The two-day event which includes assistance for organization updates, program retirement updates and Inuit assets holders may have for Service Canada. Program Director and Financial Manager attended the IHRDTC semi-annual committee meeting, Edmonton, Alberta. This is a committee made up of all Inuit ASETS holders across Canada and ITK where each ASETS Holder has an opportunity to discuss challenges and best practises on program delivery in the north. This meeting also includes a session with director generals of HRSDC Aboriginal Affairs Division and Service Canada. Normally this meeting is held in Ottawa, but in an effort to limit travel burdens for the Western Arctic, it was decided to host a program in Edmonton for this one time. The program director attended the "Made in North Forum" on Skills, Development and Literacy". This forum was held in Yellowknife in October. The financial manager and program officer travelled to Toronto last month to attend a Mining Industry Human Resources Mining Education forum. There's a lot of stuff in this in two pages, but if you need more clarification, it's only a matter of calling the office or this will be in the report. I'm going to sit down with that because I have another one here, but I'm going to tie in the Nunatsiavut Group of Companies and the Trust Report with my Economic Development Report tomorrow. Thank you very much, Madame Speaker. Nakummek.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. I'd now like to recognize the Honourable Minister of Health, Patricia Kemuksigak.

**MS. KEMUKSIGAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. As I have a large portfolio, I will also be splitting my presentation into two days. Madame Speaker, the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding with Child Youth and Family Services. This happened on November 6th, 2012, when Nunatsiavut Government signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Child Youth and Family Services to share information and work more closely together in a formalized recognized process. The event was held in Nain and included elders, a foster parent, a youth representing children in care, President Leo, Minister Lampe, William Barbour, Ordinary Member, Minister Charlene Johnson from Child Youth and Family Services, Minister Collins with Aboriginal Affairs, Minister McGraw with Labrador Affairs. We are very hopeful that this Agreement will assist us in working more closely with Child Youth and Family Services and having a stronger voice in programs and services provided to children and families. We're also hoping this will go a long way in getting the children back who are away from Labrador in care. Madame Speaker, Peter Arniq along with staff from the Trauma Addictions Mobile Treatment Team, facilitated two-day workshops in Postville and Makkovik, and community sessions in Nain and Northwest River during the month of November. These sessions

focus on Inuit culture, traditional knowledge and activities and were very well received. We will be providing similar sessions in the New Year. Madame Speaker, the next topic I'll talk about is Nutrition North Canada. And on October 1st, many of the subsidies that were on food and staples, dry goods, were taken away. So that had a major blow on the cost of food in the north. On November the 20th, Nutrition North Canada External Advisory Board and federal officials from AANDC, formerly INAC, and Health Canada, travelled to Nain and met with NG staff and community members to discuss the Nutrition North Canada Program. Sessions included the Nain Community Freezer Program. They received a presentation on that. The Going Off Going Strong Youth Elders Hunting Program, the Community Health Worker work that is on-going for nutrition education, traditional foods and healthy choices and the tour of the three community stores. In the evening there was a public meeting at the NG boardroom and over 40 people attended. Questions and comments range from people being frustrated with the program and not seeing the benefits of the program. Items that were subsidized are no longer covered, and some items that were never covered should be. Access to traditional foods and concerns about the quality and price of store-bought goods. And also one major concern that was passed on is people believe subsidies are not always being

passed on to consumers. On November 21st, they had a meeting in Goose Bay and they met with Aboriginal Affairs to talk about the provincial program, and they met with the DHSD, and they saw the need for subsidization, what needs to be subsidized and ideas on how the program could better meet the needs of the people in our communities. The second session was with Hopedale and the Food Security Network Program that took place there to highlight the successes of the program and the community ownership and direction of initiatives under this program. The final session was with the wholesalers called Southern Suppliers under this program, and while they said the shipping ran more smoothly, they felt the administration burden to do all the reporting was too much. Feedback and concerns raised in these sessions will be provided to the committee in writing for follow-up. And this is the first time Nutrition North Canada ever had a meeting in Nunatsiavut. Public Health Home Care. Influenza clinics rolled out in each community the first two weeks in November, and if anyone missed a clinic, they could still contact the Public Health Office to arrange an appointment. Public Health nurses from Nain and Hopedale recently attended a National TB conference. It was a great opportunity for professional development and they will be able to bring this knowledge back to the community to put into practise. And after a very long vacancy,

we finally had a nurse for Rigolet. She started her orientation yesterday. On November 13th and 14th all DHSD Health Managers participated in a training program with Canadian Management Centre on practical communication skills. Madame Speaker, the Non-insured Health Benefits Program, have had some increases as of late. Vision care has increased effective October 1st, 2012, to match that of Health Canada's coverage rates. I'll just give an example. Eye exam has gone up to \$70.33 and a frame has gone up to \$106. So now we're on par with other nations and groups across Canada. Dental fee upgrade became effective November 19th, 2012 to match that of Health Canada's current coverage and rates. In most cases the coverage went up, but there are a couple of cases where the amounts actually were reduced slightly. To make the changes in dental took a substantial amount of time and effort because there were no updates in the dental grid since 2007. So this is the first increase in dental rates we've had since we took it over in 2007. There was a mobile optometry clinic completed in Makkovik last week, December 3rd to the 6th. There was about a hundred plus clients who were scheduled to receive the service and Cohen's Optical out of St. John's went in. And I just wanted to give an example of how much dental and pharmacy go through non-insured on a bi-weekly, every two week's basis. They run a pay run for pharmacy and dental, and for dental it's

16 to \$20,000 every two weeks and for pharmacy it's a hundred and thirty-five to a hundred and forty thousand every two weeks. So it's quite a large program. And I just wanted to end with one short thing. With heavy hearts one of our DHSD staff, Kim Vincent, passed away on September 22, 2012 at the age of 41. Kim was our day care operator in Hopedale. She was very dedicated to the children in Hopedale and cared about the well-being of the community as a whole. Kim will be missed for her big smile and pleasant personality and her joy for life. I want to send my condolences to Kim's family, her co-workers in Hopedale and her friends. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. I'd now like to recognize the Honourable Minister of Finance, Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. At this point in time I'm pleased to present the Assembly with a brief report on some of the things happening within the Department of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology. In an effort, Madame Speaker, to provide financial information for the period ending October 31st, 2012, we've received the following revenues as noted in *Budget Act, 2012*. Sources of revenue to date, Madame Speaker, we had budgeted for personal income tax, \$3,200,000. To date we've actually received \$1,947,427,000. Interest revenue, Madame Speaker, we had

budgeted \$845,027 and we've actually received to date, \$701,767. For the Goods and Services Tax we've budgeted \$2,205,534 and we've actually received \$3,013,802. Mining tax royalties, we budgeted \$5,522,899, and we received to date \$9,958,569. Rental revenue, we projected \$20,290. We've actually received to date \$28,830. And for the Fiscal Financing Agreement we budgeted \$39,910,104, and to date we've actually received \$24,481,850. The Executive Council, Madame Speaker, established procedures and authorities for entering into revenue-based agreements with third parties. This executive order outlines the authorities for signing revenue-based agreements and the procedures for review and approval of these agreements. Madame Speaker, after deliberation with Revenue Canada, the Nunatsiavut Government status under the GST/HST rebate criteria has changed from a non-profit organization to a self-government status. We are now entitled to receive a 9 per cent refund on the 13 per cent HST paid on goods and services versus the previous 6.5 per cent. The Department of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology, Madame Speaker, continues to work on the finalization of financial policy manual. Last evening, Madame Speaker, the Executive Council approved policies related to sponsorships, donations and marketing which will come into effect as of January 1st, 2013, and the Executive Council, Madame Speaker,

approved a travel allowance increases for Nunatsiavut Upper Lake Melville area and the St. John's office to come in effect April 1st, 2013. The Human Resources division, Madame Speaker, has been extremely busy with 23 job competitions during this time period. Position ranged from a research manager at Voisey Bay for the ten-year review of the Voisey Bay project, and we've also, as the Minister of Health and Social Development reported, been successful in recruiting a new Public Health homecare nurse in Rigolet after four long years of attempting to fill this position. The Executive Council, Madame Speaker, approved changes to the Civil Service Policy Manual. I personally would like to thank all staff who participated in this review. The Division of Human Resources visited five of our communities, Happy Valley, Goose Bay, and the St. John's office. We received much positive feedback on this tour from our respective offices and, Madame Speaker; we're committed to continuing these meetings bi-annually, every second year. Madame Speaker, the Division has also completed a review of Labrador allowance, and as I alluded to a few minutes ago, travel benefits. The Executive Council approved a new Labrador allowance rate effective April 1st, 2013 for employees located in Nunatsiavut and Upper Lake Melville. Finally, Madame Speaker, the division of Information Technology has been receiving a consistent amount of help desk calls, but we have been

challenged with our end users within the Civil Service and Assemblies preferring to contact the IT Department in person or via telephone. We welcome those calls, but we would like to continue to encourage all our Public Service and Assembly members to utilize the information support email address or visit our IT internet support website helpdesk as your first point of contact, wherever possible. We're encouraging this, Madame Speaker, because these two areas of support, the benefit that we see in people using our support desk and our help desk is so that we can track the history and report on trends in calls for help, which will allow us to better plan for future technologies, training and resources. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. I'd now like to recognize the First Minister, Acting Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, the Honourable Daryl Shiwak.

**MR. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I'd like today to give a brief update from the Department of Lands and Natural Resources as Acting Minister of Lands and Natural Resources. Madame Speaker, the Lands Division, one of the key files of this division was to co-ordinate our involvement in the Land Use Plan process and our review of the Draft Land Use Plan. On July 4th, 2012 the Nunatsiavut Executive Council approved the final draft subject to modifications in five areas. Our approval applies to Labrador Inuit Land portion of the plan, the

Province's responsible to approve the plan as it relates to LISA. The province has not yet made a decision on the Land Use Plan.

Provincial officials have recently informed my staff that it may be closer to the end of the fiscal year before they have a decision.

Madame Speaker, I will be introducing a Bill to officially adopt the plan to this sitting of the Assembly. The Lands Division had re-advertised for a position of Lands Manager. We are working with the Human Resources to schedule interviews for this position in the very near future. The Environment Division. Madame Speaker, I would like to update the Assembly on several key files of the Environment Division. We continue to work closely with the Hopedale Inuit Community Government to move the contamination issue in Hopedale ahead. We have been deeply disappointed in the Province not following through on a personal commitment promise from the Premier to the President regarding the removal of bags of PCB contaminated soil from the community prior to the close of shipping season. We are considering next steps in consultation with Hopedale Inuit Community Government to ensure the rights and health of Hopedale residents are protected in both the short and long term. Lower Churchill Lake Melville. As President Leo alluded to, we have completed three field programs in Lake Melville related to the Lake Melville Research and Monitoring Program. This is close to six weeks

of work to help with our baseline understanding of Lake Melville.

Preliminary response already shows that mercury from the Churchill River is flowing into Labrador Inuit Settlement Area. We are continuing to build and grow the program to protect the health rights of the Inuit. Community based research teams we formed over the winter to continue to move this project forward and specifically to gain social, economic community-based research initiatives in Rigolet, Northwest River and Goose Bay. Voisey's Bay Ten-Year Review.

Madame Speaker, we have hired a Voisey Bay Ten-Year Review Project Co-ordinator and have posted a two-day workshop at the end of October for this program. Work on this fall is now progressing quickly and we hope to have a complete review of the environmental, social, cultural and economic perspective of the project done within 2.5 years. Sustainable Communities Initiative. Madame Speaker, we recently adopted phase one of the Sustainable Communities Initiative, which is called, "Taking Stock of the Issues". Challenges and priorities identified in each of the Nunatsiavut communities. We presented at the recent Postville JMC meeting on this date and have received support for phase two of the Sustainable Communities Initiatives which is called, "Putting into Practise". It will involve working with the communities and JMC to explore and enter solutions for the challenges and priorities that they have identified.

Quest for Post Transportation Corridor Study. Finally, Madame Speaker, we have assembled a research team to conduct the land and resource use study of the proposed transportation corridor by quest from Strange Lake to Antalak Bay. Field work with community members in Nain has been completed. We will soon begin work related to the project with other communities from the coast as well as the Inuit from Upper Lake Melville. Impact Benefit Agreement.

Madame Speaker, with regards to the Voisey's Bay IBA, a committee met in Goose Bay on October 4th with discussion centring around underground mining, Vale's current hiring freeze and elders tour and IB training funds. Jason Simpson, General Manager of Vale, provided updates on underground mining and the hiring freeze. With regards to underground mining, a FEL 3, third stage of feasibility study should be presented to the Vale board during the first quarter of 2013. As for the hiring freeze, Vale currently has in place, Vale indicated that for their Labrador operation they currently have in place, Vale indicated they are implementing fiscal restraint, but will continue to hire positions that are deemed to be necessary for operational purposes. Madame Speaker, the elder's tour took place at Vale operation on Tuesday, September 25th, with 13 elders from the five Nunatsiavut communities and Upper Lake Melville. They all thoroughly enjoyed the day. This will be an annual event and there

were discussions how to improve for the benefit of the elders.

There's an IBA training fund component within our IBA. Funds may be provided by the company to assist beneficiaries who are furthering their education for potential positions at the Voisey's Bay Project.

This year there was a huge uptake of applicants seeking funding for IBA training. We discussed the need for the IBA training fund to process any potential uses of the training funds. Issues around funding for this year's applicants are still not resolved and we will continue to strive to find the solution through discussions with Vale.

Madame Speaker, the Torngat Mountains National Park IBA continues to be monitored, and there's nothing new to report since last Assembly sittings. Madame Speaker, I will continue the rest of the department report tomorrow. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. We'll move down to number five on our Orders of the Day, "Member Statements". Member statements are five minutes per member, one statement per day, and shall be confined to one matter. Do you have any Member statements? I'd like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Gary Mitchell.

**MR. MITCHELL:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. My statement this morning is just a brief one and it's on a personal note. I'd just like to thank everyone for their emails, visits, and well wishes during my illness. It's

gratifying to know that there are people who we thought it was great to passing on their well wishes, and it certainly makes one feel good to get those well wishes and visits and phone calls. It's a boost to your health when you're trying to recover and I thank you very much for your support. I'd like to thank First Minister, Darryl Shiwak for looking after the portfolio while I was out with my illness. It's great to know that we have teamwork here and we all pull together and keep the process going and I'd like to thank you very much for all that.

Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Mr. Mitchell I'd now like to recognize AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Charlotte Wolfrey.

**MS. WOLFREY:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. First off I'd like to start by commending Nunatsiavut Government for the stand that they're taking on Muskrat Falls. And the work being done by the Environment Department to collect data that will be used as a basis to prove that there will be adverse effects on the land and surrounding water that we use, especially to the people of Rigolet, as well as the land and the water surrounding that we use. We need to stand together on this issue to ensure that the intention and the integrity of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement* are followed through. So enough said on that. I think we've heard everything we want to hear on Muskrat Falls, anyway. And I reported last Assembly

on the work that we had planned for Rigolet with money from the Trust, and I'm pleased to let you know that we have built a warm-up cabin that will be used for events that happen in Double Mer like our festivals and the dog team races and stuff like that. And we started on our outdoor rink and it's going to be in use this winter. Even though the snow came a lot earlier this year and the frost and the ground a lot earlier, we are going to be able to use it this year with a temporary liner that can be used for a one-year period because we never got the concrete poured, you know, for the ice to go on. And we are in the process of building a storage shed that's going to be jointly used by our school, Northern Lights Academy, and our recreation committee, and we are at this moment marking a path for the fire break and the wood that's coming from that fire break, like I said before, is going to be used as part of the program that we're having to give wood to seniors. We have sponsored two craft projects and we put an emphasis on grass work because in the genre of arts and crafts, I guess, Rigolet is more known for its grass work than anything else and we want to ensure that that is still revived and still in use for years to come. And, like I said, I'd just like to acknowledge *Tasiujatsoak Trust* for their contribution to allow us to do these initiatives. And, in closing, I'd just like to take the opportunity to wish everyone in Rigolet, as well as everyone in

Nunatsiavut, and everyone here in the Assembly a blessed Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Ms. Wolfrey I'd now like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Canada, Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madam Speaker. The Canadian Constituency Office would like to thank the Royal Canadian Legion command office in St. John's for working with us to ensure that Labrador Inuit veterans were recognized as they should be during the annual Remembrance Day ceremonies in St. John's. Madame Speaker, I'm happy to report to this Assembly that the Royal Canadian Legion command office has committed to Nunatsiavut Government's participation in the annual event, and we're already prepared for the next two or three years moving forward on that. So, again, I'd just like to recognize and thank the Royal Canadian Legion command office for working with us to ensure that our veterans too are recognized and remembered on that national day of remembrance. Madame Speaker, I too, like President Leo would like to congratulate Sarah Anala one of many Labrador Inuit recipients of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee medals. In addition to Sarah receiving the medals, Maria Brazeau, formerly of Nain, residing in Ottawa, Vanier, also received the Queen's Diamond Jubilee medal, as did Emma Ford-Reelis, formerly of Nain, now residing in St.

John's. Myrtle Banfield, most people would probably know Myrtle as Myrtle Tooktoshina. She received the Queen's Diamond Jubilee medal as well. There are other recipients that are still yet to be announced and hopefully there will be more of these recipients from Canada and Nunatsiavut and, and the Upper Lake Melville area. Just goes to show, Madame Speaker, I think, that the commitment of many of our beneficiaries, despite the fact that they live outside of Nunatsiavut, are still upholding Inuit values and traditions with respect to putting their self out to the community and helping their fellow Inuit in any way that they can. So I'd like to congratulate Sarah, Maria, Emma and Myrtle on receiving those medals. And, Madame Speaker, finally, I, too, would like to wish Members of the Assembly, the Public Service and all beneficiaries to *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement* a very blessed and safe Christmas and we wish you all the best for 2013. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Mr. Pottle. I'd now like to recognize Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Susan Nochasak.

**MS. NOCHASAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I would first like to begin by thanking the CAI Group of Companies for their continuous support towards our wooding project that we have throughout our communities. When I first began looking for funds for this project, for this much needed issue, I should say, I never imagined that it would continue to grow

and assist our beneficiaries the way it has. Our community is very thankful and we hope that this will continue annually. I would also like to thank the Hopedale Inuit Community Government for their assistance this summer on our heritage initiatives. We had employed a crew over the summer who not only done the restoration of our grave yards, our walkway towards our museum site, but site work as well. This initiated a renewed sense of passion towards our church complex, and we are nearly completed the entire site survey that has also begun this summer to work towards adaptive re-use for the whole complex. Madame Speaker, I would like to now take this opportunity to speak to you all on the issue that we have in our community on the access of funds. I've asked a numerous amount of times on requesting some sort of solution for this issue for our community. I had presented the Executive Council last February a pilot project that could help on this issue. I have sent emails looking for updates. There are many a time our community does not have funds to cash cheques to withdraw funds from the ATM machines or even at times just to get \$20 from the cashiers. This is a very serious problem that we have in Hopedale. We have seniors who at times who wait days to try and cash their cheques and because of that cannot get oil or food until they do so. I had seen this first hand and our community needs some sort of banking. Madame Speaker, I

would like to end off by sending my prayers and condolences to the families in Makkovik as well as my prayers and condolences to Mr. William Barbour and his family on the passing of their loved ones. During their struggles at these difficult times I just wish that they find comfort within each other especially during the holiday season. And to end off on that note, Madame Speaker, I would just like to send a very happy and prosperous holiday wishes to you all, and everybody's families within Nunatsiavut and elsewhere. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Ms. Nochasak I'd now like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Postville, Glen Sheppard.

**MR. SHEPPARD:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I guess it's not every time we stand with a Member statement or a Minister statement that it may be on a happy occasion, and many of you around this table have heard me before, Madame Speaker, in, I guess, echoing some comments, some statements that I've experienced while talking to seniors and I will continue to do that, Madame Speaker, as Ordinary Member, and I just think back in the last seven days or so, Madame Speaker, and think of, you know, we lost a part of our family. We are Nunatsiavut. We lost an elder in Nain. Not forgetting the youth as well. We lost a youth in Makkovik. I know that youth, personally. I knew this elder, Madame Speaker, in Nain, personally. I hunted with the youth,

caribou hunting. I've had many conversations, Madame Speaker, with this elder from Nain. And I'm sitting here and listening this morning to, you know, more or less sympathy, condolences of sympathy going out to both families, and I think back, Madame Speaker, of previous passing of elders and think of today currently who's bed-ridden and sick, and when I think about those things, Madame Speaker, we lose so much when we lose an elder. We lose - they supported the Nunatsiavut - at the time LIA board in negotiations to have a *Land Claims Agreement* to be once become self-government which we are today, and we lose so much knowledge and, you know, as I was sitting there and I'd just to share experiences that I've had with elders because, Madame Speaker, it helped me to bring my point across more clear, and some of those answers from the elders when you're talking to them, and some of the statements, could be answered instantly with very, very little schooling. And, you know, I take great pride in those kinds of things and it's really, really sad when we hear that we lose one of our elders and, again, not forgetting our youth. So my condolences, I'd like to send my condolences out to all families. And I think, Madame Speaker, this morning, this Honourable House, I think if we're going to walk the talk and we state so many times that we think so much of our youth, we think so much of our elders that, you know, some has

gone on before us, and some are still living, but I think it would be only appropriate for this house, Madame Speaker, to take 30 seconds or 60 seconds of our busy schedule here today to just for a period of silence to show that we respect those people who has been passed on before us. With that, Madame Speaker, again I'd just like to, like many others, I guess, wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. And, you know, the least we can do, I think, is to celebrate the Christmas Season with all due respect for the real reason, and if you play the games, my advice is to play them safely. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Mr. Sheppard. Do we have any other Member statements? I'd like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Postville, Diane Gear.

**MS. GEAR:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I don't have a statement as such. I'd just like to send condolences out to the families in Makkovik and also to the families in Nain. It's not easy to lose a loved one, but I'm sure it's even harder during the holiday season. But anyway and I'd like to pass on holiday greetings to all of you, wishing you all the very best and during the Christmas Season and wishing you all a Happy New Year. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Ms Gear. In Mr. Sheppard statement there he asked that we have 30 seconds of silence. To show respect for those that have

passed, we'll take 30 seconds of silence. Thank you. Are there any other Member statements? For the information of the Assembly, Standing Orders 33, the Member statement is limited to one matter. And, as speaker, I had allowed liberal use of this provision and this may be a matter as well as other areas for the Rules and Procedures Committee to review in the future. So at this point we'll take a 20-minute break.

(Recess)

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Back into Assembly now. We go down on the Orders of the Day.

We're on item number six, "Returns to Oral Questions". There are no returns today. Item number seven, "Oral Questions". One question and two supplementary questions by each member. So are there any oral questions today? I'd like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Postville, Diane Gear.

**MS. GEAR:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. My question today is directed to the Acting Minister of Lands and Natural Resources. Our community wants to know if you have any plans to have a replacement worker for the conservation officer. We've been without a conservation officer now nearly close to a month and this is starting to cause problems with people that need licences. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** The Honourable Acting Minister of Lands and Natural Resources.

**MR. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. Thank you for the question from the AngajukKâk from Postville. We are reviewing the position in Postville. It is our intent that we want to have a conservation officer there. While we're doing that, our intent is to bring another conservation officer into the community to fill the need there until we can fill that position. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. Are there any more oral questions? I'd like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Nain, Tony Andersen.

**MR. ANDERSEN:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Education. Madame Speaker, over a year ago I asked the question with respect to post-secondary funding and asked, sort of asked in a way that there would be a review of the program because, as I see it, from a standpoint from my community that many families simply can't support or provide extra funding to kids and I asked, I asked the Minister at that time. He's not the minister there today, but the former Minister and I believe at one point in time I asked the Minister before that Minister. So this is the third Minister that I'm asking for, and I'm asking for an update because I was told and the Hansard will clearly show that the former Minister said to me that there would be a review of the post-secondary program. Over a year has passed and I asked the Minister the status of that update and if he can shed any

light on how the program may be re-adjusted so that low income families could have a better chance at, how do I say this? The students from low income families will have a better chance at surviving in St. John's because currently once the residents fees are paid and the tuition is paid, there is simply no money left as an allowance for those students, and I ask the Minister what is the status of that review, and if you can shed any light on that today.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Mr. Andersen. The Honourable Minister of Education.

**MR. MITCHELL:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. This process has been on-going, but it's not finalized. We do have rates - we do have some changes - how should I put it? There are some rates now that are being drawn up for living allowance changes. This is being drawn up by Lucy Brennan in St. John's at the PSSSP Office. We haven't had time to sit down together and go over these new rates, but hopefully into the New Year and before we meet with the next Executive Council meeting in January, we hope to bring this to the Executive Council the revised rates for living allowance for PSSP students. As for tuition, I'm not sure if that's going to be any changes, but we do - we are reviewing and we have some, like I said, the rates nailed down on the living allowance changes for the students living away, and this will be brought to the Executive Council, hopefully at the next meeting.

Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. Supplementary from AngajukKâk, Tony Andersen.

**MR. ANDERSEN:** Yes, I asked the Minister - my supplementary question is if the Minister will, in a democratic fashion, share with us what those proposed changes might be to the post-secondary program. In a democratic fashion I ask, Madame Speaker, because earlier today the Minister of Finance introduced some changes to the travel allowance, the Labrador allowance that will become effective, I guess, in the 2013 budget, but his department did not share that with us, and in the spirit of democracy as the Minister to share those new figures with other members of the Assembly, so that we may have comment on them before they go to Executive Council and become policy.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Honourable Minister of Education.

**MR. MITCHELL:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. I don't have the figures in front of me right now, but I can make a phone call for tomorrow and see if I can get those figures because I have to also discuss this with Finance to see if those figures can be made public among us right now. Like I said, I seen them on paper, but we have not discussed this as a team, so I have to go back to finance and see if these figures are, are realistic figures that we're going to be going with because they still have to be approved and brought to the Executive Council but,

unfortunately, I don't have the figures here, sorry. Nakummek,  
Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** The AngajukKâk for Nain, Tony Andersen, second supplementary.

**MR. ANDERSEN:** And I realize this is my final supplementary, Madame Speaker, and I'm not asking the Minister to make those figures public. I'm asking that the Minister, if he would share with members of the Assembly.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Honourable Minister of Education.

**MR. MITCHELL:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. Like I said, I'm sorry I don't have the figures in front of me and I don't remember them off-hand. I'd rather have them on a paper in front of me before I can do that, but I certainly will have an answer for you. I'm not sure what time. I'm not sure if we can provide something tomorrow, but I will have some kind of an answer for tomorrow's session. If that's the procedure, I can carry it over for 24 hours. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. Are there any more oral questions? I'd like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Postville, Glen Sheppard.

**MR. SHEPPARD:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. My questions directed to the Minister responsible for Culture, Tourism and Recreation, and I guess it goes something along the lines with the AngajukKâk from Nain timeframe. Madame Speaker, it was approximately two to three weeks ago I sent

an email off to the Minister responsible for Tourism, Culture and Recreation asking the question of a result of a public meeting that was held in Nain, I heard through the OK Society in relation to the Torngasuk Cultural Centre and the question would be, or was, what was the general feeling at that public meeting, Madame Speaker, related to the cultural centre. A cc'd copy was also sent to the Minister's Deputy at the same time. I did this on a Wednesday and the Friday, no response, so I re-sent the message, Madame Speaker. I'm wondering this morning today in this house if the Minister responsible is willing to share what the result of that public meeting in Nain was on the general feeling on the Cultural Centre, if he's prepared to share that today with this Honourable House, Madame Speaker. Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Mr. Sheppard. The Honourable Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

**MR. LAMPE:** Nakummek UKâtik. Thank you representative for Postville. Thank you, Ordinary Member for Postville. At that meeting on the Cultural Centre we had experts come in to give information to the public in Nain, and we had approximately 35 residents come to this meeting and we, we felt that this meeting went really well and the feeling was good in the community. I did an interview afterward with the OkâlaKatiget Society, and the questions were asked mostly about the

site where the Torngasuk Cultural Centre will be built, and mostly about the conditions of the soil, the permafrost and what could happen. But the experts were able to tell those people who were asking questions about a foundation that would be used. And at that time the expert said that piles would be used similar to what is used when walls are built in communities and that is the type of a foundation that the Torngasuk Cultural Centre would have, and questions were asked about the tide, the high water tide coming up and the forecast of future tides coming, and that was talked about and I feel that the questions were answered as clearly as they could be. And similar examples were used where other regions up north have used and even down to Newfoundland. And so the feeling after the meeting was quite positive, I feel. Nakummek UKâtik.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. I'd now like to recognize Chair of NunaKâtiget, Mr. Max Winters.

**MR. WINTERS:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. The Elders Conference that was held, how were the delegates chosen for this conference?

**MADAM SPEAKER:** The Honourable Minister of Culture.

**MR. LAMPE:** Nakummek UKâtik. Thank you for the question for the Member from Upper Lake Melville. The elders, themselves, chose delegates to

come to the elders gathering, and I believe that is what was done, and I don't monitor or look at how elder delegates are chosen, but as committee, the committee decides that the elders in the communities decide who should go to the elders gathering. But I don't know how Upper Lake Melville or Canada-wide chooses their elders. Nakummek UKâtik.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. I'd like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Charlotte Wolfrey.

**MS. WOLFREY:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Health. I heard you in your opening statement talk about an MOU that was signed with Child Youth and Family Services from the Government of Newfoundland. Just last week we, as part of a delegation, I was to the Assembly in Newfoundland and met with some of the Ministers, and we talked about the children in Roddickton, and from the bureaucrats, what I could understand was relayed was that a lot of the children are in Roddickton to save two social workers' jobs because they were going to have only one social worker, or maybe not any. I'm not sure what it was, but the bureaucrats that were there told us that. Anyway, to get to my question, I'd really like to know what's in that MOU that you're going to assure us that there's going to be an improvement in bringing our children home. Like is there something specific in there that states

that, so I'd, I'd really like to know that. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

Thank you, Ms. Wolfrey. The Honourable Minister of Health.

**MS. KEMUKSIGAK:** Thank you for your question, AngajukKâk from Rigolet. There's supposed to be with this MOU, a new open line of communication with Child Youth and Family Services and to have more culturally-appropriate foster care arrangements or alternate living arrangements. There's going to be circles formed with the Inuit and Child Youth and Family Services to come up with alternate arrangements for foster children that can be placed in Nunatsiavut instead of outside, and also the MOU also covers Inuit children in Upper Lake Melville, as that is an issue as well and some of them are placed in Roddickton. From what I can gather from the past, there was a big push from the social workers that were in the Roddickton area to recruit foster parents, and that's how they got so many foster homes in Roddickton. They had somebody who just concentrated on recruitment. We're hoping with this new arrangement that we will have a person, a social worker, who will just concentrate on recruitment in Nunatsiavut Region so that we can bring the children back from Roddickton and they can be placed in our culture. And in the MOU our culture was emphasized as being very important. Hopefully it won't take too long. I know I've talked to the Minister in the past and wrote letters, and one young boy actually came back

home to Hopedale and was placed with his extended family so we're hoping that more children will be placed. Roddickton should not be a money-making foster care system for our children, and I will do whatever I can, and I know the rest of the Assembly supports me on this to get the children back where they belong. Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. I'd now like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Susan Nochasak.

**MS. NOCHASAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. My question this morning is for the Minister of Health. I understand our NIHB program is a program that our government has issues with during most of its existence. I also understand that this program is there to assist our beneficiaries, and that we are, I guess, equal as other NIHB recipients in Canada, but my question here is that I'd like to see or maybe request that we look at the accommodation rates for a minute, and you all have an example here of one of the accommodation menus in St. John's for our beneficiaries when they travel outside of Nunatsiavut. I realize that our meal rates are higher than most. We pay for others, who'll pay for accommodations as well, and though we are higher, and it's a program just to provide assistance, does this mean that it's enough? Is \$34 a day enough for our beneficiaries when travelling for medical for their meal rates? I understand that we are doing everything that we can to make this program work and I am sure all the beneficiaries

are grateful, but I'd like to request that we look at those meal rates, and if we could look for more funds, at least to accommodate the meal vouchers given outside of Goose Bay. The meal vouchers, to my understanding, are \$8.00 for breakfast, \$10.00 for dinner and \$12.00 for supper, and at many times as you can see from the menu, the examples that I have in the menu that I included the rates that are given to the beneficiaries just aren't enough. I've read many complaints from beneficiaries that they don't have enough funds to pay for the over cost, or they don't get enough to eat. That, Madame Speaker, is my question. Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Ms. Nochasak. The Honourable Minister of Health.

**MS. KEMUKSIGAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker, and thank you Ordinary Member for Hopedale. I just wanted to give a brief overview of what we pay for rates. The Nunatsiavut Government rates for private accommodations are \$45 a night, for children is 22.50. Meals for staying in a hostel or a hotel, for children its \$20 a day. For adults it's 7.30 for breakfast. Lunch is 10.95, and supper is 18.25. Adults total daily meal allowance is 36.50. If somebody was through advanced skills and employment, or former HRLE Social Services, it's a flat \$20.00 a day for meals. However, if and they pay for hostels only, but if we had somebody who was on HRLE we will supplement what they receive from HRLE. Health Canada, the regional rate in Atlantic

Canada, for adult's breakfast is \$6.00, lunch is \$9.00, and supper is \$15.00. The adult daily allowance is \$30.00 for children under 12. It is \$3.00 for breakfast. Lunch is \$4.50. Supper is \$7.50. Children's daily allowance is \$15. And if somebody's with Health Canada, if somebody is staying longer than a week they only receive \$75.00 a week for a person, for one person, and if the person has an escort it is only a hundred and ten dollars a week. Presently, NG does have a weekly rate, and if somebody stayed with through the non-insured program with Health Canada privately, it's \$13.50 a night for an adult and \$6.75 for children under 12. I know it's sometimes difficult for people to manage and I also reviewed the menu, that it doesn't for a full lunch, you may have the supplement, but we have exceeded Health Canada's rates and HRLE rates, and we also have run a deficit in the past, and we need to look closely if we are going to increase something on what the impact will be on our budget. However, I can bring it back for us to review. But presently we have exceeded even Health Canada's rates for a meal. Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. Are there any more oral questions? I'd like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Nain, Tony Andersen.

**MR. ANDERSEN:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. My question is for the brand new Minister of Lands and Natural Resources. I ask the Minister today if he can enlighten this house a little bit on the status of what the

provincial government policy will be with respect to an open season on the George River Caribou hunt and, as well, what we can expect, or what we should be telling our people back in the communities on a position from the Nunatsiavut department as well.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Mr. Andersen. The Acting Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

**MR. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker, and I thank the AngajukKâk for Nain for the question; it's a very appropriate question for today. With regards to provincial government and what regulations or measures they're going to put in place, at this time we have no idea. They have not given any indication of what measures they are going to implement. We expect that it will be sometime soon that they will bring those out. With regards to our own Department of Lands and Natural Resources, the Department participated in a workshop this fall with other stakeholders from the other Labrador Innu, Quebec Innu. Out of that, one of the decisions was to create a stakeholder group, and we're hoping that that moves ahead sometime in the near future, but as a government and we felt as leaders, Aboriginal leaders, that the only way this George River Caribou situation is going to be resolved, if we take the lead with the other Aboriginal groups. Myself, and President Leo met with the Grand Chief of the Innu Nation, Prote Poker and some of his other officials. And not too long ago we talked

about the issue; want to get a sense from there where, where they are willing to go. They are not willing to say where they're willing to go at this point, but what we did do, agree to do is we agreed to meet again in Kuujjuak in January, and we have invited the Quebec Innu, and they have agreed from what we understand to meet with us as well as the Metis and Makivik, to talk about this, this whole caribou issue from an Aboriginal leader's perspective because we feel that if we're going to save the caribou, we have to do it. The provincial government can put whatever regulations they have in place, but the Aboriginal leaders have to get together and save the caribou. So from there, we decided, me and President Leo, asked the Executive Council if we could bring this issue to the rest of the Assembly members, and President Leo was going to do this later this morning, is to invite the rest of the Assembly members to sit down with us to discuss the George River Caribou issue because we want some input from you, the Assembly, on how we should be approaching this meeting in Kuujjuak. I know it's in January and it's getting into the season, but the best time that we could get together, and we need to do something for this year, but that's where we're at and we're inviting you to sit down and talk with us later today sometime. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you. A supplementary question from AngajukKâk, Mr. Andersen.

**MR. ANDERSEN:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. My supplementary question is that is it then that there is at this time, there is an open season as there have been in the past where we don't have to purchase a licence and I forget what our zone is. I believe its Torngat Mountains, is it? The Torngat Mountains zone where we did not in the past require licence. Is it, in fact, then open season still, open season today and open season until further notice? Such as is that is I understand that is open season for the Innu of Labrador who has already harvested caribou in, in Omar and that for the Quebec Innu who are harvesting. Not to say that I fully agree with that, but well the Minister confirmed that it is still open season on George River Caribou in the, in the hunting zone that is known as Torngat Mountains.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** The Honourable Minister of Lands and Natural Resources.

**MR. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker, and thank you for the supplementary question. That is a good question and I'll have to confirm that with the Department. I cannot confirm that at this time. What I did say just now is there's no measures put in place by the province, but I will confirm with the Department and I will get that answer for you where there's an open season. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. I'd now like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Charlotte Wolfrey.

**MS. WOLFREY:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Health and it's with regards to the \$36.50 that's allotted to people for food allowances. I think if you don't eat in them hotels is there any way that you could, you know, spend the \$36.50 and then put in a claim for it because you can eat cheaper in some of the places? And, myself, having used a system, over this last year, a couple of times, what I found is that when I'm out I don't bother to go back and eat to the hotel, but so I didn't eat my lunch for \$8.50 or my breakfast for \$8.00 and my lunch for \$12.00. But if I went back and had my supper there, I could still only spend that \$16.00. So I'm wondering is there any way that you can eat elsewhere and make a claim for the amount of money that you would have claimed and then if you spent out of pocket, at least you could have spent it on some food you might have liked. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** The Honourable Minister of Health.

**MS. KEMUKSIGAK:** Thank you for the question, AngajukKâk from Rigolet. I forgot to mention that when I spoke about rates. You can pay yourself and get reimbursed when you return, and a lot of people chooses to do that because I know in some instances, say if they're getting chemo, they don't always feel like they can eat breakfast, or if they, if they have to

have tests, they can't eat breakfast. And sometimes people don't always feel like eating, and it's like at the Governor's there's a certain amount for breakfast, dinner and supper. But if people had the money, they can pay upfront and get reimbursed when they return through the Non-insured Health Benefit Program, and many people find that a better alternative. However, some people may not be able to afford it, and people get paid on a weekly basis, if they're away for a long length of time, through non-insured.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Supplementary from the AngajukKâk from Rigolet.

**MS. WOLFREY:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. Do they need receipts?

**MS. KEMUKSIGAK:** No, no receipts are needed. That's the rate you'll get per day, the \$36.50. So you don't need to provide receipts.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Were there any more Oral Questions? I'd like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Susan Nochasak.

**MS. NOCHASAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Education. Mr. Mitchell, if you can please let me know where we are on the *Inuttitut* Teacher Retention bonus. For months now the only update I've received is that it's being worked on, or that it's being stalled, or that we are waiting on a reply from people involved. I would like details on where this issue sits, why it's taking so long, and when will it be completed. The funds are there, are they not? How

important is our *Inuttitut* language to our Government? These few teachers we have in all of our communities in Nunatsiavut are an asset. They are educators who should be shown how important they are to us and to our language. They should be classified as hard to recruit employees. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MR. MITCHELL:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. My answer to the Member for Hopedale is that I apologize, but I don't have any information on this topic. I know it's been brought up and we were hoping to have answers by now. I did discuss with my Deputy Minister a while back, but we have not moved on this issue because it would take another meeting with the Labrador School Board to get their take on it. But I will make a note of it to have an answer for you and see where we stand with that, but right now, I apologize. I don't have any information on it and I know that it's important for you to find out that. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. Is there any more Oral Questions? I'd like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Postville, Glen Sheppard.

**MR. SHEPPARD:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister responsible for Nunatsiavut Affairs, Darryl Shiwak. And it's in relation to, I guess, the protection and the policing of our communities. As we speak, we are the only community, Madame Speaker, within

Nunatsiavut that doesn't have full-time policing. I know in the past there have been meetings between our Minister and the Minister of Justice representing the Provincial Government. However, I feel that we should not stop there. I think we should continue to pursue the issue to the extent that there's no turning back. We have issues in our small community as much the same as other communities within Nunatsiavut. Right now in consulting with the AngajukKâk for Postville that, you know, basically, the Inuit Community Government in the last week or so, or probably a little longer, had to make a decision in consulting with the police whether or not we were want police presence in the community, either for Christmas or New Years. Some years ago, Madame Speaker, I can remember being part of a meeting in St. John's when Minister Cal Parsons representing that department as Minister, and at that time, there was a commitment made that during all festive seasons and when there's special application...

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Excuse me, would you get to the point to your question, please.

**MR. SHEPPARD:** Okay. Sorry, Madame Speaker. My question would be can you assure us, Mr. Minister, that you'll continue to pursue the issue on behalf of our community. Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** The Honourable First Minister.

**MR. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker, and the Member from Postville is right. We did have a meeting this fall with the Minister. We brought the issue forward from the community at Postville that we want to have permanent policing in Postville. The Minister said at that time that's not in the plans, or it's not in the budget. We had informed the Minister that we will not let this issue go, and we will continue to push the issue for a permanent staff in Postville and bring it to the Minister's attention so that he will, at some point, budget for that and have permanent staff in Postville. With regards to this year and with regards to the Christmas and New Year's issue, I will be bringing that issue to the RCMP attention. I was not aware of it, and I will make a request that they have the RCMP in for both of those occasions. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. Are there any more Oral Questions? Then we'll move on to our next item on Orders of the Day, "Written Questions". Are there any written questions? Then we'll move down to item number nine, "Return to Written Questions". I would like to recognize the Minister of Education and Economic Development, the Honourable Gary Mitchell, to provide a return to the written question asked during the last sitting by the Ordinary Member for Hopedale.

**MR. MITCHELL:** Nakummek, Madam Speaker. This question came to me or actually a couple of questions in the September sitting and we were hoping to

have the answer in the October sitting, but it was postponed.

Anyway, the first question was why can't we work harder to make the process easier? And in this case the Member for Hopedale is asking that the process of having trained workers in the communities for construction jobs. Why can't we, as a government, help our beneficiaries to get various training in education in their communities to understand how to bid on contracts and how to use the *Procurement Act*. The answer to that was what we need to do as a government is to have contractors inform the communities in advance of contracts that have been awarded to them to do work in the area in the Nunatsiavut communities. The contractor should inform the Inuit Community Government of types of jobs they are looking to fill. An example of this is when the Nunatsiavut Group of Companies sent out an employment opportunities notice to all Nunatsiavut communities prior to the start-up of the 2012 construction season last spring in forming of the upcoming work at Ten Mile Bay Quarry, types of jobs that would be available and where to apply. This came out to all the communities in looking for types of jobs advertising what jobs they would be having and what requirements they would do. So I think it's some onus on the Inuit Community Governments to pursue this and make sure that contractors are coming forth and putting out the qualifications that

they need to fill jobs in the communities. With regard to the *Procurement Act*, this document needs to be reviewed and adhered to more closely by users and the purposes intended for. I would like to recommend at some point over the next few months, when AngajukKaat get together for a meeting, training on the *Procurement Act* be provided to them so that they become more familiar with these objectives in dealing with the business of the community and how it should be used. Our Economic Development Division will be making an effort to ensure that the Inuit businesses are more well-informed about our Nunatsiavut Government *Procurement Act*, its criteria, as well as its objectives. I'd like to ask the question here, Madame Speaker, if I can say a few more words on this because since this was written we are now preparing an Economic Development conference to be held in Nunatsiavut in February or March of this coming year, and during that Economic Development conference it's going to be our own Economic Development conference whereby we'll invite Inuit businesses from Nunatsiavut communities to come to this conference. We'll have a conference planner. We'll bring together AngajukKaat and we can talk about the *Procurement Act* and how businesses in the communities can better benefit or better push themselves forward to take advantage of more employment opportunities for themselves and for the people in the communities.

There will be more information coming out on this conference in the couple months ahead. The second question in regards of expertise, what training do they have to come to our communities to take these jobs? For example, Nunatsiavut construction. What expertise do these employees have that the people of Hopedale don't have? Can your department offer to all, aid these beneficiaries on the ground in the communities to make this possible? The answer to that question was some equipment requires specialized training and experience. The rock crusher is an example. This piece of equipment requires a dedicated crew with experience gained over several years to ensure safe and efficient operations. Work is for heavy equipment operator, or those skilled jobs need to have some training. Training for some jobs can be done by job shadowing, but for specialized jobs or most specialized jobs, it is normally done through formal training provided by a learning institution that has the resources to do so. Interested persons who want to work in the construction business or skilled trade's field should be prepared to take some time to go out for training. As realistically, training of this nature can't be provided within the communities. Support would be given by Inuit Pathways to travel out for training at a learning institution. Over the years Inuit Pathways, as well as PSSSP, has delivered training with the communities where it's feasible and practical. Programs such as

heavy equipment operator, crane operator, driller blaster, office administration, early childhood education, fishing master four, and carpentry have been delivered in the communities in the past. Short training programs such as GPS, First Aid, WHMIS, Med, and more recently fall arrest protection are delivered in the community on a continuous basis as needed. We're always interested in doing as much training at the community level as possible, but it's not always feasible or practical when funds are limited, but we will continue to strive to do more. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. Are there any more returns to written questions today? Then we go down to item number 10. Are there any petitions? Item number 11, there will be no responses to petitions today. Item number 12, "Reports of Standing and Special Committees". I understand there are no reports today. Number 13, "Tabling of Documents". I recognize the First Minister, the Honourable Daryl Shiwak.

**MR. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. My apologies to the Assembly for the lateness of this report, but I'd like to table with the Assembly the Department of Nunatsiavut Affairs Annual Report for fiscal period, April 1st, 2011 to March 31st, 2012. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, First Minister. I would like to advise the Assembly that this document will be numbered as Table Document 1-2-7. I would

now like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Postville, Glen Sheppard.

**MR. SHEPPARD:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I wish to table the Nunatsiavut Assembly Members Handbook, which is attached in the binders under number three. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Mr. Sheppard. This document will be numbered as Table Document 2-2-7. I would now like to recognize the Minister of Health and Social Development, the Honourable Patricia Kemuksigak.

**MS. KEMUKSIGAK:** Madame Speaker, I wish to table in the Assembly the annual report of the Department of Health and Social Development for the period of 2011, 2012 and again I, I also apologize for the lateness in this document. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Madame Minister. This document will be numbered as Table Document 3-2-7. In accordance with Standing Order 33, I wish to table the sitting calendar, which sets out the sitting days for the following year. It's in your binder. This document will be numbered as Table Document 4-2-7. Moving down on the orders of the day number 14, "Notices of Motion". I recognize the Ordinary Member for Postville, Glen Sheppard.

**MR. SHEPPARD:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I give notice that on Wednesday, December the 12th, I move, seconded by the Ordinary Member for

Hopedale, Susan Nochasak that the Nunatsiavut Assembly approves and adopts the Members Handbook produced by BurnaCove Consulting for the use by the Nunatsiavut Assembly members. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Mr. Sheppard. I recognize the Minister of Health and Social Development, Patricia Kemuksigak.

**MS. KEMUKSIGAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. Madame Speaker, I give notice that on Wednesday, December 12th I will move, seconded by Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Susan Nochasak that the Nunatsiavut Assembly, in accordance with Standing Order 68 established the Alcohol and Drug Special Committee of the Assembly with the following terms of reference. Mandate. The purpose of the Alcohol and Drug Special Committee of the Nunatsiavut Assembly will be to review the Drug/Alcohol Hearings Report of 2006 to determine which recommendations have yet to be implemented and whether they are still relevant. Number two, prioritize those recommendations identified as requiring action, and number three, recommend actions to be taken to implement the recommendations as well as identifying who would have authority, responsibility for the implementation i.e. Nunatsiavut Government, Inuit Community Government, external agency, etcetera. Membership. The membership of the Alcohol and Drug Committee will be based on the guidelines of the Rules and

Procedures Committee of the Nunatsiavut Assembly. The recommendation would be to have a committee of four elected officials, including two AngajukKâk and one Senior Management Staff Member. Other individuals may be invited to attend committee meetings when specific knowledge or expertise is required.

Accountability. The Alcohol and Drug Committee will provide a verbal update at each sitting of the Nunatsiavut Assembly and submit a written report to the Nunatsiavut Assembly annually. Any correspondence of the committee will be documented and stored appropriately. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. We now move down to item number 15, "Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills". I recognize the Acting Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, the Honourable Daryl Shiwak.

**MR. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. Madame Speaker, I give notice that on Wednesday, December 12th, I will move first reading of Bill 2012-04 and act to implement the Regional Land Use Plan for the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area within Labrador Inuit lands. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Minister. I would also like to recognize the Honourable First Minister, the Honourable Daryl Shiwak.

**MR. SHIWAK:** Again, thank you, Madame Speaker. Madame Speaker, I give notice that on Wednesday, December 12th, I will move first reading of Bill 2012-05, an act to grant the Nunatsiavut Government certain additional sums of money for the construction Torngasuk Cultural Centre. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, First Minister. Item numbers 16, "Motions," there are no motions today. Seventeen, "First Reading of Bills". None today. There is no second reading of Bills. There's no assent to Bills today. And now to number 20, we are down to "Adjournment for the Day". The Assembly is adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 12th, 2012. So we'll meet again tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Ullâkut Illonasi. I call the Assembly to order. We will go to the Orders of the Day. Item number one, no visitors today, but I'd like to welcome Johansi Tuglavina the OkâlaKatiget trainee from Hopedale. Item number two, "Minister Statements". Are there any Minister statements? I'd like to recognize the Honourable Minister of Finance, Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madam Speaker. I just wanted to add something to the report that I gave yesterday on the activities within the Department of Finance and Human Resources. I've neglected, Madame Speaker, to give the dollar figures that were approved by the Nunatsiavut Executive Council for Labrador allowance and for travel allowance.

The Executive Council, Madame Speaker, approved an increase in Labrador allowance for employees in Nunatsiavut from \$2,275 to \$2,905 for single employees, and the Labrador allowance for employees with dependants increased from \$5,450 to \$5,805. In the Upper Lake Melville area the Labrador allowance for single employees increased from \$1,925 to \$2,050 and for those employees with dependants, Madame Speaker, the increase was from \$3,850 to \$4,100. The travel allowance, Madame Speaker, for employees residing in Nunatsiavut, I'm happy to report has nearly doubled. We've increased the travel allowance from \$550 to \$900, and in the Upper Lake Melville and the St. John's Office employees received an increase from \$350 to \$450. This information, Madame Speaker, will be posted on the Intranet for all Assembly members and employees to review. We will certainly send out an email as well to all the Assembly and the employees directing them to go to the Intranet to look at the projected increases that were improved by the Nunatsiavut Executive Council. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister. I now would like to recognize the Honourable Minister of Education, Gary Mitchell.

**MR. MITCHELL:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. I'd like to finish off my report from yesterday and today's focus on Economic Development. I have a ten page document report, but I'm not reading all that. I've just

highlighted certain things that people might be interested in. In regard to the funding agreement with ACOA for the Nunatsiavut Business Development Centre, covering the Business Development Officer, Wally's position and the five community development officers. The business plan has been sent to funding agencies on the first week in December highlighting a three-week work plan. We have not heard back anything on this proposal we sent into funding agencies, but we're hoping to get Francine into Goose Bay next week to meet with ACOA and see where we are with these funding arrangements because this funding runs out on December 31st so we would like to get a move on that. The business centre, the Nunatsiavut Business Development Centre has registered six new businesses to the Inuit Business Registry in the last three months, as well as having these new businesses listed on the Nunatsiavut Government website. Five additional requests have been received and await to be approved on the list as well, and I think there's been more come in since Francine's report has come out. So we, like I say, we are building up our Inuit Registry so we need to take a good hard look at where we are with that and review some of those companies that are registering with us for work contracts. The Business Development Centre has offered support to Inuit businesses to reach professional fees for business plans programs. One was for J F Fur

Farms Ltd. in Postville and Atsanik Nitassinan Scaffolding in Happy Valley, Goose Bay. We have submitted their business plans and have been reimbursed for a portion of their costs. The Economic Development division has requested funding to continue for this program in the future. The Community Economic Development Program is what was funded in the communities. I will go through what the communities have received from this program. The Community Economic Development Program has awarded to date, \$391,355. Cruise ships are stopping in Nunatsiavut communities. The review committee for the CEDP felt that an equitable contribution for each community where the cruise industry makes port call was the right thing to do. The funding was intended to support the communities in developing their own culture showcases and also compensating the volunteers who make it happen. The objective of this aid was to identify how much time, effort and money is required for such a delivery and for the community to determine whether or not he wants to sell the showcase in the future to the cruise ship industry. Hopedale received \$5,000 for community and cultural showcases for two cruise ship visits. Nain was awarded 3,000, Makkovik and Rigolet got 2,000. Rigolet had also received \$750 earlier in the season for a specific showcase for Canavac Travel Tour in the community. The Hopedale Inuit Community Government

requested support for the restoration of the boardwalk and graveyard. The boardwalk connects the shoreline to the Hopedale Moravian Complex and Interpretation Centre, two main tourist attractions. Nunatsiavut Government contributed \$28,769 creating and planning for four people for 12 weeks. Hopedale sent three long-time volunteers from the Agvituk Historical Society on an exploratory mission in Battle Harbour this past fall. They participated in a symposium on sustainability considering the future cultural heritage sites and organizations with a grant of \$5,069 from the Nunatsiavut Government. The Nunatsiavut Government supported the Agvituk Historical Society with an influx of \$55,000 in this fiscal year toward the study of a comprehensive adaptive reuse master plan that will address the structure, social, cultural and functional needs of the community. An additional 10,000 was awarded in February, 2012 for a total of \$65,000. The Makkovik Inuit Community Government received \$13,248 for improvement to the cemetery and expansion to cemetery fencing project. Four workers were employed for six weeks with this project. An extra three people found work for 10 weeks for the Makkovik Walking Trail Development, and we contributed \$25,530 to this project. Torngat Arts and Crafts in Nain was awarded \$65,989 for its core funding. Torngat Arts and Crafts Incorporated provides employment to three people and a retail outlet for Inuit

artisans to sell their merchandise. Rigolet requested funding from a number of agencies for development of a five-year tourism strategy. Nunatsiavut provided 25,000 to \$130,000-projects. The Nunatsiavut Government approved \$50,000 for the completion of the Rigolet Sea Shore Boardwalk. Economic Development Division is currently working with the Postville Community Development Officer and the Postville Inuit Community Government to develop seven projects for the community as well. Hope to do that in the future in the short term. Nunatsiavut Group of Companies has received \$100,000 for Torngat TUC to extract the remaining stone at Ten Mile Bay Quarry. The Economic Development Division will soon commence a review of the overall procurement and the Inuit Business Registration processes and criteria to bring forward and recommendations to the Executive Council. In regard to banking as was brought up yesterday banking in Nunatsiavut is a challenge. A number of departments have been looking at solutions. The Economic Development Division will take upon itself to bring together early in the New Year the various stakeholders to identify challenges and examine potential solutions. And that's the file we hope to consider to move forward with then. Economic Development Division, in partnership with the College of North Atlantic organized a basic accounting one week course in Nain from October the 5th to the 12th. This curriculum will be offered

again in the future taking participants' recommendations into account. And we just did one community for this fall as a pilot project and it's worked out well from what I understand. Small Business Week in Nunatsiavut. We were hoping to have a senior manager from the Business Development Bank travel to the four communities in Nunatsiavut to do some presentations in October, but due to a family emergency, the ship never came off so we hope to bring it up at the Economic Development summit this winter and do the workshop on the Business Development Bank. In regard to the trade mission that's coming up in January, you see little cards that are passed out in front of you, postcards, and, sorry, there was no translation. I should have looked at those before. These were sent out and these cards are sent out to each of the Inuit businesses in Nunatsiavut inviting them to put their name forward for the trade mission that has taken place in January in St. John's, and it's sponsored by the Labrador North Chamber of Commerce. And we're going to be taking 10 to 15 Inuit businesses or business people to this trade show, and we're also working a workshop with the business people to train them in different things for flying or the *Procurement Act* and things like that. A workshop on how to get the most out of the conferences and networking opportunities will be offered to the trade missions' participants, as I mentioned. And the valuation of a

trade mission will be undertaken to measure the effectiveness of the activities for the Inuit businesses. Along with this business, or the trade show in St. John's, we are planning, as I mentioned yesterday, planning of our Economic Development conference this winter in February or March. The objective of this summit is to gather the main stakeholders, including funding agencies, Nunatsiavut Government departments as well as business people from the area to take part, approximately 50 to 60 participants are expected to attend. The Economic Development division will do interviews this month for a conference planner to help with the event. And this conference will be the first step towards the Economic Development Strategy Plan, scheduled for March, 2015. I have a few notes also from the Nunatsiavut Group of Companies and the Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust. The Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust and NGC Board of Directors held its fall board meeting on November 23rd and 24th. Operational financing reports were reviewed as of September 30th. NGC, Nunatsiavut Marine, Tugs and Barges operated in the commercial charter market this year under NGC management are on track to have a modest profit. NGC, Nunatsiavut Construction produced 60,000 tonnes of aggregate in the communities of Hopedale and Rigolet and commenced the site work for the Goose Bay Town Centre Project. The Torngat Mountains Base Camp and

Research Station operated for seven weeks in July and August, employing 18 Nunatsiavut beneficiaries earning a total salary of \$260,000. Nunak Land Corporation continued to operate its commercial properties in Nain, Makkovik and Happy Valley Goose Bay. Twenty-five boxes of anorthosite blue eyes were quarried from Ten Mile Bay quarry. These boxes will be transported to market in 2013. NGC contributed labour and main transportation to the construction of infrastructure while floating the dock and ten plan forms at the Torngat Mountains Base Camp and Research Station again this year, and they also organized a firewood program for the Inuit Communities. The Budget and Business Plan for 2013 was presented to and improved by the Board. NGC plans to acquire an additional Tug and Barge, expand construction emity and build a hotel in Nain pending satisfactory pricing. It is LICST's intent to produce a formal annual report based on audited financial statements for presentation to the Legislative Assembly in June 2013. And just one more item, if you could bear with me. It's on the Goose Bay Town Centre that Nunatsiavut Group of Companies is presently developing. The Goose Bay Town Centre is a commercial residential development located in Central Happy Valley Goose Bay. Nunak Land Corporation invested \$5 million or 51% of the shares in Goose Bay Capital Corporation which owns 30 acres of land fronting on Hamilton

Road and has a development agreement in place with the Town of Happy Valley Goose Bay to develop up to 300 acres of land between Hamilton Road and Mealy Mountain Collegiate. And that's just up the road there from Tim Hortons. The first phase of the development is 26 acres and is mounted by Tim Horton's on Hamilton Road.

Nunatsiavut construction won't do as much of the civil service construction as possible meaning the land shaping roads, water lines, sanitary and storm sewers. Nunatsiavut construction was able to employ five beneficiaries on this project for heavy equipment upgraders and on the pipe crew. The basic business proposition is to own the land, develop the land to service lots and then sell the lots at a significant profit. The entire 300 acres will be developed over approximately 10 years under a master plan created from input from the Town of Happy Valley Goose Bay. Commercial land and residential land is sought after in Goose Bay. Water lots in the first phase will not be formally sold until mid-2013. There is a great degree in the service lots from the variety of commercial entities that could see a hotel, box stores, grocery store and so on locating to Goose Bay on the Goose Bay Town Centre lands and the prospects look really good for business there. That is my Economic Development report. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. I now recognize the Honourable Minister of Health, Patricia Kemuksigak.

**MS. KEMUKSIGAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I, too, would like to finish my report. The grand opening of the Nain Department of Health and Social Development building was held on September 27th. The staff and residents of Nain have waited a long time for this building after their old building was destroyed by fire. The building includes office space for all staff as well as program space, multi-purpose room, kitchen facilities. We hope that the community will enjoy the building and our ability to provide programs and services will be much improved. Madame Speaker, day-cares in Nunatsiavut open in September for children, parents, and staff. There were a couple of big challenges for staffing. Two of the biggest changes were filling the day care operator positions in both Nain and Hopedale. DHSD is pleased they had qualified internal staff apply for the positions and that way licensing was maintained. There was a lot of work completed on a Nain day care as per the licensing regulations. This included the playground work, internal maintenance and furnace repair. Licensing process has begun to the community of Rigolet. Nain and Hopedale day care participated in Seeds of Empathy training on September 13th to 16th. This is an excellent program where a mother and baby visit the day care for 10 visits. It's designed to foster social and

emotional competence and early literacy skills for pre-school children. The children see the attachment that occurs and the development that occurs in the baby's first year and attachment relationship between parent and baby. Roots of Empathy are going well in some of our communities, and it's running really well in Makkovik, being led by the public health nurse and public health aid. DHSD was successful in securing funding from *Tasiujatsoak Trust* for the fall Early Childhood Education conference that happened in November. Makkovik drawings were completed for the building that will also hold a day care. Each community office celebrated FASD day on September 9th by hosting of their variety of events including breakfast, walks, displays, educational sessions, etcetera. Many communities celebrated World Suicide Prevention Day September 10th by hosting events which included candle lighting ceremonies, meals and information sessions, balloon release, etcetera. The Department of Health and Social Development partnered with Vale Inco to support a wellness weekend at the Christian youth camp in Happy Valley over the Thanksgiving Weekend. There were a total of 40 participants from Nunatsiavut and that was just St. John's and Happy Valley. The activities went really well and there was one session that people really like how Transformational Healing led by Momavie, a group from St. John's. Now I'd like to report on Status of

Women. Madame Speaker, the Status of Women co-ordinator has met with the steering committee for the court monitoring project. The committee believes recruiting volunteers will be difficult, so they suggested hiring two court monitors for Nain and Hopedale on a part-time basis. Once there are court monitors in place they will be trained on court procedure and common court terminology before the actual court monitoring occurs. The Status of Women co-ordinator has met with the steering committee for the Inuit Women's Conference. Planning is going well and they have a tentative date, February 25th to the 27th with Nain as the host community. The title of this conference will be "Advancing Inuit Women, Empowering Choices, Energize, Inspire, Support". There will be an Inuit Woman of the Year award presented during this conference. Criteria and nominations forms will be soon out for members of the community to access. Madame Speaker, a "Sisters in Spirit" march and vigil was held in Makkovik October 4th. October 4th is a national day of remembrance to honour the lives of missing and murdered Aboriginal women and girls in Canada. It was started in Makkovik in 2009 by the Migma women living in Makkovik. It is now held as a collaborative effort with DHSD and the Status of Women Office. The official launch of the, "I Am a Kind Man" poster was held in Makkovik October 25th. In partnership with DHSD, the poster was made available to the

public for the first time at the community brunch for Family Violence Prevention month. There were 80 people in attendance. Posters were sent to each Nunatsiavut community as well as Upper Lake Melville and St. John's. The Status of Women office now has an email list serve set-up. This will provide a medium for Inuit women to be connected through email. This email forum will be a place for those who sign up to share upcoming events, discuss concerns or issues related to women. The address is [ngsw@nunatsiavut.com](mailto:ngsw@nunatsiavut.com). The Status of Women co-ordinator will be the monitor, guidelines will be in place and enforced to ensure a safe environment for discussions. If you would like to join, please email Tracy Evans. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister. I'd now like to recognize the Honourable First Minister, Acting Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Daryl Shiwak.

**MR. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I'm going to conclude the report from the Department of Lands and Natural Resources Renewable Resource Division, Wildlife. Madame Speaker, as reported the last session, the Nunatsiavut Government in collaboration with Torngat Wildlife and Plants Management Board and the Quebec based Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Co-ordinator Committee, a Caribou Workshop was organized for September 10th, 2012, for stakeholders and the users

of the Leaf, George River and Torngat caribou herds to once again discuss management options to share the views on the role various user-groups should play in recovery of caribou herds in the Quebec Labrador Peninsula. Madame Speaker, at the conclusion of the workshop, there was no consensus on management approaches for any of the three herds when a stakeholder is present. However, it was agreed by the majority that a co-management board is required, specifically, for the Torngat and George River caribou herds that are harvested by stakeholders of both Quebec and Newfoundland and Labrador. Also it was very apparent that all stakeholders concerned about the stats in George River caribou herds and have come to realize that measures to ensure the sustainable management of the herd are required. During an Aboriginal group caucus it was agreed that there should be no reduction of the subsistence harvest of the Torngat caribou herd until such a time as more information on the status of the herd was available. It was also agreed that there should be a formal elimination of the non-aboriginal hunt in Labrador. These recommendations were provided to all stakeholders in both provinces. We are anxiously awaiting to the Province to indicate the measures they plan to take to address this current status of the George River caribou. The present population estimate for this herd is run 22,000 animals and still in decline. Madame Speaker, former

Minister Sheppard personally met with Minister French, from Newfoundland Labrador Minister of *Environment Conservation Act*, October 17th to discuss the George River caribou herd. Although Mr. French did not give any firm indication on what steps to plan and take, he did say they are considering several options including implementation of the total allowable harvest for this herd. An announcement on this may not be made until later this month.

President Leo and myself met the Grand Chief, Prote Poker, and other Labrador Innu officials to discuss the George River herd, and we agreed to try and organize an Aboriginal leaders meeting, specifically, on the George River herd as you feel it is critical for the caribou that all Aboriginal groups play an important part ensuring the sustainability of this herd for the present and future. This meeting is scheduled for Kuujjuak in mid-January, 2013.

Fishing. Madame Speaker, I would now like to speak to the commercial fishery with regard to SFA five-shrimp, approximately eight per cent of our total allocations is left in the water. This is about 214,000 pounds. For the most part catch rates have been good this season. Nunatsiavut Government had been successful in identifying a harvester, an existing officer licence holder, to harvest 300 metric tonnes, a special allocation of offshore shrimp and SFA4 and was Grant ND in May 2012. Mersey Seafood's will be harvesting the quota for the NG for

2012. Madame Speaker, the English River counting fence project has come to a close for the season. Preliminary data is indicating a significant decrease in the large salmon returns in 2011 and significant decrease in small salmon returns. Also there's significant increase in both the small and large char. Furthermore the NG, with the assistance of DFO, has been working to identify a suitable river in Southern Nunatsiavut to acquire sites on salmon needs. A report on the funding is expected to be complete in the near future. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. Are there any more Minister statements? I'd like to recognize the Honourable Johannes Lampe, Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

**MR. LAMPE:** Nakummek UKâtik. I would like to add a few comments in regard to the Torngasuk Culture Centre and what they have been doing up to date. Madame Speaker, the new Torngasuk Cultural Centre has been a major project of our department and we have a presentation on the project to date for each of you. In advancing our language strategy we have a number of accomplishments in the last few months. Rosetta Stone, level two, is completed and is now being published. We have a new partnership with OkâlaKatiget Society and early in the New Year will launch a weekly one-hour program as an opportunity to learn *Inuttitut*. Doris Flowers has joined us as a part-time language

co-ordinator here in Hopedale. Elsie Wolfrey has joined us as our co-ordinator of our curriculum development project, LITP. I would also like to begin discussions on re-instating our Assembly committee on language. Elders gathered in this Assembly in October in a productive discussion on ways to improve the lives of elders and to define who our elders are. We will have a report and a follow-up committee active in the New Year. Heritage. The fourth heritage forum will be held in Rigolet in the coming year of 2013, June 3 to 7. A new exhibit will open at the rooms in June, and a section on Labrador Inuit will be unveiled. I would like to thank Valerie Pilgrim, Anita Fells, Vickie Allen and Jamie Brake for their dedication to this project. We will lead a new research project called, "Inuit Braves" which will document the impact of TB on Labrador Inuit and the many Inuit which were taken away and never returned. An MOU will be signed this Friday with the Chicago Field Museum beginning a new partnership with an institution which has involved Labrador Inuit since 1893. We welcome Kate Mitchell as our new tourism product development officer. Kate will work closely with the Inuit Community Governments in building tourism. Here in Hopedale we are working with Ordinary Member, Susan Nochasak and AngajukKak Wayne Piercy and the Moravian Church on an adaptive reuse plan for the Moravian Mission complex. A new site plan to protect Hebron's

Historic resources is being completed. The Torngat Mountains Base Camp will undergo more improvements next year as we finalize ACOA and IBRD funding support. We will be meeting with Torngat Recreation to further role clarification and to help ensure more federal and provincial funding for recreation in our communities. Nakummek UKâtik.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister. We now move down to item three on our agenda, "Member Statements". Are there any Member statements? I'd like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Canada, Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madam Speaker. In my Member statement, for this sitting of the Assembly I'd like to say Nakummek to the St. John's-inuit who gathered in St. John's on December 1st to celebrate the 7th anniversary of the formation of the Nunatsiavut Government. Activities at this gathering, Madame Speaker, began with an opening prayer by elder, Emma Reelis, and the crowd then sang the anthem of Nunatsiavut, Labradorimuit. We viewed the film, the documentary that was produced by Nigel Markham entitled, "Till We Meet Again Moravian Music in Labrador." Beneficiaries enjoyed a feast of seal flipper pie, char, moose, bannock, red berry, blue berry and bake apple tarts. Children's activities for this gathering, Madame Speaker, were co-ordinated by the Four Winds Aboriginal Youth Centre at the

St. John's Native Friendship Centre. Soloman Semigak entertained beneficiaries with drum dancing and the event concluded, Madame Speaker, with a visitation from Nalujuit who passed out candy and presented youth with advent stockings. Again, Madame Speaker, I'd like to say Nakummek to all beneficiaries who took the time to help the Canadian Constituency Office celebrate the seventh anniversary or the formation of Nunatsiavut Government. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Mr. Pottle. I'd now like to recognize Ed Tuttau, Chair of Sivunivut.

**MR. TUTTAUK:** Nakummek, Madam Speaker. I would like to take this time to acknowledge the residents of Northwest River in their efforts that enable our community to win the 2012 Tidy Town's competition for our category. Tidy Towns is a provincial organization committed to fostering civic pride, environmental responsibility and beautification through community participation. I would also like to acknowledge two community members for receiving the Queen's Jubilee award. These were presented to Edward Blake Sr. and Katie Baikie. Colin Baikie, a youth from our community should also be acknowledged for accomplishing his first mixed martial arts competition win in Montreal on December 8th. His win came at 1:21 of the first round. Congratulations to all. Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Mr. Tuttauq. Are there any more Member statements?

I'd like to recognize Max Winters, Chair of NunaKâtiget.

**MR. WINTERS:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. In September NunaKâtiget held its annual general meeting with a great turnout of beneficiaries. The most questions resolved around the Nunatsiavut Government have to pay rent for office space after the Chairperson was asked to leave the office in 1A Hillcrest to make office space for other people. Since then that problem had been rectified and our rent was being taken care of, however, our fax bill and phone bill was turned down there by the Deputy Finance Minister. In October, our long-time Vice Chairperson, Darlene Mackie, had to step down from her duties as she moved to Ontario. She has spent several years on the corporation, since 2006, and was a very respected Vice President and will be greatly missed. A bi-election was held on November the 1st. Then Paul Saunders was elected as the Vice Chair and Leanne Winters-Hill was successor in the Board of Directors. NunaKâtiget continues to offer country food to its beneficiaries was great help from Ittatuteget Board and their great support and we also give great support to the FAC courses, safe boarding, and seal skin making. We also sponsor our drum dancers and we are starting junior drum dancers which are from 10 to 12. At this time also we received a moose, we harvested a moose that was harvested by the Hunters and

Fishers and Trappers Association of Happy Valley, Goose Bay and we greatly appreciate them for that. And at this time I would wish everybody a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Mr. Winters. Are there any more Member statements?

I'd like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Gary Mitchell.

**MR. MITCHELL:** Nakummek, Madam Speaker. I can't let this opportunity pass by being the Member for the Upper Lake Melville area by not mentioning something I've always mentioned in the Assembly meetings because it's something I dwell on, something that's there and that's care for the seniors and people that are without homes and things like that. My statement today is brief; however, I'd like to acknowledge the fact that the Nunatsiavut Government has been shown some profile in the Upper Lake Melville area regarding concerns of the environmental impacts that will affect beneficiaries as a result of the proposed development of Muskrat Falls hydro-electric power. The potential negative effects, which will drastically impact the surrounding environment is certainly of utmost concern, and we must keep the pressure on all levels of government to show we mean business and prove we know what we are talking about here. While the environmental monitoring and sampling is a priority

to capture all data we can, we have to give some thought, consideration and commitment to the social aspects that will be required. We should be thinking about whether we'll be able to provide community-based services based on our present resources to beneficiaries who may be impacted and vulnerable by development of a mega project on the doorstep of communities in the Upper Lake Melville. This will include the delivery of our health programs, low income housing availability and basic seniors care. Our health services is sometimes stretched to the limit now if you've had the pleasure sitting up to five hours sometimes in emergency waiting to see a doctor. Social housing is suffering as well and these things are just the beginning. Development hasn't even begun yet in the sense. As a member for Upper Lake Melville I am seeking the support of this Assembly and the Nunatsiavut Government to acknowledge the impact this will have on beneficiaries so we may protect those who may fall through the cracks when we are overrun with development. And in closing I'd just like to wish all of the members and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and to think about the loss of our young, of our loved ones, just recently with Brent Jacque and Tom Barbour. And we certainly keep them in our prayers as we celebrate the Christmas Season. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Mr. Mitchell. Are there any more Member statements?  
I'd like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Nain, Johannes Lampe.

**MR. LAMPE:** Nakummek UKâtik. I would like to mention that my fellow co-worker, William Barbour is absent from this sitting because of the loss of his father just a few days ago and we like to think about his family and relatives and hopefully they will be going home today for the funeral and we have a lot of people here and a lot of Labrador Inuit that we will think about given that the Christmas Season is upon us and whoever is involved in any kind of work please enjoy the Christmas Season with family and friends, have a good, safe and happy one. No matter what we do on a daily basis we have to look very carefully on what's happening amongst us because so many uncertain things come about. Think about our children and our grandchildren, give them happiness and loving this Christmas Season. Sometimes we may not have presents or gifts to give to other people, they will not only want presents, they want the love and kindness that we can give and they value that more than the present itself. And for Christmas and the New Year, I wish each and every one of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Mr. Lampe. Are there any other Member statements?  
Then we'll move down to our next item on our Orders of the Day, number four, "Returns to Oral Questions". Are there any returns to

oral questions? I'd like to recognize the Honourable First Minister, Daryl Shiwak.

**MR. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I have a question from yesterday from the AngajukKâk for Nain asking for confirmation where there's an open season to hunt caribou within the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area. I'd say, as of right now, beneficiaries of the Land Claims Agreement have the right to hunt up to the level need outside of any conservation area such as the Mealy Mountain caribou area, but as of right now, people can hunt for, up to the level of meat. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. Are there any more returns to oral questions? I'd like to recognize the Honourable Minister of Education, Gary Mitchell.

**MR. MITCHELL:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. I'm responding to a question from yesterday from our Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Susan Nochasak, in regard to teacher incentive retention bonus, and I can shed a little bit of light on some of the things that have happened or what has happened. As I mentioned yesterday, we haven't moved on that file lately, or recently, but I can shed some light on some things that have happened with this issue. From what I understand, there is no money set aside, but it's been referenced in the school board budget. When the request for incentive bonus came out documents were passed

back and forth between the lawyers and Loretta to formalize a draft. The school board has some challenges with this, with getting agreement. However, after a while, it got sorted out and some *Inuttitut* teachers got a bonus, got their bonus from the NLTA. These are teachers with university degrees. There was some *Inuttitut* teachers I understand that don't have university degrees and just have diplomas, and this is where we understand some of the problems is, that the teachers with diplomas were unable to get the teacher retention bonus because NLTA didn't agree with it. So the next step is to go to NAPE, who they are under. They're under the NAPE union, the teachers with diplomas, but the draft has to be modified to some extent and re-submitted to NAPE. So we have to go through that process again of formalizing a draft, go to the union and school board again to see if we can get approval for the teachers that are under NAPE, *Inuttitut* teachers and that we have in the schools. So hopefully this file is going to move now after the New Year and we can get some action taken on it to see what the school board will come across with. Some positive news in regard to the life skill teachers is that they went to the school board, I understand, and requested that they were missing out on some benefits. So they went to the school board and the school board approved, or NAPE approved. The union NAPE approved that they be accepted for

benefits. So the life skill teachers in schools understand they go under NAPE and are entitled to benefits. So with that happening, this shows some promises that the *Inuttitut* teachers that are under NAPE may be accepted for the teacher's retention bonus, but we will have to go back to the Labrador school board and NAPE with a new proposal. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Are there any more returns? Then we'll move down to "Oral Questions". Just to remind you - pardon me? Is this for oral questions or this is for returns to questions? Okay. Did you have a return to a question, Mr. Lampe?

**MR. LAMPE:** Yes.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Okay. Well, go ahead, please.

**MR. LAMPE:** Nakummek UKâtik. Yesterday our interpreter/translators and as well as today they go through hard times and sometimes they don't have written documents in front of them and sometimes they have to work very hard without anything to follow, so we have to think about them. Even if they had short written guidelines to follow that would them understand what's being said or talked about because our interpreters have a hard time without any documents to look at and they try to the best of their ability to interpret what's being said without seeing anything that's written. Thank you Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Okay. I'd just like to say the interpreter/translators are having a hard time. If you could speak more slowly, or if you're having some different words there, you can give them copies. Okay, so are there any more returns to oral questions? I'd like to recognize the Honourable Minister of Education, Gary Mitchell.

**MR. MITCHELL:** Nakummek, Madam Speaker. I'd just like to respond to a question from yesterday from the AngajukKâk from Nain, Tony Andersen, with regard to the rate change for PSSSP students for living allowance. Unfortunately, as you requested that we release figures, I don't think it's undemocratic that I can't give out figures because we're only in the preliminary talks of suggesting figures being tossed around and we haven't discussed this internally with all the staff yet. So, unfortunately, it's the figures that we are tossing around I said they were nailed down, but they're not really nailed down, they're just suggested, so I can't give any figures yet for the living allowance for students, for PSSSP students. We hope to set some new rates soon for the fall and we're concentrating first on the single students because they're the ones that are suffering the mostly from the low rates because of high rental costs in St. John's and Corner Brook, I guess. So, unfortunately, I don't have figures to give to the Assembly at this point in time, but certainly after the New Year into the next

Assembly, hopefully we'll have more information on the change in rates for the PSSSP program. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Are there any more returns to oral questions? Then we move down to the next item on the agenda, "Written Questions". "Oral Questions". Just to remind you that the oral questions must be concise and clear. Are there any oral questions? I'd like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Postville, Glen Sheppard.

**MR. SHEPPARD:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister responsible for Education, Economic Development. Madame Speaker, during his Minister statement he mentioned that there were four communities would be taking part in a business workshop, if I understood that correctly. I would like to ask the Minister, Madame Speaker, what communities would be involved in this workshop, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Honourable Minister of Education.

**MR. MITCHELL:** Nakummek, Madam Speaker. I don't have the communities in front of me. This is a report that was given to me and maybe there was meant to be five communities because you're talking about the Economic Development conferences coming up? In regard to that maybe there was a typing error, or as their business is in Postville, I

would take advantage of this conference. This is going out to any business people in Nunatsiavut. This is not for Upper Lake Melville business. This is strictly for the Nunatsiavut communities that we're inviting to take to St. John's, and as for the communities, I'm sorry if there's one left out, but it's not meant to be left out and if there's supposed to be five, well, there should be five and I will check that out for the Ordinary Member from Postville. And, like I said, any business in Nunatsiavut, any business person can apply for this trip to St. John's for the trade show. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. Are there any more questions? I'd like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Nain, Tony Andersen.

**MR. ANDERSEN:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. My question, too, is for the Minister of Education, Economic Development. Yesterday in his written response to an oral question in the fourth paragraph, he said with regard to the *Procurement Act*, this document needs to be reviewed and we were overjoyed to hear that over here, Madame Speaker, because in the way that it affects the running of our communities and with the number of infrastructure programs we have. But the Minister went on to say, and I'm going to get to my question to the Minister in a minute, but I need to say this. The Minister said in the same paragraph I would like to recommend at some point over the next few months when AngajukKaat get together for a meeting, etcetera,

that training on the *Procurement Act* be provided to him. And that was a little bit, I guess the Minister wasn't aware that we have received training and we still find that document a little bit cumbersome, especially for the town managers because they had to follow that *Act* and it's part of their daily, if not daily then weekly, if not weekly, then monthly, but certainly it affects them a great deal. My question, Madame Speaker, to the Minister is that he said that the document needs to be reviewed. My question to him is that if he has discussed it with his Honourable colleagues at the cabinet table and if he can give us some sort of timeline when we can expect that we will get some report on how that review is going, if it's started, or when we can expect some comments from the Minister with respect to the review that he says needs to be done. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Tony. The Honourable Minister of Education.

**MR. MITCHELL:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. I'm not saying in my text that we're going to discuss this with any of the Honourable members, but with the AngajukKaat, if we're reading the same paragraph here. With the Minister over the next few AngajukKaat get together for a meeting that training had provided them so they'd become more familiar, that's what we're talking about. We're talking about are the AngajukKaat all familiar with the *Procurement Act*? Are we using it to

develop businesses in our communities? Are we using contractors in our communities for jobs that come in under the communities, and this is what we need to review. Are we following the *Procurement Act*? I'm not too familiar with the *Procurement Act* because when I came in late in the game, and I should say late, recently into the game, nothing we could use here. But I'm not too familiar with the *Procurement Act*, and what I've been told, maybe the *Procurement Act* needs to be looked at and we should become more familiar with the *Procurement Act* to see that we're taking advantage, we putting ourselves to work in our communities by using contractors in the communities that could be worked instead of going outside to do jobs that come in under the communities. This is something that we will be discussing at Economic Development conference. I think this is the place when we all come together that the *Procurement Act* would be reviewed and, and see that we're following it and do we understand what it is? I think that the *Procurement Act* came in, if somebody can correct me, maybe that this came in with the Voisey's Bay when Voisey's Bay business coming on stream registering for work in Voisey's Bay, but I mean we've gone outside of that now because we're expanding. I'm not sure if the First Minister wants to add anything to what I've just said here. You're more familiar with it than

I am. One of the Honourable Ministers that sit in from my left.

Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Okay. The Honourable Minister of Finance.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madam Speaker. Just to, I guess, compliment what the Honourable Minister of Education and Economic Development has referred to and to speak a little bit to the AngajukKâk for Nain's sentiments regarding the *Procurement Act* being, I guess, somewhat familiar to all AngajukKaat since the *Procurement Act* was amended approximately a year ago. Not to put words in the Honourable Minister's mouth but, I mean, it may have been the way that he phrased his response with respect to and I think he most likely clarified that, that review may not be the best word here to look at it, but, I mean, you know, any concerns regarding the *Procurement Act* and its application, whether that's to the Nunatsiavut Government or the Inuit Community Government or agencies of Nunatsiavut Government. I mean, there certainly is room for further, I guess, look at that *Act* with respect to some of the cumbersome details maybe in that *Act* that the AngajukKâk referred to the Department of Finance, Madame Speaker, would certainly be more than willing to work with the AngajukKaat through the Joint Management Committee to help them further understand the, I guess, the processes and the procedures outlined under the *Procurement Act* for the procurement

of goods and services relative to our government, our community governments and agencies, so there is no intent at this point in time, Madame Speaker, I don't think to review the *Act* and to make amendments to that. There may be just a need for some clarification and some support and help given to the users of the *Procurement Act* to make sure that everybody understands the *Act*, itself, and the application when it comes to the procurement of goods and services. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Supplementary AngajukKâk for Nain.

**MR. ANDERSEN:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. To be clear, I guess, I somewhat misunderstood what the Minister said, and I'm not sure who my question is directed to, but maybe it's both of them because they both answered my last question. And that is that the Minister of Finance said that you're willing to work with the AngajukKaat to help us better understand. Madame Speaker, we have a clear understanding. What I ask of the Ministers is their review of certain portions of that *Procurement Act* that has the effect on our communities, and I'm going to name one example and this has been raised before, and review has been asked for before. Contracts under *Procurement Act* with respect with infrastructure in our communities, there are no clause, no phasing that document that maximizes the

benefit for our community members. We are told it is the best efforts. There are no targets, no percentages of employment and that is what affects our communities, Madame Speaker, and that is what we ask to be reviewed, and this is what I'm asking again. I know the new Minister is not familiar with that and the concerns, but it is a great concern for our communities, as the Minister of Finance knows, and that is what we ask for. And, you know, Madame Speaker, best efforts is meaningless in terms when contractors come to town to say we'll hire, sure we will, and then they say, well, their expertise isn't there, and we see that that's not the case. And we wanted something put in there to ensure that the employment opportunities out of the millions and million dollars that are spent in our communities are benefitting who it should, and that is our work force, and I'd ask both Ministers or ask the Minister of Finance is there or will there be in the near future a review of that section of the *Act*?

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Honourable Minister of Finance.

**MR. POTTLE:** Madame Speaker, this is the first time that these specific concerns have come my way. We certainly will look at them but, I mean, the Department of Finance in helping the AngajukKaat understand the *Procurement Act*, we had this question asked before and, I mean, I think it's incumbent, and there is allowances, I believe, maybe not specific and worded in the *Procurement Act*, itself, but the Inuit

Community Governments do have a right, if they so choose, to put those details and the requirements that they're seeking with respect to opportunities for members for whatever work that's being procured, there is allowance for those demands, I guess for lack of a better word, or those wish list is for things that want to be included and benefits going to the communities that that is available through the tendering process and the Inuit Community Governments do have a right as per the *Procurement Act* to put those details in the tenders when they're calling for procurement of goods and service. And, I mean, as an interim measure we encourage the AngajukKaat to do that when they're tendering for the procurement of goods and service and, if so requested, we certain can look at that further and address the concerns and, if necessary, bring forth amendments to the *Procurement Act* if it's necessary. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. Are there any more questions? I'd like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Wayne Piercy.

**MR. PIERCY:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. My question is directed to the President. For a while now we'd have our Inuaggualuit here in Hopedale, it's our language nest, and lately I've been seeing an improvement in it, but it's only offered up to the age of two, and if our Government is so concerned about how are language is being lost and, like, all our traditions, I was wondering if you could take it back

to the Executive Council and see that the language nest is expanded to each of the communities in Nunatsiavut and up until they are ready to start kindergarten, and then we can see what we can do from there. I'm speaking from first-hand knowledge. My daughter is almost two now and she's in the language nest, and if you sat down with her, she'll speak more *Inuttitut* than I do. Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** The Honourable President.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** Thank you, AngajukKâk Piercy. We have been discussing it. The concerns from the language nests in Hopedale have been raised, and I have spoken with Minister Lampe in the Department of Culture, Tourism and Recreation, and I'll let him expand a little further on that. All right?

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Did you want a supplementary, or you have an answer? Thank you. Go ahead, Mr. Lampe.

**MR. LAMPE:** Nakummek UKâtik. The Inuaggualuit Program is a very important program for especially Hopedale and Nain, but we certainly would like to expand to the other communities, and the age, you are right, we should go beyond age two, and to continue the education of *Inuttitut* to our Labrador Inuit, and the difficulty is the space that we need to educate our children and our grandchildren. But those issues are being looked at, and we will certainly continue to work on

those challenges, like, President Leo just said and certainly I, as Minister of Culture, I'm speaking, not so much to losing our language. Our language is thriving in Nain and Hopedale, and I believe that we have to have that attitude to make sure that we don't step on the confidence of our communities, especially Nain and Hopedale. Certainly our young people are starting to realize the importance of *Inuttitut*, and certainly we are continuing to do what we can to help our one to two-year-olds, and certainly have to continue to the older age and, like I said earlier, we are starting to partner with OkâlaKatiget Society to do *Inuttitut* programming and we are open to other ideas from other communities on how we can better expand those programs that we would like to do. Nakummek UKâtik.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. I'd now like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Charlotte Wolfrey.

**MS. WOLFREY:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Finance. I've got to preface it with a little bit of background. I think at the last or the second last Management Committee meeting that we were at, we talked about the *Procurement Act* and the need for us to have written in the contracts that there be Inuit-hired. And I'm not sure how the last Rigolet contract got written up, but I know is that they took a cook in from Newfoundland. And I'm just wondering do we have any recourse now to go back and say, I mean, God, people in

Rigolet can cook. Sorry for the language. But is there any recourse now to go back and say you're not following the *Procurement Act*, if it was indeed in our contract that went out to the public for bidding?

Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Honourable Minister of Finance.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madam Speaker. Without having the specifics and the details of that contract in front of me, I mean, it's very difficult to answer that question. I'm not sure at this point in time, Madame Speaker, whether the work that was tendered for and awarded has been completed, but, again, I certainly would reiterate to the AngajukKâk for Rigolet and the other members of the Joint Management Committee that we certainly can have those detailed discussions at the next Joint Management Committee meeting and again I would encourage, I mean, you know, for what you're seeking for employment opportunities and other specifics with respect to the availability of people in the communities to provide some of the employment opportunities in those contracts. I mean, those details can be and hopes can be integrated into the tendering process. The Procurement Committee, when they're reviewing the tenders for procurement of goods and services certainly follow the *Procurement Act* and the procedures and processes set out in there and there's a weighting system, I guess, relative to each of the awardings of

contracts and, I mean, if there's a request for specifics from the Inuit Community Governments in those tendering contracts, they would be considered when reviewed by the Procurement Committee when they approve the tendering process, or when they approve the tenders for the procurement of goods and services. So certainly that's something that we can certainly have a look at and have those discussions with the AngajukKâk at the Joint Management Committee or outside of the Joint Management Committee. I don't think we had to wait for the Joint Management Committee to have those discussions. We can certainly entertain and enter into discussions at any time that's requested of the Department of Finance, either through the Inuit Community Governments or, or Nunatsiavut Government or agencies of the Government. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. I'd now like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Susan Nochasak.

**MS. NOCHASAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I believe my question is for the Minister of Economic Development. I'd like to ask the question in regards of our old issue in regards of food prices that we have in our communities down in Nunatsiavut, and if there's any discussions or potential discussions for the retail owners that we have in our communities to discuss those prices and if there's any kind of

methods or plans that we have in trying to have those discussions with those retailers on reducing a lot of the prices that we have in our communities for further food that our people are shopping for in our communities. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Ms. Nochasak. The Honourable Minister of Education and Economic Development, Gary Mitchell.

**MR. MITCHELL:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. I have not been involved in any discussions on food prices, and it hasn't been brought to my attention since I've become Minister except the fact that the MHA for Torngat Mountains, Randy Edmunds emailed me awhile back this fall and talked about he was doing some investigation into the food prices and comparing prices, and maybe that's the start of something that's the start of something, that we look at other operators for the stores in Nunatsiavut, and maybe a co-op system. I think this file needs to be pushed forward, and I think you brought forward a very important point that we need to start talking about food prices on the coast because there's been problems with the food subsidy program as well, and I think that's a very good point that we should have on our agenda for future meetings and I can take this up again with the MHA to see where he's going with it and see if we can support his mission on this. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. Are there any more questions?

AngajukKâk for Nain, Tony.

**MR. ANDERSEN:** Thank you, Madame Speaker, and my question is going to be very clear and concise this time for once. As to the First Minister, I wonder is there any news on wood?

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Honourable First Minister.

**MR. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker, and I assume the question from the AngajukKâk from Nain is the wood that is in Cartwright and was shipped to Nain. The latest we have is that we made a request to the province to have that wood moved out of Cartwright on the Astron into Nain. The response we have is when they have all the freight delivered into the communities that was shipped before the 16th of November, they would, if the weather permits, try to go back and get that wood and get it to Nain. As we all know the weather is a problem, and we've put that to the Province many, many times. We're not quite sure if they're going to be able to get that wood. There is a contingency plan put in place, or being worked on by Nunatsiavut Group of Companies. We have the Province or the Astron cannot accommodate our request to get that wood into Nain, that they will put a program in place to, I'm not quite sure of the specifics, but there is a program in place to replace that wood with a

woodcutting program or some kind of wood program within the community of Nain. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. I'd now like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Postville, Glen Sheppard.

**MR. SHEPPARD:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. It's not purposely set up, but it seems like we're following suit here this morning. The AngajukKâk from Nain asked the Honourable Minister of Education a question. Then he went to the Minister of, Acting Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, that's where my question is directed to, and it's related to, I guess, some background history in all locations polar bear quotas have not been filled in the last year or two. My question would be, Madame Speaker, for the Minister would be, would you or your department consider waiving the waiting period due to the quota not being filled in different locations? Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Honourable Minister of Lands.

**MR. SHEPPARD:** Thank you, Madame Speaker, and thank you to the Ordinary Member from Postville. Every year we have the review what has happened in the previous years, and it's something that the Department will be looking, and right now I don't have an answer for the Minister, sorry, the Member for Postville, but I will get an answer to him. Right now I

don't have that answer, but we will be reviewing the program. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. I'd now like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Susan Nochasak.

**MS. NOCHASAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. My question again is for the Minister of Economic Development. From what I understand in your report there were 25 blocks of Labradorite come out at Ten Mile Bay and that was maybe the full extent of the mineral in Ten Mile Bay, from what I understand, but I believe their exploration as well up from Ten Mile Bay the summer for a potential new spot of Labradorite. I was hoping that to get a report on where that potential exploration is and if the rock plant here in Hopedale has potential to start up again.

Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Ms. Nochasak. The Honourable Minister of Education and Economic Development.

**MR. MITCHELL:** Nakummek, Madam Speaker. I read the report from Nunatsiavut Group of Companies and the Trust, but I'm not familiar with their operations. We have not been involved hands on with their operations. The question, I'm not sure if Isabella could answer. No. I'd have to follow up on that question and get an answer back to you on that, but I'm not familiar with the operation the Nunatsiavut

Group of Companies and their exploration program. Nakummek,  
Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. Are there any more questions?  
Then from here we're going to take a 20-minute break.

(Recess)

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Call the Assembly back to order, please. Going down through our  
Orders of the Day we're on item number six, "Written Questions".  
Are there any written questions? If not, item number seven, "Returns  
to Written Questions," there are no returns today. "Petitions," are  
there any petitions? Item nine, "Response to Petitions," they'll be no  
responses today. Item number 10, "Reports of Standing and Special  
Committees," I understand there are no reports. Item number 11,  
"Tabling of Documents," do any Members have a document they  
would like to table? Number 12, "Notices of Motions". Number 13,  
"Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills," I do not think there are  
any further notices. Item number 14, "Motions". I recognize the  
Ordinary Member for Postville, Glen Sheppard, to move Motion 1-2-  
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**MR. SHEPPARD:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. Whereas Section 83(b) of the  
*Nunatsiavut Assembly Act* states that the Chair of the Member  
Service Committee may make orders in relation to any other matter

related to services required by the Members of the Assembly in the performance of their functions and whereas the Member Service Committee has agreed since March, 2009, that a Nunatsiavut Assembly Specific Members Handbook was needed to assist the Assembly members better understand their roles and responsibilities, entitlements and whereas on June 27th, 2012, a contract with BurnaCove Consulting was signed to produce this handbook, and extensive consultation was undertaken with the appropriate Nunatsiavut Assembly government officials and whereas the Members Handbook has been tabled in the Assembly. Now therefore I move, seconded by Susan Nochasak the Ordinary Member for Hopedale that the Nunatsiavut Assembly approves and adopts the Members Handbook produced by BurnaCove Consulting for the use of the Nunatsiavut Assembly Members. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Mr. Sheppard. The motion is in order. To the motion, Mr. Sheppard, would you like to speak to the motion?

**MR. SHEPPARD:** Yes, thank you, Madame Speaker. In March, 2009, Madame Speaker, the Nunatsiavut Assembly identified the need for Nunatsiavut Assembly Specific Members Handbook. The purpose of this handbook would be to assist elected officials to understand their roles and responsibilities and to be familiar with their obligations,

rights and benefits. The Member Service Committee agreed that a Nunatsiavut Assembly specific Members Handbook. During the summer of 2010, two university summer students, one from St. John's NG office, one from the Hopedale Nunatsiavut Assembly office were asked to focus on drafting a handbook. At the end of the summer the Member Service Committee reviewed the draft and felt that although it was a good beginning, more work had to be done to finalize it for elected member use. In September, 2010, the Member Service Committee commissioned a contractor, John Noel, to complete a handbook. He was a lawyer by profession and had a long history of working in the Provincial Government House of Assembly. A review of his work was that the content was primarily extractions of existing Inuit laws, such as the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*, the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act*, the *Code of Conduct*. It was felt that still more work was needed to finalize a Members Handbook that could be used as an easy reference to for elected officials. In April of 2012 the Member Service Committee agreed to hire Bill Flowers, of BurnaCove Consulting to complete the work and his terms of reference were as follows. The consultant was expected to draft a Members Handbook produced by John Noel. This revision was to be based on the direction and supervision of the speaker and the clerk of the Nunatsiavut Assembly. If directed by the speaker and/or clerk,

the consultant could review models used in other jurisdictions in order to incorporate some of the best applicable practises from those jurisdictions. The consultant was expected to ensure that the handbook covered such topics as roles and responsibilities of the elected officials, rate of pay, indemnities and benefits, rules related to elected officials, travel and leave, use of Nunatsiavut Government property, explanation of constituency allowances, and any other topic as directed by the speaker or clerk. The Members Handbook, as drafted by BurnaCove Consulting has been provided to the Nunatsiavut Assembly members for consideration and comment. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Mr. Sheppard. Does anyone else wish to speak to the motion? If no other member wishes to speak, does the member wish to make final comments and close debate?

**MR. SHEPPARD:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I'd like to close debate.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** That concludes debate. All those in favour of the motion?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** All those opposed? The motion is carried. I recognize the Minister of Health and Social Development, the Honourable Patricia Kemuksigak to move Motion 2-2-7.

**MS. KEMUKSIGAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I'd like to move the motion to the establishment of an Alcohol and Drug Special Committee of the Nunatsiavut Assembly whereas in February, 2006, the Nunatsiavut Government established a committee of Ministers and officials to hold public hearings regarding the impact of alcohol and drugs within the Labrador Inuit communities. The hearings were held in the communities of Rigolet, Postville, Makkovik, Hopedale, Nain, Northwest River and Happy Valley, Goose Bay during May and June of 2006. And whereas in December, 2006 the Nunatsiavut Government Alcohol and Drug Abuse hearings report was tabled in the Nunatsiavut Assembly. At this time a special committee of the Nunatsiavut Assembly was appointed to review the recommendations contained in the report. To prioritize those requiring immediate action recommending actions to be taken and by whom. And whereas the Alcohol and Drug Committee worked diligently for three years to ensure that the recommendations were taken seriously and implemented in a timely manner. And whereas the Alcohol and Drug Committee ceased to exist following the closing of the Nunatsiavut Assembly in March, 2010 and was not re-established. And whereas the work of the Alcohol and Drug Committee was not completed. Several key recommendations from the hearing report was not implemented, and because the impacts of

alcohol and drugs are still very visible in Nunatsiavut. Now therefore I move, seconded by the ordinary member for Hopedale, Susan Nochasak, that the Nunatsiavut Assembly, in accordance with Standing Order 68 established Alcohol and Drug Special Committee of the Assembly with the following terms of reference. Mandate. The purpose of the Alcohol and Drug Special Committee of the Assembly will be; Review the drug alcohol hearings report of 2006 to determine which recommendations have yet to be implemented and whether they are still relevant. Prioritize these recommendations identified as requiring action, recommend actions to be taken to implement the recommendations as well as identify who would have authority, responsibility for the implementations either Nunatsiavut Government, Inuit Community Government, external agency, etcetera. Membership. The membership of the Alcohol and Drug Committee will be based on the guidelines of the Rules and Procedures Committee of the Nunatsiavut Assembly. The recommendation would be to have a committee of four elected officials, including two AngajukKaat and one senior management staff member. Other individuals may be invited to attend committee meetings when specific knowledge or expertise is required. Accountability. The Alcohol and Drug Committee will provide a verbal update at each sitting of the Nunatsiavut Assembly and submit a

written report to the Nunatsiavut Assembly annually. All correspondence of the committee will be documented and stored appropriately. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Minister. Your motion is in order. To the motion, Minister, would you like to speak to the motion?

**MS. KEMUKSIGAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I believe re-instating the Alcohol and Drug Committee, Special Committee of the Assembly, is very important as we do face many challenges with alcohol and drugs in our communities and sometimes there's devastating effects on families. As we've stated several times we have a large number of children that are apprehended living outside of Nunatsiavut and some are in care within Nunatsiavut and Upper Lake Melville. We have many health-related concerns with alcohol and drugs, social concerns, women shelters and the increase in demand and the Special Committee had done excellent work before it was dissolved in 2010, and I would like to see that the committee continue on the path that they worked on in the past and to work on the recommendations that came out of the report in 2006. So I believe it is very important to reinstate the committee. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. Does anyone else wish to speak to the motion? I'd like to recognize the Honourable President, Sarah Leo.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. And I want to commend the Department of Health and Social Development for bringing this to the Assembly. I was fortunate enough to be on the initial Alcohol and Drug Committee, and while in the three years that we worked as an Alcohol and Drug Committee, we made some progress. We did a lot of work, but I think we have to remember why the committee was formed in the first place. There was a panel that went around to the different communities getting these hundred and some odd recommendations from the communities. The people spoke to Nunatsiavut. This is what they said they wanted, and I think that's what we have to remember when we're reinstating this committee is this committee isn't working on nothing. It's working on the words from the people, the report that came out and what they want to see within the community, and again way to go, the DHSD, for bringing this up again.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Honourable President. Would anyone else wish to speak to the motion? I'd like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Postville, Glen Sheppard.

**MR. SHEPPARD:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I can barely remember, I think, the beginning of this committee to deal with some of the, I guess, issues we were faced with in Nunatsiavut and, you know, sometimes it's unfortunate. There are issues that we have absolutely no control over, but there are those issues that, you know, may be limited, but we can have some control over. And I fully support this motion here today that has been put forward by the Minister of Health and Social Development. So thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Mr. Sheppard. Anyone else wish to speak to the motion? If no other member wishes to speak, does the Minister wish to make final comments to close debate?

**MS. KEMUKSIGAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I just want to reiterate that I believe this is a very important special committee to be reinstated again. So we can work on the recommendations that came forward from the panel that went to all the communities and heard from the people. I think it's very important that we act on the voices of the people that came forward. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. That concludes debate. All those in favour?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** All those opposed? The motion is carried. All of the Rules and Procedures Committee are not here today so we will convene; the Rules and Procedures Committee will convene by teleconference to appoint the members of the Alcohol and Drug Committee. We will advise the Assembly of the members before the next sitting. We're now going down to our number 15, "First Reading of Bills". I recognize the Acting Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, the Honourable Daryl Shiwak.

**MR. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I move, seconded by the Honourable Johannes Lampe, the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, that Bill 2012-04 an Act to implement the Regional Land Use Plan for the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area within Labrador Inuit lands be now introduced and read for the first time.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** The motion is in order. Do Minister Shiwak want to make opening comments?

**MR. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. This Bill would replace Part V of the *Labrador Inuit Lands Act* with provisions to give effect to the Land Use Plan. Madame Speaker, in accordance with 10.7 of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement* this Bill would, if enacted, give legal effect to Labrador Inuit lands on Regional Land Use Plans for the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area. The Bill would prohibit development in the Labrador Inuit Lands without planning approval, establish

administrative arrangements related to applications for conformity decisions and authorize the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources to issue conforming with the decisions from the developments and land uses that conform to the Land Use Plan. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. Debate at first reading is limited to the Bill as a whole on the objectives, expediency, principles and merits of the Bill. The details are not debated at this stage. Debate at first reading. Each member may speak to the motion once for up to 15 minutes. Does anyone wish to speak to the principle of the Bill? I recognize the Honourable Minister of Finance.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. As the Honourable Members of this house are aware, this Land Use Plan has been in the development stage for approximately four or five years, I believe. The regional planning authority as per the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement* worked very hard, I believe, Madame Speaker, over that four or five-year period to ensure a comprehensive Land Use Plan for Labrador Inuit Settlement Areas, specifically, for Labrador Inuit lands. We have, Madame Speaker, on several occasions, at the executive level and with some members of the Assembly, reviewed the plan from time to time during its development stages. We had met on several occasions to review the plan to bring forth recommendations and

suggestions to the Regional Planning Authority to have a comprehensive Land Use Plan as per the *Land Claims Agreement*. This Land Use Plan, Madame Speaker, I believe sets out clarity for use of land in the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area and in Labrador Inuit Lands. I think the work of the Regional Planning Committee and all those involved in the development of the Land Use Plan certainly should be commended, and as the Minister of Finance for me, this will certainly, I think, prove to be a valuable tool with respect to moving forward with respect to development in Labrador Inuit Settlement Area and in the Labrador Inuit lands. As we grow and evolve as a government we certainly, I mean, you know, we'll need development at all stages of the game to generate more revenue for our government to enhance programs and services that we currently provide and to have additional sources of revenue so we may offer more programs and services to beneficiaries in the future, Madame Speaker. And on that I certainly support the motion to, and I will be giving support on first reading for this Bill. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. Does anyone else wish to speak to the principle of the Bill? Does the Acting Minister of Lands and Natural Resources wish to conclude the debate?

**MR. SHIWAK:** Yes, Madame Speaker, I wish to conclude debate.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Minister. That concludes debate on the first reading. Is the Assembly in favour of approving Bill 2012-4 on first reading? All those in favour?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** All those opposed?

**ASSEMBLY:** The motion is carried, and accordingly Bill 2012-04 an *Act* to implement the Regional Land Use Plan for the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area within the Labrador Inuit lands has had first reading. I recognize the Acting Minister of Lands and Natural Resources.

**MR. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. Madame Speaker, according to Standing Order 54(1) (d) we will not proceed to the second reading until the next sitting of the Assembly. Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you. "First Reading of Bills". I recognize the First Minister, the Honourable Daryl Shiwak.

**MR. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I move, seconded by the Minister of Finance, the Honourable Dan Pottle, that Bill 2012-05 an *Act* to grant the Nunatsiavut Government certain additional sums of money for the construction of Torngasuk Cultural Centre be now introduced and read for the first time. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** The motion is in order. Does the Minister wish to make opening comments?

**MR. SHIWAK:** Yes, thank you, Madame Speaker. The Torngasuk Cultural Centre was destroyed by fire in March, 2005. During the first Executive Council meeting following the formation of Nunatsiavut Government priority was given to rebuild the Torngasuk Cultural Centre. This remains a priority. Be mindful of who we are and where we are, and the guiding principle behind the Tourism Nunatsiavut final strategic plan in 2008 and captured the spirit and essence of the Torngasuk Cultural Centre. To beneficiaries of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement the Torngasuk Cultural Centre should be a place where we can protect, showcase and celebrate Inuit culture and history. To quote Todd Saunders, world renowned architect behind the design of TCC. "It is designed to become the living room for the Inuit community." The TCC or Torngasuk Cultural Centre will honour the stories and knowledge of the Inuit of Nunatsiavut and, as well, has become an economic driver for the region. Located in the TCC will be a permanent and temporary exhibit space theatre, auditorium, office space for tenants, meeting facilities and a gift shop café. In 2008, 2009 the Nunatsiavut Government contracted Saunders Architecture sure to complete a design concept for the TCC. This was completed in consultation with beneficiaries of *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement* as well as the Nunatsiavut Government. This process was completed September 2010. Madame Speaker, during this year of

2010/2011 a geotechnical server was completed on the site by AMEC Earth and Environmental Inc., and a feasibility study and business case was completed by Broad Reach Strategies Limited. During the 2011/2012 fiscal year Stantec was engaged to be the prime consultant on this project. Tender documents on the final cost analysis had since been completed. Initially, the funding strategy was designed to share the cost equally between Nunatsiavut Government, the Government of Canada and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador. Madame Speaker, the Government of Canada and Nunatsiavut Government, in partnership with the *Tasiujatsoak Trust* were able to fund this one-third costs of the overall project. The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador only provided 300,000 toward the overall cost of the project. As such, the funding strategy had to be revised. The total cost of the project as reflected in the *Torngasuk Cultural Centre Act*; do not provide any funding for the fabrication and installation of the exhibits. The budget includes engineering costs, costs of construction and for the design of the exhibits. In order to proceed with construction of the Torngasuk Cultural Centre the Nunatsiavut Government will need an additional \$2.1 million. This will bring our total commitment from the Government to 3.7 million of which 1.6 was previously budgeted under the *Budget Act of 2012*. Madame Speaker, we are committed

to making the Torngasuk Cultural Centre a reality and as First Minister, I am pleased to present the *Torngasuk Cultural Centre Act* here today. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. Does anyone wish to speak to the principle of the Bill? I'd like to recognize Chair of Sivunivut, Ed Tuttauk.

**MR. TUTTAUK:** Nakummek, Madam Speaker. In the explanatory note that states that the \$2.1 million will be appropriated from the mining royalties for a short coming of the Provincial Government, I don't feel that we should use our mining royalties to cover the costs of a commitment made by the Province, and that mining royalties should be used at the benefit of all the communities and people in those communities. I feel that \$2.1 million would be better utilized to enhance the home heating, the wood project, or community freezers or projects of that type, and I suggest that the Minister approach the Trust for the other \$2.1 million, and the mining royalties be put back in the communities. So I oppose this Bill as it stands. Nakummek.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Mr. Tuttauk. Does anyone else wish to speak to the principle of the Bill? I'd like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Susan Nochasak.

**MS. NOCHASAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I would like to take this opportunity to speak on Bill Number 2012-05, Additional Sums of Money for the construction of Torngasuk Cultural Centre. Madame Speaker, during the preliminary stages and early discussions on the Centre I believe this project to be a needed structure in our region with the understanding that it would be equally cost shared. This, as you all know, has not happened. Madame Speaker, with our beneficiaries crying out for adequate housing, senior centres, food banks, training and opportunities, etcetera, from our Government, I, as an active voice for my community cannot easily agree with this Bill. We are asking for \$2.1 million from our royalties on top of the 1.6 million that we have appropriated with the snap of a finger. If it can be this easy to use the funds of these amounts, Madame Speaker, let us also use funds for additional housing allotments in our communities. Let us use additional funds from our royalties for senior centres, for food banks, for training opportunities in our communities. Let us also use these funds to better our lives of our beneficiaries. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Ms. Nochasak. I now recognize the Honourable Minister of Culture, Johannes Lampe.

**MR. LAMPE:** Nakummek UKâtik. I, as Minister of Culture, would also like to speak to the Torngasuk Cultural Centre. I would like to thank the First

Minister for presenting this money Bill today. I will speak to the principle today on the new centre. And in our January Assembly I will speak to the specific details of the project. This money Bill is the final step in a long and thorough process to see a world class centre to celebrate the Labrador Inuit story. The Torngasuk Cultural Centre will be a step to all communities sharing their unique story and is an Economic Development is an investment bringing in new visitors, supporting our artists, giving our youth pride in their identity. Giving elders a place to tell their stories. All Nunatsiavut beneficiaries will be proud of the quality, facility and the permanent and travelling exhibits. We gave the Torngat Mountains to Canada creating one of Canada's greatest national parks. And this cultural centre is our gift to Labrador Inuit and to the survival of our culture and our language. The Government of Canada recognized how important this project is and contributed \$5 million to this project. The *Tasiujatsoak Trust* has also provided over \$3 million. We've brought in an international architect who has created a design based on a sat house. We have assembled a team of architects who are experts in cultural institutions and we have brought in engineers and geo-technicians to ensure we are building for the severe sub-Arctic conditions and factor in climate change. A building is only the shell. Inside we are assembling input from community leaders and experts to ensure the

exhibits and programming are engaging and educational for all. We will be visiting the communities to discuss the exhibits this winter. We have a presentation on the work for you and we want you to bring in any questions or ideas that can help us ensure we are connected to our communities and beneficiaries. The best expert advice we have is that going to tender in late January is the best time to encourage competitive bidding and attract firms that will want to be associated with such a unique project. I will speak more in January on the details and request your support and involvement in this major project for Labrador Inuit. Nakummek UKâtik.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Does anyone else wish to speak to the principle of the Bill? I'd like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Postville, Glen Sheppard.

**MR. SHEPPARD:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I'd just like to, I guess, say a few words on the principle of the Bill for the Cultural Centre, and please members of this Honourable House today, don't take me wrong here. I definitely have no problem on the location where a culture centre will go within Nunatsiavut. However, I do have a real piece tearing away at me internally. Travelling Nunatsiavut, beyond Nunatsiavut in the last, you know, months, years, I hear a cry out there. I hear a cry from our people and that cry is for help. Help in what areas? Help in areas such as health, housing, employment, a better way, a better

lifestyle for our people. I have a big question mark in front of me as to how a cultural centre is going to benefit my community in Postville. I think about the community of Makkovik. I also think about Rigolet, Goose Bay and beyond and Hopedale. How people is going to afford to go despite all the, you know, technology we have today to access information. I honest, deep down inside, I cannot support this Bill today on the basis of some of my factual information, what I've just shared with you. This is not coming from a question mark up there; it's pulled down out of the sky. This is what I've been hearing out around in Nunatsiavut, you know. And if I go against what I'm hearing and from my people who I represent, I'm not doing justice to my Ordinary Member position. And, again, please don't get me wrong. It's not a location, it's not against a culture centre, but I think our money could be better wisely spent elsewhere. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Mr. Sheppard. And I would like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Charlotte Wolfrey.

**MS. WOLFREY:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I guess listening around the table, I agree that we could spend the money better elsewhere, but I also think we need a place where people can come and see everything gathered from the Inuit. But the question that's in my mind, I'm not asking anyone to answer it, but I'm asking us to think about it. I

mean, we're approving this, if we approve this money, or if it gets approved, we still have to go to tender, and what about if the tender comes in \$5 million more, what are we going to do then? Where are we going to ask for the money from then? That's because it's right now we can say how much we got, or we know how much we got and how much more we think we need, but actually if it's not gone to tender, we really don't know how much more we need. So that's the question that I have is if it goes over, which everything is, everything that's put out to tender is going over, are we still, I mean, I guess we're going to proceed, but where are we going to get the money from to continue on if it's way over, way over the tender? Thank you.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, AngajukKâk for Rigolet. Does anyone else wish to speak?  
The AngajukKâk for Nain, Tony Andersen.

**MR. ANDERSEN:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I stand in support of this Bill very much so and perhaps members may think that because I am the AngajukKâk for the Nain Inuit Community Government that I'm standing in support simply because it's going to benefit my community. I have served two terms as Vice President of the LIA. I have served one term as an Ordinary Member and First Minister, in fact, of Nunatsiavut Government, and I mean my, I guess you could call it in a fourth term as an elected official as AngajukKâk for Nain. And the talks of this building started when I was first elected as Vice

President of the LIA, and it was something that we needed to show the rest of the world that this is who we are, the Inuit of Nunatsiavut, at that time of Northern Labrador. And to let people know what we were about; our pride, our dignity, our culture, language and our future as well. And, you know, it's not because it's going into my community, it was worth our support for all those reasons from the past from these people. Some of them are no longer with us, who fought to have this building, and it's too bad that we can't build one in each community, but simply we can't. But it was done in a fair and democratic process. There was a study done between all the communities of Nunatsiavut where should that culture centre be erected. And the people of Nunatsiavut said it should be erected in Nain, and that's why it's going there. It was no lobbying by me or my community government. And I still support it. The questions that were asked, you know, surely they're all good questions. But I think that the time has come for us to finally what so many elders, past members of the Board of Directors of the LIA, past Presidents fought so hard for, and what we continue to say in every gathering when we get together. We want to show the rest of the world who we are, Madame Speaker. We want the rest of the world to know, and we want to show our youth, you know, this building is an example of that. It cost money. It cost money and there are other things that we

have to do, but we have to show, we have to have identity, and we have to show that to the rest of the world. I certainly do support this bill, Madame Speaker. Thank you very much.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, AngajukKâk for Nain. Does anyone else wish to speak to the principle of the Bill? The Honourable Minister of Finance.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. I'll keep my comment very brief. As Minister of Finance and as the Ordinary Member for Canada, I have expressed my feelings on the Torngasuk Cultural Centre in the past. I certainly believe and echo the sentiments of the AngajukKâk for Nain that this building and the hopes and dreams of Labrador Inuit for this building have been in place for a long time. These studies, as Mr. Andersen had spoken to and the consultations among the communities support a culture centre for the, not only the preservation, but the revitalization of Inuit culture. This cultural centre, Madame Speaker, although it will be based in Nain, is for all Labrador Inuit. Whether you're from Rigolet, whether you're residing in St. John's Newfoundland, or elsewhere, this cultural centre is meant to showcase and promote Labrador Inuit culture. We all know, Madame Speaker, that many of our cultural practises have been, I guess, driven underground for lack of a better word. We were taught to, Madame Speaker, not to be proud of whom we were in the past. We were influenced by many outside forces that had impact on our

identity to the point where we lost many aspects of our culture. We are now, Madame Speaker, through the Torngasuk Cultural Centre, have an opportunity to show case who we are, to let our people have a place where we can show the world who we are. Not only the world, but our own people, Madame Speaker, who have asked for and have been supportive of this cultural centre in the past. And currently, Madame Speaker, I believe the majority of Labrador Inuit do support the cultural centre. We had a verbal commitment, Madame Speaker, from the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, under the former leadership of the Premier Danny Williams to bring to their provincial cabinet the issue of providing funds to compliment the construction of the Torngasuk Cultural Centre. Unfortunately, Mr. Williams is no longer the Premier. The current Premier, I believe, fell short on that commitment and from our understanding and consultations with the provincial government, they had told us because of some of their revenue sources and a decrease in some of those revenues that they could not support and make the contribution that was verbally committed to Nunatsiavut Government from the province. We have, Madame Speaker, over the last year and a half extensively lobbied the federal government, which you can see by the figures in Schedule A. Have, I guess, committed, stood by their commitment, and provided, I mean, a

hundred and forty thousand dollars on top of their \$5 million commitment. *Tasiujatsoak Trust*, Madame Speaker, has graciously provided funds to support the Torngasuk Cultural Centre, as well as the *Tasiujatsoak Trust* have supported many other initiatives in our region. Nunatsiavut Government, we do have, yes, dollars in our revenues from royalties. This \$2.1 million that we're asking the Assembly to provide will still leave a substantial amount of dollars in the mining royalty fund which can be used for enhancement and leveraging of other programs and services and to do other things that people have expressed here. I believe, Madame Speaker, not to speak to that, I'd like to keep specifically to the Bill, itself, and the principle that it hopes to achieve, and I believe that our government should step up to the plate with the wishes of our people with respect to providing the funds for a new cultural centre that we believe is necessary, and that's required to continue to promote and preserve our culture, Madame Speaker. Therefore, I certainly will be giving my support to this Bill. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. Does anyone else wish to speak to the principle of the Bill? You can only speak once to the principle of the Bill. The Honourable President.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. Thank you, First Minister, for tabling this Bill and thank you, Minister of Culture, Tourism and Recreation

for moving this file forward. I guess one of the things we have to look at is how important is our culture to us? What will this cultural centre do for us as a people? I've travelled around Canada quite a bit and in other parts of the country and I've walked into museums, and I've walked into interpretation centres, and I've walked into cultural centres and I'm thinking why don't we have anything like that? We have much, much more to offer. We have a long history. We have a rich, rich culture, but it's hidden away in boxes. We lost a lot of it to a fire. A lot of it is in museums in the states, in Newfoundland. It's scattered all over the world. We need a place that we can have as our own to show who we are, not only to the world, but to our young people. You talk to a lot of the young people; they have no idea what a lot of our basic artefacts are because they've never seen them. They've seen them in books, but they don't connect them to who we are as a people, and I think having this cultural centre is long overdue. Like the AngajukKâk for Nain says this has been in the works for a long time. Our culture has been around even longer, and we need to preserve that, we need to promote that, we need to show case that, again, not only to the world, but to our youth, to our own people. I believe part of the plan of the cultural centre is not only the building in Nain, but it's also the programs behind it. I believe part of the programming that's coming out of the cultural centre is having the

exhibits go to the other communities, and each community will have their own input into what gets into, goes into our cultural centre. So I strongly support this Bill. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Honourable President. Does anyone else wish to speak to the principle of the Bill? The Honourable Minister of Education.

**MR. MITCHELL:** Nakummek, Madam Speaker. This is an issue that's really tearing me apart as a Member, and for years I've been an advocate of culture through the songs that I write and the talks that I give when I'm playing my music, and about how important the culture and traditions are to us here in Labrador and Nunatsiavut, especially. This issue of the building Torngasuk Cultural Centre is really tearing me apart and when I speak this morning on the need for upgrading and housing in the Upper Lake Melville area for people that I represent, what do you do, like, you know, You want to see your culture looked after. You want to see the people that you represent being looked after so they can bring them up to a standard that a lot of us enjoy that they don't have the pleasure of, or the benefit of enjoying. This building is costing a lot of money. I know you've heard it all before, yes, it's costing a lot of money, and I look at the location. I'm not looking at the community it's in, I'm looking at the location where it's being located, the site that's been selected and I thought to myself, why do they want to put a building? Just my opinion. Now I may be

shot down for it, but I look at the site where it is, it's in the beach. If you want to stand back and look at it, you're up to your knees in mud. And for millions of dollars, is that what we want? I know we've spent thousands and dollars on engineering already, and we still don't know if that's going to work. We talked with the engineers when we met in Goose Bay and, you know, we'll try this, you know? This is what we have planned. All this money is going into trying something and we don't know, like, for a beautiful building like this, protecting our culture, preserving our culture, I thought it would be in a better location that we can stand back and look at it and say, look how beautiful, you know, and I mean, culture, like, I said, is a big thing to me and I have to support it. At the same time I'm torn apart by the need for the social things that people need, health services and housing where I represent the people. Hopefully if this Bill goes through, we will scrounge, we will beg, and find some money for the social housing, for upgrading to help services like we did for the Torngasuk Cultural Centre. There must be a way we can find them. I will fund for this. We must be able to find some money to improve conditions for people that are going without. I have to say that yes, I will support the Torngasuk Cultural Centre. It's a place that we need to preserve our culture, but at the same time I'd like for all communities to share in the benefits for it. Have them go up and do

things in the building that they can benefit from. You know, offer them jobs up there, you know? All these things communities should be a part of this building. Not just to go up and look at it and go away again. They should be able to be given the opportunity, to take part to be there's as well as belong to the community of Nain and Nunatsiavut. So, yes, I'll be supporting it. Come this far so I'm going all the way to support it. At the same time half of me is thinking, well, hopefully we can come up with the same kind of efforts we're putting into this to upgrade our standards for people that are going without proper housing and health services. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. Would anyone else like to speak to the principle? I recognize the AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Wayne Piercy.

**MR. PIERCY:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I feel the same as Gary do. The location, especially with the change in our climate now, but like I said, I have to support it too, as well. But I'd like it to be noted that our concerns of the housing and whatever else our people is crying for, need to be met within, I hope, before too long because each time we come to the sitting our concerns is always the same thing, and now that we're getting to this \$2.1 million coming from our mining royalties the concerns that we are addressing each time we come to the sitting seems like it's trying to find money, trying to find money,

and now we're coming up with 2.1 million from our mining royalties. So I hope within the next few sessions we'll be able to address some of the concerns that our people has been wanting. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, AngajukKâk from Hopedale. Would anyone else wish to speak to the principle of the Bill? If no other members wish to speak, does the First Minister wish to conclude the debate?

**MR. SHIWAK:** Yes, Madame Speaker, I wish to conclude debate.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you, First Minister. That concludes debate on first reading. Is the Assembly in favour of approving Bill 2012-05 on first reading? All those in favour?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** All those opposed? The motion is carried and accordingly Bill 2012-05 an *Act* to grant. There were 11 in favour, three against, so the motion is carried. The motion is carried and, accordingly, Bill 2012-05 an *Act* to grant the Nunatsiavut Government certain additional sums of money for the construction of Torngasuk Cultural Centre has had first reading. I again recognize the First Minister.

**MR. SHIWAK:** Madame Speaker, according to Standing Order 54(1) (d) we will not proceed to second reading until the next sitting of the Assembly. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MADAM SPEAKER:** Thank you. Back to the Orders of the Day, number 16, "Second Reading of Bills," there will be no second reading of Bills today. Item number 17, "Assent to Bills," there are no Assent to Bills today. Number 18 is, "Adjournment". I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. As per Standing Order 25, there is still business before the Assembly and this sitting is adjourned and will reconvene on Tuesday, January 22nd, 2013. We are now adjourned.