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**kAVAMALIGIJET**  
**KAUJITITSIUTINGA**  
**PARLIAMENTARY REPORT**

**In Attendance:**

**Speaker of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, Ordinary Member for Nain, Honorable Sean Lyall**

**Deputy 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, Ordinary Member for Makkovik, Honorable Kate Mitchell**

**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 Health and Social Development, Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Honorable Gregory Flowers**

**Minister of Education and Economic Development, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Honorable Patricia Kemuksigak**

**Ordinary Member for Nain, Honorable Richard Pamak**

**Ordinary Member for Postville, Tyler Edmunds**

**Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Roy Blake**

**AngajukKâk for Nain, Julius Dicker**

**AngajukKâk for Postville, Diane Gear**

**AngajukKâk for Hopedale, James Tuttauq**

**AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Jack Shiwak**

**Chair Person for the NunaKâtiget Inuit Community Corporation, Gary Mitchell**

**Chair Person for the Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation, Trudy Mesher-Barkman**

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

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

**Director of Legal Services, Loretta Michelin**

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

**Clerk of the Assembly, Mary Sillett**

**Absent:**

**AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Herb Jacque**

**Director of Communications, Bert Pomeroy**

**Deputy Minister of Health and Social Development, Michelle Kinney**

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

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

**Deputy Minister of Education and Economic Development, Tim McNeill**

**The Nunatsiavut Assembly proceedings**

**were recorded in Inuktitut and English.**

**June 2 & 3, 2015**

**Assembly commenced at 9:00 a.m. on June 2, 2015**

**MR. LYALL:** Item one, "Prayer." Ullâkut Illonasi. I would like to call to order the Spring Session for the 6th Session of the Third Nunatsiavut Assembly, and I would like to ask Sister Marjorie Flowers to say the opening prayer.

**MS FLOWERS:** (Recites prayer)

**MR. LYALL:** Nakummek, Sister Flowers. I would like to have the approval of the Assembly to convene as Committee of the Whole so that the President can make two appointment announcements. All those in favour?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MR. LYALL:** Madam President, proceed.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just a clarification at this point. I will only be making one announcement. First, I'd like to ask the First Minister to appoint a Member, an Ordinary Member to the position of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. LYALL:** Nakummek. First Minister Mitchell.

**MS MITCHELL:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to nominate the Ordinary Member for Nain, Sean Lyall, as the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** Thank you, First Minister and thank you, Mr. Speaker. Do I have the consensus of the Assembly on the nomination by the First Minister? Thank you and thank you, Assembly Members. I am pleased to appoint the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. Having the regard for the will of the Assembly and proceed by calling the individual forward for the oath of office.

**MS FORD:** Good morning and congratulations to the new Minister, Sean Lyall. We're now down on item number two on our *Orders of the Day*. I'd like to acknowledge the President for her opening address.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. First I'd like to welcome Minister Sean Lyall to the Executive Council. I'm sure he will be a great addition and I appreciate the support of the Assembly and the nomination by the First Minister. Secondly, prior to coming to Hopedale, there was some discussion with the AngajukKâk of Hopedale. We've had many discussions over the winter about the issues they've had here in Hopedale with regards to their water situation and I want to thank them

for making the decision to allow us to come in despite what's happening in the community and the state of emergency that they're in. The AngajukKâk will be taking the Minister of Finance and myself up to look at the situation later on today and will be meeting with the Hopedale Inuit Community Government. But I also want to commend the Hopedale Inuit Community Government and their staff for ensuring that they found solutions to provide water to their residents in their community. It was a pretty rough winter for them. There was a lot of work. I know the AngajukKâk himself, as well as his staff, put in a lot of time to ensure that the residents were taken care of, and well done to you, AngajukKâk, and your council. This past weekend and it still continues today, obviously, there's a closing ceremony for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Most of the ceremonies were held in Ottawa this past weekend with a walk. And although residential school survivors from Newfoundland and Labrador have not yet been acknowledged, Nunatsiavut did participate in the ceremony. And, as a government, and through ITK, as well, we continue to support our survivors and will continue to encourage the federal government to acknowledge and include our beneficiaries that were residential school survivors. We are planning within Nunatsiavut again to have our own recognition of our survivors and acknowledgement, and we're in the process of planning a walk for Wednesday at 1:00 to coincide with the ceremony in Ottawa to recognize our survivors and acknowledge our survivors. There will be walks held in each community and we will be working on having a walk here in

Hopedale and, as Assembly Members, we will be walking to show our support for our residential school survivors. As a follow-up to that, with regards to the class action suit for the residential school survivors in this province, a mediation date has been set for June 9th and 10th, and we will be certainly listening for that. Fortunately these days, Madam Speaker, our youth are able to stay at home and finish their secondary school education, and this year it was another successful year in Nunatsiavut for graduates. Our level three students enjoyed beautiful graduation ceremonies throughout Nunatsiavut. And I would like to wish them all their continued success in their future plans. They have so much to be proud of in what they have achieved. Our post-secondary graduates also have much to be proud of, and we will continue as a government to ensure our region, their homeland, has opportunity for them to take advantage of, use their education, gain experience and contribute to the overall goals of Nunatsiavummiut and the Nunatsiavut Government. As you know, Madam Speaker, tuberculosis has once again been found in high numbers in one of our communities. So far there have been 18 confirmed cases of the disease associated with Nain; one of them resulting in a death. On behalf of the Nunatsiavut Government, I would like to pass along my deepest condolences to the family of that individual. It is not easy losing a loved one and especially from TB in this day and age. While health officials are calling it an outbreak, it is important to understand that residents of Nain, indeed, all of Nunatsiavut understand that tuberculosis, while serious, can be

contained and is not easily spread, even if you are exposed to the disease. And with any disease comes fear and that's natural, Madam Speaker. As a resident of Nain I fully understand the concerns people are having. I hear it every day. But I want to assure the Assembly Members that every effort is being made to contain the disease and to provide as much information as possible to ease any fears the residents of Nain may have. We, as a government, are working very closely with Labrador-Grenfell Health, not only in helping to diagnose and treat individuals, but ensuring that people get all the facts about TB. Information pamphlets were made available throughout the community. These will also be available in our other communities as well, and I believe they've started because I've seen them in the front here. TB has been discussed extensively in the media and last week we held a public meeting to ensure our residents were well-informed about the issue and to address any concerns they may have. We continue to monitor the situation and take all appropriate measures. First to deal with the outbreak and secondly, to provide information to our residents. While anybody can catch the disease, people who are most at risk are those who are in close contact with the infected case. Poor nutrition, ill health, living crowding conditions, unsanitary conditions are contributing factors to the associated outbreak in Nain. Madam Speaker, health officials have been working hard to identify those at risk ensuring they are tested and follow up with the infected cases. One of the concerns that came out of Nain was looking for community-wide testing. The health officials, the health

professionals believe or understand, and from their experience and knowledge, don't think that that's the best way to go. That's not going to help the situation, but what they have done in the meantime is opened up the clinic, actually, today so that anybody in the community who feels that they may have been in contact or feel they may have symptoms, or even have concerns, the clinic is open today specifically for people who have TB or concerns about TB. So NG has been and will continue to work on the overlying issues associated with TB. Outside of the disease, there are so many issues. One of the bigger ones is the housing conditions. From the Housing Needs Assessment, it was identified the overcrowding rates in Nain and in Hopedale, our two communities that have had TB outbreaks in the most recent communities. There is also the condition of the homes with regards to mould, and that's why it's another reason why it's important that we, as a government, continue to work on a housing strategy to address the housing situation under the housing crisis in our communities. We need to continue to try and force the Federal Government to give us much needed housing dollars to address this. We've also worked on other strategies, such as the Quit Smoking Strategy, working on nutrition, healthy eating within our communities to address, again, the bigger picture with regards to tuberculosis. On another note, Madam Speaker, the government of Newfoundland and Labrador handed down its 2014-15 Budget on the 30th of April. One of the immediate concerns for us coming out of the budget is the province's plan to implement the \$40 landing fee at all government-owned air

strips. Obviously this new fee will be probably passed on to us as passengers and potentially less flights. The new fee is being introduced despite the fact that under a *1982 Labrador Air Marine Services Agreement* Transport Canada has an ongoing commitment to fund the Labrador Coast Air Strip Restoration Program. That agreement was renewed for a period of three years from April 1st, 2013 to March 31st, 2016. And the approved amount is estimated at a million dollars annually. The funding is specifically for the 12 airports in Labrador with the exception of Natuashish, which is operated by the government of Newfoundland and Labrador through a separate agreement with the Government of Canada. It should be noted that there will be no landing fees charged for landing in Natuashish. So you can make the summation that really the only communities on the north coast that's going to be affected are the five Nunatsiavut communities. According to provincial budget estimates, a total of \$1.4 million is set aside for salaries, maintenance and snow removal of all government-owned air strips including eight on the island of Newfoundland and Labrador. The million dollar grant from Transport Canada does not apply to any of the airstrips, airports in Newfoundland. Just before the budget was handed down provincial Transportation and Works Minister David Brazil announced that the province is shelving its plan to move forward with the awarding of a long-term contract for marine services that would have seen a vessel or new vessels to replace the Ranger and the Astron. Obviously, this is concerning for us because we have been plagued with many problems,

especially in recent years with respect to marine services. We understand the Ranger, fortunately, have undergone a major refit and hopefully will not experience any mechanical issues this year. The Astron, on the other hand, is a different story, and we're waiting to see what kind of shape she's going to be in. At the same time we will continue to lobby and explore creative ways of working with the province and Nunatsiavut Marine to address the marine services within our region. There are other new measures announced in the budget that could result in negative impacts on Nunatsiavut including increases in fees under the Mineral Lands Division, which means exploration permits are going to cost more. We've seen a decline in exploration now, and we're hoping that this increase in fees will not add to that decline. The two percent increase in HST which comes into effect January 1st of next year, obviously, the increase in the HST is going to have an overall impact on any construction that we're doing within Nunatsiavut, as well as to the average individual having to pay another 2 percent on anything that they buy. As well, the Residential Energy Rebate Program will be eliminated. This was a program the province had that if you put in new windows or new insulation, new doors in your home to add to the energy efficiency to it, the province would give you some money back. They're cancelling that program. But the home heating rebate, which is where you can get some money back if you're within a certain income for what it costs to heat your house that still exists. So there is a small thing in there. In the very near future, Madam Speaker, the Nunatsiavut Government and

Memorial University will provide details of an exciting initiative that will merge collaborative academic research with tradition knowledge for the protection, preservation and revitalization of the Labrador Inuit culture and language. The initiative will bring together more than 30 Inuit tradition bearers and academic researchers from across Canada and the United States to examine explore factors that are critical to their survival, sustainability and revitalization of our Inuit culture and our way of life. The findings of the project will offer insight to infuse into cultural programming, support education curricula and develop governmental policy. In collaboration with the Nunatsiavut Government researchers will seek to identify strategies to stimulate cultural economy and explore activity that will support Labrador *Inuttitut* as a living language, which is integral to our Labrador Inuit cultural identity. The findings will be used to better understand the identity of Labrador Inuit in order to strengthen Aboriginal self-government, build a sustainable Inuit society for the future rooted in Inuit values in Nunatsiavut and across the circumpolar world. May of this year, Madam Speaker, I believe you were honoured to be at Grenfell College in Corner Brook to acknowledge Inuit elder Sarah Anala, recently being awarded an Honorary Doctor of Law degree from Memorial University. Sarah is originally from Nain but currently works for Correctional Service Canada at its regional headquarters in Moncton. In her position as Inuk Elder and Liaison, she has developed and pilots Inuit-specific programs and services and trains other Inuit to deliver those programs to Inuit offenders in the Atlantic region, Ontario and Quebec.

She formally accepted her degree during convocation in Corner Brook. At the age of 12 Sarah attended a residential school in North West River and eventually moved to St. John's to study nursing at the Grace Hospital, graduating in 1968 with honours. She was the first Inuk to do so. After that she moved to New Brunswick. She has played a role in developing the National Aboriginal Substance Abuse Program within Correctional Service Canada and subsequently delivered this program to incarcerated Inuit offenders. Again, congratulations, and anybody that knows Sarah knows that it is a well-deserved honour or recognition for her and congratulations, Sarah.

**MS FORD:**

Thank you, Madam President. I would like to advise the Assembly that Herb Jacque, the AngajukKâk from Makkovik, has been properly excused from attending these sittings. For the information of the Assembly, pages are Priscilla Nochasak and Elizabeth Tuglavina. We were expecting pages from Postville at this sitting, but the month of June is exam month for students. The interpreters/translators are Rita Andersen, Wilson Jararuse and Augusta Erving. Robert Ford is the IT staff helping out for this Assembly. As well, we would like to recognize the OkâlaKatiget staff, Sarah Abel and Johansi Tuglavina. If there are any questions around travel and logistics, please see Hilda Hunter. *Inuttitut* training will take place in the courtroom after the formal Assembly today. I would like to welcome those in the gallery today and thank them for their interest in the Nunatsiavut Assembly. Any member wishing to recognize visitors in the public gallery today? We go down to item number four on the *Orders*

*of the Day*, "Minister Statements." Are there any minister statements? I would like to recognize the Honourable First Minister, Kate Mitchell.

**MS MITCHELL:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. First of all, I would like to be able to provide an update on the ongoing work being done on housing issues in our community by the Housing Working Group. As you know, Madam Speaker, the working group has been developing a housing strategy for Nunatsiavut. Divisions, goals and objectives for this strategy have been drafted and were approved by the Executive Council in December. I would like to take some time now to share these components with you and some of the actions we have taken to begin improving the housing situation for beneficiaries in our communities. The vision reads as follows: We envision a Nunatsiavut where residents have adequate, safe, warm and affordable housing that reflects the diverse needs of our people of the region, the unique environmental characteristics of our homeland and the social, economic and cultural experiences of our people today and for generations to come. Through effective partnerships, we will strive to foster thriving, sustainable Nunatsiavut communities providing supportive, inclusive housing for our most vulnerable while encouraging self-reliance, optimism and growth. The five goals for the strategy, Madam Speaker, are: 1) Achieve affordable warmth. Affordable warmth is about promoting warm housing through home repair and home design approaches that ensure heat is staying in the home and that Nunatsiavummiut can afford the wood, oil and energy they need to live in comfort. 2) Promote sustainable housing approaches

that are culturally appropriate, environmentally sustainable and that are informed by community planning and development needs. In promoting sustainable housing approaches, we will support diverse housing options in Nunatsiavut, including home designs that reflect the climate and landscape of Nunatsiavut, in addition to the cultural preferences and diverse lifestyle needs of all our beneficiaries. 3) Address overcrowding and homelessness while supporting diverse families, multiple generations and providing assisted living options. Through a strategy we will provide the necessary support for Nunatsiavut's most vulnerable populations. This means addressing overcrowding and homelessness and offering diverse assisted living alternatives and shelter for those in need. 4) Encourage private home ownership, home repair and maintenance capacity for all residents. We will work towards removing barriers to private home ownership and encourage those that can to repair and maintain their home independently and to buy their own homes. 5) Facilitate housing options based on diverse needs while promoting self-reliance and economic development. We recognize the critical importance economic development plays in housing, and we will support a mix of public housing and private ventures including high, medium and low density options. The framework for the housing strategy is in place, Madam Speaker, and we are working towards development and action plan for the strategy. We look forward to sharing the strategy and action plan with the Assembly once complete. During this time the Housing Working Group has been implementing housing programs in our

communities that are helping improve housing conditions and helping us better direct and develop the strategy going forward. I'd like to take some time now to update you on some of those programs. The Repair Program. A home repair program in the communities of Nain and Hopedale was initiated in 2014, Madam Speaker, with joint funding from the Nunatsiavut Government and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador. Applications were received in August from 29 eligible applicants in both communities. In October a team of architects and engineers inspected the homes and selected 24 to participate in the program. Eleven of these homes are in Nain and 13 are in Hopedale. Five homes will be receiving complete home repairs. This includes from replacing hot water tanks and kitchen cupboards to windows while 19 will be receiving an attic retrofit that will seal cracks, improve insulation levels and help residents keep their home warm. The work in Hopedale has been awarded to a local company, Lucy's Plumbing, and the work in Nain to Nunatsiavut Construction. This work will be done this summer. We look forward to the further success of this program and to improving the state of housing in our communities. Energy Security Strategy. In addition to addressing the need for affordable warmth through home repairs, we are working together with other groups and the government and an energy security advisor to develop an energy security strategy for Nunatsiavut. As energy security and home heating are deeply connected with our current housing crisis, housing issues and energy issues need to be addressed through an integrated approach. With funding from

Natural Resources Canada, whereas I look in taking action on this issue by purchasing six high efficiency wood stoves that will be put into Torngat homes this summer and monitored. If successful, the stoves will require fireless wood to provide adequate heat for our home thus reducing cost to residents allowing them to live in greater comfort. Supportive Living. Together with the Department of Health and Social Development we are moving forward in providing supported living units within the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area. Minister Flowers and his update will provide more information on these units in his update to the Assembly. Geotechnical Assessment. In the fall of 2014 a team of engineers completed a geotechnical assessment and drilling program in the community of Nain. The aim of the program was to map the sub-surface conditions of the community to better understand soil conditions and location of the permafrost and to guide future development approaches. The report completed provides recommendations on how to best develop land and design foundations in Nain, and that has been shared with the Nain Inuit Community Government and with Torngat Regional Housing Association. We look forward to working together with all parties to support the development of safe, stable infrastructure that will last well into the future. With the support of the Inuit Community Government this summer, we hope to complete a similar geotechnical assessment program in Hopedale and in Makkovik, Rigolet and Postville in future years. For the next steps we will continue to develop the housing

strategy and to implement housing programs that will help address this serious issue for all our communities. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:**

Nakummek, Honourable First Minister. I now would like to recognize the Honourable Sean Lyall, Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

**MR. LYALL:**

Nakummek, Madam Speaker. First, I'd like to thank the President, President Sarah Leo, and also the Nunatsiavut Assembly as a whole for this appointment as the new Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. It's a great honour. Secondly, I'd like to thank Mary Sillett, Clerk of Nunatsiavut Assembly, over the past year for her guidance, counsel. It was much appreciated. I'm glad I have a big engine in my skidoo because I need a lot to keep up with you. Deputy Speaker Ford, Nakummek, also for your advice and your counsel. Your help was much appreciated. Hilda Hunter, I'd like to mention as well for all her hard work and dedication. And, of course, I'd like to thank Dave Hamilton. His expertise and knowledge of legislative law was much appreciated and helped me a lot in many aspects. And as Member of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, I'd like to recognize all the graduates. It is graduation season. Young Inuit across Nunatsiavut, Upper Lake Melville and Canada are graduating. Young Inuit are our future and our youngest and brightest. We should encourage that, nourish it. Won't be long before they'll be filling these seats. When I was younger I didn't recognize or really appreciate the importance of education. Now I do. Nunatsiavut's youngest and brightest will be coming up shortly, and with the proper guidance and

education they will have the proper tools to fill our seats here at Nunatsiavut Assembly. Again, Nakummek. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:**

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. I would now like to recognize the Honourable Patricia Kemuksigak, Minister of Education and Economic Development.

**MS KEMUKSIGAK:**

Nakummek, Madam Speaker. My talk will blend well with what Minister Lyall just spoke about. I want to send congratulations to Silpa Saurak and Eva Obed from Nain for being the Nunatsiavut beneficiaries to graduate from Nunavut Sivuniksavut NS Program in Ottawa. It was a truly remarkable program that they took part in. They learn academics and also Inuit history, language and culture. I was truly honoured to attend their graduation ceremony in Ottawa while I was in Ottawa presenting at the NS@30 Conference in April. The ladies sang, performed and took part in public speaking. Eva learned to play the accordion while she was in the program and she performed in the NS band. Eva and Silpa have done us all proud in Nunatsiavut and I wish them well in their futures. Madam Speaker, I want to send big congratulations to Joanne McGee from North West River for graduating as a Doctor on May 28th in St. John's. We are all very proud of Joanne and her accomplishments. On May 29th elected officials from Upper Lake Melville attended the graduation at the college of the North Atlantic. Nineteen Nunatsiavut beneficiaries graduated from their respective programs. Most of the 19 were funded through Inuit Pathways. Madam Speaker, Ordinary Member Roy Blake and I attended the high school graduation in North

West River on May 29th. Three Nunatsiavut beneficiaries graduated. Jonathon Allen, Britney Barrett and Zoey Michelin. An update on PSSSP, Post-Secondary Student Support Program. They have approved five scholarships and awards to be given and it will be given out within the next week. Academic Performance Level 1, Terri Goudie, doing Medical Lab Technician. Academic Performance Level 2, McKenzie Williams Broomfield, doing Bachelor of Social Work. Nunatsiavut Government specialized program scholarship, Joanne Jacque, taking the Inuit Bachelor of Education Program, Special Performance Award, Roxanne Nochasak, Inuit Bachelor of Education. Special Performance Award, Doris Boase, Inuit Bachelor of Education. The Sharon Bakke Memorial Scholarship will not be given out as we did not receive any applications this year, unfortunately. Madam Speaker, we are currently looking at the feasibility of developing a new program to bridge the gap between high school and post-secondary studies. There are a number of programs available, but most of which do not offer culturally relevant courses, language and/or social, personal development. At present we are developing a survey which will be used to gather information from students who attended a bridging or transition program in the past five years, to get their views on whether the program prepared them sufficiently for post-secondary studies. The results of this survey will be used to determine if the new program is warranted and what it would include. Madam Speaker, on March 10th Gwich'in students from Northwest Territories attended a week long orientation session in

Memorial University. Our staff, along with the Aboriginal Resource Office in Munn assisted in setting up a number of activities for this event. We had a number of our students buddy up with these students to help them navigate the university; attend social functions and special workshops and classes that were set up for this project. The project was a tremendous success and beneficial to all those who attended the different activities, and while I was at the NS@30 Conference representative from the Gwich'in presented on this program and they really wanted to thank Nunatsiavut Government for their assistance, and I'd also like to thank Minister Pottle as he also participated in and gave information on Nunatsiavut Government. And under our education manager, I'd like to give a few updates. National Committee on Inuit Education. The National Committee recently held its annual face-to-face meeting in April and discussed the continued plans for implementing the National Strategy on Inuit Education. There will be an *Inuttitut* language forum in August, 2015 in Iqaluit to discuss the next steps toward having a unified writing system all across Inuit Nunangat. We are continuing to work with the Amaujaq Centre for Inuit education with plans for parental engagement initiative for Nain. After two community sessions it was decided that the preferred project will be the development of a parent/teacher tool kit that will provide a variety of options for engaging parents in the school. A co-ordinator will be hired through the Amaujaq Centre using funds from the Arctic Inspiration prize. Madam Speaker, Inuit Society and Culture. The Department of Education Economic

Development, along with the Newfoundland and Labrador English School Board is working together to develop a new high school social studies course that will focus on the Inuit of Nunatsiavut. It will be a level two course worth two credits and will be recognized in the local credit category. We have been involved in a review process and the first three units will be ready for pilot this September. Three schools, Jens Haven Memorial School, Amos Comenius Memorial School and Northern Lights Academy have been selected to pilot the course with full delivery to commence 2016-17 school year. Students on Ice. This year we are again committed to sponsoring two seats on the Arctic expedition that will take place this summer. Chase Howell and Megan Dicker both from Nain have been selected. Sponsorship will include a return travel to Ottawa where they will join the rest of the Students on Ice group in coverage of the expedition fees. From April 28th to 30th the education manager and I attended the NS@ 30 Conference highlighting post-secondary Inuit and Indigenous education. We both presented at the conference, Jodie on our Post-Secondary Student Support Program and Inuit Pathways Programs and supports for our students, and I presented on the second day opening remarks and spoke about the importance of education and moving the Inuit forward for our future by being educated. School Visits. This year all schools were visited except Northern Lights Academy due to weather, but communication was held with all students and this is to inform students about the Post-Secondary Student Support Program.

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

**MS FORD:**

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. I'd now like to recognize the Honourable Darryl Shiwak, Minister of Lands and Natural Resources.

**MR. SHIWAK:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Renewable Resource Division Fisheries. The Nunatsiavut Government reinstated 217 T in SFA 5 for the 2015 season bringing our shrimp quota in SFA 5 back to 1,260T. In SFA 4 quotas rolled over at 300T. The Nunatsiavut Government snow crab quota in the area of 2HJN is rolled over at 310T. As a government we are withholding 15 percent of 2HJN snow crab quota until the bio mass begin to show a sign of increasing. We have both sides indicating the recruitment policy, the 2HJN, since 2011 bottom temperatures have returned to a more normal temperature over the last three seasons allowing for an increase in recruitment of young crab. It will take approximately seven years for that recruitment pulse of the young crab to grow and become available in the commercial fishery. In March we had our expressions of interest for participation in commercial fishery. We had 21 applications and 14 were designated to beneficiaries participating in the 2015 commercial fisheries. All quotas that held by NG were designated to beneficiary fishers. Torngat Fish Producers Co-op is investigating new operational equipment in Makkovik and Nain. We anticipate this new equipment will result in the successful processing season in these communities. Fish prices are generally up and we're looking forward to a successful fishing season. We also can confirm, Madam Speaker that the communal licences for our food fisheries in LISA and for Upper Lake Melville will be issued with the same conditions as

the past years. Wildlife, Madam Speaker. Labrador Inuit harvest moose under a TAH established by the Provincial Government. Thirty-five moose are available to harvest in LISA for the 2014-2105 season. Beneficiaries harvested a total of 31 of the 35 licences. To date, Madam Speaker, 10 of the 12 polar bear allocation is filled, and we anticipate the remaining two to be filled prior to the season closure of June 30th. Madam Speaker, Nunatsiavut Government, Nunavut and Nunavik met last week in Montreal to work out a draft arrangement for the Davis Strait Polar Bear subpopulation. This subpopulation is usually utilized by Inuit in the three land claim regions. The Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada, or COSEWIC, is considering a potential listing that may occur in South Africa for the Davis Strait subpopulation 2016. The reason for the potential listing is the subpopulation is a lack of a management plan. Nunatsiavut, Nunavut and Nunavik all harvest polar bear from the subpopulation. Should a potential sighting listing occur, it would effectively ban trade of the Davis Strait polar bear outside of Canada. The intent of the meeting in Montreal was to create a draft shearing formula the three user groups. The discussions were quite intense, and at times we were unsure of the parties would be able to reach an agreement on a shearing arrangement. I am pleased to inform the Assembly that a draft shearing arrangement was agreed to, and hopefully we'll get approved by all jurisdictions. If this arrangement is finalized, Nunatsiavut polar bear quota will increase to 20 bears. The wildlife board from the three areas are planning to meet this fall to draft

the management plan for the Davis Strait subpopulation. In addition to myself and the staff from my department who travelled to Montreal, we had hunters Joe Asatata, Ross Flowers and Derrick Pottle also came along, and each one of those individuals did quite well. Should these objectives be successfully implemented, it will head off a potential sightings listing of the Davis Strait polar bear subpopulation. Madam Speaker, the abilities for beneficiaries to hunt migratory birds in the 12-E area Upper Lake Melville is now expired. Labrador Inuit no longer have any special right to hunt migratory birds in the area of 12-E outside of the established regular open season dates for migratory birds. This special arrangement was in effect for nine years after ratification of the LILCA. The NG had been corresponding and meeting with Environment Canada over the past two years to extend this special right. The final response we received from Environment Canada to our request was Canada cannot extend this special right because all of our rights outside of LISA were extinguished in our *Land Claim Agreement*. Hence the Minister has no authority under the *Act* to extend the right because it is extinguished. Beneficiaries can continue to harvest in LISA up to level of meat. There is no change for the rules in LISA. Beneficiaries are still able to hunt migratory birds in 12-E are during open season as it applies to the general population. We have scheduled public meetings in North West River and Happy Valley, Goose Bay for next week to discuss the issue. Madam Speaker, I will now update you on the *Impact Benefits Agreement* for the Voisey's Bay IBA. The committee met on March 13th for the discussions

around training, employment and an update on underground mining. Vale will require a number of employees with courses, especially in skilled trades, engineering field, mining-related fields. Theresa Hollett will be meeting with Inuk Pathways and PSSSP in June to have discussions on how to target education and recruitment for these positions. Vale should know by the end of August if they have approval from the shareholders to begin the underground mine. If they obtain approval, construction will begin shortly after. Pre-employment, drug and alcohol testing is now started, and anyone offered a position with Vale will have to complete and pass this prior to working on Voisey's Bay. With regards to the Torngat Mountains National Park, the CNB met on March 16th to the 18th. Discussions centered around Torngat Caribou Herd, the administrative and financial services contract and the upcoming season pass season and summer student program. As well, there was a lot of discussion on the Torngat Mountain Caribou Herd. Arctic staff gave a presentation of the previous operating season and updated the CNB on events planned for the upcoming season. The student program gave a presentation on their program and updated recruitment efforts for the upcoming programs. Parks Canada will have a summer student working at basecamp with successful applicants starting the season of participating in Students on Ice program. At the end of the meeting there were six beneficiary applicants and parks staff was reminded precedent should be given to those applicants residing in Nunatsiavut. Madam Speaker, as you're all aware, there has been a considerable slowdown in

the global mining mineral exploration. Over the course of the past few years there has been a significantly fewer work plan submissions by exploration companies on both Labrador Inuit lands and Labrador Inuit Settlement Area outside of LIL. Madam Speaker, it is noteworthy that although the global market is still recovering, this spring our department has received a larger number of work plan submissions for projects across Nunatsiavut as compared to previous years. This heightened interest in Nunatsiavut as a mineral destination has been affirmed by our Non-Renewable Resource Division at different industry events in their talking to prospective companies. The general sentiment is that Nunatsiavut is under-explored and has the greatest potential for new discovery within this province. The work plan submissions we receive are sent for internal and external review in our communities to ensure that we had the opportunity to provide feedback in sharing our concerns and expectations. We value the responses from our reviewers in looking for new ways to ensure communities are informed and then consulted on exploration activities. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:**

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. We are now coming up on our time limit for minister statements. I'd like to ask the approval of the Assembly if we can continue to hear from the last two ministers. All those in favour?

**ASSEMBLY:**

Aye.

**MS FORD:**

Then I would like to recognize the Honourable Dan Pottle, Minister of Human Resources, Finance and Information Technology.

**MR. POTTLE:**

Nakummek UKâtik. Madam Speaker, I would like to welcome the new Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism to the Executive Council, and I look forward to working with Sean over the next three years. Madam Speaker, we are pleased to present to the Assembly, our quarterly department report. We'll focus on two issues, Madam Speaker, the *Fiscal Financing Agreement Review* and audits. Madam Speaker, our department, along with the Nunatsiavut Secretariat, is responsible for compliance with the terms and conditions of the *Fiscal Financing Agreement*. Under the FFA, the Nunatsiavut Government and Government of Canada must complete a review of the programs and services taken down from the Government of Canada in the fourth year of the agreement. Prior to March 31st, 2015, Madam Speaker, we had agreed to the terms and conditions, as well as the schedule of presentations. To date we have had presentations given on the conservation officer and the English River Counting Fence Program, culture and language programs and health programs, including non-insured health benefits. These presentations, Madam Speaker, were well-received by representatives from the Government of Canada and have been informed that they were quite pleased with our presentation and they told us that we did a great job in doing so. Moving to audits, Madam Speaker, we thank our finance staff who, once again, has gone over and above to ensure that our financial records and audit working papers were ready for the arrival of the audit. Audit teams from Deloitte, Madam Speaker, have been on site at the Department of Health and

Social Development Regional Office and the Nain Administrative Building, and all have completed their field work. We are currently on track, Madam Speaker, to meet all the recording deadlines time. Nakummek UKâtik.

**MS FORD:**

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. I'd now like to recognize the Honourable Greg Flowers, Minister of Health and Social Development.

**MR. FLOWERS:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. After months of work we have finally been able to revive the non-insured health policy so that pregnant women travelling outside their home communities for delivery will be eligible for an escort. Lab- Grenfell Health will provide transportation on their medical flight. This became effective on April 15th, 2015, and I also would like to thank Rexanne Andersen, personally, for all her hard work and her petition to us to get this done. So I'd like to thank you for your hard work and dedication. The Nain Family Resource Centre finally moved into their new location and celebrated with an open house in May. The building is very welcoming, bright, family-friendly and ideal for programming. We look forward to lots of activity programs and supports being offered by the two staff members, Sandra Dicker and Fran Harris. The Elders and Youth Conference was held in Hopedale during the last week of March with representatives from all Nunatsiavut communities and Upper Lake Melville. Unfortunately, representatives from the Canadian Constituency were unable to attend due to the weather. The gathering provided an opportunity for elders and youth delegates to share teachings discuss issues of importance to both elders and youth

and provide direction and recommendations to Nunatsiavut Government. And DHSD has a new director of mental health and healing. Kaila de Boer, who will be working out of the community of Hopedale, this position has been vacant for several years, so we are very glad to have her as part of our team. We are also pleased that in the provincial budget Nunatsiavut Government received permanent funding for two youth outreach workers. Previously the funds had been provided on an annual basis and due to job insecurity it was difficult to keep staff. The youth outreach workers in Nain is Mandy Arnold and, in Hopedale, Sukie Aggek. DHSD Tobacco Control Strategy was approved by Health Canada providing funds in the amount of \$250,000 for the next two years. A household survey will be completed in all households in Nunatsiavut within the next few weeks to kick off the strategy. Nunatsiavut Government received funds from the federal government to send participants to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission closing ceremonies in Ottawa May 31st to June 3rd. Eight residential school survivors have been chosen to attend. The Supportive Housing Program in Happy Valley, Goose Bay established after the closing of Newman's Boarding Home is progressing well. We have five units with three to four residents in each home and 24-hour staffing. We have five units where individuals live more independently with drop-in support several times a day. The funding for this unit is provided by Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Supportive Living Program and Advanced Education and Skills. We have secured funds for one more three-bedroom unit and three

single apartments in Happy Valley. Renovations are being completed now and we hope to have residents in these units by July. We have secured funds for a three-bedroom unit in Hopedale with 24-hour staffing. The unit was purchased from Newfoundland and Labrador Housing for \$1.00 and renovations will be completed with occupants scheduled for September, 2015. We have secured operation funds for a four to five-bedroom unit in Nain with 24-hour staffing. This unit was provided by Torngat Housing with a lease of \$1.00 per year again with renovations required. Occupancy is scheduled for September 25th if renovations are completed. Those units are provided as a home and support for individuals with multiple complex needs; homelessness, mental health, addictions, etcetera. When Nunatsiavut Government agreed to take over the administration of those units the requirement was that an investment would be made in Nunatsiavut, and it is becoming a reality. Not only will individuals have a home with support with a minimum of nine full-time positions will be created. Also, Madam Speaker, I would like to just touch on, I guess, the TB crisis in Nain. We are all aware that tuberculosis is a big concern to Nunatsiavut and my department. Tuberculosis can soon to be a priority for the public health in Nunatsiavut. We have been working very closely with partners of Lab-Grenfell Health to improve our practises for the follow-up of active cases and thus the slip in infection. The TB clinics have been working very well in the province. The follow-up of investigations of contacts, in collaboration with Lab-Grenfell Health, the TB physician and

communicable disease control nurse, Nunatsiavut Public Health has been working very effectively to follow up everyone who has been identified as a contact of those active cases. There have been no delays in getting people in to see the public health nurse, and we are meeting national standards with our contact. Investigation Follow-ups. The process that is in place for investigations of TB cases has been working very well and the community has been very responsive and co-operative with the public health staff. There have been 18 confirmed cases since October 2014 in the community of Nain, 15 of those since January 2015. These cases are all linked. Unfortunately TB is not new to our communities. In the past 10 years we've had cases of TB in Rigolet, an outbreak in Hopedale, which also with one child's death, and a previous outbreak in Nain. TB is treatable. Call the clinic if you are sick and call public health if you feel you are in contact with one of the active cases. Contact Tracing. All of our efforts will be concentrated on those that have been identified as contacts, and as they are at greater risk, they will need to contain the disease. The people are concerned that they may have been in contact with someone who has TB or want to be checked for TB, they can make an appointment at the TB Assessment Clinic. This clinic will be held weekly at the Lab-Grenfell Regional Community Clinic and is open to anyone in the community. The regional nurse will do an assessment and, based on her assessment, it will be determined if they need an x-ray or a TB skin test. The clinic has been made available by Lab-Grenfell Health so that anyone in the community who is concerned about TB risk can be

seen and assessed by a nurse in the community. This clinic has been made available by Lab-Grenfell Health so that anyone in the community who is concerned about TB risk can be seen and assessed by a nurse. In response to the increased workload at Public Health, a relief nurse who is very familiar with the community has been sent in to help out with the increased workload. Starting on Monday, February 23rd we also had an extra community help aid hired in a temporary position to help with TB medications. Some of the communications, Madam Speaker. Joint press release, OKâlaKatiget, on March 20th, 2015. Information was also shared with the NEC and forwarded to Nain Inuit Community Government, Joe Dicker. Regular interviews on CBC morning Memorial University Doug Falton, medical officer of health, Tina Buckle, community nurse co-ordinator from Nunatsiavut, joint interviews with Dr. Gave Woollam and Tina Buckle on OKâlaKatiget Society. Donnie Sampson, Vice President, and nurse LGH was interviewed on CBC Morning, and also pamphlets, "TB and You," went out in the mail last week to all householders in Nain. A community meeting was held in Nain last week with representatives from Lab-Grenfell Health and Nunatsiavut. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:**

Thank you, Honourable Minister. Right now we're going to take a 20-minute break.

(Recess)

**MS FORD:**

I'd like to call the Assembly back to order. On our *Orders of the Day* we are down to "Member Statements." Are there any member statements? I'd like to recognize Roy Blake, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville.

**MR. BLAKE:**

Nakummek, Madam Speaker. I would like to begin by extending my deepest condolences to Minister Lyall and his family members on the loss of his father. Also I would like to send condolences to the following family members of the late Anthony Byron Job Allan, John William Elias Bennett, George Wilfred Allingham, and Gordon Obed Jr. Find comfort in one another. Be there for each other and hold on to the memories of your loved ones. Madam Speaker, I'm continuously working with other levels of government for the beneficiaries in the Upper Lake Melville area. I am currently working with the Minister of Labrador Aboriginal Affairs regarding an issue that was brought to my attention by an elder. Although I was unable to assist directly, I did forward the concern to Minister Russell. He assured me this will be dealt with accordingly. Madam Speaker, although our numbers are decreasing, homelessness remains an issue among beneficiaries in Upper Lake Melville area. I am networking closely with AES who work as hard as I do to assist beneficiaries in the issues that concern them. I commend the efforts in our community with the continued support, programs and service delivery that include supportive living, soup kitchen, brown bag lunches, and kindness connection. Your care and hard work is certainly paying off. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:**

Nakummek, Mr. Blake. I'd now like to recognize Jim Tuttauq, AngajukKâk for Hopedale.

**MR. TUTTAUK:**

Nakummek, Madam Speaker. Our multi-purpose building, the Nunak Community Centre is approximately 90 percent completed. I'm using the

word 90 percent because a lot of the inside work is done, the floor is down, painting's been done. However, we cannot open the building in June due to water lines being frozen, also unstable ground which is causing shifting of the building. We hope every road subdivision is on stable ground, and two, three times now the contractor, Bird Colby, had to fix the crack in the concrete wall, also with the gyp rock in there. Bird Construction will have to undermine the east end of the building. That's to get rid of what we assume is some wet materials there that had to come out that has to be cribbed up and excavated and removed. This would include cribbing the east end to allow the excavation. Unsure at this time as when this will happen. We have to wait for the grounds to thaw out. On March 23rd, 2015 Hopedale Inuit Community Government declared a state of emergency which still exists today. This was due to a severe loss of water to community. I informed FESNL, Fire Emergency Services Newfoundland and Labrador and Department of Aboriginal Labrador Affairs, and President Leo was also informed on this date. Also Municipal Affairs was contacted and on March 24th, 2015 the first shipments of bottled water arrived from the Canadian Red Cross. **Hoses** arrived from Goose Bay. We installed pumps at their reservations also, and at that time our PSI water was at 26. 26th of March, at 9:17 we ordered electric pumps and gas pumps and battlefield equipment out of Goose Bay, and we started delivering bulk water to residents at this town. At 4:00 p.m. that same day, 26th of March, our first pumps arrived from Battlefield. The 27th of March I updated Deputy AngajukKâk

Darlene Winters on our water crisis. 29th of March I contacted Tommy Lane to call him into work. We needed his professional expertise on the water situation. And at that time we had one snowmobile incident on the hill that was rolled over. The individual was not seriously injured; skidoo had a bit of damage. And on 30th of March, 8:05 a.m., we had no water pressure throughout the community because their pumps became iced up due to bad weather. All crews were working on the hill at this time. And next day at 9:40 a.m. on the 30th March they received a call from Tommy Lane that the PSI was up to 90. At 9:50 a.m. the 30th of March, Mario Berthume of FESNL and Mike Hynes arrived from Goose Bay from Ms Fillier's office to look at our site. April 11th had a phone conversation with Shannon Tobin of Labrador Affairs to set up a meeting with Hopedale Inuit Community Government Municipal Affairs, Fire Emergency Services Newfoundland and Labrador and Minister Hutchings and Minister Russell. April 2nd had a call from Salvation Army that they were sending bottled water to us. Our water PSI went down to 26 at that time. Freeze ups of water lines too. The community crews were totally exhausted at this time and working hard. At 3:30 p.m. PSI was back up to 62. Our snowmobiles started falling apart. They're all aging. We had a lot of oil leaks so we couldn't use them on the hill and right now we are down to one snowmobile at Hopedale Inuit Community Government. At the 5th of April PSI was down to 42. We lost 50 pounds that night. Our staff requested more hired hands to help out. Then we hired extra people to help out and also extra operator at that time. April 7th PSI was

at 44 at 8:05, and we ordered two more pumps from Battlefield. We put three gas pumps up top and two electric pumps feeding our main headers at that time. And when the pumps come back and we put more pumps up at 1:01 p.m. that day the PSI was at 94. April 13th at 2:00 p.m. had a conversation with Michelle Kinney to see if DHSD can get their own water shipped in as they were calling HICG for bottled water. At the time we had limited water supply. At 5:00 p.m. I went home early for the night. That was one of the earliest times I went home in a while. Our PSI at that time was 97. April 14th started cutting roads down to allow the weather to help in thawing our main water lines by me cutting the snow down. We took the snow off our main roads to help out our main water lines. We had a main break at Winter's Lane, which is right across from the Amaguk just below the ABE Building, and we believe that creates all this havoc there. We lost our water on December 16th and flooded out the clinic area and caused all the icing up there. That has been repaired. April 14th water and sewer crews are working on frozen sewer lines on American Road at 8:40 a.m. At 4:05 p.m. they had that problem solved, however, we still had two main water lines up in American Road loop. Up that's where the Nunatsiavut Department is and *Inuttitut* Place, around where Susan Nochasak lived, those two lines are still frozen and we anticipate them to maybe stay frozen till into July, but we're hoping it don't take that long. May 15th I took some pictures of outside of the homes on Barrie Road. All homes there have structural damage. Every home from 2011, I think, when we started building homes there, right

across the entire loop have structural damage. Some individuals cannot close their doors, open windows, foundations shifting, lifting up to 13 inches off the ground from the concrete. A few local water line breaks to deal with and we're still dealing with them now where the ground is still shifting so it's not a major problem at this time. And at this time I have to take my hat off to the staff at Hopedale Inuit Community Government, our water and sewer guys. We really pushed them and worked them hard through the state of emergency to solve these issues and they stood up beyond their call of duty and my hat goes off to them, and I am glad now that they can finally have a weekend off and spend more time with their families. So a big thank you to the local and hired help. And as for Barrie Road subdivision which I briefly spoke about, at this time Hopedale Inuit Community Government has sent Councillor Sandra Boone to attend the Torngat AGM in Nain. I have sent a letter to the AGM stating that Hopedale Inuit Community Government, along with Torngat Regional Housing supervisor, to come up with a solution to solve the ground shifting issues at Barrie Road. One of the options we were looking at is cancelling the entire project there because more homes had been damaged, but I've done a little bit of the investigation and spoke to our consulting engineers for the Lab 49. There is putting a structure, you can put down them, I believe they use it. I believe in Postville, if I'm correct, on one of the buildings there. It's all made out of piping. You put it down as your foundation, and I think I believe it's every foot apart every one of the studs. There are jack screws in there that you can adjust to **houses**.

So when the ground shifts the entire building will shift instead of sagging in the middle or shifting on one end. So if the building shifted this way, you would just have to use your jack screw to level with her up. As I stated there's a lot of money and time and effort went into Barrie Road subdivision, millions of dollars, and it would be a crying shame to have to cancel that project. So I'm asking Torngat at the AGM to look at another option of either looking, hiring an engineer to figure out what to do structurally with Barrie Road as we, in Hopedale, we all know we have nowhere else to go through the subdivision right now. We are very limited on where we can build. As I stated, either using the roll on method, or multi-point foundations which I just touched on. And, like I said, if there's no solution, we may have to cancel Barrie Road Subdivision, but HICG's still working on to save Barrie Road. As I said, there's a lot of money, time and effort went into that. And at this time this concludes our member statement and maybe Part II tomorrow. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:**

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Tuttau. I'd like to recognize the AngajukKâk from Nain, Joe Dicker.

**MR. DICKER:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. My report is very short, as I did not want to overlap with the report from the Ordinary Member for Nain. As of today, the Jeremias Sillett Memorial Building is still not opened to the public as the deficiencies are not completed. We still have roof leaks, handicapped ramp needs to be constructed and the fill still needs to be put in place around the building. The contractor, Atco Sustainable Housing, has not

committed a schedule to complete this. So the Nain Inuit Community Government has just this past week written a letter to this contractor saying that if a satisfactory schedule is not committed in the very near future, the client, who is the Nain Inuit Community Government, are looking at evoking clause seven of the contract, and we will be asking the insurer to hold back funds to get a contract completed by another group. We have been scheduled to open since December of 2014, and we have just been hitting walls and walls of, I guess, delays that should not be happening. So we are now looking at that possibility. The Charles Lake project is still not at full capacity even though it is commissioned. We're still looking at hydro to fix the power lines. As I stated earlier in the previous Assembly that the power lines are two different sizes. From the new subdivision up to the pump house is one size, and from the subdivision to the plant itself is a smaller size. So the power is not going through properly and that could do damage to the equipment up there. We have to install pressure reducing valves in the communities in the houses that don't have them. DC pressure is just involved but never installed in the past so the Nain Community Government is bearing the costs and we will be doing that in the coming weeks. There are no new developments planned for this season. The RFP's are still being developed for the engineers and, with that, we are changing the wording so that less invasive procedures for developing the land and that the contractors, whomever they may be, will have knowledge of what the soil conditions are like on that particular land that an individual may want to

develop so that they will know, you know, any foreseeable issues they may have with, like, shifting and stuff like that that needs to be done prior to the construction. We are looking forward to the waste management plan to be completed. We are now preparing our dump down at the — appreciate being a site there that to gather all of our old vehicles, oil drums and tanks and appliances so that they will be shipped out by barge this season if the plan goes ahead. That's all I have for now, Madam Speaker. Thank you.

**MS FORD:**

Thank you, AngajukKâk from Nain, Mr. Dicker. I would now like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Postville, Diane Gear.

**MS GEAR:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate the three graduates of BL Morrison School in Postville; Catherine Worthman, Kenny Robinson and Tristan Pottle. I wish them all the best as they continue on with their studies. Also to Brian Pottle who recently graduated from Memorial University with a 4.0 GPA in electrical engineering. I wish him all the best in his new career. And I want to congratulate also all the beneficiaries that will graduate or have graduated during this spring. Mr. Speaker, I would like to commend the DHSD in Postville for another successful Janet Memorial Walk. This walk takes place every year in memory of Janet Pilgrim who lost her battle with cancer a few years ago. Also just a quick update on the community centre. Our community centre, we were hoping to be able to be moved in by now. We were looking at maybe the 1st of May but, unfortunately, the water is frozen so we can't move in until the water thaws. We tried

with a Steam Jenny trying to getting the water back, but the way that the water is put in the Steam Jenny, we can't get the hose out. I hope Rigolet don't have that problem. Also we will be starting our community clean-up later on. I'd say it's going to be next week now. We were hoping to start this week, but due to the snowfall we had recently most of the garbage is all covered up so we've got to wait for the snow to thaw. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:**

Nakummek, AngajukKâk, Postville. I'd like to recognize the Chair of Sivunivut, Trudy Mesher-Barkman.

**MS MESHER-BARKMAN:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I've been asked by one of the beneficiaries in North West River to read the story of her daughter, and it's an amazing story. Bear with me because there's something that I might not be able to pronounce properly. This is regarding Jenna Joyce Broomfield. She's a beneficiary from North West River. Her mother is Lisa Michelin and her father is Michael Broomfield. Her grandparents were Notea Clifford Broomfield, (Sara) Dorothy Palliser, Joyce Michelin. Her Great grandparents: Pukatutshan John Michelin, Edna Michelin, Joe Broomfield and Mary Broomfield.

Her family line comes from Traverspine, Mud Lake, Hopedale, Rigolet, and Nunavut. Her family names are Broomfield, Palliser and Michelin.

Jenna's educational background is she has a bachelor of arts in Native Studies with a minor in sociology and concentrating in the *Cree* language from the University of Alberta. I can't pronounce the name of it.

Certificate in Aboriginal governance and partnership at the University of

Alberta, completed pre-law program for Native people's at the University of Saskatchewan and the juris doctorate candidate 2017 at the University of Alberta. Jenna's preferred bio is Jenna is an Inuit from North West River, Nunatsiavut, Labrador and is currently attending law school at the University of Alberta. Her undergraduate degree in native studies and certificate in Aboriginal governance and partnership. As a result of many generations of colonization, Jenna's upbringing was only a semi-traditional, and she always felt as though something was missing and so as a teen she began a conscious cultural revitalization journey. She uses her teachings to spark safe cultural dialogue between indigenous and non-indigenous peoples through performance and education workshops. Every step when walking between two worlds is a difficult one, but it's important and Jenna feels that it's necessary for those who feel the responsibility of doing so, take every opportunity to bridge the gaps of understanding to work towards peaceful co-existence. It is this desire to have indigenous legal systems acknowledged and included which fuels Jenna's passion for the law school. Jenna has specific areas of interest that she often teaches on. The Inuit cultural, education, Inuit games, drum dancing and throat singing. Residential schools, intergenerational survivor perspective, history of residential schools and second generation trauma. Treaty. Understanding the difference in treaty, peace and friendship. Numbered name treaties, modern day treaties, spirit of treaty, historical misunderstanding of treaties. Indigenous perspectives. Culture awareness in the workplace, importance of naming and language,

lateral violence, cultural awareness, cultural sensitivity, finding your voice, culture in your career. Jenna has been a member of these groups in Nunatsiavut; the North West River Beach Festival Committee from 1999 to 2010, NIYC 2005, Rising Youth Council in 2005 to 2008, North West River Community Drama in 2006 and 2007. Okay. Inosotuit Niping Kit Drummers, founding member, 2003 to 2007. Inosotuit Niping Throat Singing, founding member, 2003, 2007. Jenna has been a member of these groups in Edmonton, Treaty 6 Territory. Aboriginal Studies Council 2007, 2009, Native Studies Students Association, 2010, 2013. Nationally chosen for the 2010 Indigenous Youth Gathering in Squamish BC, Sun and Moon Visionaries Artisans 2011, 2015. Canadian Native Friendship Centres 2013, 2015. Indigenous Bar Association 2014 to 2015. One representative for the Aboriginal Law Students Association 2014 to 2015. Some of Jenna's recent volunteer experience includes organizing member for the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women's Campus March at the University of Alberta, 2014 and 2015. Organizing member and volunteering for annual memorial round dance at the University of Alberta, 2013 to 2015. Organizing member of the Aboriginal Law Students Association Speaker Series at the University of Alberta, 2015. Represented Inuit in Edmonton at the Aboriginal Community Consultation. Some of Jenna's performances include an Inuit dancer for the 2010 Olympic Opening Ceremonies. Performed Inuit Throat Singing for the National Aboriginal Day in Calgary. Inuit throat singing performances for the opening youth at day and closing ceremonies of the

seventh final national truth and reconciliation event, 2014. Performed Inuit throat singing, drum dancing, storytelling at the Edmonton International Heritage Days Festival and she won best entertainment pavilion. Performed Inuit throat singing for the faculty of Native studies 25th annual inauguration event. Performed Inuit throat singing for the University of Alberta International Week 2014. Performed Inuit throat singing collaboration for the National Aboriginal Week, St. Albert, Alberta. Performed Inuit throat singing for National Aboriginal Week, Hinton, Alberta, 2014. Performed Inuit throat singing for National Aboriginal Day, Edmonton, Alberta, 2014. Workshops for Edmonton School Board, Public and Catholic, K to 12. Workshops and cultural awareness at work for Aboriginal Affairs in Northern Development Canada. Speaking engagement on the cultural awareness with several university of Alberta classes, 2013, 2015. Upcoming larger performances include she has an offer to perform for the National Aboriginal Day Live, 2015. She will perform the International Heritage Days Festival, 2015. She will perform for the National Aboriginal Week, St. Albert, with Mini Freeman. Jenna will perform in Stuttgart, Germany for Indian Air Inuit Festival, January, 2016, and she will be performing inter-cultural workshops in Germany during the summer of 2017. Thank you.

**MS FORD:**

Nakummek, Ms. Mesher-Barkman. I'd now like to recognize Gary Mitchell, Chair of NunaKâtiget.

**MR. MITCHELL:**

Nakummek, Madam Speaker. Before I do my statement I'd just like to do a couple acknowledgements. I'd like to acknowledge Sean being given

the position of Minister for Culture, Recreation and Tourism. I'm sure you'll do a fine job and thank you for your work as speaker. You did a fine job there keeping the Assembly running. Ordinary Member Blake mentioned some people who had passed on and I, too, would like to pass on my condolences to the families of those people. I didn't know all those people, but there's one person I'd like to mention that stood out to me as friend. That was Sean's dad, John, who was a great ambassador. When you went to Nain years ago he always welcomed you into the community and we'd go up on our caribou hunting days. John was always there to meet the people and help out where he could and offered his place. He and Regina had a place there that a lot of people stayed, and I'd just like to acknowledge and certainly going to miss John in the community of Nain for, you know, when we go there. I'd like to acknowledge a couple graduates in the Upper Lake Melville area, Joanne McGee, who just graduated with a doctor's degree last week. I'm not sure where she's going to be practising her doctor's position, but congratulations to her. I'd also like to mention Dr. Stacey Shiwak who got her doctorate in dentistry last summer, and she travelled Nunatsiavut doing some work, I think, over the past winter. Now she's setting up her own practise in Happy Valley, Goose Bay, so we wish her well. I also like to mention that I attended, along with the members, Kemuksigak and Blake, a College of the North Atlantic graduation last week, and there were a number of beneficiaries who graduated with the skills, trades, last week. So we wish them well in whatever jobs they are seeking out and

hopefully we can help them to get some of those positions. My statement today, I'm going to save my activities of the corporation for tomorrow. I'd just like to get this off my chest today. On April 16th, 2015, a press release came out that stated as of November 30th, 2014 Labrador Inuit outside of the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area were no longer entitled to a spring harvest on migratory birds. The loss of this entitlement to exercise their right to a spring hunt is a lot more than losing a bird from your kitchen table. It takes away something that people had done for centuries and now we are subject to provincial laws for an outing to pick up a few birds. Losing this part of your tradition and culture means a lot to the people who have exercised this right over the years and was part of your heritage that they took to doing each year. Just a simple basic thing like this has hit home to the people who have looked forward to getting out in the spring. People took it for granted that it would be always there without fear of losing it and trusted that our own government would continue to make accommodations in support for them to enjoy that basic simple privilege that they have at that time of year. I ask why did it take four and a half months after the agreement terminated to inform the beneficiaries that they have now lost this entitlement and right before the spring hunt was to kick in? People were just caught off guard with it. I've always been a great believer in keeping communication lines open and keeping people informed on points of interest within our government or any major issue which might have an impact on their daily lives. I assume that

negotiations for progressing beyond the termination of the agreement. I and everyone else weren't aware that the negotiations hadn't brought forth any progress on getting the entitlement extended. I made an inquiry at the March Assembly regarding the status of Section 12-E and was told by Minister Shiwak that it was an ongoing negotiation and I quote, "Our intent is to in some way or another allow the beneficiaries in the area to continue to harvest migratory birds." I would like to know why the federal government is saying no to get an extension. Have we pressed hard enough? Would that have helped if Inuit elders were present at those meetings? How many meetings were there, or was it just an exchange of letters or emails which sometimes just doesn't cut it. People are asking these questions and I, as a member of this Assembly, am passing it on as part of my duties and responsibilities to the beneficiaries which I represent. This issue is not part of a daily checklist which I have to check off and go to the next item. This is a major issue and losing this entitlement is a significant impact on the lives and culture of the beneficiaries outside of the Land Claims Settlement Area. Not everyone goes out bird hunting in the spring. But losing this entitlement concerns beneficiaries in the Upper Lake Melville area as they ask themselves what will we lose next? Will it be the food fishery, health benefits, education benefits and more memberships lost or denied which are already being chipped at. It is coming to light more that since this issue has surfaced and with the signing of the *Land Claims Agreement* that we have extinguished our Aboriginal rights outside the Labrador Inuit lands. I read

in the paper last week that in Canada the Crown cannot extinguish Aboriginal title without the explicit prior informed consent of the proper Aboriginal title holders. Okay, my question is this. Who are the Aboriginal title holders of Section 12-E? Maybe I'm out to lunch on this matter, but I think it's time to bring things together and start to plan out a new process to regain entitlement for that privilege. Or I should say right to hunt in a territory or area where people are born, lived and died on that land for centuries. People are feeling the pain of not having that simple basic freedom to go out and do their thing in the spring as was taken for an actual thing to do and take what the creator provided for them. In losing our Aboriginal right outside of the Labrador Inuit Lands weren't we protected in any way by Section 35 of the *Constitution Act*, 1982 which talks about and defines their Aboriginal rights. Section 35 of the *Constitution Act* 1982 provides constitutional protection to the Aboriginal treaty rights of Aboriginal rights in Canada. Now why hasn't it done that? Why did we override that *constitutional* protection and give up that right to exercise our right to hunt in Section 12-E? Why did the federal government put that in there when Section 35 of the *Constitutional Act* is supposed to protect our Aboriginal rights no matter where we live? I hope that we have not closed the book on finding ways to regain that entitlement of having access to the privilege of exercising our right to hunt and carry on the tradition of ancestors as Inuit in other areas get to enjoy and practise. I call upon every Assembly Member here today to gain that basic simple right — support that basic simple right

and support as we go forward to gain something back that we have lost. It's not the loss of putting a bird on a kitchen table. It's more than that. It's the loss of our heritage and who we are as Aboriginals, hunters who provide for our families and proud Inuit people of Labrador. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:**

Nakummek, Honourable Mr. Mitchell. I'd now like to recognize Dan Pottle, Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency.

**MR. POTTLE:**

Nakummek UKâtik. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the Canadian Constituency Office and constituents residing in Canada and yourself, Madam Speaker, we both congratulate Catharyn Andersen on her recent appointment as Special Advisor on Aboriginal Affairs to the President of Memorial University and for being named Memorial University's alumnus of the month for the Faculty of Arts for May, 2015. Madam Speaker, Catharyn is well known to beneficiaries, both in Nunatsiavut and across Canada. She is highly respected for her past work with the Nunatsiavut Government and the Labrador Inuit Association where she served in various roles such as the director of the Torngâsok Cultural Centre and the *Inuttitut* language program co-ordinator. Madam Speaker, in her role as Special Advisor, Catharyn will work to advance all Aboriginal initiatives at Memorial University including leading and co-ordinating internal multi-campus activities related to Aboriginal research and education, managing the Aboriginal Affairs Office and developing the strategic plan, taking an interest in the recruitment and success of Aboriginal students, developing and strengthen partnerships with

Aboriginal communities and representing Memorial University with Aboriginal communities and stakeholders as well as with the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador. Madam Speaker, we ask that all Members this honourable house to join us in congratulating Catharyn on her appointment and to wish her well in her new role. No doubt, Madam Speaker, Catharyn will do well and she will continue to strengthen the relations with Aboriginal peoples and their respective communities with Memorial University. Nakummek UKâtik.

**MS FORD:**

Nakummek, Mr. Pottle. I'd like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Greg Flowers.

**MR. FLOWERS:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. First of all I'd like to congratulate the students in Nunatsiavut for a job well done. And for our students, the year's coming to a close and we have, you know, high school. It's a big deal when our kids graduate from high school in Nunatsiavut and I take your hats off to the parents also in Nunatsiavut for trying to keep their kids in school as long as they can so that they can, you know, finally graduate and move on to brighter and bigger things, and I always say to the kids, make sure you come back to Nunatsiavut where you're from. Don't lose your roots. So, you know, as you go forward in life come back and be part of Nunatsiavut. We need you. And on a personal note on that one I'd just like to say that for me and my wife our last child has graduated this year so I'm glad to say that we can finally kick her out too. But also I would like to recognize a lady that some people asked me questions on up in the gallery. Krista. Yes. I know she's been to my

house almost all her life growing up and they'll give me something, her and her sister. She's doing community studies out in college and she's doing her work placement with DHSD so glad to see you back and keep up your good work. Thank you.

**MS FORD:**

Nakummek, Mr. Flowers. I'd now like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Mr. Jack Shiwak.

**MR. SHIWAK:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I guess today I come from both ends of the spectrum. First of all, I'd like to congratulate the two high school graduates of Northern Lights Academy, Ronald (Little Duck) Pottle and Joshua Adams. I had the privilege of speaking at the graduation, and I sort of told them in no uncertain terms that they've only come past the first phase of their education, encouraged them to go on and do the second part, onto college or university, whatever they choose. And I understand that both graduates have been accepted into post-secondary education. I'd also like to congratulate and wish well all students of Nunatsiavut who have graduated this year. The other end of the spectrum, you know, we gain two students that will probably help build Nunatsiavut, but since our last Assembly we lost two of our elders. Holman Campbell was a hunter, a trapper, a fisherman and a guide, and a family man, left us in March. Holman was one of these people who probably did not have all the formal education one needed, but he was a person that had the education necessary to live, I think, in Labrador. His knowledge of the land, his knowledge of animals, his knowledge of the weather that he openly shared with young and old alike, has helped

improve lives of all of us. The second person was Bruce Pardy. Bruce, we almost named him Labrador Winter Trails, but he's still Bruce Pardy. Bruce was an electrician, a mechanic and an educator or an instructor, as I call him. Bruce spent many years in Rigolet where he had a keen interest in all our rehab equipment at the council office. Labrador Winter Trails equipment, wherever it may be, and I think what impressed me more about Bruce in his last month or so he was with us is that I had a chance to go to Town Garage a couple times and watch Bruce in action. Bruce sat on a chair. He didn't do anything, but he took his young assistant and said this is what we're looking for; this is what I want you to take apart. The young fellow took it apart. He showed it to him. Bruce said what do you think is wrong? And if the young fellow said I'm not really sure, Bruce took him aside and told him what it was. So in his parting Bruce has left us with a sense or, at least, our assistants with a sense of how to look after the equipment, how to maintain the equipment, and I have to say that losing the two of them, Holman and Bruce, we have gained from their knowledge, but we have also lost. So thank you very much, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:**

Nakummek, Mr. Shiwak. I'd now like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Makkovik, Kate Mitchell.

**MS MITCHELL:**

Thank you. Thank you, Madam Speaker. At this time I would like to recognize and congratulate Makkovik's very own vet. Our one young person from our community, Erin Andersen, has graduated with her degree in veterinary medicine. So we're really proud of her and we'd like

to wish her all the best. I would also like to congratulate all our graduates along the coast within Nunatsiavut, and we really look forward to them going on and continuing their education to be ready to come back and be able to take over what we're working on now. And I would also like to congratulate the two teams from Makkovik, of course, that took part in the Lab Cup. There was a male and female team. And they always make us proud, whether they win or lose is, you know, they're out there. And also I'd like to pass along a message from Herb, our AngajukKâk from Makkovik. He passes along his regrets that he's unable again to attend the Assembly sitting, but right now he's scheduled to have his procedure completed in July. So he's really hoping to be able to join us again in October, and he wanted me to pass along his very best to all of you. Thank you.

**MS FORD:**

Nakummek, Ms Mitchell. I'd now like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Nain, Richard Pamak.

**MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. First of all, like many here, I'd like to congratulate Sean on his new appointment to the Nunatsiavut Executive Council as the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. I'm sure you'll do a great job, Sean. Congratulations. Madam Speaker, I want to take this time to pass on condolences to three families in Nain that recently lost loved ones in their family since the last sitting of this Assembly. Gordon Obed Jr. passed away in St. John's on April 4th. Gordon was a member of the Nain Brass Band, the Moravian Church Chapel servant and a member of the Nain Choir. Gordon was 39 years

old. Benigna Lidd passed away on May 2nd in Happy Valley, Goose Bay. She was stay-at-home mom with four children and leaves behind a huge family and a circle of friends. Benigna was 47 years old. John Lyall passed away in Nain on May 12th. John was a well-respected member of the community and an elder of our community. Many seen John as quiet and a passionate man that always welcomed anyone into his home and shared his life stories about his family, his community and, of course, his homeland. John was 72 years old. Sincere condolences to the Obed family, the Lidd family, and to the Lyall family. Madam Speaker, the Inuit Programming Division of the Newfoundland and Labrador Eastern School District held its 12th annual Inuttitut Speak-off competition in Makkovik on March 18. Eight students from the communities of Nain, Hopedale, Makkovik and Rigolet participated in the competition. There was no first or second or third place awarded this year. Placement was based on effort and abilities. Top three came from the communities of Nain and Hopedale. Semionie Merkuratsuk, Althaya Solomon from Nain and Toni Mary-Ann Lampe, who we all know as Bub, is from Nain as well, but finished her schooling here in Hopedale. Madam Speaker, all participants, in my eyes, is winners. I want to take this time to welcome home five members of the Nain Brass Band that travelled recently to Germany. Darlene Howell, Gwen Obed, Michael Dyson, Devon Obed, who is the youngest brass member, to my knowledge, and Karrie Obed, we all know and call Mister, who travelled with Mark Turner. It's really inspiring to see our youth to be a part of the revitalization of the brass

band in our community. The trip to Germany was a great experience for the brass band, a trip that will, I am sure, they will never forget. Madam Speaker, it was also good to see the community come out to support and welcome them home. The brass band ended their trip by playing one of their pieces for all that welcomed them home. Jens Haven Memorial School held its 2015 graduation on May 16. Eleven high school students graduated and are on their way to new paths in their lives. The graduates are Gustav Barbour, Belinda Denniston, Chesley Dicker. Madam Speaker, he also received an award from Member of Parliament Yvonne Jones called a Rumble Inspiration and Determination Award. Echo Henoche, Ruth Kolmeister, who, I'll let you know, too, as well, was the first in her family to graduate from high school. There are nine children in that family and she is the third, I think, eldest in that family. Jonathan Lidd, Margaret Obed, Anthony Saksigak, Althaya Solomon. Althaya was the class valedictorian who gave an amazing speech and truly is an inspiration to all. Dwayne Williams, Kayla Wyatt, Gustav Barbour. Gustav Barbour and Kayla Wyatt were named the prom king and queen. I'd also like to thank the Labrador Member of Parliament, Yvonne Jones and Torngat Mountain member of House Assembly, Randy Edmunds, for joining us and celebrating this year's graduation. In March and in May a hockey team comprised of boys and girls from the Adams, Peewee and Girls Division from Nain travelled to Sheshatshui to play in the regional hockey tournaments with seven other hockey teams from around the Labrador Region. Madam Speaker, the Nain boys and girls

hockey team took home gold from both tournaments for the community of Nain. Lastly, Madam Speaker, I want to take this time to thank President Leo and the Minister for Health and Social Development, Greg Flowers, for coming to Nain, for holding a public information session to address the concerns raised by the community regarding the latest TB outbreak in Nain. Madam Speaker, approximately 70 residents attended the session, and I did speak to many of the residents that attended and they felt that they had a better understanding after the session. I also want to thank Dr. Gabe Woollam from Labrador-Grenfell Health and Tina Buckle, Department of Health and Social Development coming to Nain, for explaining what TB is, what measures are in place to contain the spread and also putting extra measures in place to help ease the minds of our residents. I also want to thank AngajukKâk Joe Dicker who facilitated the public information session. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:**

Nakummek, Mr. Pamak. I'd now like to recognize Ordinary Member for Nain, Sean Lyall.

**MR. LYALL:**

Nakummek, Madam Speaker. First, I'd like to recognize the graduates of Jens Haven Memorial School in this year's graduation. Safe to say it was a very enjoyable evening and, in attendance, I want to mention that our very own President Leo was in attendance along with the Member of Parliament for Labrador, Yvonne Jones, and our Member for House Assembly, Torngat Mountains, Randy Edmunds. Also Ordinary Member Richard Pamak was in attendance and AngajukKâk Joe Dicker. Safe to say the commitment that they're behind the education of our young Inuit is

in good hands, and the commitment is definitely there. Also again I'd like to thank President Leo and Honourable Minister Gregory Flowers for the TB information session that we had held in Nain. This represents good government. It represents open conversation between constituents, beneficiaries and government. And a very effective and very useful way of conveying messages and information. And at this time I'd also like to thank my nominators and those who elected me, the good people of Nain. Nakummek.

**MS FORD:**

Nakummek, Mr. Lyall. Are there any more member statements? I'd like to recognize Ordinary Member for Postville, Tyler Edmunds.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek UKâtik, Madam Speaker. I'd like to share in sentiments of the AngajukKâk for Postville in congratulating Catherine as she pursues pharmacy, Kenny, as he pursues metal sheet work and Kenny as he wishes to do welding. As she has mentioned, Brian Pottle graduated from Memorial. He's been a great ambassador for Aboriginal education. He's travelled on several ambassador programs with Memorial travelling up the northern, southern coasts to illustrate engineering concepts to high school students. He's thoroughly enjoyed that and I hope he continues to pursue such initiatives in the future. May Edmunds also graduated from Memorial with a bachelor of social work and a bit bias there but, you know, very proud of my sister for her work there. Madam Speaker, Postville's running club, Aulajok tamamik, will be proceeding with its program this upcoming month. This year we will offer half and the full marathon training programs and we hope to provide a half

marathon course in Postville. Last year, Madam Speaker, we had approximately half a dozen regulars throughout the regular running season and over 30 participants in our annual running events. We hope to at least maintain this number in this upcoming year and are hopeful that the company event will grow. In our attempts to grow our group we've been trying to tap into as many resources as possible to fund our operation, and at our running event this year, Nain Equipment Co-op has provided our group with \$2,500 to assist our group with its operations. We'll use that money to cover the cost of racing kits, awards and food for the events. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:**

Nakummek, MR. SPEAKER. Are there any more member statements? Then we'll move on to the next item on our *Orders of the Day*, "Returns to Oral Questions." Are there any returns to oral questions today? Item number seven, "Oral Questions." Do we have any oral questions? I recognize the Ordinary Member for Nain, Richard Pamak.

**MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. In late April, approximately a hundred and fifty cords of wood was trucked from the Muskrat Falls Project to two separate lay down areas in...

**MS FORD:**

Excuse me...

**MR. PAMAK:**

...Happy Valley, Goose Bay...

**MS FORD:**

...Mr. Pamak, who's your question directed to?

**MR. PAMAK:**

It would be directed to Minister of Nunatsiavut Affairs. Sorry. Again, in late April, approximately a hundred and fifty cords of wood were trucked

from the Muskrat Falls Project to two separate lay down areas in Happy Valley, Goose Bay and in North West River. Minister of Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs announced as part of his address to the House Assembly on May 25th, that is a department of the provincial government, "Give a little tribute to low income and the seniors in the District of Lake Melville by coming together with the two departments and putting together a substantial amount of wood." Madam Speaker, I also heard that a substantial amount of money was made available for a local contractor to deliver the wood to the two lay down areas. I asked the Minister of Nunatsiavut Affairs if there have been any recent discussions with Minister Russell or any other department of the provincial government to see if a similar program is available for the communities of Nunatsiavut. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:**

Nakummek, the Honourable Minister of Nunatsiavut Affairs.

**MS MITCHELL:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker, and thank you, Ordinary Member for Nain, for your question. Yes, well, actually, on Friday we just had a meeting with Minister Russell in Goose Bay, and also in attendance at that meeting was Peter Adams from NGC and we also met with Chris Webb. And right now we're looking at getting a program, or whatever put together, a partnership between NGC, the Province and Nunatsiavut. And what we're hoping to do is I know for, well, Makkovik, well, normally we look for wood for there, but this year we've been successful in getting some funding from the *Tasiujatsoak Trust* so Makkovik won't be needing any wood, and we're hoping that with Postville and Rigolet where they

have easier access to wood, what we plan on doing is accessing some funding so for those three communities they'd be able to harvest their own firewood and that will enable us to put more emphasis on the two communities that have problems accessing wood, and that would be Nain and Hopedale. So I can assure you that we're working on it and we're hoping where we had an early start that we might be able to get a substantial amount of wood into Nain and Hopedale. Thank you.

**MS FORD:**

Thank you, Honourable Minister. Do you have a supplementary, Mr. Pamak? Okay. Then I'd like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Roy Blake.

**MR. BLAKE:**

Nakummek, Madam Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Mr. Shiwak. Minister Shiwak, in your minister statement this morning you stated that consultations will be held in Goose Bay and North West River as part of Upper Lake Melville consultations regarding the 12-E migratory spring bird harvest. I ask the Minister this morning why there will be no consultations in Mud Lake. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:**

Thank you. The Honourable Minister of Lands.

**MR. SHIWAK:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. And thank you to the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville for it's a very good question, and in deciding to do the consultations on the migratory bird 12-E issue, why we had decided to do it is out of respect for the beneficiaries in Upper Lake Melville to explain the situation, to explain what had happened and to be able to

answer any questions. We did consider going to Mud Lake, and the decision was made first before that consideration was made just to do Happy Valley, Goose Bay and North West River at this time. There was no reason not to do Mud Lake. It was just to do Happy Valley, Goose Bay and North West River at this time.

**MS FORD:** Thank you. Do you have a supplementary?

**MR. BLAKE:** Nakummek, Madam Speaker. Mr. Shiwak, if there was no reason not to hold these consultations in Mud Lake, I ask would the Minister be willing to go over to Mud Lake to hold a consultation with elected officials of Upper Lake Melville?

**MS FORD:** Honourable Minister of Lands.

**MR. SHIWAK:** As I said earlier, we did consider, and we'd still certainly consider if it is deemed necessary that we go over and explain the situation. Having said that, I guess, we will take that under consideration and we'll have to get back to the Ordinary Member on your request, and I assume that is a request. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:** Another supplementary?

**MR. BLAKE:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Minister Shiwak, can I ask how long this will take in your decision and including Mud Lake in the consultation?

**MS FORD:** Honourable Minister Shiwak.

**MR. SHIWAK:** I'll have an answer for you tomorrow, in the sitting tomorrow. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:**

I'd now like to recognize Chair of NunaKâtiget, Gary Mitchell.

**MR. MITCHELL:**

Nakummek, Madam Speaker. I guess my question would be not for the Lands and Resources Minister. In light of what happened to 12-E, I think my question was going to be directed to the First Minister. It's regarding the legalities of what's happened with some of the legal things here. Since I became involved with Nunatsiavut Assembly, I've heard different things on the procedures for changing the *Land Claims Agreement* or changing something in the *Land Claims Agreement*. And I haven't heard a proper clarification on what are the proper procedures for changing something in a *Land Claims Agreement*. I've heard that the Assembly has to prove it or the federal government, provincial, has to prove it. And I would just like to know the proper procedures if somebody wanted to change something in that *Land Claims Agreement*, what is the proper procedures to change something in the *Land Claims Agreement* so that we're all on the same footing, on the same page, know what the procedures are because beneficiaries are asking different questions about can we change this or can we change that. I would like to have a proper clarification on that when I can get an answer. Nakummek, Madam Speaker

**MS FORD:**

Honourable First Minister.

**MS MITCHELL:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Thank you for your question. That's the one thing that I'm really going to have to check out and make sure that the information I'm giving you is correct but, from my understanding, you have to have an agreement between the three signatories to their

agreement, the Federal Government, Provincial Government and Nunatsiavut Government. And but I will definitely get the procedure for you and I will be able to. Okay, Sarah's just passed me the *Land Claims Agreement* and Part 2.16 Amending the agreement. 2.16.1. "Unless otherwise provided in the agreement, an amendment to the agreement shall require the consent of the parties and a) Canada will give its consent by order of the Governor in Council, b) The province will give its consent by an order of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council and c) Inuit will give their consent by a resolution of the designated Inuit organization." So that's how you make an amendment to the agreement.

**MS FORD:**

Supplementary? Go ahead.

**MR. MITCHELL:**

Nakummek, Madam Speaker. My supplementary question I would have is and who would bring it to the attention of the Assembly? Could it be a beneficiary, or would it have to be a Member representing the beneficiary to bring something forward so that action could be taken on it. I'm not sure if you understand what I mean, but who would initiate the request? Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:**

Honourable First Minister.

**MS MITCHELL:**

I thank you for your question and before I answer, I think I would like to consult with legal to make sure we know exactly what process or who we should speak to or who should initiate it. Is that okay with you? Thank you.

**MS FORD:** Did you have another supplementary? No. I'll go on to the next one. I'd like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Nain, Joe Dicker.

**MR. DICKER:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I guess my question is going to be going to Minister of Nunatsiavut Affairs at this time recognizing that the original question was going to go to the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, but I'm sure that the Minister at this time has not got the information that he may need to provide an answer, so I would expect an answer tomorrow. But my question is this construction season for Illusuak is fast approaching. I notice that there are some materials in Nain and people in my community are asking when jobs are going to become available and who do they go to to put forth their resumes so that they may be considered for employment. That is my question, Madam Speaker. Thank you.

**MS FORD:** Thank you. Honourable First Minister.

**MS MITCHELL:** Thank you for your question. Okay, that was actually part of my update, but I gave an update on the housing working group and the housing strategy. I kept this part for my update for tomorrow, but I can certainly answer your question. Okay. As of right now we have approval from the Nunatsiavut Executive Council to proceed with Phase 2 of the construction of Illusuak. Nilik Construction has workers on site in Nain and the scope of work for Phase 2 is to complete the foundation and enclose the entire building before the snow comes, and my understanding was that they were hoping to get into Nain yesterday. Thank you.

**MS FORD:** A supplementary?

**MR. DICKER:** So in your report tomorrow the information will be provided as to who the potential applicants can submit their resumes to? I did not hear that particular part of the answer. Thank you.

**MS FORD:** Honourable First Minister.

**MS MITCHELL:** Yes. Nillik Construction will be doing the work. They can submit their applications to Nillik Construction.

**MS FORD:** No more supplementaries, Mr. Dicker? Is that good? Okay. I'd like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Roy Blake.

**MR. BLAKE:** Nakummek, Madam Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Mr. Shiwak. Mr. Shiwak, in the June sitting, 2014, when I asked you the question about 12-E and I asked you why you were not involved as Minister of Lands and Natural Resources on this very important issue you stated and this is a direct quote from the Hansard. "If there's ever a time I need to meet with the Minister from Environment Canada then I will do so. Also when it comes to a time when, as Minister, have to be involved with their Minister, I will get involved." My question is did you get involved with any of the meetings with the environmental minister regarding 12-E as this portion of the *Land Claim Agreement* is very important to the Nunatsiavut beneficiaries of Upper Lake Melville. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:** Honourable Minister Shiwak.

**MR. SHIWAK:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker, and thank you for the question, and you're absolutely right. That was my response back in that June sitting and what I did — what I said at that time is not wrong. When we go through a process or go through government business, there is a time when the civil service or management are involved in discussions or negotiations of this type. There is a time when the Minister is involved, and not to say that I wasn't involved in the whole time, because I was. Do we have to be aware of what is going on at all times? Not to necessarily say that I'm the one speaking. And as the time got closer and closer to the sunset clause, the sunset date for 12-E, we kept the discussions going within the department, and it looked at that time that there may be options. We were very hopeful, and it looked like those options might be something that we could use, or could put through the federal government to not allow the sunset clause to happen, whether it's in continuance of what we have today or what we did have last year, or a removal of the clause in the agreement; the other option was to amend without having to amend the agreement. So we kept that process going. That process kept happening, as Mr. Mitchell's comments in his statement today, right up past this March sitting. We did not receive a response from Environment Canada until in April and, as Mr. Mitchell said, it was four and a half months after the sunset clause was to come into effect. During all that time there was no need for me to meet with the Minister because there was discussion between Environment Canada staff and our staff in Natural Resources. When it came back that those two options needed to

extend what we have today, or to remove that clause, weren't options within the federal government within the legislation, and I said in my statement it extinguished all rights outside. When that happened and became very clear, that the Minister has no authority to grant that to Labrador Inuit outside of the Labrador *Land Claims Agreement*. There's no authority. It would not have made a difference or will not make any difference for me to ask the Minister to do it because he has no authority to do it. I have been involved in the whole process from the very beginning because I knew what was going on, but I just haven't been involved, as you said back in the June sitting at a Minister-to-Minister level because there was no need to do it. But at the end of the day, like I just said, the Federal Minister of Environment and Conservation has no authority to change that. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:**

Nakummek. Supplementary? I'd like to recognize the Ordinary Member from Nain, Richard Pamak.

**MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I guess I'll direct my question to Minister of Health and Social Development, Greg Flowers. On Wednesday, May 27th, the Nunatsiavut Government helped organize a public information session, as you all know, on the latest TB outbreak in Nain. As I mentioned in my member statement earlier that 70 residents attended the session. The public information session went very well with many questions from the floor. I spoke to many of the residents that attended the sessions and that they walked away with a better understanding of what TB is, how it's being treated and contained, and that the TB

outbreak is not as severe that it's led out to be. As a result of the public information session, in my opinion, three items or next steps came out of this meeting. One, which we all heard today that TB clinics will be offered every Tuesday for those who want to have a clinical assessment by a physician. The other is that as Minister Flowers mentioned at the public meeting that NG will explore with Labrador-Grenfell Health to purchase a new x-ray machine for the Nain clinic. And that Labrador-Grenfell Health is also willing to come back into our community to do follow-up with community leaders and maybe hold another public information session, if needed. It certainly was a great start using the minds of the residents that had concerns raised prior to the meeting.

**MS FORD:**

Mr. Pamak...

**MR. PAMAK:**

My question to the Minister of Health and Social Development, TB has been in our communities for many years with a spike of confirmed cases in 2009 and again now. TB is not new to our communities. Keeping our community informed now and down the road will be key in controlling the spread of TB. Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami representing all Inuit across has an Inuit-specific tuberculosis strategy in place. Will the Nunatsiavut Government look at putting in place a Nunatsiavut-specific TB strategy in place to keep Nain and all our communities within Nunatsiavut informed? Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:**

Honourable Minister of Health.

**MR. FLOWERS:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Thank you, Ordinary Member for Nain. I guess to answer your question, we are using then, I guess, the Inuttitut standard one that's all across our *Inuttitut* region, and we feel right now unless things change, and we didn't have a request to do so as the question that you asked but, you know, I think that TB, like you said, is a real concern for Nunatsiavut, and I think that our health providers are doing an outstanding job in making sure that we, as Nunatsiavummiut, get the best treatment, the best results, the best everything, the top of the line, for our people, and I think that we are doing that. I think that our communities, yes, maybe there are some other things that, you know, that it could have been earlier before, you know, before it all came to light like it did. I mean, back in March, I think March 20th, that we did send a press to OKâlaKatiget to make people aware in Nain and in Nunatsiavut that tuberculosis is a concern of our health department. So that went out and nobody really picked up on it. I mean, we didn't pick up it on the news, for one thing, in my mind it couldn't have been resolved a lot earlier. People would have lots of questions a lot earlier and it took, again, a tragedy to kind of make things come to the point it is. But I'd just like to say that we are certainly looking at it. And also, NG does have a TB strategy developed in 2007, but since that, it's also there's a federal strategy. So I'd just like to say that, you know, we can certainly look at, we can certainly put our minds around it more but, you know, a lot of these things that's happening we are doing. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:** Supplementary? I'd like to recognize the Chair of NunaKâtiget, Gary Mitchell.

**MR. MITCHELL:** Nakummek, Madam Speaker. I have one more question for Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, if I may, on Section 12-E. As you know, we come to the end of the agreement and I hope there's going to be more talks with the government, but where there's an overlap with the Innu Nation, are there any talks planned with the Innu regarding the overlap regarding that hunting in that area because they, eventually, will have a land claim settlement. So are there any talks planned with the Innu Nation on this topic of hunting for beneficiaries in Section 12-E?

**MS FORD:** Honourable Minister.

**MR. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. The talks, to take up that overlap with Labrador Inuit Lands, Labrador Inuit Settlement Area, and the Labrador Innu Land, there is provisions to do that. We have begun preliminary discussions about overlap in general with the Innu. With regards to specifically regarding 12-E, there are no talks at this time to address that because we have to address the issue of overlap first. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:** Good. Supplementary?

**MR. MITCHELL:** I have one supplementary question, yes. If our rights are extinguished in Section 12-E, or not 12-E, if our rights are extinguished in that area, that's outside the land claims area, I could ask why are we talking with the Innu on overlap?

**MS FORD:** Honourable Minister.

**MR. SHIWAK:** There are conditions within our *Labrador Inuit Land Claim Agreement* that deals with overlap agreements, and one of those agreements, overlap agreements with the Innu. We have to negotiate overlap with the Innu, not just for the years that may include 12-E. I'm, not to say that it would include 12-E, but includes all the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area. It's part of our land claim that we have to do it. I don't want to get it confused with 12-E at this point because if that's something that will happen, it will happen down the road, and we're not sure if that would happen.

**MS FORD:** Are there any more oral questions? I'd like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Postville, Tyler Edmunds.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** Nakummek, Madam Speaker. My question will be directed to the Honourable Minister of Health and Social Development. As some of the Assembly may be aware, Postville's day care program has been terminated at the start of the fiscal year. Alternatives have been proposed, but nothing has yet been implemented. Are there plans to create some sort of programming in the near future as a supplement?  
Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:** Honourable Minister.

**MR. FLOWERS:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. And thank you Ordinary Member for Postville. As you are aware, yes, the day care in Postville is closed due to the numbers of kids for daycare, but certainly your concern, if the

numbers do rise again in Postville, we'll certainly look at the opening the daycare again to the full capacity as it once was. But, as you know, also, in June all day cares in Nunatsiavut by the end of June all day cares in Nunatsiavut are closed again for the summer. And I guess our director Jenny Lyall, I will certainly get an update from her on Postville and what the plans is for, like, different programs and different ideas for the young children in Postville. They don't want to be left out. You know, we have to look at another way to engage them in programs or what have you. So I certainly will take it upon myself to look into this concern you have, this following spring, summer after everything's out and look into what we can do in Postville. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:**

Thank you. Did you have a supplementary?

**MR. FLOWERS:**

No, Madam Speaker. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:**

Thank you. Are there any more oral questions? I'd like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Jack Shiwak.

**MR. SHIWAK:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I think it's the First Minister's turn on the hot seat today, so I've got to give it a try too. Not long ago I was visiting somebody and they told me that their daughter or son had just received their notice that they had become beneficiaries of the Nunatsiavut Government. And they gave me the letter to read, and I was reading through it, and I'm not sure if I have a question for you, or if I missed something, or there's some misunderstanding. I think I'm looking for some clarification. The last paragraph on the form letter, I guess, they

send to everybody is, I won't use the name. This is to advise you that because Kate has been enrolled as a beneficiary of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claim Agreement* while she is a minor. When she becomes an adult, on her 19th birthday, she must re-apply for enrolment and must meet the eligible criteria at that time. I think the question I have, or the understanding that I want, is what happens between birth and the age of 19 when you have to re-apply and, I guess, meet the criteria at that time? What happened to the criteria that stands in between day 1 and year 19? Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:**

Honourable First Minister.

**MS MITCHELL:**

Thank you for your question. Well, the only thing that I can say to you is, first of all, I just want to make very clear that as First Minister, even though my department is responsible for enrolment and eligibility of beneficiaries, that my responsibility as Minister is to make sure that we have the membership committees in place, that we have the boards in place and that they're functioning well, and that, for me, that that is my responsibility. But for that letter I will certainly check and see if I need any more clarification on it but, to my understanding, the way it is when you're an infant, your parents apply on your behalf and, you know, then you're given that information there, but when you've become an adult, then you put in the application yourself, and if there's any other changes to that, I will check with legal and make sure that I'm giving you the correct information. Thank you.

**MS FORD:** Supplementary? Good. Do you have any more oral questions? I'd like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Postville, Tyler Edmunds.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** Nakummek, Madam Speaker. My question will be directed to the Honourable Minister of Education and Economic Development. The underground operations at Voisey's Bay are fast approaching and the pressure is now mounting. Has there been any further discussion about implementing a training program so that our beneficiaries can attain key roles at the first phase of Vale's underground mining operations?

Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:** Honourable Minister of Education.

**MS KEMUKSIGAK:** Thank you, Ordinary Member Edmunds, for that question. I was going to give an update tomorrow, but I can give you a short one now. Deputy Minister McNeil has been very busy on this portfolio. He's been meeting for many months now with the prospect of developing a new proposal to go forward to the federal government with the three Aboriginal groups to receive money from the strategic partnership fund, and now it's a fund that's going to be ongoing. It's not a sun setting program like it was in the past. So the draft proposal went forward with Vale and the three Aboriginal groups, through LITP, as it was existing, I went to Ottawa the third week in May. Vale and the two Innu groups, the Grand Chief Anastasia Coupe was there, and the Métis and many people from Vale, and then people from the federal government through Service Canada, ANC and other federal departments met to discuss the draft proposal. There was a presentation presented by Vale and LITP about the prospects

of getting funding for underground mining because it's a specialized field. There are very little underground miners in Canada. So we would like to have the funds to train our own people for underground mining, and also the trades related to underground mining because they're specialized trades plus there's specialized equipment you've got to use for underground mining. So when we had our meeting with the federal government they said they were going to look at the proposal, consider it, but another option, they may be looking at is to put funding into the existing assets agreements. So that would be for us, Inuit Pathways. Now it's not totally worked out and because they had new programs coming on stream, assets, this sun setting, but there's a new program coming on stream. There are a lot of things happening at the federal level. And it was quite a lot of money we were asking for. So it's we were asking for \$20 million over 5 years for the 3 Aboriginal groups from the federal government. So there's a lot for them to consider, but they thought it was a good concept and it was positive for Aboriginal people to be trained in underground and they saw the success with Voisey's Bay in hiring Aboriginal people, how hiring the Inuit, Inuit through their IBA, and Vale said they were very committed to continue to hire Inuit and Innu through their IBA. So that's a positive. It wasn't quite so positive with Muskrat Falls. We have trained a lot of people, but not that many people have received employment. But on the other side with Vale it's more positive. So there's things in the works and then I just found out from Minister Shiwak that there's something that the IBA co-ordinator is going

to be doing with Inuit Pathways so we may need to co-ordinate a little bit on how we can all work together even within our government. So we're working on things and we don't want to miss out on the opportunities, and also on business opportunities, which is not a question that was asked, but we're also working with the Innu on maybe QBE's, which is Qualified Business Entity. So we're trying to work with the companies that may be going underground, that may get the contract to go underground, to partner with them so that they have to hire our beneficiaries because that will be a part of the contract. So I'm not sure if I confused you more, but sorry to ramble a little bit, but if you want, I could have something written up. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:** Supplementary, Mr. Edmunds?

**MR. EDMUNDS:** Madam Speaker, not to beat a dead horse here, but do you have a prospective date upon which the training could commence or?

**MS FORD:** Honourable Minister.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MS KEMUKSIGAK:** I'll have to review documentation because I can't remember the exact date, but they're hoping it will start soon after a decision is made by Vale if they're going to go underground or not. There will be preliminary things like getting people to the pre-employment phase and different programs. It'll be hung up with the federal government. They don't expect to give the new money out until the next fiscal year, which will be April 2015, if they do so. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:**

Nakummek. Do you have another supplementary? Are there any more oral questions? No more oral questions so we'll break for lunch and reconvene at 1:30.

(Recess)

**MS FORD:**

I'd like to call the Assembly back to order, please. Going down through our items of the day, we are on number eight, "Written Questions." Are there any written questions? Mr. Mitchell. The page can pick up your written question and have it delivered to the clerk. You have a written question?

**MR. MITCHELL:**

Yes.

**MS FORD:**

Okay. A page can pick up a written question and have it delivered to the clerk. This written question is for the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources. With an increase being granted to harvest polar bear in Nunatsiavut, will there be consideration given to allow beneficiaries in Upper Lake Melville to be allotted any of those licences so they can carry their own licence to harvest polar bear? A written question under the Standing Orders 33.1. "A question which would likely to require a detailed or complex answer or which not reasonably be assumed to be within the present knowledge of the Minister should be posed as a written question." So maybe you could ask this question at the next session at oral questions. Are there any written questions? Item number nine, "Returns to Written Questions." Are there any returns to written questions? I don't think there should be any today. Item number 10,

"Petitions." Are there any petitions today? I recognize the Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Richard Pamak.

**MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'd like to present a petition from the community of Nain signed by residents who are concerned about the cases of reported tuberculosis, and is asking everyone in Nain and anyone passing through to be tested for TB, and to close the schools for daycare as has been signed by 342 members of the community. Madam Speaker, not to contradict what I've just said, as an Ordinary Member, I have access to information that others in my community do not have. I have seen transcripts of all the recent radio interviews and heard some of the radio reports since the latest TB outbreak that was announced on or before May 14th. I have seen ITK stats on TB in their strategic plan. I've spoken one on one with medical experts. I've heard from families that have been affected for TB and treated for TB. Personally, Madam Speaker, I am comfortable enough that all being done with the extra steps put in place gives me peace of mind that this TB outbreak is taken seriously. As Ordinary Member, I see myself in two roles. To provide my constituency with any information on what this government is doing and to share that information with them in regards to TB. But I'm also there to advocate on their behalf as well. Having said this, Madam Speaker, I present to you and this Assembly this petition with 343 names that is looking for more to be done on TB in our community of Nain. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:**

Pardon me?

**MR. FLOWERS:** Point of order, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:** Point of order? State your point, please.

**MR. FLOWERS:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I do know that this petition, Madam Speaker, and, to me, some of it is not very clear and kind of misleading to the, I think, Assembly and also to people of Nain. I have some concerns about some of the wording in this petition, like, for example, neglect. Seems like we are neglecting the people of Nain and also some other information on the petition. So, Madam Speaker, I would like to go to a debate or probably something before this petition is presented to the house.

**MS FORD:** Standing Orders, 35.4. No debate shall be allowed on the presentation of a petition. Madam President, is this a point of order?

**PRESIDENT LEO:** Yes.

**MS FORD:** Okay.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** Under Standing Order 35.7, it says, "A petition that complains of some present personal grievance requiring the immediate remedy may be debated immediately," and I think given the...

**MR. PAMAK:** Point of order, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:** I'll let her finish her point of order first.

**MR. PAMAK:** Thank you.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** I think, given the fact that this was a concern that's ongoing now, and that there are some, as the Minister of Health pointed out, some

discrepancies in the wording of the petition itself I think it should be brought to a debate.

**MS FORD:**

Standing Order 35.7 states, "For immediate debate a petition that complains of some present personal grievance." I don't think this is a personal grievance. Is there — he stated there are 343 names on the petition. Mr. Pamak, state your point.

**MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Yes, 37.5 do indicate that a petition that complains of some present personal grievance requiring immediate remedy may be debated immediately. Madam Speaker, this is not a personal grievance. This is a community issue, and I'm bringing this to the Assembly on behalf of my community. Thank you very much, Madam Speaker.

**MR. LYALL:**

Point of order.

**MS FORD:**

State your point, please.

**MR. LYALL:**

Under 35.7 on the cover letter presented with the petition you refer to the second page, "I as a concerned parent went out looking for signatures in support of my petition for everyone to be tested for TB." Thank you.

**MS FORD:**

Thank you very much. Yes, and we read that part. So two people stated points of order on what, 35.7? Immediate debate and 35.5? No, 35.7. Okay, anyway, I don't think that the petition is personal. There are so many signatures on it which would not require immediate debate. So, Mr. Pamak, your petition will be filed and it will be left with the Minister

of Health and Social Development, the Honourable Gregory Flowers, to respond within 60 calendar days as per section...

**PRESIDENT LEO:** Point of order.

**MS FORD:** State your point, please.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** I think this is what maybe the Minister of Health could have referred to better in his point of order. Under 35.5, "A Member presenting a petition shall be answerable for any impertinent or improper material that it contains," and I think the Minister of Health was pointing out some discrepancies in the wording on the petition.

**MS FORD:** Under petitions, 35.5 it states, "A member presenting a petition shall be answerable for any impertinent or proper material that it contains." It's not talking about inaccurate information. So Mr. Pamak's petition will be filed and it will be left with the Minister of Health and Social Development, the Honourable Gregory Flowers, to respond within 60 calendar days...

**MR. POTTLE:** Point of order, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:** State your point, please.

**MR. POTTLE:** Sorry, Madam Speaker. I just wanted some clarification on the numbers that the Ordinary Member for Nain presented in this petition. As I go through the petition I see there are some incomplete parts of this petition, in particular, and I stand to be corrected on this, but I think I'd like an opinion and a ruling on whether or not a signature is valid if there are certain portions related to that signature that's missing. As I go

through the petition, Madam Speaker, I see on several occasions, there's just a name. It doesn't indicate whether or not that person is a resident or a member of the community of Nain. So I'm just wondering are the numbers that's being presented in this petition accurate relevant to my point order? Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:** Okay. On 35.6 in the Standing Orders, "Petitions may be either written or printed. When there are three or more petitioners, the signature of at least three petitioners shall be set on the sheet containing the body of the petition." Yes.

**MR. POTTLE:** And further to my point of order, Madam Speaker, as you go through the petition, as well, there is notations on the petition where signatures on the petition ask that their names be removed from this document as well, Madam Speaker. Nakummek.

**MS FORD:** Did you say there are names to be removed, that ask to be removed, that are still on the petition?

**MR. POTTLE:** There are notations, Madam Speaker. I'm referring to one in particular. There's no numbers on this petition, but...

**PRESIDENT LEO:** Can I speak to that because I'm the one that put the annotations there?

**MR. POTTLE:** Okay. Sure. I'll — if it's okay with the speaker, I'll ask the President to clarify that because she was asked to put those notations on this petition by the persons who requested that their name be removed. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:** Go ahead, Madam President.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** Madam Speaker, after the community meeting in Nain where the information was provided to the residents, there were some residents who had signed the petition prior to the community meeting and prior to actually reading what was on the petition. When they took a better read of the petition and got the information from the public meeting, they had called me because they knew I had been provided a part of the petition and asked that their names be struck from the petition.

**MS FORD:** Is there a written record of that? Do you have a written record?

**PRESIDENT LEO:** From the individuals? No, they called me on the phone and asked that their names be removed.

**MS FORD:** Are there any more points of order?

**MR. PAMAK:** Point of order.

**MS FORD:** State your point, please.

**MR. PAMAK:** Madam Speaker it says 35.10, "The speaker, President, Minister responsible shall provide response to the petition within 60 calendar days of the presentation." Whatever this government decides on what route they want to take, whether it says unreasonable for this to be acted upon, I'm willing to share that information with them to the public. So I'm filing this petition on behalf of my community, it's 25 percent of my community that is looking for more to be done. I'm filing on their behalf. Within the next 60 days this government can go ahead and give their response and I'd be more than glad to provide that response to them. That's why, as Ordinary Member, I can take the information that I know

from the Nunatsiavut Government and share it with my people, but I also have to be there to advocate for my people as well. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:**

The ruling on these points is that the petition will be filed. It will be left with the Minister of Health and Social Development, the Honourable Gregory Flowers, to respond within 60 calendar days as per Standing Order 35. 10. Standing Order 35. 10 states, "The speaker, President or Minister responsible shall provide a response to a petition within 60 calendar days of its presentation." Are there any more petitions today? "Responses to Petitions," there will be no responses today. Item number 12 on the *Orders of the Day*, "Reports of Standing and Special Committees." I would like to recognize Mr. Tyler Edmunds, the Ordinary Member from Postville, to give the report from the Member Services Committee.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

Nakummek, Madam Speaker. If you can give me a quick moment here. Madam Speaker, your Member Services Committee is pleased to provide its reports on the MSC decisions ranging from February 1st to June 1st, 2015 of the Nunatsiavut Assembly and commends it to the Assembly. This was signed at the time by the Honourable Sean Lyall, Chairperson of the MSC. Madam Speaker, Standing Order 66.1, 2, and 3, states that, "The Member Services Committee shall be comprised of all those Ordinary Members who are not Members of the Executive Council. 2) The speaker shall be chair of the Member Services Committee and 3) the mandate of the Member Services Committee is provided by Section 78

through 83 of the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act*." Madam Speaker, for accountability and transparency, the purpose of this report is to advise the Assembly of the decisions and recommendations of the MSC with respect to matters under its jurisdiction, that being financial matters pertaining to the Nunatsiavut Assembly. Truck. Currently the Nunatsiavut Assembly owns a 20-tonne GMC truck, which has a three-passenger capacity with three seatbelts in the front cab. In 2013 there were changes made to the Newfoundland and Labrador *Highway Traffic Act*, which made it illegal for passengers to drive in the back of the truck. Further, the legislation required that all passengers wear seatbelts. One Assembly truck was insufficient to transport the elected members and staff during Assembly sittings. The additional issue was that it was difficult to find rentals that were both licensed and registered to provide transportation during Assembly sittings. Madam Speaker, given the situation, the MSC decided to purchase a second vehicle for Assembly use. Invited tenders were sought. On February 18th, 2015 the MSC resolved to select the 2015 seven-seater Ford Flex all-wheel drive quote for \$40,843.85. This was submitted by Carol Automobile Limited in Labrador City. It was agreed that the van would be purchased before March 31st, 2015, with the residual funds from the election costs. The Ford Flex is being built and is scheduled to be picked up from Lab City to be shipped to Hopedale by the end of the shipping season. Madam Speaker, with respect to an Assembly skidoo, the Nunatsiavut Assembly currently owns a 2009 550 Skandic Widetrack. And although there have

not been any major problems, it is undoubtedly what we've deemed a gas guzzler. Given that it is five years old, which is the tail end of an estimated snowmobile life span, consideration was given to the purchase of a new snowmobile. Invited quotes were solicited, and on April 7th, 2015, the MSC resolved to accept the quote from Notre Dame and Happy Valley, Goose Bay for the purchase of a 2016 Skandic Widetrack 600 Ace for the Assembly's use. Cost of the skidoo with shipping totalled \$13,581.47, which came from the Assembly's 2014-2105 fiscal year budget. Madam Speaker, with respect to Kamutik boxes, the Nunatsiavut Assembly currently owns one Kamutik box which was made approximately four years ago. It is too small for the Assembly requirements, and only suitable primarily for the transportation of bags and freight. A decision was made to hire a skilled carpenter to build three Kamutik boxes for the Assembly with dimensions in the vicinity of 10 feet by 3 to 4 feet equipped with seating for Assembly transport. John Angnatok from Nain will be building these and they will be shipped to Hopedale during the shipping season. The cost of the materials, labour, and shipping for the three Kamutik boxes will total approximately \$2,500. Madam Speaker, these will be purchased from the 2015 and 2016 Assembly budget. With respect to Silapak, Madam Speaker, although the Assembly does have male and female Silapak, many of them are too big for the pages. With the introduction of having student pages from different communities represented by the Assembly, the MSC agreed to purchase four Silapak, two male and two female, sizes small and medium.

The person asked to make the Silapak is Kristie Howell from Nain. The Assembly will purchase the materials and Ms Howell will be paid \$150 per Silapak. These funds will come from the 2015 and 2016 Assembly budget once more. With regards to a speaker's chair, footstool and podium, Madam Speaker, the MSC agreed to put this project to tender during the last fiscal year. Unfortunately, there were no responses to the open tender which called for the design and construction. During the year, Madam Speaker, different individual carpenters were approached by members of the MSC, but they were unsuccessful. During the May 11th, 2015 MSC teleconference it was suggested and agreed that the carpentry program at the Labrador Correctional Centre, LCC, should be approached to gauge their interest. The carpentry Program Co-ordinator, Mr. Dwayne Brown, expressed a great deal of interest and numbers of the MSC are currently communicating with Mr. Brown on the details with regards to cost and timeframe of realizing this plan. The cost of this project will be supported from the 2015 and 2016 Assembly budget. Mr. Brown said that they have the skills to design and build the speaker's chair, footstool and podium, but the upholstering and decorating would be outside of their skill set. When the open tender was first advertised, Madam Speaker, Labrador Upholsters contacted the speaker to indicate that they would be able to do these and this is still a project that would have to be considered by the MSC if and when the speaker's chair, footstool and podium are built. Madam Speaker, with respect to web casting and Hansard, when the Assembly was contacting companies to

determine the costs of transcribing the Hansard in 2009, the only company that responded was Video Transcriptions from Oakville, Ontario. The MSC agreed to purchase their services and they're still providing Hansard transcription services to the Assembly. The Assembly has been approached by Slick Company to broadcast the Assembly sittings in English and *Inuttitut*. This would allow beneficiaries, wherever they live, to view their representatives during Assembly sittings. The details of the Slick proposal should have been forwarded out to the Assembly Members. Madam Speaker, the MSC was extremely interested in option 1 of the proposal which would be the purchase of the site licensing to do the web casting. This would include the set-up and training, the streaming in two channels, both in English and *Inuttitut*, the hardware, the software licence and the annual support for a total cost of \$30,625. This would include only the web casting, not the purchase of a template for the production of the Hansard. Madam Speaker, the MSC considered the proposal and agreed that a more thorough examination of the financial obligations under the Assembly budget would have to be done before making a final decision. If a positive decision is made, the funds will come from the 2015 and 2016 Assembly budget. Nakummek, Honourable Speaker, Madam Speaker. I move, seconded by the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Mr. Roy Blake, that the decisions or recommendations made by the MSC for the period between February 1st and June 1st, 2015, be received and adopted by the Assembly pursuant to Standing Order 72.2 and 72.3. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:** Nakummek. Your motion is in order. Would the Ordinary Member for Postville like to speak to the motion?

**MR. EDMUNDS:** No, Madam Speaker. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:** Does anyone else wish to speak to the motion? I recognize the Honourable Minister of Finance, Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek UKâtik. Under the Assembly, the MSC report relative to the Assembly skidoo, I just have a question, if I may. In speaking to the motion, I note here that invited quotes were solicited and on April 7th, 2015, the MSC resolved to accept the quote from Notre Dame. The cost of the skidoo with shipping totalled X number of dollars which came from the Assembly's 2014-15 budget year. The 2014-15 budget year concluded on March 31st, 2015. I'm wondering, as per our practises, whether or not this quote and the decision to purchase the skidoo were made before the end of March 31st, 2015.

**MS FORD:** Mr. Edmunds

**MR. EDMUNDS:** Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:** Could you hold one moment before you speak. We'll go to the other one. Sean, you had something to say about it as well?

**MR. LYALL:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. If I may, with approval from the MSC, to answer the question. Given my experience as former chair of the MSC, I'd like to answer yes; the decision was made to purchase the snowmobile before March 31st.

**MS FORD:** Does anyone else wish to speak to the motion? The Honourable Greg Flowers.

**MR. FLOWERS:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just had a question when MR. SPEAKER was reading out his information to us. He mentioned that three Kamutik will be built and shipped from Nain to Hopedale for Assembly. I just question that because I feel that these three Kamutik could have been made in Hopedale. I don't understand, you know, how that process worked, or why it was the way it was done, but, you know, I know there's a lot of Kamutik builders in this community and good Kamutik builders. So, you know, I guess I would like to see these Kamutik done in Hopedale for the Assembly from Hopedale. So if there's any way that that can be possibly done, I'd like to see that. Thank you.

**MS FORD:** Mr. Edmunds.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** Could I defer that line of questioning to Mr. Lyall once more, please, Madam Speaker?

**MS FORD:** Mr. Lyall

**MR. LYALL:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. There were discussions and I believe direct sourcing by the Clerk of Nunatsiavut Assembly was performed and, unfortunately, during time constraints we could not find the appropriate people to construct the Kamutik transport for the Assembly. Nakummek.

**MS FORD:** AngajukKâk for Nain, Joe Dicker.

**MR. DICKER:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. My question is with regards to the monies involved for the purchase of the truck, they said that they would be

purchasing \$40,000 and that would come from the election residual costs from the election. And the other amounts of money that was also spent, my question, I guess, is where these done through a purchase order process, or who authorizes this amount of money? \$40,000 is a lot of money and I'm sure that somebody from the Department of Finance has to have some record of it and to be able to approve it to NEC or through another process. That's my question, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:**

Mr. Lyall

**MR. LYALL:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker, and thank you for the question, AngajukKâk Dicker. Yes, there is a due process when selecting substantial purchases. There is a call to tender as stated in the MSC report. The Member Services Committee, along with an experienced resource person in consultation from the Department of Finance had come up with this decision, and the funds available were carryovers from the election. There was a, how would you say, expectation that during the last Ordinary Member election that there would be more funds spent. There was not that amount spent and it was inclusive in the Nunatsiavut Assembly budget, but it was deferred to purchase of the vehicle. And, yes, there was a purchase order through the Department of Finance, and because of the substantial amount, it was done through public tender. I hope that answers your question. Sorry. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:**

Nakummek. Mr. Tuttauq.

**MR. TUTTAUK:**

Nakummek, Madam Speaker. I was going to address this to Ordinary Member, MR. SPEAKER, over there, but I'll direct this to the former chair, I guess. In consultations and that with the Kamutik boxes, I'll just elaborate a bit more on what the Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Mr. Flowers, was asking about. I, too, question about the Kamutik boxes, you know? We have, you know, not only here in Hopedale, but I'm sure in Nain, that, you know, we have a life skills program with our youth there. Maybe, you know, in future if we're going to be getting Kamutik boxes built, maybe we should go through that route and give it to our life skills and give them some well-deserved opportunities to learn the skills and make the Kamutik boxes more. And I think that, you know, as a Nunatsiavut Government, as a whole, I think we need to encourage our youth to get involved in more programs like this. Nakummek. So the question, I guess, is was there any consultations or any thought to speak with the life skills program and, if not, please, maybe do so in the future. Nakummek.

**MS FORD:**

Mr. Lyall

**MR. LYALL:**

Nakummek, Madam Speaker, and Nakummek, AngajukKâk Tuttauq. No, there was no consultation with the life skills. I was unaware of it as I stated before that it was done through direct sourcing. Thank you. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:**

Nakummek. Does anyone else wish to speak to the motion? If no one else wishes to speak, does the Ordinary Member for Postville wish to make final comments and close debate?

**MR. EDMUNDS:** No further comments, Madam Speaker. I wish to conclude debate.  
Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:** That concludes debate. Are there any nays? The motion is carried. I would like to recognize Mr. Tyler Edmunds, the Ordinary Member for Postville, to give his report from the Standing Committee on Drugs and Alcohol.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** Nakummek, Madam Speaker. As per the Standing Orders of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, specifically, Section 72.1, which states that "Every report of a Standing or Special Committee shall be in writing, signed by the chair, shall be presented by the chair or member of the committee as designated by the committee under item reports of standing committees and special committee on the daily order of business of the Assembly," the Standing Committee on Drugs and Alcohol is pleased to present its report to the Nunatsiavut Assembly. Madam Speaker, the committee established a scheduled teleconference meetings planning to meet at the end of each month with exception to months which have scheduled Assembly sittings. During scheduled Assembly sittings the Standing Committee on Drugs and Alcohol plans to meet outside of sitting time to discuss committee business. In structuring the meetings this way, Madam Speaker, Assembly Members are given the opportunity to offer commentary to the chair or other members before the committee meeting. Madam Speaker, following up on the effort and work of the previous committee on drugs and alcohol, a role model's campaign is being issued. During a face-to-face meeting in Happy Valley, Goose Bay

on April 29th, 2015, Members reviewed submissions to the role model's campaign and selected this year's applicants. Madam Speaker, after selecting applicants, each member was tasked to select one or more Nunatsiavummiut to supplement the Role Model's Program. The committee will have the certificates ready for the Role Model's Program by mid-July. All constituencies were included with each constituency producing at least one role model. Once more, Madam Speaker, building upon past work, there will be a name change campaign issued. By the fall sitting, the committee hopes to adopt a name which it feels is more conducive to its overall goal of creating healthier communities, both physically and mentally. The details of the campaign will be issued by late June, and the winner will receive an iPad for their contribution. The committee is also working on a newsletter for constituents in the land claims area. It was agreed to publish a newsletter at least once per year. If the newsletter is well-received, and if production time is sufficient, the newsletter will be produced twice, once in the summer and once for Christmas. Madam Speaker, the committee is also looking for ways to promote alcohol-free or alcohol-controlled homes within our communities. The committee is looking to adopt a similar program to that of the Department of Health and Social Development Smoke-free campaign where smoke homes are announced with blue light bulbs. These homes can serve as havens for children and others who are vulnerable in unstable environments produced by excessive alcohol usage. Madam Speaker, the main goal of the current committee is to

modify the language associated with drugs and alcohol in Nunatsiavut. Though the committee is aware of the reality of substance abuse and bootlegging in our communities, it is believed that by celebrating the good in our communities and bringing forward a positive dialogue that all community partners will be able to work together more effectively in creating stronger and healthier individuals and families. Nakummek, Madam Speaker. I would like to move, seconded by the AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker, that this report of the Standing Committee be received and adopted by the Assembly according to Standing Orders 72.2 and 72.3. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:** Nakummek, Mr. Edmunds The motion is in order. Would you like to speak to the motion?

**MR. EDMUNDS:** No, Madam Speaker. Nakummek.

**MS FORD:** Does anyone else wish to speak to the motion? If no other members wish to speak, does the Ordinary Member for Postville wish to make final comment and close debate?

**MR. EDMUNDS:** No further comments, Madam Speaker, and I would like to conclude debate. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:** That concludes debate. Are there any nays? The motion is carried. Thank you, MR. SPEAKER. That concludes debate reports for today. We'll move down to item number 13, "Tabling of Documents." I would like to recognize the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell.

**MS MITCHELL:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to table the annual report of the Nunatsiavut Government for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 2014.

**MS FORD:** Thank you, First Minister. This document will be numbered as tabled document 01-3(6). I'd like to recognize the Treasurer of the Nunatsiavut Government, the Honourable Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek UKâtik, Madam Speaker. I would like to table the 2014-15 Annual Report of the Department of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology. Nakummek UKâtik.

**MS FORD:** Thank you, Minister Pottle. This document will be numbered as tabled document 02-3(6). I would like to recognize the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

**MR. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to table the 2014-2015 Annual Report from the Department of Lands and Natural Resources, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:** Thank you, Minister Shiwak. This document will be numbered as tabled document 03-3(6). I recognize the Honourable Patricia Kemuksigak, the Minister of the Department of Education and Economic Development.

**MS KEMUKSIGAK:** Nakummek, Madam Speaker. I would like to table the Department of Education and Economic Development Annual Report for 2014-2015. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:** Thank you, Minister Kemuksigak. The tabled document will be numbered as 04-3(6). I recognize the Honourable Sean Lyall, Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

**MR. LYALL:** Nakummek, Madam Speaker. I would like to table the annual report for the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, 2014-2015.

**MS FORD:** Thank you, Minister Lyall. This document will be numbered as tabled document 05-3(6). We will receive the rest of the documents under tabled documents tomorrow. Going down on our *Orders of the Day*, we're at item number 14, "Notices of Motion." I would like to recognize the Minister of Finance and the Treasurer, the Honourable Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek UKâtik. I give notice that on Wednesday, June 3rd, 2015, that I will move, seconded by the President, the Honourable Sarah Leo, that pursuant to Section 5.14 of the *Labrador Inuit Settlement Trust Indenture*, the non-government trustees will be compensated at a rate of \$500 today. And, Madam Speaker, I will be seeking unanimous consent to deal with this motion today under item 16, "Motions." Nakummek UKâtik.

**MS FORD:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. I would like to again recognize the Minister of Finance and the Treasurer, the Honourable Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madam Speaker. I would like to give notice that on Wednesday, June 3rd, that I will move, seconded by the President, the Honourable Sarah Leo, that pursuant to Section 5.14 of the *Labrador Inuit Implementation Trust Indenture*, the non-government trustees will be compensated at a rate of \$500 per day. And, Madam Speaker, I will be seeking unanimous consent to deal with this motion today under item number 16, "Motions." Nakummek UKâtik.

**MS FORD:**

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. I would like to recognize Mr. Tyler Edmunds, the Ordinary Member for Postville.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

Nakummek, Madam Speaker. I give notice that on Wednesday, June 3rd, 2015, that I will move, seconded by the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Mr. Roy Blake, that number 1(f), the section on family trip, be deleted in the Elected Officials Benefits Policy Manual. And further be it resolved that Part 2, Section (d)1(a)(b) and (c) be deleted and replaced with the following: 2(d)(1)(a), "In the event of the death of an elected official's spouse, or common-law partner, mother or father, or the spouse, or common-law partner, or of mother or father, child, step-child or foster child, grandchild, sister or brother, grandfather or grandmother or the spouse or common-law partner of the grandfather or grandmother five paid working days be granted to the elected official." And 2(d)(1)(b), "In the case of an elected official's aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, sister-in-law, brother-in-law or grandfather-in-law or grandmother-in-law three paid working days. And further be it resolved that Part 2(d)(1) (d) and (e) should be deleted and replaced with the following: "(d) That the death of a relative referred to in (a) above occurs outside the elected official's home, community, the elected official may be granted two paid additional days for the purpose of attending the funeral. And "(e) For the purpose of attending a funeral other than a relative referred to above one paid day. If this occurs outside the elected official's home, community, the elected official may be granted two additional paid days for attending the funeral." Madam Speaker, and

further, be it resolved that Part 5.1 is deleted and replaced with the following: "Elected officials must report all leave and travel by completing the leave, travel and tracking form when leave and travel are taken. It is mandatory for elected officials to submit their bi-weekly LTF's at the end of each pay period. Elected officials who do not comply with the reporting requirements may be subject to one of the following consequences: a) Pay may be withheld or b) disciplinary action by the speaker may be issued." And, Madam Speaker, I will be seeking unanimous consent to deal with this motion today under item 16, "Motions." Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:**

Nakummek, Mr. Edmunds. Are there any more notices of motions today? We'll go down to, on our *Orders of the Day*, number 15, "Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills." I recognize the Minister of Finance and Nunatsiavut Treasurer, the Honourable Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:**

Nakummek UKâtik. I give notice that on Wednesday, June 3rd, 2015, I will move first reading of bill 2015-02, *Torngat Co-operative Loans Guarantee Act, 2015*. Nakummek UKâtik.

**MS FORD:**

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. I do not believe there are any more notices of motions for the first reading of bills. We'll move down to item number 16, "Motions." I would like to recognize the Minister of Finance and Nunatsiavut Treasurer, the Honourable Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:**

Nakummek, Madam Speaker. I am seeking unanimous consent to proceed with my motion today that pursuant to Section 5.1 of the

*Labrador Inuit Settlement Trust Indenture*, the non-government trustees will be compensated at a rate of \$500 a day. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:** The Member is seeking unanimous consent to proceed with his motion today. Are there any nays? There are none. Minister Pottle, you may proceed.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek UKâtik. Whereas the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust* was created pursuant to a trust indenture made effective March 1st, 2010, between James Lyall, Todd Broomfield, Isabella Pain, Wyman Jacque, and Michael Flatters and Anthony Andersen, Nunatsiavut Government (as settlors), the *Trust Indenture* was amended and restated on March 4th, 2014. Section 5.3 was amended to replace elected officials on the trust at the March 2015 Assembly sitting, the Assembly appointed two new trustees, neither of who are Nunatsiavut Government employees. *The Trust Deed*, Section 5.14 of the *Inuit Land Claim Settlement Trust indenture* requires that the Assembly negotiate reasonable compensation. Now, therefore be resolved that pursuant to Section 5.14 of the *Labrador Inuit Settlement Trust Indenture*, the non-government trustees will be compensated at a rate of \$500 per day. Nakummek UKâtik.

**MS FORD:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister. The motion is in order. Would you like to speak to the motion?

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madam Speaker. Just very briefly, the only *Trust* that the Assembly approved at this point in time for compensation were members of the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust*. As the Assembly knows, the Assembly passed a resolution removing myself as Treasurer and the President as trustees to the *Labrador Inuit Settlement Trust*. Therefore, I believe, as per the indenture, it's time for the Assembly now to set a daily rate for those non-governmental trustees, and the recommendation is that they be compensated at \$500 per day in keeping with the trustees on the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust*. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Does anyone else wish to speak to the motion? I recognize Tyler Edmunds, Ordinary Member for Postville.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** Nakummek, Madam Speaker. Just to get some bearing or some information, how many days, typically, would the members of the *Trust* committee meet in the span of a year, if the Minister has that information? Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:** Honourable Minister.

**MR. POTTLE:** Standard practise has been up till this point that the *Trust* meet at least three or four times a year. When the *Trust* meets they usually meet for a period of two to three days, maximum. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:** The Honourable President.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** I think I just want to quickly address the \$500 amount because there's probably some, you know, some people saying that seems like an awful

high amount to be paying people to be sitting. But when you look at the *Trust* and what's included in our *Trust* that we are having the trustees look after, we're not looking at a couple of hundred thousand dollars and we're not looking at just sitting there and saying, oh, we've got a couple of hundred thousand dollars, let's put it in a GIC. When the trustees sit and meet, they have to look at it'll be coming up on the applications that possibly will be coming into the *Trust*. They would have to look and meet with money managers to talk about how the money is being invested, as well, as interview different managers that are coming in that may be investing in the money. Again, we have to remember how much money is in these *Trusts* and what we're asking these *Trusts* to do. So I think we have to compensate them accordingly for their time and to ensure that we're getting quality people and that we're ensuring that we're keeping those quality people sitting on our *Trusts*.

**MS FORD:**

Nakummek, Honourable President. Would anyone else like to speak?

The Ordinary Member for Nain, Richard Pamak.

**MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I guess just a question for myself. I know that there have been some additions to the *Trust* members and information from the internet and others in the Assembly here today who sits on that *Trust* currently. Thank you. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:**

The Honourable Minister.

**MR. POTTLE:** The current members of the *Settlement Trust* are Mike Flatters, Isabella Pain, Sharon Pevie, and we appointed Tiffany Flowers and Daniel Bennett to be the replacement trustees for the *Settlement Trust*. Sorry, I stand to be corrected. Rexanne Crawford, Mike Flatters, Isabella Pain, Daniel Bennett and Tiffany Flowers. Sorry for that faux pas, Madam Speaker. Did I answer your question fully, Mr. Pamak? Nakummek.

**MS FORD:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Mr. Pamak, you had something — you weren't finished?

**MR. PAMAK:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Is there an opportunity for me to ask another question related to that, to the \$500 a day and who sits on the board of trustees?

**MS FORD:** Yes, go ahead.

**MR. PAMAK:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I know that your motion speaks to \$500 a day for the individuals who sit on the board of trustees. Would this fee be for all who sit on this? I know that we have some staff, some civil service and also even Deputy Ministers that sit on this board of trustees. Are they going to be compensated at the same rate as the others that sit on this board? Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:** Honourable President.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. No, our staff and we, Minister of Finance and I did not get paid for sitting on the *Trust*, nor does our staff get *Trust* because we appoint them and that's part of their position. So people that will be getting paid are the outside members that we have brought

in onto the Trustee, such as Daniel Bennett and Tiffany Flowers and Mike Flatters. They're not employees. Our employees, and ourselves cannot get compensated for sitting on different committees. And per diem is standard government practice.

**MS FORD:** Thank you, Honourable President. Does anyone else wish to speak to the motion? If no other member wishes to speak, does the Treasurer and Minister of Finance wish to make final comments and close debate?

**MR. POTTLE:** I have no final comment, Madam Speaker. I wish to close debate.  
Nakummek.

**MS FORD:** All those in favour of the motion?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MS FORD:** All those opposed? The motion is carried. I would again like to recognize the Minister of Finance and Nunatsiavut Treasurer, the Honourable Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madam Speaker. I'm seeking unanimous consent to proceed with my motion today. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:** The Member is seeking unanimous consent to proceed with his motion today. Are there any nays? There are none, Minister. You may proceed.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek UKâtik. Thank you, Honourable Speaker and Members.  
Whereas the *Labrador Inuit Implementation Trust* was created pursuant to a trust indenture made effective May 17th, 2007 between William Andersen III, Todd Broomfield, Sharon Pevie, Patricia Pottle and Mike Flatters and Nunatsiavut Government as settlor, the trust deed Section

5.14 of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Implementation Trust Indenture* require that the Assembly negotiate reasonable compensation. Now, therefore, Madam Speaker, be it resolved that pursuant to Section 5.14 of the *Labrador Inuit Implementation Trust Indenture* the non-government employees will be compensated at a rate of \$500 per day. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister. The motion is in order. Would you like to speak to the motion?

**MR. POTTLE:** Just very quickly again, Madam Speaker. I'll just reiterate my reasons for speaking to the motion are identical to what I spoke to to the *Labrador Inuit Settlement Trust Deed*. Therefore, saving the Assembly from listening to me ramble on further, I have nothing else to say. It's just the same recommendation for the \$500 a day and for the same reasons as the compensation for the trustees to the *Settlement Trust*. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:** Does anyone else wish to speak to the motion? I recognize the AngajukKâk from Nain, Joe Dicker.

**MR. DICKER:** Just for the record, Madam Speaker. Thank you. He mentioned a word in there. He said the non-government employees. Its trustees. I just wanted that correction for the record. This is all being recorded, right? Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:** Mr. Minister.

**MR. POTTLE:** And, again, I mean, there has never been any compensation set for the trustees of the *Implementation Trust* who currently are Sharon Pevie, Mike Flatters and Patricia Dicker, formerly, Patricia Pottle. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:** Does anyone else wish to speak to the motion? If no other members wish to speak, does the Treasurer and Minister of Finance wish to make final comments and close debate?

**MR. POTTLE:** Just before I do that, Madam Speaker, I just wanted to make sure that I got the AngajukKâk for Nain's question. Did you want to know what the definition of a non-government employee was?

**MR. DICKER:** No, Minister. I just wanted to, for the record, because this is all being recorded. When you read the therefore be it resolved, the last word instead indenture the non-government trustees, you said indentured and non-government employees. I just wanted that for the record to be corrected. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:** Nakummek, AngajukKâk. Ordinary Member for Nain, Richard Pamak.

**MR. PAMAK:** Yes, just, thank you, Madam Speaker. Just a point of clarification, I guess. When you say non-government employees, does a government employee include, well, of course, Deputy Minister, civil service and anyone working for us that may be on contract? If someone's working on contract with us, are they considered a government employee or civil service? Thank you very much, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:** Honourable Minister.

**MR. POTTLE:** Yes, for the purposes of contracting and when people are working, yes, on contract they are considered employees of the Nunatsiavut Government.

**MS FORD:** Does anyone else wish to speak to the motion? If no other member wishes to speak, does the Treasurer and Minister of Finance wish to make final comment and close debate?

**MR. POTTLE:** I have no final comments, Madam Speaker. I'd like to close debate. Nakummek.

**MS FORD:** That concludes debate. All those in favour of the motion?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MS FORD:** Opposed? The motion is carried. I would like to recognize Mr. Tyler Edmunds, the Ordinary Member for Postville.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** Nakummek, Honourable Speaker. I'm seeking unanimous consents to proceed with my motion to amend certain provisions of the elected official policies related to family related to bereavement leave and reporting requirements today. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:** The Member is seeking unanimous consent to proceed with his motion today. Are there any nays? There are none. Mr. Edmunds, you may proceed.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** Nakummek, Madam Speaker, and thank you, members. Whereas there were only individual resolutions speaking to certain benefits of elected officials in the past and whereas in the absence of a benefits policy specifically for elected officials, the speaker's office drafted a set of

policies for elected officials by reviewing benefits in other jurisdiction including the Nunatsiavut Government civil service. And whereas this was presented to an approved by the Nunatsiavut Assembly by resolution 2011-10 on the 13th day of December, 2011. And further amended on March 4th, 2014. And whereas the Member Services Committee met in Nain on April 21st, 2015, and conducted a comprehensive review of the elected official's policies and agreed that amendments were needed. I now therefore move, seconded by Mr. Roy Blake, the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, that 1(f), the section on the family trip be deleted and further be it resolved that Part 2(d) (1) (a), (b) and (c) be deleted and replaced with the following: 2(d), 1(a). "In the event of the death of an elected official's spouse or common-law partner, mother or father or the spouse or common-law partner or mother or father, child, step-child or foster child, grandchild, sister or brother, grandmother or grandfather of the spouse or common-law partner of the grandfather or grandmother, five paid working days." 2(d)(1)(b) "In the case of an elected official's aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, sister-in-law, brother-in-law or grandfather-in-law or grandmother-in-law three paid working days." Madam Speaker, and further, be it resolved that Part 2(d) (1) (d), and (e) should be deleted and replaced with the following: "If the death of a relative referred to (a) above occurs outside the elected official's home community, the elected official may be granted two paid additional days for the purpose of attending the funeral and for the purpose of attending a funeral, other than a relative referred

to above, one paid day. If this occurs outside the elected official's home community, the elected official may be granted two additional paid days for attending the funeral." Madam Speaker, and further be it resolved that Part 5.1 is deleted and replaced with the following: "Elected officials must report all leave and travel by completing the leave and travel tracking form when a leave and travel are taken. It is mandatory for elected officials to submit their bi-weekly leave travel and tracking forms at the end of each pay period. Elected officials who do not comply with the reporting requirements may be subject to one of the following consequences: Pay may be withheld and/or disciplinary action by the speaker may be issued." Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:**

Nakummek. The motion is in order. Mr. Edmunds, would you like to speak to the motion?

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

Madam Speaker, I just want to add that these points were extensively reviewed by the MSC, and they should be adopted by the Assembly. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:**

Nakummek. Does anyone else wish to speak to the motion? The Honourable Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:**

Nakummek, Madam Speaker. Just a point of clarification, I guess, on the intent of your motion relative to 5.1. "Elected officials must report all leave and travel by completing the leave, travel tracking form when leave and travel are taken. It is mandatory for elected officials to submit their bi-weekly leave travel tracking form at the end of each pay period. I just

want for clarification and for certainty's sake, what you're trying to achieve here because those two sentences, if they're intended to achieve the same end, is somewhat contradictory. Is the intent of deleting and replacing that section to make it mandatory that elected officials submit their leave travel tracking form regardless of whether or not they take leave or they travel during that pay period? Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:**

Mr. Edmunds.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

Nakummek, Madam Speaker. To the Minister of Finance, Human Resources, Technology yes, the phrasing there is a bit contra-indicative, I guess. The purpose of that amendment was to make it such that elected officials must report their leave travel and tracking forms every two weeks. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:**

Mr. Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:**

Regardless of whether or not you take leave or you travel, you still, they're making it mandatory that you submit that form every two weeks.

**MS FORD:**

Does anyone else wish to speak to the motion? If no other member wishes to speak, does the Ordinary Member for Postville wish to make final comments and close debate?

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

No further comments, Madam Speaker, and I would like to conclude debate. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:**

Nakummek, Mr. Edmunds. That concludes debate. All those in favour of the motion?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MS FORD:** All those opposed? The motion is carried. That concludes motions for the day. Our next item going down on our *Orders of the Day* is, "First Reading of Bills." First reading of bills, I recognize the Minister of Finance and Nunatsiavut Treasurer, the Honourable Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek UKâtik. I seek unanimous consent to give first reading to Bill 2015-02, *The Torngat Co-op Loan Guarantees Act 2015* today.

Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:** Nakummek, Mr. Minister. Members of the Assembly, the Minister is seeking unanimous consent to give first reading to Bill 2015-02 now. Are there any nays? There are none, Mr. Minister. You may proceed with first reading.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madam Speaker. I move, seconded by the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell, that Bill 2015-02, *The Torngat Co-op Loan Guarantees Act 2015* be now introduced and read for the first time.

Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:** The motion is in order. 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? Honourable Minister Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek UKâtik. Since 2007 the Nunatsiavut Government has been providing a guarantee to the Bank of Montreal for the operating line of Torngat Fish Producers Co-operative to support operations. Over the last six years, Madam Speaker, we have provided an unsecured guarantee of

\$750,000 for a period of 9 to 12 months. We have never had to act on this guarantee, Madam Speaker. For the 2015 fishing season Torngat Fish Producers Co-op requested an increase in the guarantee to \$1 million to support operations and increase production. There is a plan, Madam Speaker, to process double the amount of product for the 2015 operating season. Before bringing this forward to the Nunatsiavut Assembly, the Nunatsiavut Government, Madam Speaker, had several meetings with the management and board of Torngat Fish Producers Co-op to gain a better understanding of the plan to address the operational issues from the prior two years. We are confident, Madam Speaker, that the plan being implemented by Torngat Fisheries Producers Co-operative will be effective and prove to be successful for their overall operations. In the past, Madam Speaker, the Nunatsiavut Assembly has improved on secured guarantees. It is our recommendation to the Assembly, Madam Speaker, that given the increase in the request to \$1 million, it is sound business practise to secure our guarantee with the assets of the Torngat Fisheries Producers Co-operative. As such, we have built this provision into the bill. Our government, Madam Speaker, is recommending that we provide the loan guarantee of \$1 million effective from June 5th, 2015 to December 31st, 2015 with the appropriate security to be put in place. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:**

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Would anyone else like to speak to the principle of the bill? The Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

**MR. SHIWAK:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. As many of you Assembly Members can recall from the last processing season there were many concerns coming forward from Torngat Fish Producers Co-op, and I think the Minister of Finance alluded to it in his statement. We did have several meetings. We had several concerns with this upcoming season that we did not see the same thing happen that happened last year. And through meetings that included me, the Minister of Economic Development, President Leo, we put our concerns forward, and I think it was not the putting forward to tell them this is what you have to do, it's to bring concerns forward and we want to work with you. They had done that. They had come to us showing they wanted to have a successful season. They want to, as Minister of Finance says, produce more. They have taken steps to ensure that their upcoming season will be a very productive one such as putting in equipment. We did all that and we would not move ahead with this bill until they come with that for us. And they have done it and we should support this bill, Madam Speaker. Thank you very much.

**MS FORD:**

Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Pamak.

**MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. And just a point for clarification for me is when is the opportunity for me to ask a question regarding the reading of the bill? Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:**

Do you have a question on the principle of the bill? You can ask your question.

**MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. And, again, sorry, I'm misunderstanding, I guess, on my part of is when we can ask a question during a reading of a bill, I guess. I'll ask it in the form of a question now, I guess. Minister Pottle did indicate that it, you know, we had a loan guarantee with Torngat Fisheries in 2007 for \$750,000 and never acted on that loan guarantee. And now they're asking for \$1 million for this year's operation. I know that you're looking at picking up production this year and hopefully making Torngat Fishery very profitable. Do you anticipate with their production that they will actually dip into this loan guarantee? Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:**

Honourable Minister.

**MR. POTTLE:**

No, we're pretty confident that we will not have to call in this loan guarantee. The financial productions that Torngat Fisheries Producers provided to us regarding some of our concerns, their projections are well forecasted and we don't anticipate that we're going to have to call in this guarantee. We're confident that the Torngat Fisheries Producers Co-operative will live within their means and they will operate fully within the funds that they do have forecasted for the upcoming production season so we don't think that we're going to have to call in this guarantee. No.

**MS FORD:**

The Chair of NunaKâtiget, Mr. Gary Mitchell.

**MR. MITCHELL:**

Nakummek, Madam Speaker. I just had a question on the loan guarantee. And I think it's great to see Torngat Co-op increasing their

production for next year and hopefully we'll have a better inventory of char because they ran out in January and we were without char to buy in Upper Lake Melville since January. So, hopefully, the increase in the loan guarantee will increase the inventory. The question I have is when they come to us with a request for a loan, is there a business plan that they submit with the request to show just how they're going to go about increasing that and what areas are they going to increase production? So is there a business plan that comes with this request. Nakummek.

**MS FORD:**

Honourable Minister.

**MR. POTTLE:**

I wouldn't call it a business plan *per se*, but they do provide us with very detailed information with respect to what their overall plan is for their operations for this upcoming season, and they provide us with a breakdown of their financials and their projections for the upcoming season so we're quite comfortable with that. We haven't required them to produce a business plan *per se*, but they are always forthcoming in providing us with detailed information that we're seeking for such as their financials so that we're somewhat confident that we're not going to have to call in and have to put out that loan guarantee on their behalf.

**MS FORD:**

The Honourable Patricia Kemuksigak.

**MS KEMUKSIGAK:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just wanted to add to the comments that Minister Shiwak has said. The three of us, the President, the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, and I have met with the Torngat Fish Producers Board on several occasions, and then myself and Minister

Shiwak and our Deputies have, and we believe they have sound business practises and they have quotas, and they've made plans on how to improve production, employee salaries, how to expand in Nain with the char fishery. So I think they've worked through many of their challenges that they've had over the last year or so, and I believe that they will be able to meet their production quotas that they have estimated for themselves. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:**

Nakummek. The Honourable President.

**PRESIDENT LEO:**

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just basically want to talk about the loan guarantee itself. We were talking about meeting with Torngat Fish Producers, the meeting that the Minister of Education, Economic Development as well as the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources and I had, but this goes a lot further back than that. We have been providing loan guarantees to Torngat for several years. It allows them to operate within Nunatsiavut and provide the fish, the char, as well as ensuring that we have fishing happening in our communities. Unfortunately, it's only two communities right now. We need to see Torngat come up to a point where that it is expanding into the other communities and I think that is the hope of most of their board members, and most of our communities, is to have some sort of fishing culture in our communities back in our communities. With regards to the work that Torngat's done, the increase in the loan guarantee and their upcoming work for this year, we had a lot of discussion that actually started last fall when we were in Makkovik at the NAC when the Makkovik Crab Plant was having some challenges.

They were having challenges with employment. They were having challenges with insuring that they were going to get all the crab produced at their plant and so these discussions have been going on a long time, and for this loan guarantee to come through it took a lot of discussion, not only between the Minister, but as an Executive Council as a whole and in discussions with Torngat to be able to say yes, we're, you know, as a government we feel comfortable putting out a loan guarantee for a million dollars for Torngat again this year.

**MS FORD:**

Nakummek, Honourable President. The Honourable Sean Lyall.

**MR. LYALL:**

Nakummek, Madam Speaker. I'd just like to add that Torngat Fisheries Co-op does provide a lot of meaningful employment to our beneficiaries, not only in the communities which they operate but clear across the region and into Upper Lake Melville and the rest of Canada. We should be investing in the future of non-renewable resources and also by providing employment, and this bill, I think, will help provide more training opportunities for fisherpersons and the fishing industry in general in Nunatsiavut, and I'd just like to add that. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:**

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Does anyone else wish to speak? If no other members wish to speak, does the Minister of Finance wish to conclude the debate?

**MR. POTTLE:**

Yes, Madam Speaker. I wish to conclude debate. Nakummek.

**MS FORD:** Thank you, Minister. That concludes debate on first reading. Is the Assembly in favour of approving Bill 2015-02 on first reading? All those in favour?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MS FORD:** All those opposed? The motion is carried and, accordingly, Bill 2015-02 has had first reading. I'd like to recognize the Honourable Minister of Finance.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madam Speaker. In accordance with Standing Order 54.3, I seek unanimous consent to wave Standing Order 54.1(d) and had the Assembly proceed directly to second reading of Bill 2015-02. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister. The Minister is seeking unanimous consent to wave Standing Order 54.1(d) to proceed with second reading of Bill 2015-02, the *Torngat Co-op Guarantees Loan Act 2015*. Are there any nays? There is none. Minister, you have unanimous consent so the bill can proceed to second reading at the appropriate time. We will now take a 20-minute break.

(Recess)

**MS FORD:** On our *Orders of the Day* we're down to number 18, "Second Reading of Bills." The purpose of second reading is to review the bills clause by clause and to focus on the details of the bill. Second reading of Bill 2015-02. I'd like to recognize the Honourable Minister of Finance for second reading of Bill 2015-02.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madam Speaker. I move, seconded by the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell that Bill 2015-02, the *Torngat Co-operative Loan Guarantees Act 2015* be read for the second time. Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

**MS FORD:** The motion is in order. The procedure for second reading debate will be any general comments on the bill, and then we will proceed with the clause-by-clause review of the detail of the bill. Each member may speak for up to 10 minutes at one time. Does anyone wish to speak? Any general comments on the bill? Then we'll go straight to clause by clause of the bill and Members will be asked to agree clause by clause. So if you've Bill 2015-02, we're going to start off on page three of six which is number two, "Definitions." Definitions, two, agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Agreed.

**MS FORD:** Page four, number three, "Conflict with Law," agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Agreed.

**MS FORD:** Number four, "Authority to guarantee the payment of Torngat Co-op's obligations," agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Agreed.

**MS FORD:** Number five, "Maximum amount and purpose of loan guarantees," agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Agreed.

**MS FORD:** Number six, "Term of guarantee," agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Agreed.

**MS FORD:** Number seven, "Security required for guarantees," agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Agreed.

**MS FORD:** Number eight, "Access to financial records," agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Agreed.

**MS FORD:** Number nine, "Additional terms and conditions and recovery of costs," agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Agreed.

**MS FORD:** Number 10, "Payment of guarantee," agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Agreed.

**MS FORD:** Number 11, "Borrowing to pay guarantee," agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Agreed.

**MS FORD:** Number 12, "Guarantees to be a charge on the fund," agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Agreed.

**MS FORD:** Number 13, "Acquisition and alienation of property given as security," agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Agreed.

**MS FORD:** Number 14, "Execution of instruments," agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Agreed.

**MS FORD:** Number 15, "Repeal of *Torngat Loan Guarantees Act, 2014*," agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Agreed.

**MS FORD:** Sixteen, "Coming into effect." This *Act* comes into effect immediately upon its registration pursuant to the *Nunatsiavut Laws Registration Act*, agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Agreed.

**MS FORD:** Then we'll turn to page two, "Table of Contents." Agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Agreed.

**MS FORD:** Short title, number one. This *Act* may be cited as the *Torngat Co-op Loan Guarantees Act 2015*, agreed?

**ASSEMBLY:** Agreed.

**MS FORD:** That concludes the clause-by-clause review of the bill. Does the Minister wish to conclude debate?

**MR. POTTLE:** UKâtik. I wish to conclude debate. Nakummek.

**MS FORD:** All those in favour of second reading of Bill 2015-02?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MS FORD:** Opposed? The motion is carried. Accordingly, Bill 2015-02, *The Torngat Co-op Guarantees Loan Act, 2015*, has had second reading. Number 19 on our *Orders of the Day*, "Assent to Bills." The President gives assent.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am, under the authority from the Assembly, I am now giving assent to the *Torngat Co-op Loan Guarantees Act 2015* and wish to sign it into law.

**MS FORD:** The last item on the *Orders of the Day* for today is "Adjournment." So we will adjourn until nine o'clock tomorrow morning, and I'd just like to say

that there will be *Inuttitut* training taking place after this Assembly today in the courtroom. Nakummek.

**MS FORD:** Good morning, everyone.

**ASSEMBLY:** Good morning.

**MS FORD:** I'd like to ask Wilson Jararuse to say the opening prayer.

**MR. JARARUSE:** (Recites prayer).

**MS FORD:** Nakummek, Wilson. I would like to have the approval of the Assembly to convene as a Committee of the Whole so that the President can appoint a speaker. All those in favour?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MS FORD:** Madam President, you may proceed.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to nominate Ordinary Member from Postville, Tyler Edmunds, to the position of speaker. Thank you.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** Nakummek, Chair. Nakummek, Madam Speaker. Yes, I accept the position. Nakummek.

**MS FORD:** Do we have approval of the Assembly on Tyler's nomination?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MR. SPEAKER:** We are now back in the Assembly. We'll now move on to item number two on the *Orders of the Day*, "Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery." I'd like to welcome those who have taken an interest in the Nunatsiavut Assembly in the public gallery. And so now we'll move on to item

number three, "Minister Statements." Are there any minister statements today? I recognize the Honourable Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Mr. Sean Lyall.

**MR. LYALL:**

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. First off, congratulations are in order to Your Honour, Speaker of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, the Honourable Tyler Edmunds, Ordinary Member for Postville. Congratulations, sir, Your Honour. And also before I begin here today, I'd like to mention also a special thank you to Loretta Michelin during my past tenure as speaker. You weren't forgotten. All those phone calls and chats we had were greatly appreciated. Nakummek. And while we're on the issue of thank yous, and I'd also recognize Ordinary Member for Nain and the past Minister for Culture, Recreation and Tourism for all your work as Minister. And, of course, Acting Minister during the interim was the Honourable Darryl Shiwak. Thank you for all your hard work, too, sir. I look forward to working with all and everybody in the department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism and, of course, we'll be working closely with the Deputy Minister, Mr. Dave Lough. I am pleased to report to the Assembly some of the many projects being undertaken in my department since our last sitting. Firstly, I'd like to recognize the accomplishments of Tittulautet Nunatsiavuttini, the Nain Brass Band, who have just returned from Herrnhut Bläserfest, a brass band festival in Herrnhut, Germany. The five band members are Darlene Howell, Gwen Obed, Devin Dyson, Mike Dyson and Karrie Obed, with facilitator instructor, Mark Turner. The revival of the brass band music in our communities of Nain, Hopedale

and Makkovik started with the documentary produced by Nigel Markham and Tom Gordon in 2011, "Till We Meet Again." In 2013 and 2014 workshops were held in brass band music and in July, 2015 a third workshop will be held. This great project has been supported by the International Grenfell Association and the hard work of Dr. Tom Gordon and Dr. Mark Turner, whose music expertise and historical research has ensured the development of quality and historically-accurate music. We especially want to thank the many Nunatsiavut participants who have been involved in the music revival. I would also like to recognize some major accomplishments in our schools this winter in the *Inuttitut* language speak-offs, traditional Inuit games and heritage fairs. These key cultural activities are building future leaders who will be grounded in understanding and pride of being Inuit. We see closer co-operation between our department initiatives and the schools being key to cultural pride and future programming in all communities. In the next weeks our department will be beginning a repatriation policy consultation with beneficiaries. The Nunatsiavut Government currently does not have an approved policy on the repatriation of human remains and burial objects from archaeological context in Nunatsiavut. Following consultations, a draft document will be posted publically before it goes to Executive Council. We ask all members of this Assembly to help us ensure we get as much involvement and feedback as possible to ensure our policy represents the wishes of Labrador Inuit. The research project traditions and transition among Inuit, in partnership with Memorial University, is

now in final stages with set up of administration and final approvals for projects. The formal funding announcements will happen in the next weeks, and the launch of the research projects will begin in the fall and will last until 2020. The 2015 Nunatsiavut Heritage Forum will be held in Hopedale the week of June 22nd to the 26th. The theme is UllusiugutiKannik Siagunitanik NunakKatigenni: Celebrating heritage through community connections. Community delegates and resource people will look at the many heritage projects in Nunatsiavut and ways to ensure language initiatives are part of heritage interpretation and we will tell many stories of Labrador Inuit in both *Inuttitut* and English. Amos Comenius School and Agvituk Historical Society in Hopedale will play key roles in the conference. *Inuttitut* programs. Bachelor of Education Program. Summer semester will be an intensive *Inuttitut* language course. This is a significant development in having *Inuttitut* course recognized. Eight of the modules from the LITP Program will be delivered supplemented by cultural outings and events. This offering will be the beginning of further language programming using the LITP curriculum. Torngat Mountains Basecamp and Research Station and Hebron National Historic Site will, again, be operational in for the 2015 summer season. A marketing committee has been working on this summer's guest bookings as well as longer term plan to build partnerships in the key adventure tourism market. The Torngat Basecamp operation continues to be a key employer for beneficiaries and now is recognized as one of Northern Iconic Experiences by Parks Canada. Hebron remains one of the most

visited National Historic sites in Northern Canada and will continue in 2015 on the restoration on the Moravian Mission building. Our summer 2015 archaeology program will again include follow-up work with the Smithsonian in the Rigolet area and continued work in Hopedale and around the Moravian Mission complex. The use of a drone is also allowing us to do some additional assessments in the islands near Nain and we hope to do some assessment in the Okak Bay area. Nunatsiavut Arts Conference and Exhibition. Heather Igloliorte will be meeting with artists in all Nunatsiavut communities this month in preparation for a major conference and exhibition on Labrador Inuit art in November in Happy Valley, Goose Bay. Support to artists and raw materials, understanding the art market and developing new creative art forms can result in significant new economic opportunities for artists. Also, since March there have been three workshops including on the topic of jewellery, carving and photography, and this fall there will be a full-time jewellery course starting, of course, in the fall. And that concludes my ministerial statement today. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Honourable Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. I recognize the Honourable Darryl Shiwak, the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources.

**MR. SHIWAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and congratulations. Mr. Speaker, mining and exploration and development in Nunatsiavut requires a long-term vision from our government. There are many factors to be considered when developing this vision. In May the Non-renewable Resources Division

organized a two-day mineral exploration and development workshop for our Executive Council in Nain to focus on sharing perspectives and planning next steps. What was evident from this kick-off event was that the two greatest considerations to guide our region in ensuring their land and water are protected and to the best of our ability, and that our employment and business opportunities are maximized for the Labrador Inuit. The division is just in the beginning stages of undertaking a study in partnership with the Economic Development Division and several universities to assess how the Nunatsiavut businesses depend on and profit from the mineral industry, particularly, the Voisey's Bay Project. This multi-year study will engage our businesses directly to understand the needs in better taking advantage of industry and preparing of the future projects while also providing tools to NG decision makers that help with investment and funding decisions. Finally, I'm happy to report that the dedicated work shown by the Non-renewable Resources Division in restoration of Labrador Exploration Sites Project also known as Roll, has been recognized by the Newfoundland and Labrador Environmental Awards in the community group and organization category for their role in remediating abandoned exploration sites across Nunatsiavut. Last year's activities focused on multiple sites within the central mineral belt and around Voisey's Bay. Roll's activities planned for upcoming year will likely focus on Okak Bay and a large catch of decaying oil drums along the coast. The Environment Division. Waste Management. The Environment Division, through a Sustainable Communities Initiative, has prioritized

support for Nunatsiavut's waste management file over the last several months and to ensure it continues to move ahead. The Regional Waste Management Committee met in Makkovik in February and the province's planning process has been initiated. The province's planning process uses the same model for every region in Newfoundland and Labrador with the Regional Service Board which manages waste for all communities on a cost recovery basis. This model may not be appropriate for Nunatsiavut, and we are trying to work with officials to finding more appropriate systems for the Inuit communities. Aside from the regional planning process, some communities are working on pilot projects in waste management. As one of these our department is working with the Nain Inuit Community Government and the Hopedale Inuit Community Government to pilot an End of Life vehicle recycling project. Workers in each community will be trained to remove contaminants from old vehicles so that the hazardous materials can be recycled and disposed of appropriately, and that metal from the vehicles can be recycled. We were hoping to combine this with a drum clean-up, crushing and then recycling the empty drums, tanks and other metals from dumps and possibly Torngat Mountains Basecamp, Okak and Ten Mile Bay. This project is a partnership between the NG, the NICG and HICG Summerhill Impact, the Rolls Project and NGC. If we're able to complete this program, we'd like to learn from it in order to do all it in all Nunatsiavut communities in subsequent years. Quest and the EA. Preliminary work on the Strange Lake Environmental Review has also been underway. This

consultation between governments on harmonization of an environmental assessment processes and preliminary review of a draft document for the project by the Environment Division staff. Next steps will include appointing an inter-departmental advisory committee to provide advice to the process of the review and to commence with the formal review process as required by our legislation if and when the project is registered with Nunatsiavut Government. Other projects coming up that may require a review under our legislation including a break water and small craft harbour that is being planned in Makkovik Inuit Community Government and a possible new road and subdivision being planned by the Hopedale Community Government on LIL. Finally, Mr. Speaker, the Environment Division is working with the IT Department, an external contractor to develop a project management template which can be used by everyone participating in an environmental review to track the steps in the process who's responsible for what, and the amount of time each individual puts in each step and the resources used for the process. This is required by our legislation as many costs are billed back to the proponent and also will be useful internally as we develop capacity within NG to complete our environmental assessments. Basecamp, Mr. Speaker. The Environment Division has been participating in weekly basecamp marketing committee meetings developing a marketing strategy, social media campaign and future target markets for the Torngat Mountains Basecamp and Research Station. Additionally, the Environment Division has been providing

feedback to management committee of basecamp on a variety of budget operations and research-related issues. Strategic Environmental Assessment. CNLOPB. In partnership with the Non-renewable Resource Division, we are working with the CNLOPB to begin to revise the strategic environmental assessment for the Labrador offshore area which is expected to be completed in 2017. As one of the coaches of the process it ensures that the concerns and the issues important to the Labrador Inuit are represented as it relates to offshore oil and gas development.

Mr. Speaker. Smart Ice. As part of our Smart Ice Project, we are working with our partners including Memorial University, Seacore and the Canadian Ice Service to develop a user friendly online website that will allow local users to get information related to Sea Ice conditions from community ice station, community ice service, Sea Ice Charts and Environment Canada weather data on one specific location. Ultimately, the goal of this project is to support sea ice travel for Labrador Inuit.

Nain Research Centre. Recently the Nain Research Centre and Torngat Mountains Basecamp and Research Station became full members of the Canadian Network of Northern Research Operators allowing the Environment Division to expand our partnerships with other research facilities, gain access to additional resources and to ensure that we continue to develop the highest quality research programs in Nunatsiavut. Lands. Finally, Mr. Speaker, Brent Denniston, started the position of Director of Lands on April the 1st, 2015. Over the past couple of months he has been getting acquainted himself with the files of the

Lands Division. A divisional meeting was held in Rigolet on May 7th, 2015 as Carl McLean, the Deputy Minister, Henry Shiwak, the Manager of Lands and Eldred Allen, our GIS Specialist. The Lands Title Registry is located in Rigolet, and we took the opportunity to review the duties, responsibilities of the Manager of Lands and GIS specialist. We are currently processing applications for commercial outfitters that have camps on LIL. They were in existence prior to December 1st, 2005, and since they fall within NG jurisdiction they must abide by the *Labrador Inuit Lands Act*. The GIS specialists have been providing ongoing support for other NG departments and fulfilling the GIS mapping requests. Close workers communicating with the lands manager to fulfil complete LIL applications. Work is ongoing with Google to determine the logistics of street view capture in Nunatsiavut communities. Fifteen new land applications have been submitted to date for 2015, most are for cabins. The applications are in different stages of the processing while work continues on other applications as well. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek Honourable Minister of Lands and Natural Resources. I recognize Patricia Kemuksigak, the Honourable Minister of Education and Economic Development.

**MS KEMUKSIGAK:**

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker, and I'd like to congratulate you on your appointment and also on Mr. Lyall as being named Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. Today I'm going to speak mainly on Economic Development. So the original agreement that our department had with ACOA ended on March 31st, 2015. John Lampe, who was the

Procurement Specialist with the division for five months left on March 31st. The agreement with ACOA has been extended until June 30th to complete the project. The Economic Development Division was awarded \$178,558 in funding from Status of Women Canada for a 24-month project. As part of this project women and community stakeholders will examine entrepreneurial models using similar Inuit communities across the north, Nunavut, Nunavik and Inuvialuit and adapt, implement strategies to diversify and strengthen the economic and business opportunities for Inuit women entrepreneurs within Nunatsiavut. These strategies will be based upon best practises while addressing the specific needs of doing business in remote northern locations. The Economic Development Division has advertised two full-time permanent positions in early April for Nain. Few applications were received. Interviews were conducted for both positions. Hiring decisions are still pending. The positions may be re-advertised opening for recruitment to all of Nunatsiavut. Mr. Speaker, the Economic Development Division offer information sessions in all five communities in Nunatsiavut. The division also conducted community consultations in each Inuit community in Nunatsiavut and held special sessions with youth, elders and Nunatsiavut representatives to find out what the Economic Development priorities are for the communities in Nunatsiavut. Outcomes of the community consultations were presented and discussed and are still ongoing within the Department of Education and Economic Development. A draft version of the Economic Development Strategic Plan is being developed.

The proposed strategic plan will then be presented to the Inuit communities back again to validate the approach. A final version of the strategic plan for Nunatsiavut will be presented to the Executive Council to obtain sanction and we are aiming to have it brought to the Nunatsiavut Assembly in the September sitting. Mr. Speaker, in relation to Vale Underground Mining Project, the project is sanctioning by the Vale Board of Directors may begin as early as July 2015. If projects sanction happens in July site activity will begin in early August 2015. Our LATP Vale Training Proposal to Ottawa for funding has been vetted with both federal and provincial governments and agencies. Our intent is to have a final proposal submitted by September, but they've received the draft. We would like training to begin as soon as possible if the proposal was approved. In the meantime if the proposal is not approved and the project is sanctioned we will partner with potential agencies or companies that can assist us in getting a head start on training and we will make every effort to secure funds for the training as needed. As we believe if we can get a head start on the training then we can get more of the jobs. The training process will begin as soon as possible after sanctioning with community information sessions on the types of jobs and the training that will be required. The training programs will focus on underground mining and underground technicians as that is where the major supply problem is. Our current proposal is asking for \$20 million to come from the federal partners and the remaining 20 million to come from the provincial government, Vale and Aboriginal partners. The

response to the proposal to date has been somewhat positive. Vale will need 420 new employees if they go underground. And I also have a list of the possible positions if Assembly Members would like a copy. Vale Underground Business Opportunities. Innu Business Limited Partnership and NGC with assistance from Nunatsiavut Department of Education Economic Development and Innu Nation are working on getting large contracts with underground development company selected by Vale through a qualified business entity, QBE, through our IBA's. So if we can get a partnership with the underground mining company that's going to develop the underground, then we are in a better position to ensure that our people are trained the Innu and the Inuit. Also we will get a share in the profits. The Deputy Minister McNeill went to visit various underground mining sites with an Innu delegation as NGC was unavailable at the last minute. Mr. Speaker, Arctic Char Fishery. The division, in association with Torngat Fish Producers Co-operative, held a stakeholder meeting in Goose Bay on March 11th to discuss the recommendations of the research project on Arctic Char. Proposals were developed to improve processing, efficiency and quality of Arctic Char, \$100,000 and to develop marketing material and new printed packaging for Arctic Char which is 26,000. The Nain fish plant will receive a new filleting machine and a new commercial smoker for its operations this summer. New packaging for fresh and smoked char and promotional material will be available in the upcoming season. The Department of Education and Economic Development has committed 224,000 to

leverage the funds approved by the Department of Fish and Agriculture under its Fisheries, Technology and New Opportunities program. An additional program was submitted to the province to explore fishing methods. The expected contribution from our department will be 32,000 if the project is funded and they've asked for 109. Mr. Speaker, hotel operation training in Hopedale. The Economic Development Division, in partnership with the Inuit Pathways and the Amaguk Inn and the College of the North Atlantic is offering hotel operation training in Hopedale for \$68,000. This hotel operation program is designed to enhance the skills of the personnel working in the Amaguk Inn. The program started on March 19th and will be completed by the end of July. It will provide the employees with hands-on practical training with periodic sit down classroom-type instruction. The College of the North Atlantic is offering the hotel operation training to 10 individuals, and this came about from requests from the owner and also from the Inuit Women's Association as they felt this was needed. During the project there's eight weeks for people who work in the kitchen and the food service and six weeks for employees who are taking the front desk and housekeeping attendance stream. Mr. Speaker, Raytheon Canada. The Economic Development Division invited Inuit business owners to attend the Raytheon Information and Workshop session in Goose Bay on March the 18th. Raytheon is the company who was successful in winning the bid to oversee the north warning sites within Canada's north. They have commitments to hire Inuit personnel and for contracting Inuit businesses.

The session looked at contracting opportunities with Raytheon and the Government of Canada and held a workshop on how to put requests for proposals and quotes together. Four entrepreneurs from Nunatsiavut and a number of Inuit businesses from Upper Lake Melville attended the workshop. We've asked stats on the number of Inuit employees that Raytheon has, and 18 of the 39 Inuit Raytheon employees are Nunatsiavut beneficiaries. We are awaiting information from Raytheon on the number of Nunatsiavut beneficiaries that are hired through their contractor, Canadian Base Operators. Working with community's proposal writing workshop. The division will be putting forward a proposal writing workshop in Nunatsiavut in June. This two-day workshop will help organizations and businesses increase success in their projects through better preparation, application and delivery. A consultant will be hired to review the current Inuit business registry and propose a data base that will allow the division to follow up on contracts supported to Inuit businesses by Voisey's Bay or other entities such as local, provincial or federal governments. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Honourable Minister of the Department of Education, Economic Development. Are there any other minister statements today? I recognize the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell.

**MS. MITCHELL:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just have a couple of short updates on each division in my department. First of all, implementation. The Implementation Committee met in Halifax on the 25th and 26th of May. The Implementation Committee has finalized the board funding

agreements for signatures by the ministers and the board chairs. The Implementation Committee working group has finalized and submitted to the Implementation Committee their review of the current implementation plan. This review has been discussed by the Implementation Committee and will be shared with the implementation plan renewal negotiators for use in negotiating the next 10-year implementation plan. The federal and provincial governments are still reviewing the draft proposal for the new 10-year plan which was submitted by Nunatsiavut Government in February, 2015. James Igloliorte has been appointed as a replacement member of the Dispute Resolution Board. There is still a vacancy of one board member and we are waiting for a recommendation from Newfoundland and Labrador regarding a potential appointee to that vacancy. Enrolment of Beneficiaries. The issue of beneficiaries who turn 19 years of age not reapplying for membership thus resulting on removal from the registry is still ongoing, and is a grave concern to my department. In April we met the director of communications to discuss the communication strategy which will assist in resolving this issue. Work has commenced on a communication strategy which we hope to implement the strategy by this fall. In regard to housing, I gave an update on that yesterday. Public property. We have received a final design and consultant's cost estimate for construction of the six-unit prototype complex in Nain. The Executive Council has approved funding to construct the complex and we are in the process of issuing an RFP for engineering construction tendering and

project management, and we hope to be able to start work on the project this year. We are in the process of issuing an RFP to do the geotechnical drilling in Hopedale this summer. This work will give us advice on what type of foundation and site work could be done for home construction in Hopedale. Our intention is to include the proposed new housing subdivision in this drilling program if a drill can access that site.

Illusuak Cultural Centre. We have approval from the Executive Council to proceed with Phase II of the construction of Illusuak. Nillik Construction has workers on site in Nain and the work has started. The scope of work for Phase II is to complete the foundation and enclose the entire building before the snow comes. Staff Housing. We are working with the Nunatsiavut Executive Council to determine the best design based on available funding to construct a staff housing complex in Nain.

Discussions regarding this issue are ongoing. I have directed my staff to issue an RFP for procurement of a consulting firm to do an assessment of all 29 properties owned by the Nunatsiavut Government in Nain, Hopedale, Makkovik, Postville and Rigolet. This assessment will give us an assessment of our current properties and a list of maintenance/repairs required to bring all buildings up to standard. The RFP was advertised and we have received a total of five bids. We are currently in the process of selecting a consulting firm based on these bids. This project is scheduled to be completed by the end of July. Further to that, we are currently preparing an RFP for a consulting firm to do an assessment of current NG office buildings. The consultants will consult with all NG

departments to determine additional future staff office requirements in each community. This project is scheduled to be completed by fall. In the interim we are negotiating a lease agreement with Patty Dicker to rent our office building as space for DHSD staff in Hopedale.

Transportation. On May 22nd I met with Minister Brazil to discuss transportation issues. Minister Brazil confirmed that they would mostly likely withdraw the RFP for a new vessel and that he would appoint an advisory committee to consult with operators, users, and stakeholders to help determine the best option and type of ferry for the future service of Labrador. Since that meeting the RFP has been withdrawn and we understand the minister is in the process of appointing his advisory committee. Minister Brazil confirmed with me that a seat on the advisory committee is reserved for the Nunatsiavut Government. Minister Brazil also informed me that the Northern Ranger has undergone extensive refit totalling approximately \$3.2 million. The vessel has two complete new motors installed, new electrical system and a new crane. He expects no mechanical or operational issues with the vessel this year. The Astron will be the freight vessel to service Nunatsiavut, Natuashish and Black Tickle. A report from Coastal Labrador Marine Woodward's Limited confirms that the Astron has also undergone refit work on the hull, mechanical equipment, including the crane, and is expected to have no operational issues this year. Nain Airstrip. I ask the Minister for an update on possible funding for the proposed new airstrip for Nain. Minister Brazil confirmed that he has put this issue back on the radar. He

is scheduling a meeting with the federal minister to discuss available funding options and, specifically, if this project could be funded through the Building Canada Fund. Minister Brazil said after the meeting with the federal minister he would invite the minister to do a follow-up meeting to be held in St. John's later this year. If such a meeting is scheduled, Minister Brazil has extended an invitation for me to attend on behalf of the Nunatsiavut Government to discuss possibilities for the Nain Air Strip. The wood from Muskrat Falls. I, along with my staff, met with Minister Russell, Nunatsiavut Marine and NG, as I mentioned in reply to Joe's question yesterday, and we are working on a partnership arrangement to supply wood to our communities from Muskrat Falls, namely, Nain and Hopedale. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Honourable First Minister. Are there any other ministerial statements today? There are none. We'll proceed with item number five on the *Orders of the Day*, "Member Statements." Are there any member statements today? I recognize the Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency and Deputy Speaker of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, Patricia Ford.

**MS FORD:**

Nakummek UKâtitik. I have two member statements here today so I'll just do them one after the other. On behalf of the Canadian Constituency and beneficiaries all over, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Sarah Anala on receiving her Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree from Memorial University in Corner Brook. Honorary doctorate degrees are awarded in recognition of extraordinary contribution to

society, an exceptional intellectual or artistic achievement. Mr. Speaker, Sarah left our community of Nain at a very young age to pursue her education, but she was never forgotten. She got a degree when many Inuit were not completing high school. Some challenges she had to face were horrendous. She had to leave her community, her culture, her language and her family behind. She not only survived the obstacles, she rose above them. Her calling was always to help fellow Inuit and this led her to the justice system. Many individuals have Sarah to thank for getting their lives back on the right path. Mr. Speaker, Sarah is known for her dedicated work with Aboriginal men and women in the justice system. She developed some pilot Inuit-specific programs and services and trains other Inuit to deliver those programs. She is known as a holistic healer. Using her own tools she developed using the Inuit culture. Sarah was also involved in the development of a National Aboriginal Substance Abuse Program and delivered this program to incarcerated Inuit offenders. She was made a member of the Order of Canada and was named Labrador Inuit role model. Mr. Speaker, it was a pleasure for our constituency officer, Tama Ball and myself to attend her convocation ceremony. Sarah gave a very powerful speech that she had the audience in tears. Some faculty members said it was one of the best speeches they had ever heard. Sarah would have to pause for applause, and at the end of her speech she had a standing ovation. Sarah's speech will soon be aired on the community channels when they do the convocations, and a copy of her speech will be at MUN Library to

purchase very soon. Dr. Sarah Anala, from your fellow Inuit all over, congratulations and we thank you. Because of you Inuit are holding their heads higher. We are proud to have such a wonderful role model to call our own. Nakummek. I'll go into my second member statement. On behalf the Canadian Constituency Office, CCO, and constituents residing in Canada, Daniel G. Pottle, Ordinary Member for Canada and I would like to extend our sincerest thanks and best wishes to Canadian Constituency Officer Tama Ball, originally Fost. Tama began working with the CCO in July of 2013, and she has worked well with our elected officials and civil servants to ensure that constituents' needs across Canada were addressed in a timely and professional manner. UKâtik Tama will be leaving the CCO on June 9, 2015, and she will undertake new responsibilities and employment with the Newfoundland and Labrador Seniors Resource Centre. She'll be the Centre's administrator of the information and referral line. UKâtik in her letter of resignation Tama states that she has thoroughly enjoyed working as Canadian Constituency Officer and that she is incredibly grateful to have had the opportunity to serve in the NG civil service as well as working with and getting to know fellow Labrador Inuit. UKâtik the CCO is grateful to the Assembly for providing a generous constituency allowance as part of our budgetary process whereby a portion of those funds are used to provide a beneficiary with meaningful and gainful employment. Despite the fact that we will miss Tama's drive and commitment, we are pleased that her term of employment has provided her with valuable work experience

that makes it also worthwhile. UKâtik we ask that all members of this Honourable House join us in congratulating Tama and wishing her well in her new role and to say Nakummek for a job well done. UKâtik Tama will be missed by the CCO and beneficiaries residing in Canada. Nakummek UKâtik.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency. I recognize Jim Tuttau, the AngajukKâk for Hopedale.

**MR. TUTTAUK:**

Ullâkut and Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. And once again congratulations on your new position. I have a very short member statement this morning. At this time Hopedale Inuit Community Government has received the following funds. It's received \$661,000 to replace the old aging system at our primary and secondary ponds up there, and this has helped to repair our ponds up there, our intakes and get a better water flowing system, hopefully. Also we received \$815,000 from the *Tasiujatsoak Trust*, which is the 10 percent of cost sharing of the 90/10 with the Provincial Government. Now all we have to do is work hard this fall and get the other 90 percent which, with this funding, these two allotments here, should drastically improve our water and sewer system here. Also, at this time, Hopedale Inuit Community Government wishes to congratulate the graduates, Amos Community Memorial School, James Abel, Jenna Flowers, Gabriella Hunter, Toni Lampe, Scott Lucy and Fredricka Terriak. Also to all the graduates of Nunatsiavut. Also, Mr. Speaker, Hopedale Inuit Community Government will be starting our new fire hall this summer. We have hired a project manager, Steve Grant. This project will

be done under self-project management thanks to funds from the Nunatsiavut Government in total of 1.6 million. We expect to employ at least eight workers locally. Materials have been ordered for the project at this time. In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, I would like to acknowledge and thank Rita Andersen, Augusta Erving and Wilson Jararuse for their dedication to ensure that all of us in the Assembly learn our mother's language. I feel this to be of great importance to all here in Nunatsiavut. Nakummek to our interpreters. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, AngajukKâk for Hopedale. I recognize Gary Mitchell, the Chairperson for NunaKâtiget.

**MR. MITCHELL:**

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker, and I'd like to congratulate you on your appointment to the Speaker's Chair. And I think it's a good example that Nunatsiavut Government is setting here that we're giving our youth a chance to grow up with the government, you know, as we move forward and set example that other youth might be looking at. There's a future for our youth in the government for our people here in Nunatsiavut and elsewhere. I'm just going to give a brief interview of the activities on the NunaKâtiget Inuit Community Corporation that have taken place since our Assembly in March. It's pretty much business as usual with the Community Freezer Program which is our most active program and people are continuing to use it regularly. I'll just mention our food items that we stock in season. Or, I should say, some of our food items we stock in season are currently unavailable, such as salmon, char, baked apples, red berries, corn, fish and moose. We were fortunate to get a

good stock of moose this year but, unfortunately, we ran out and so it was a popular item and people are looking for fresh meat. With the unavailability of wild berries, we are continuing to stock fresh frozen strawberries and blueberries from the grocery store, as well as frozen corn and frozen green peas. We had a good winter for partridges; however, we are almost out now. We had a few rabbits, but not that many. We also had a few smelts brought in, but they didn't last too long. So we also have some salt fish on hand. We're continuing to stock some salt fish. We also stock frozen cod fillets which you buy from Torngat Co-op and these are popular items with the lack of the char because the char run out in January. We also had some seal meat brought in this spring, which is a popular item and didn't last too long as well. We're hoping to get a bit more seal meat yet this spring. I should mention here that we had baked apples this past summer. It was a good summer for baked apples, but we looked at the cost of baked apples in our Community Freezer and it's a real expensive item, and it's not as much of a health need as we consider other berries. So we're going to drop the buying of baked apples to look after our budget which hasn't increased over the past few years so we have to work within our means and look at things that we need for the freezer rather than things we don't need. People really missed out not being able to get any char, as I mentioned, from the Community Freezer, as none was available, so hopefully this summer the Torngat Co-op will increase their production and we can have char throughout the winter months. We are now looking forward very much

to getting some fresh salmon and char in the next month or so. We certainly hope that we can obtain the number of tags that we had in previous years from the Department of Lands and Natural Resources. We hope and trust that the salmon conservation groups and the federal government doesn't force the Aboriginal food fishery to be reduced, while at the same time outfitters fish camps in the areas be allowed to operate as usual. We are continuing to sponsor applicants for the Firearms Acquisition Courses if they are fortunate enough to get a seat at the training courses that are ongoing at the college. We have not checked it out yet to see if there'd be any safe boating course for beneficiaries this year. I should mention that there have been some inquiries and some problems with beneficiaries trying to get a commercial or professional sea licence for 2015. The problem is people cannot obtain a commercial sea licence in the Upper Lake Melville area until they have taken a training course with regard to humane harvesting and quality, health and handling of seal. I have spoken with professional fish harvesters on this issue and there are no workshops planned until this fall. They have been in contact with Craig Taylor from Provincial Fisheries and they're trying to set up a workshop for Upper Lake Melville this fall so that people can take the sealing course and get their professional sealing licence for 2015. There may be a course done in Goose Bay or through a webinar and then on line. We'll be keeping beneficiaries informed on this matter throughout the next few months so anybody that's waiting on the seal licence will have the opportunity to do

the workshop and get their certification for killing and handling of seals for commercial purposes. This past winter we applied to the Department of Seniors and Wellness for two grants totalling \$10,000 each. One application was for requesting assistance for the Community Freezer Program for purchasing wild country food items. The second one was for an agriculture project which we'd like to try and grow some vegetables and we use the Community Freezer harvest the crop in the fall for their own use. We were successful in obtaining a \$5,000 grant from one of these programs for the Community Freezer. However, the second application for the Age Venue Program for the agriculture product was turned down, which wasn't very friendly for us. As this was a project we wanted very much to pursue, we have discussed this matter with Minister Shiwak's office for funding for this project to see if we can access some funds to go ahead with the agriculture project. We have been in contact with one of the farmers to work out a deal with the land and other particulars for this coming summer, and we're still hoping that that project can still go ahead. As you know, the Provincial Government arranged to have some firewood transported from the Muskrat Falls Project from the location 70 kilometres up the road to a drop-off location, Happy Valley, Goose Bay for communities in Upper Lake Melville. People help themselves to this wood, however, the NunaKâtiget Corporation obtained a thousand-dollar grant from the Provincial Government to pay a person with a pick-up truck to drop off some wood to the seniors so we're able to distribute some wood to

seniors and Happy Valley, Goose Bay and North West River, as well, I believe. Nakummek.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Chairperson for NunaKâtiget. I'd like to recognize Mr. Joe Dicker, the AngajukKâk for Nain.

**MR. DICKER:** I'm sorry, Mr. Speaker, I did not have my hand up for that. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** We recognize Roy Blake, the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville.

**MR. BLAKE:** Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. Congratulations to you, sir, on your new position as Speaker of the Assembly. I want to commend continued support I received from the Department of Health and Social Development as every issue or concern I have brought forward they acted immediately and effectively which, importantly, benefits our beneficiaries. I thank you, Minister Flowers. Mr. Speaker, I attended a benefit for the family of the late Loretta Saunders. I was quite pleased to see the community support towards this cause. Mr. Speaker, I had the pleasure of attending of the College of the North Atlantic Happy Valley Campus graduation. There were 19 graduates and 19 beneficiaries who I wish to extend my hand in congratulations as they endure another milestone in their lives. Also, Mr. Speaker, I attended my first high school graduation. Lake Melville School in North West River respectfully they had three beneficiaries who graduated; Jonathon Allen, Britney Barrett and Zoey Michelin. I wish nothing but the best to these young people as their futures begin. I must say, the efforts of the school and the

community did not go unnoticed. It was an amazing event enjoyed by all.  
Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Ordinary Member, for Upper Lake Melville. I recognize Sean Lyall, the Ordinary Member for Nain.

**MR. LYALL:**

Nakummek UKâtik. Spring time. It's transition. Represents a lot. Could be a metaphor of life. Moving from one area to the next. I'd just like to touch a little bit on the spring hunt and fishing for residents in Nain. By all indicators, spring hunt in Nain, goose hunt, particularly, was not great. The numbers weren't there, but the hunters were out. Fisher persons. The spring fishing was fairly good this year up in TiKkoatikak; up in Nain Bay so I think a lot of people had fun and I'd just like to touch a little bit on that, I know. And, again, right now is a time to just reflect on it. People are in there, particularly in Nunatsiavut. There's still ice around in here and that void between ice melting and trying to get out on the land, but it's a good time to fix up your boats, do the house maintenance and then, you know, bit of clean-up around the house, spring clean-up in your communities, particularly in Nain. I'd like to mention the Junior Canadian Rangers who did a fine job of cleaning up the communities. Pride in your community is a very important thing. Also I just wanted to touch on the initiative by the Nain Inuit Community Government, if I can. They recently had a really successful driver's permit course that they attended which makes the road safer for particular children playing on the roads. So that's great. And in regards to spring clean-up and that, and reflecting back on the spring hunt and fishing around while you're out on the land,

it's good to, you know, bring this garbage and all that out, bring it back, keep the land clean. Nakummek UKâtik.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Mr. Sean Lyall, Ordinary Member for Nain. Are there any other member statements today? There are none. We'll proceed with item number six on the *Orders of the Day*, "Returns to Oral Questions." Yesterday the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Mr. Roy Blake, asked the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak, if the Nunatsiavut Government would consider doing consultations in Mud Lake on 12-E. I recognize the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

**MR. SHIWAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And thank you to the Member for the question. We have considered his request, and we understand the request, but at this time we will stick to our original plan of having those meetings just in Happy Valley, Goose Bay on Tuesday and North West River on Wednesday. While we understand and respect the concerns that exist in Mud Lake, we will try to accommodate the best as we can by providing transportation to those individuals who want to attend the meeting in Happy Valley, Goose Bay on Tuesday. We will be putting out the information on how they can contact the department to request that transportation to the meeting. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Minister of Lands and Natural Resources. Also the Ordinary Member for NunaKâtiget, Mr. Gary Mitchell, asked the First Minister who, from the Nunatsiavut Assembly, would initiate the request to change existing provisions in the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement*.

The First Minister said she would check into it and give an answer today.

I recognize the First Minister.

**MS MITCHELL:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, Mr. Mitchell, for your question.

Okay, as I mentioned yesterday, as I read them from the *Land Claims Agreement*, first of all there would have to be an agreement between the province and the Federal Government and Nunatsiavut to be willing to sit down to decide if they would like to make an amendment to the agreement. So I guess the first process would be it would be a decision, or whatever, of the Executive Council to decide whether they would want to look at amending a portion of the agreement and, to my understanding, I can be corrected if I'm wrong, but I think that once you open the agreement it would be the entire agreement. You can't just open one portion. Is that correct? Yes, Mr. Speaker, that is my understanding and if there's anything any further, perhaps it would be the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources as that would be an issue for his department. He might be able to give you more information on it. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, First Minister. If the Chairperson for NunaKâtiget is dissatisfied with the current answer there's an opportunity to present that once more during question period. Also the AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Mr. Jack Shiwak, asked the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell, why beneficiaries who obtained membership at birth would have to reapply when they were 19. The First Minister responded that parents apply for children under 19, and at 19 individuals were adults who would

apply for themselves, but that she would double check this information with legal. I now recognize the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell.

**MS MITCHELL:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And, yes, and for the AngajukKâk for Rigolet, the section that you questioned was taken from the *Land Claims Agreement* itself under enrolment procedures, Section 3.11.4. "Anyone who was enrolled on the register as a minor must reapply for enrolment on the register upon reaching the age of majority and must meet the criteria for enrolment at that time." That is the exact portion that's taken out from the *Land Claims Agreement* that is and, to my understanding, it is, like I said, because when you're an infant your parents apply on your behalf. Like, when you reach the age of majority and you ask what could have changed? And, to my understanding, like, there's also the, you know, some of their criteria is that you have to maintain a connection to the land claims area. So, like, that could have changed or whatever, but what it is is that when your parents apply on your behalf as an infant and then when you reach the age of majority, then you have to apply as an adult. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

There are no other returns to oral questions today. At this point I'd like to call a very brief recess at 15 minutes. Nakummek.

(Recess)

**MR. SPEAKER:**

I'd like to call back to order the sitting of the Nunatsiavut Assembly. Prior to recess we were on item six, "Returns to Oral Questions." There are no

other returns to oral questions. At this point we'll be moving on to item number seven on the *Orders of the Day*, "Oral Questions." Are there any questions today? I recognize the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Mr. Roy Blake.

**MR. BLAKE:**

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to Minister Shiwak. Sir, I must say I'm very disappointed in your decision and your department's decision in not having these consultations in Mud Lake. So I ask the Minister Shiwak, what determined your decision, sir?

**MR. SPEAKER:**

I recognize the Honourable Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Mr. Darryl Shiwak.

**MR. SHIWAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and totally understand disappointment. And we did consider the request, like I said, in the return. As a government, well, and as a department, while we try to accommodate people's requests and get into as many communities as we can to address issues in different communities, not just in Nunatsiavut and not just in Happy Valley, Goose Bay, North West River. We had to consider many factors when making those decisions, and the most important factors, and be able to best accommodate the concerns and the questions that might be put forward in a timely manner, on a timely basis for when that consultation happens. And it was determined by the department that the best thing for us to do at this point for the residents of Mud Lake is to try to get them into keep the plan as scheduled, Happy Valley, Goose Bay and North West River, and try to bring those beneficiaries who want to attend into Happy Valley, Goose Bay to attend that and give them as

much time as they need and try to accommodate them as best as we can in answering those questions and listening to their concerns. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister of Lands and Natural Resources. Does the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville have a supplementary? Proceed.

**MR. BLAKE:** Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. Sir, when you were planning for these consultations in Upper Lake Melville, Goose Bay, North West River, I truly believe you had ample time to include Mud Lake. And my question is, sir, still, again, probably repeating the question, but I feel like why not include Mud Lake? Mud Lake is part of Upper Lake Melville and you included Goose Bay and North West River. Whether it's a function or consultations, that all parts of Upper Lake Melville, which includes Mud Lake, should have been involved.

**MR. SPEAKER:** I recognize the Honourable Minister of Lands and Natural Resources to respond to that.

**MR. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And, again, I have to restate my position. I mean, we made a decision. We did consider requests. We totally understand the concern, and we totally understand you fighting for to get us to come into Mud Lake, and they are part of Upper Lake Melville, but the decision right now is for us to do the consultations in Happy Valley, Goose Bay and North West River and try to accommodate the best we can to try to get the concerns and the questions about what is

happening, which is the real issue here, what has happened with the Migratory Bird 12-E issue. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Honourable Minister of Lands and Natural Resources. Does the Member have? I recognize Gary Mitchell, the Chairperson for NunaKâtiget.

**MR. MITCHELL:**

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, who seems to be quite busy. With the possible increase coming in the polar bear hunt, as we're hearing from the news and the meetings in Montreal last week, and a possible increase in polar bears, will there be any increase or consideration given to allow beneficiaries in Upper Lake Melville to be allotted any of these licences so they can carry their own licence to harvest in what areas they can hunt in so they wouldn't have to use licences from another community that were assigned those licenses, like, to have their own, carry their own licence with them to hunt in whatever areas they can hunt in. So any consideration given for those people in Upper Lake Melville area?  
Nakummek.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Chair for NunaKâtiget. First, the Honourable Minister of Lands and Natural Resources.

**MR. SHIWAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I thank you for recognizing the fact that it is a possible increase. The increase that was agreed to by the three regions, Nunatsiavut, Nunavik and Nunavut is not set in stone. It's just what the regions agreed to as a management plan. And, again, the

process for that is that recommendation from each region has to go to their individual boards from each region. Our board is Torngat Wildlife and Plants Co-management Board. They then decide whether to agree with the recommendation from Nunatsiavut Government of 20 polar bear. And from there, if they agree then they make recommendation to the Provincial Minister and then he sets a TEH for polar bears in Nunatsiavut. Having said that, the process that we follow every year is that before the polar bear season begins we looked at our policies, our directives and the allocation of quota through the communities. If we get a favourable response from the Minister of an increase, we will have to factor that into that review as well and decide how the allocation will happen. And I certainly will take your request, and I assume it is a request, that Upper Lake Melville be included in that allocation. At this point in time I cannot say how that will go or what that will be. And, again, it's a review, and we have yet to do that as a department, and that won't happen till after we receive a response from the Minister. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Honourable Minister of Lands and Natural Resources. Does the Chairperson of NunaKâtiget have a supplementary? I recognize Diane Gear, the AngajukKâk for Postville.

**MS GEAR:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Education and Economic Development, Honourable Patricia Kemuksigak. At last fall sitting you mentioned the CED Program, and you also mentioned that Postville and one other community had not applied for

any funding. After I returned home I mentioned this to the PICG and they did submit an application, but we are still waiting for an answer. Can you tell me the status on this application? Has it gone to your review committee yet or not? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, AngajukKâk for Postville. I recognize the Honourable Minister of Education and Economic Development, Ms Patricia Kemuksigak.

**MS KEMUKSIGAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, AngajukKâk for Postville, Mrs. Gear. The Community Economic Development Program Committee, I can check on the status of your application with the committee and get back to you as I'm not involved in the committee so I'm not sure what has been approved or not, but I can check on it and get back to you. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Does the AngajukKâk have a supplementary? I recognize Mr. Joe Dicker, the AngajukKâk for Nain.

**MR. DICKER:**

Thank you, UKâtik, and I also would like to congratulate you on your appointment to Speaker of the House. My question this morning is for the Minister, once again, for Education and Economic Development, Honourable Patricia Kemuksigak. It's regarding the underground mining. My question to you, Minister, is has your department sat down and discussed with Vale if the present employees and other employees that offer site services, this TSI, have been approached? If their employees been given an opportunity if they so wish to be trying to go underground.

Right now there are employees offering those services at Vale and they may want to train to go underground, but they are working there presently at the mill site, at the mine site, you know, doing operations day to day now. If those employees wished to be trained to go underground, will they be given that opportunity? Have you, Minister, talked and sat down with the Vale people and TSI people to see if their employees could be given the opportunity, if they so wish? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, AngajukKâk for Nain. I recognize the Honourable Minister of Education and Economic Development, Ms. Patricia Kemuksigak.

**MS KEMUKSIGAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and, thank you, AngajukKâk Dicker, for the question. We've had detailed discussions. Not as detailed as we want yet, but we've had discussions with Vale and they said for the people that may be effective with underground that are now on top of the ground working, they will have the first opportunity for training. TSI is contracted through Vale and their contract will end, but they will more than likely probably get the contract again for site services. It's not a hundred percent guaranteed. But they did have a commitment that they would train their present employees first so that the present employees will have an opportunity to work longer if they so want to. Plus there's going to be 420 additional employees. But if they wanted to change their field, they will be given that opportunity. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Honourable Minister of Education and Economic Development. Does the AngajukKâk have a supplementary? Proceed.

**MR. DICKER:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just a little further to that, thank you for your answer, Minister. Now with regards to the hiring of people, or accepting applications, I guess, for the training, will the IBA be practised as it was in the past closest to the resource first? Will that still be in effect with a new project? Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, AngajukKâk for Nain. I recognize the Honourable Minister of Education and Economic Development.

**MS KEMUKSIGAK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, the IBA will still be followed, and people adjacent to the project will have first priority for hiring. So that's still in effect because the IBA is still continuing. Even though they're going from on top of the ground to underground, the IBA is still in effect.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister of Education, Economic Development. Does the AngajukKâk have a final supplementary question? Nakummek, AngajukKâk. I recognize Richard Pamak, the Ordinary Member for Nain.

**MR. PAMAK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Before I get into my question, I certainly want to congratulate to you as well on your appointment as Speaker of the Nunatsiavut Assembly. My question is directed to First Minister Kate Mitchell. Certainly is great to hear the number of housing initiatives that your department is undertaking, and it's a great update that you provided today, and yesterday, as well. In your member statement yesterday you briefly touched on the senior's home or a complex. In 2008 the Nunatsiavut Government did receive \$3 million from the

*Tasiujatsoak Trust*. Can you tell me what the plans are to have this become a reality for Nunatsiavut? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Ordinary Member for Nain. I recognize the Honourable First Minister of Nunatsiavut, Ms Kate Mitchell.

**MS MITCHELL:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, Ordinary Member from Nain. I just went looking through my papers and I don't have a senior's complex for Nain listed on any of my updates, and I know that the funding was given the same time it was given to the communities for a senior's complex somewhere in Nain. But right now there's certainly nothing that we have in our plans. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Honourable First Minister. Does the Ordinary Member have a supplementary?

**MR. PAMAK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's certainly a big disappointment, you know, on my part, knowing that the funds had been in place since 2008. And there's a big outcry in our community as many as other communities too as well. What are your plans for the next steps in maybe putting something like this in place, whether it's a senior's home, a senior's complex or a facility that can accommodate our seniors in the communities, and what are your next steps in the process? Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Ordinary Member for Nain. Honourable First Minister, do you have a response?

**MS MITCHELL:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and, thank you, Ordinary Member for your question. With the prototype complex that's going up in Nain, I think the plan was that we hope that it will accommodate some seniors and some youth because that's what the building itself is designed for. So that will, but for a seniors complex, that's something that we were hoping to get something to have a seniors complex somewhere within Nunatsiavut, but right now we're focusing right now on the prototype. And, like I said, that will accommodate some seniors, but that will be definitely something that we could take a look at, and I'm sure that has been something that the government is wanting to do. So I guess what we'll do is we'll take a look at that funding that's there and whatever plans we can do to be able to accommodate the senior's complex. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Honourable First Minister. Does the Ordinary Member for Nain have a final supplementary?

**MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again, I recognize that the complex that you're constructing this year will accommodate for two seniors, possibly two seniors, in our community. Certainly the need is much larger than two at this point. People are aware of the \$3 million that has been sitting in your deferred revenue, I guess, if you want to call it that, since 2008. It's very disappointing to know that very little has been done in putting together even the plan, any studies, or anything like that in terms of making this a reality. What is the priority in terms of getting the seniors home? I know the funding that we had for this complex came two years

ago, and now we have funding in place since 2008. What is your priority?

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. FLOWERS:**

1:30:50 Excuse me, Mr. Speaker. Can I kind of elaborate to the question that the Ordinary Member for Nain is asking?

**MR. SPEAKER:**

The Honourable Minister of Health and Social Development, the question was directed to the First Minister. Unfortunately, in this case you cannot enter into the line of questioning. I'd like to recognize the Honourable First Minister to add a final response to this.

**MS MITCHELL:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and yes, like I said, we hope that we will be able to do something about the seniors complex, but I guess the difference is that this sort of would fall under the Department of Health and Social Development because their department looks after that portion of it. So I would ask that the Minister of Health respond to your question. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Honourable First Minister. I recognize Roy Blake, the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville for his final question of the day.

**MR. BLAKE:**

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. My question's directed to Minister Kemuksigak. Minister, when we attended the College of North Atlantic grad last week, I noticed that the Innu in Natuashish presented scholarships to their members. My question to you, ma'am, is would you and your department consider having a scholarship for a College of the

North Atlantic graduate as many Nunatsiavut beneficiaries attend the Happy Valley campus each year. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville. The Honourable Minister of Education and Economic Development, do you have a response?

**MS KEMUKSIGAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and, thank you, Ordinary Member Blake for your question. I will bring the request back for consideration to the Deputy Minister in our department to add an additional scholarship for College of the North Atlantic graduate from Happy Valley, Goose Bay. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Honourable Minister of Education and Economic Development. Are there any other questions? I recognize Richard Pamak, Ordinary Member for Nain, for his second and final question of the day.

**MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And thank you for giving me the opportunity to ask the Minister of Health and Social Development a question regarding seniors home. It is my understanding, you know, that the funding was in place since 2008. It was put on hold and just I know it was recently to be reviewed by NAC. One of the last things that I was told that you're looking on the recommendations coming from the senior's conference that was held in middle of March, and I don't know if the report or any recommendations has come out of this. Can you tell me, Minister Flowers, what is the priority when it comes in terms of your department regarding the senior's complex for Nunatsiavut? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Ordinary Member for Nain. I recognize the Honourable Minister of Health and Social Development, Mr. Gregory Flowers.

**MR. FLOWERS:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And thank you, Richard, Ordinary Member for Nain. Yes, we, in our department, did look at different options for Nunatsiavut and for senior's complexes in Nunatsiavut. And went out to seniors with request and get feedback from them on what would be best suited in Nunatsiavut, and looking at the options, we came up with the best thing to do was try to get the seniors apartments so that seniors could live in Nunatsiavut as long as they could on their own with a bit of help from our department with people that come in and help them with their meals, help them with cleaning and things like that. So it came back to us that we, you know, we think that that is the best option for Nunatsiavut, and I guess we're also now in the process of putting all this together and, hopefully, as soon as possible get these. And this is one of the things that I've advocated, Mr. Speaker, for a long time is that we need something for seniors so that we can keep them in their communities as long as we can, and I think with all the feedback that we had, we know what the senior in Nunatsiavut want. So our next step now is to make sure that we follow through with this, and I certainly will be talking to the First Minister on what came back to us, and she also attended our youth and elders gathering, and we see the need in Nunatsiavut for this and we certainly will be acting, and I can tell you we certainly will be pushing for a seniors complex for Nain and all communities. We need to see, like, in some communities everything is a

little bit different so we're certainly going on the right track. It's just a matter of us getting together and pushing forward now for some kind of a seniors complex for Nain and also for the whole of Nunatsiavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister of Health and Social Development. Does the Ordinary Member for Nain have a supplementary?

**MR. PAMAK:** No, Mr. Speaker, thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Ordinary Member for Nain. Are there any other questions? There are no further questions. We will now proceed to item number seven on the *Orders of the Day*, "Written Questions." Are there any written questions? There are none. We'll proceed to item number eight, "Returns to Written Questions." There are no returns to written questions today. Moving to item number 10 on the *Orders of the Day*, "Petitions," there are no petitions today. Moving on to item 11, "Responses to Petitions," there are no responses to petitions today. We're now on item number 12 on your *Standing Orders*, "Reports of Standing and Special Committees." I'd like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Canada, Ms Pat Ford.

**MS FORD:** Thank you, Honourable Speaker. In January 2015 the Rules and Procedures Committee met and one of the items discussed was the process and timeframe required to appoint a Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer, NEO. It was decided that the Speaker's Office would be responsible for the recruitment process and interviews. The *Nunatsiavut*

*Elections Act* states that a NEO shall be appointed by a resolution of the Nunatsiavut Assembly and answerable to the Assembly through the Speaker. An expression of interest for the NEO was widely advertised. Four applications were received and two candidates were screened in to be interviewed. The Speaker, the Honourable Sean Lyall, the Ordinary Member for Canada, I and the Clerk of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, Ms Mary Sillett, interviewed the candidates. Mr. Jack Shiwak, the AngajukKâk from Rigolet, and the past NEO sat in as a resource person. Each candidate was asked 12 questions and was expected to write a 200-word essay summarizing the responsibilities of the NEO. One candidate excelled in her knowledge of the *Nunatsiavut Elections Act*, and the other was more experienced in elections. One concern with one candidate was that she worked full-time, and the question was would she be able to work full-time as the NEO for a four-month or longer period during elections or bi-elections. She provided a resolution from her employer stating that she would be given proper leave from her job to work full-time as an NEO. The results were communicated to members of the Rules and Procedures Committee. There were ongoing concerns about the ability of this candidate to devote full-time to an election as the NEO with her current employment. Also, experience and a lack of knowledge on working on and running elections was also cited as additional concerns. The Speaker's Office who is tasked with the responsibility of recommending an NEO appointee agreed that a resolution would be tabled at the June sitting for the Assembly's discussion in the Committee

of the Whole. Thank you Honourable Speaker. I move, seconded by the Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology, the Honourable Dan Pottle, that the report of the Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures on the Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer be received and adopted. Nakummek.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency. The motion is in order. Would the Ordinary Member for Canada like to speak to the motion?

**MS FORD:** Not at this time, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek. Would anyone else like to speak to the motion? If no other members wishes to speak, does the Ordinary Member for Canada wish to make final comments and close debate?

**MS FORD:** I'd like to close debate, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek. That concludes debate. Any nays? The motion is carried. We'll now move onto item number 13 on the *Orders of the Day*, "Tabling of Documents." I'd like to recognize the Honourable Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, the Honourable Sean Lyall.

**MR. LYALL:** Nakummek UKâtik. I would like to table the archaeology report, Nunatsiavut Archaeology Office Field Report 2014. Nakummek.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister. This document will be numbered as Tabled Document 06-3(6). I'd like to recognize the Honourable Minister for the Department of Health and Social Development, Mr. Gregory Flowers.

**MR. FLOWERS:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to table the 2014-2015 Annual Report for the Department of Health and Social Development. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister. This document will be numbered as Tabled Document 07-3(6). I'd like to recognize the President of Nunatsiavut, the Honourable Sarah Leo.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to table the Annual Report of the Nunatsiavut Secretariat. I just want to note, considering how busy our office has been it's amazing to see how it can fit on four little pages.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Madam President. This document will be numbered as Tabled Document 08-3(6). We will now proceed to item number 14, "Notices of Motion." I'd like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Canada, Ms Pat Ford.

**MS FORD:** Nakummek UKâtik. I have two notices of motion today. I give notice that on Thursday, June 4th, 2015, that I will move, seconded by the Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology, the Honourable Dan Pottle, that the Nunatsiavut Assembly break into a Committee of the Whole to discuss the recruitment process and issues related to appointing a Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer, NEO, and that Loretta Michelin, a member of the Rules and Procedures Committee, be called as a witness. Honourable Speaker, I also give notice that on Thursday, June 4th, 2015, that I will move, seconded by the Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology, the Honourable

Dan Pottle, that Melanie Gear be appointed as the Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer to hold office during good behaviour and may only be removed from office by resolution of the Assembly. Finally, Mr. Speaker, I will be seeking unanimous consent to deal with these motions today under item 16, "Motions."

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Ms Ford. Are there any other notices of motion today?

There are none. We will now proceed with item number 15 on the *Orders of the Day*, "Notices of Motion for the First Reading of Bills."

There are no notices of motion for the first reading of bills today. On to item 16, "Motions." At this point I'd like to announce that Diane Gear, the AngajukKâk for Postville, has declared a conflict of interest on this matter regarding the NEO officer, and she will be properly excused until the discussion is over. You're properly excused, AngajukKâk. I recognize the Ordinary Member for Canada, Ms Pat Ford.

**MS FORD:**

Nakummek, Honourable Speaker. I move, seconded by the Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology, the Honourable Dan Pottle, that the Nunatsiavut Assembly break into a Committee of the Whole to discuss the recruitment process and issues related to appointing a Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer, NEO, and that Loretta Michelin, a member of the Rules and Procedures Committee, be called as a witness.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency. The motion is in order. All those in favour?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MR. SPEAKER:** The motion is passed and we are now in the Committee of the Whole. Ms Michelin, would you please come to the table, and Ms Ford, would you like to begin.

**MS FORD:** Thank you, Honourable Speaker. The Speaker's Office was responsible for the recruitment process and we did advise the Rules and Procedures Committee on who we would be recommending for the NEO position. We are recommending Melanie Gear of Postville. There were concerns expressed related to experience and training, so we decided that the best way to address these was to have a frank discussion with the Assembly in the Committee of the Whole. I will now ask Loretta Michelin to begin.

**MS MICHELIN:** As was outlined in the report, the candidate whose name was put forward is the candidate that excelled in her knowledge of the *Nunatsiavut Elections Act*, as opposed to the candidate with the experience. The NEO has a really responsible position. They will be responsible for setting up headquarters, for hiring staff, for getting the ballots out. They are also responsible to act as the returning officer for the Canadian Constituency. The *Elections Act* tells you what has to be done, but it doesn't tell you how to do it. And I think the concern that I have is that the how to do it can only be learned through experience, the knowledge that comes with experience. We have Jack Shiwak, the outgoing Nunatsiavut Elections Officer here, and he will be, I think, a really good person to explain what he feels is necessary, the knowledge that is necessary in order to organize and run an election of this

magnitude. We will be having a presidential election in the spring and it probably will be contentious. My concern is that if we appoint a Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer without experience, that person may find herself overwhelmed. I, obviously, in my capacity as legal counsel, can advise that person on the interpretation of the *Elections Act*, on forms, etcetera. But I cannot advise on the administrative aspects of running an election. As Jack said to me there are hundreds of things that you need to know in order to run and organize an election that you're not going to find in the *Elections Act*. I feel that I'm pretty knowledgeable about the *Elections Act*, but I would not be at all ready to run and organize an election. So maybe Jack can give us his feelings on that.

**MR. SHIWAK:**

Thank you, Loretta. And, like Loretta said, the *Election Act* pretty much outlines the legislation that governs the *Election Act*. It doesn't actually tell you how to do the election. It doesn't tell you how to deal with all the problems that you will run into. It doesn't tell you how to handle people. One of the things you have to remember with this is that you're not only dealing with Nunatsiavut. You're not only dealing with the people of Upper Lake Melville, you're dealing with all Canada and, in cases, the whole world. I've fielded questions from Germany, Australia and the United States during elections. These people are Members, and they let you know in no uncertain terms that they are Members, they have, rights and they feel they should have the right to exercise that right. But this is where the *Election Act* comes in. You go to the *Election Act* and they will tell you. Only people that live in Canada can vote. And

this is not always easy for them to understand. So, you know, there comes a time when training is so important. You have to be able to communicate and deal with people, and that's one of the most important aspects of it. I could get nasty with these people, but as an officer and appointed official with a public job to do, you can't do that. I often tell people I don't have any teeth because I wouldn't have a tongue left. So, you know, there are times it's stressful, really, really stressful, and the hours are long, the things that happen. Personally, I've worked at elections for 60 to 70 hours a week. I look at my pay cheque, I get paid for 35. I, at one time, had a doctor's appointment. I had to go to the hospital. I said, okay, I've got all these hours built up. I will just take some of the hours, go to the hospital. I came back my time sheet was back on my fax machine. You were out of town. You have to take those days off. This sort of things, as an elections officer, is really disappointing and you have to be able to deal with it and go on. The other side of it is that you have to deal with the public, you have to deal with candidates and, as Loretta said, there's times I went to Loretta for interpretations but, as a whole, all of us people sitting around this table are off limits. I can't, you know, as an election officer, I couldn't call up the First Minister, or the Speaker, or whoever I wanted to call up and say, you know, this is not working. How do we fix it? I can't do that. You have to do that on your own. You have to figure out all these things. There's a process you go through. There's an order you go through. What do you do first? Like, some people will say, well, I'll, you know, first thing I had to do is

come. You know, what's the dates you said I have to accept the nominations? It's not that simple. You have to make sure you get the dates right for nominations. You have to look at when do the nominations close? Does it close on a holiday? Does it close on a weekend? And you have to make those decisions. If nominations close on a public holiday, it can't close on a public holiday. You have to find another day. Okay, so do I close early or do I go an extra day later? All these sort of little questions you have to ask yourself. Then you have to make sure that the Canadian Constituency gets your voter's list. Yes, I get calls all the time, hey, so and so has passed away. What are you going to do about it? As the NEO, there's nothing you can do about it. Only tell the person the only people can change that is at the Registry Office in Nain. They have to do it. You can't do it. You can't just take people out. But it's discipline because I have in the past, and felt really bad about it, sending out ballot kits to people who have already passed away, and it kind of upsets the family that you don't know this and we have called into the Registry Office, had their names, got it removed, but I'm still sending them out. These little things are things you have to deal with, and it's not easy to deal with them sometimes because people do, you know? I don't know if they understand the position you're in, or what you have to do, but it makes no difference. They let you know in no uncertain terms and not the nicest language that you should never have done this. So it's really stressful at times. The other things you have to deal with are, and I've had to do it in the past, is dismiss people who I had in line to work for

me from a distance. You know, personally, in my case I knew most of these people, and it's not easy to do but, you know, you have to sit down and write that letter and say, sorry, and say I can't have you. You have to say to candidates, you don't meet the criteria, even though they feel they do. But because of some little thing that comes up you have to sit down and write that letter. Sorry, you don't meet the criteria, or you have something within your past that doesn't allow you to be a candidate. These are the hard decisions you have to make. These are the things that don't help you in the *Election Act*. It helps you in the sense that it's there; the legislation is there that you cannot do this, you cannot do that, but it doesn't tell you how to go about getting rid of somebody. And these are some of the more stressful things you have to deal with. You know, Canada, and the world, as a matter of fact, is a large place. Time zones are different and people go to work, get up at different times. They go to bed at different times. I've taken phone calls at six o'clock in the morning regarding elections. I've taken phone calls at twelve o'clock in the night regarding elections because where they work they may call you. They may decide to call you before they go to work, or they may decide to call you after they get off work, and their time zones are so different from ours. The fear I have is somebody that doesn't have a background or any experience in this is that, you know, you don't have a whole lot of time to sit down and say, geez, I made a mistake, I've got to get this fixed. You don't have that time. You have to get it right the first time. And when, in my case, I've always hired an assistant. The assistant, I made sure, had

experience because when I walked out of the office he or she stayed in the office, they knew as much as I do to be able to answer the questions that people asked. If not, I had little notes left on my desk when I came back to field or answer these questions. So it's not a matter of somebody walking off the street, or somebody that's done at community election that, you know, you have this little bit of experience that's going to carry you through on a bigger scale. As Loretta said, the presidential election's coming up. There are amendments to the *Election Act* for that, I believe, that are going to be really hard to deal with. I do believe I received a copy of the amendment from Mary before the last general election. I started working with that amendment during that election. So if you imagine putting somebody in their now, they haven't seen it yet. You know, there's so many, you know, I think Mary spoke of training, and that's one of the other things that concern me. I'm not saying I'm the only person can do it but, as an elected member of the Assembly, I cannot do it. I am on equal footing with all the rest of you when it comes to that part. That person has to work arm's length from me. You know, if somebody called me and asked me a question, yes or no, maybe, I could answer the question, but to go into a training session to ask me questions during an election about a particular candidate that I might know, or is a friend of mine, I would have to say no, I cannot answer your question, and where you're going to get the answer from. I think if I had my time back, I would have put the recommendation to the committee. This is not the process we follow, provincially or federally. Federally and

provincially appointments are done on recommendations of past employers. For example, I started out with the Provincial Government as a numerator. That's the very bottom of the list. You go door to door taking names. Eventually I moved up through the ranks. A lady in Nain was a returning officer, the recommendation came from her to the CEO's office in St. John's that I was a person capable of replacing her. And that's how the process went. With the Chief Electoral Officer, the office in St. John's will take recommendations. Those recommendations go to the Speaker of the House to look at the recommendations and then make the appointment. There's no process of interviews or nothing like that. It's a process of recommendation by appointment. That's how we get there. You know, I too, as you said, sat in on the interviews. I heard the two candidates. I know and I listen that one candidate had a copy or read a copy of the *Election Act*, which is fine. There's nothing wrong with that. And they answered questions were based on what's in the *Election Act*. And when I read her 200-word essay, it was the same thing. But when I read the essay of the other candidate who has experience, I personally would have said this is my appointee. The one that had the experience because I know the candidate has experience. I know the candidate can put the process in place without training or without much help, and I also know that as an appointee with the Provincial Government during elections, this candidate knows people who has been or has worked with her as an election official. So the second candidate, I have nothing against her, but I'm afraid that working a Inuit Community

Government election is on a very small scale if she takes the leap into this election as a Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer. You know, I think some of this important part, disappointments, we try to do the election on a shoe string budget, and it's nothing against the Assembly or the funding agency, it's just that's how we do it.

**MR. SPEAKER:** AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Standing Order 61.1 states that no members can exceed 10 minutes at a time for commentary. Do you have any concluding remarks?

**MR. SHIWAK:** No, that's fine, Yes.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Okay. We can revisit.

**MR. SHIWAK:** You know the only thing is if somebody has questions, I will do my best to answer them.

**MR. SPEAKER:** I will revisit in the second round. Do any other members have any questions or commentary? I recognize Darryl Shiwak.

**MR. SHIWAK:** Just a question, Mr. Chair. Is there a resume or a CV or response to question that I couldn't find it in here for Melanie? It's not included, right?

**MR. SPEAKER:** Those documents were emailed to the RPC. I believe we don't currently have them, but we'll work on distribution right now.

**MR. SHIWAK:** And the only reason I ask, the difficulty that we have, and I'm thinking generally as the Assembly, is not being able to see what the RPC or the interview committee is seeing because this is a very important decision that this Assembly's about to make for future elections. I'm not sure if

the Assembly agrees, but I thought it might be more appropriate to have as much information in front of the Assembly as possible. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Mr. Shiwak. Anyone else have any commentaries or questions? I recognize Sarah Leo.

**PRESIDENT LEO:**

Thank you, Mr. Chair. And I want to thank Mr. Shiwak for stepping out and sort of giving his experience with NEO, and I've had some experience with Jack, and my experience with the presidential election, as well with Loretta. I think we've seen, especially the more seasoned people have seen, the various reports that came from the then NEO of the challenges with the elections within Nunatsiavut, not only the presidential elections as well as the Ordinary Member elections, and there's never anything that's addressed in his reports that can be addressed in our legislation, and those reports are pretty lengthy for those of us that have seen them. They have presented to the Assembly after every election, and I think it speaks to what Jack was saying that somebody can have the knowledge of what's in our *Elections Act*. They can have the knowledge what's in our *Constitution*. They have the knowledge what's in our *Agreements*, but to have the knowledge of being able to effectively run an election doesn't come, and I think Loretta said, you can understand these, but you won't be able to do it. And I think those of us that have read the NEO Report from past elections can see it's very obvious. You can have all the experience you want or understanding of our legislation, but without the experience to be able to run an election, it's just not going to work and

understanding how a community government election. This is nothing against any of the candidates; it's just a matter of fact. A community election is nothing. You're dealing with a community; you have your voter's list, end of story. People come in. You have your ballots printed up. People come in to the town office, they do their vote, and they go home. That's it. When you're talking about, whether it be the presidential election or the general election for our government, it's a whole different can of worms. You have the voter's list to get ready; you have mail-out ballots which are always an issue. You have the qualification with the candidates which is always an issue. There is so much more, and then Jack mentioned talking about dealing with the public. Not only dealing with the public, say, and they don't want this person running an election but having candidates saying why can't I run an election? What do you need from me? It's having that experience. When you have the experience of running a community government election, you may run a great community government election. You may have, you know, everything run smoothly from eight o'clock that morning to eight o'clock that night, having prepared the day before. One of the other things that came out in Jack's report was having ample time to prepare for an election. And we appoint the NEO and, what, a month or two months before an election, we expect somebody to come in and have everything ready to run an election that's going to decide who sits around this table. That's really scary. I guess my question to either Loretta or Jack, given the concerns raised, or even, maybe, even Pat, is

we talk about understanding the *Elections Act* and knowing the *Elections Act* as opposed to having the experience, are there people out there? Our elections are very different from elections, normally. We have the addition now to the presidential election of the mandated debate with a moderator. That's obviously going to have some effect on how our presidential election is going to be run. So my question is is there, in your mind, somebody I'm not saying a specific person but is there people out there that would have that skill set to be able to come in and run our election after learning our legislation with regards to election?

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Sarah. Loretta, would you be able to field that question?

**MS MICHELIN:**

Yes. I just want to, I think, make one clarification. There is an added amendment to the *Elections Act* for presidential election. That's an *Inuttitut* debate. Now the NEO will not have any real responsibility for the debate, but I can assure you that the Nunatsiavut Elections Officer will get a lot of questions as a result of that debate. It's going to be the Assembly on the nomination of the speaker...

**PRESIDENT LEO:**

I'm sorry. Can I just keep going? The candidates will have filed with the NEO. He will have their nominations. They will go and do the debate, and the moderator could, at the end of the debate, say somebody is disqualified. Then they would go back to the NEO?

**MS MICHELIN:**

The debate will not determine whether or not a candidate can speak or understand *Inuttitut*. But the moderator has the right to disqualify a candidate if they refuse to participate in the debate, in which case then

they would inform the Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer and the Electoral Officer would have to disqualify that candidate based on the fact that they refused to participate.

**MR. SPEAKER:** I recognize Danny. Do you have a question or a comment?

**PRESIDENT LEO:** Sorry.

**MS MICHELIN:** You had a second part to the...

**PRESIDENT LEO:** No, I said it.

**MS MICHELIN:** And I think that Jack can speak better to this. The other candidate, my understanding is the other candidate did have experience in federal, provincial, and Nunatsiavut elections. Jack would have more knowledge of her than I do.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** Sorry, I wasn't speaking about the specific candidates for this, the two that applied for this. I'm just talking about, in general, is there somebody out there that would have that specific experience and be able to fit into our elections by just learning our *Elections Act*?

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you, Sarah. Jack, will you be able to answer that?

**MR. SHIWAK:** Yes. The other candidate, I know, has sat alongside me in the provincial elections for the last three, four provincial elections. I do believe she also has run the Chairperson's elections in Upper Lake Melville, Goose Bay area. So she does have experience. But, Sarah, to get back to what you were just talking with Loretta there too is prior to this election, presidential elections, there, you know, you have to state on your nomination form that you can speak and understand *Inuttitut* as well as

having three people sign affidavits saying that you can do that. One of my experiences is that I have people calling me and saying, yes, this person cannot speak. I've had the media call me and say this person. Well, you know, as the Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer, I had to stand up and say I have the candidates' affidavit. I have three peoples' affidavits saying she can, and I have to take it as is, and I can't change that so, and I have to accept a candidate. So these are the kind of things you, the arguments you're going to get.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Yes, proceed.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** But so you're saying the other candidate does have the experience that they could come in and run our election by learning our *Elections Act*, our *Constitution*, whatnot. So there are people out there that have the skill set through their experience that could come in and run our election.

**MR. SHIWAK:** I think there is, yes, because, like, I've had three or four people work under me as returning officers in different communities that have gained considerable knowledge in running the elections.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you, Jack. If you have any other questions, we'll just go around the table. Okay. I'd like to recognize Danny.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Mr. Chair. After having some time to reflect on the whole process and looking back, I mean, one of the shortcomings, I think, with this Assembly, it wasn't recognized immediately when the last general election took place, in particular, the Inuit Community Government elections. And when Jack was elected AngajukKâk to the Rigolet Inuit

Community Government that immediately vacated the office of the NEO. We should have, in hindsight, I think, picked up on that immediately and this process should have started long before now. Through some discussions between me and several other members of the Assembly, we recognized that there is a vacancy in the NEO. There are elections in pending, in particular, within the next year for the Presidential Election. But at any point in time we could be faced with a bi-election so, I mean, you know, if that would have happened we wouldn't have had anybody at that point in time to oversee that election. That never happened. It may happen between now and next May when the presidential election happens. The committee on rules and procedures took it upon themselves, I guess, after discussions among ourselves that, I mean, you know, this is a real concern and there needs to be some consideration given to the fact that this vacancy needs to be filled. So the committee on rules and procedures had discussions with the Office of the Speaker and Clerk on the issue, and through that discussion it was decided that the committee on rules and procedures would be an advisory body to both the Office of the Speaker and the Clerk. We would not be a decision maker in the process. So, I mean, we sat and had several meetings on the issue and the advice from the committee on rules and procedures was to the Office of the Speaker and the Clerk that in order to fill this vacancy because we've never gone down this road before, that, I mean, minimally, the process should start with an expression of interest. That expression of interest was put out for a month-and-a-half, a two-month

period, as Ms Ford had reported in her report. There were four people who came forward expressing that interest. Two people were screened out. Two people were interviewed. And it was decided by the advice by the committee on rules and procedures were that the Office of the Speaker and Clerk would be the entity that would bring forth a recommendation to the Assembly for filling that vacant position. We did have on that the expression of interest was put out; the candidates were reviewed, again, in conjunction with the committee on rules and procedures. It was a decision made by after advice was given by the members of the Rules and Procedures Committee that the Interview Committee would be comprised of the Speaker, the Clerk and the Deputy Speaker, and on that the interviews proceeded. We did not have any role and responsibility in sitting on those elections. There was advice from the committee on rules and procedures that there should be a resource person sitting in on that election and the appropriate person at that point in time would be Jack. And, again, Jack would have no responsibility and no authority to advise the Interview Committee on who the candidate would be. His opinions on the interview process and the candidates would be taken into consideration, and the decision would be left to the Interview Committee on who they would recommend that person would be. That happened. We did sit on one occasion after that. We gave our opinions. One of the things that was of concern to the committee on rules and procedures was the ability of one candidate to be able to be available, even though this job is part-time, on a full-time basis for a

period of up to four months. The committee went back to two of the candidates, asked that specific question. One candidate came back and said that they had worked part-time. They don't see any problem and they were ready to basically give up that part-time position at any point in time. The other person was a full-time employee who went back to their employer, in this case, the Postville Inuit Community Government, who took the request of the candidate into consideration and put forth a resolution at a council meeting to give this person the necessary time off if that person was a successful appointee by the Assembly. I have some concerns with that. I relayed my concerns to the Interview Committee as well. I mean, you know, what's to say that at any given time that the Inuit Community Government of Postville may rescind that motion? Where would that leave us? I mean, you know? Governments change from time to time. That could very well happen. And the other thing, I mean, you know, it's not my responsibility but, I mean, I think, you know, we should be concerned. I mean, you know, and I would ask the question, and even though I don't have the authority to do so, I mean, I'd pose the question to the Postville Inuit Community Government as do you need this person working for you full-time? If you can get let that person go for four or five months at a time. Anyway, that being said, the process went the way it was. We gave our opinions and our advice and the Interview Committee brought forth their recommendations and, you know, it will be a decision of the Assembly but, I mean, I think there's still some real concerns that this Assembly should consider with respect to

that appointment. I mean, I don't think it's, in my opinion, I don't think it's too late to step back and take a further look at that, if this Assembly so chooses to do that, and that would be, in this case, my recommendation. Nakummek, Mr. Chair.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Danny. I'd like to recognize Richard Pamak.

**MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess without any knowledge of what's in the *Elections Act*, outside of legal advice on certain things and, you know, not being able to go to Jack, I guess, once we do appoint one, what kind of support would this Electoral Officer have in order to, you know, make sure she's in following the *Act* itself and also, you know, taking the steps to have the election put in place? And what kind of support is there besides just yourself and which we can't have Jack in the sense there? And is there, again, without knowing what's in the *Elections Act*, where can she go or he go for help?

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Richard. Loretta, if you could answer that.

**MS MICHELIN:**

I think that's one of my concerns. I can, obviously, and I'm more than willing to help whatever candidate is appointed in interpreting provisions of the *Elections Act*, or forms, or any of those types of legal issues that might arise. I have no experience or knowledge of the administrative side of running an election, and that's where my concern comes in. It's the knowledge that comes from experience in how to run an election. All of those administrative things that you need to know. And Jack, I think that Jack could probably participate in training before an election but, as

an elected official, he would not be able to be called upon for very much advice during an election process.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Loretta. Does that answer your question or?

**MR. PAMAK:** Yes. You know, certainly a big challenge for this Assembly to, you know, to find the candidate that have a good knowledge of the *Act*, yet also be able to run. In this case we have one with good knowledge of the *Act*, but no experience and vice-versa for the other. Yes. Is there a committee that she might go to outside, again, outside of legal advice? Basically, once the appointment is made then he or she is pretty well on his own. And can there be, like, a training or a training committee be put in place to help him or her? Thank you.

**MR. LYALL:** Point of order.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Point of order taken. Unfortunately, Mr. Pamak, you'll get another opportunity second round of questioning to.

**MR. LYALL:** Once then when everybody at the table had an opportunity to speak, once you can return to the other members who have additional questions.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Ordinary Member for Nain, and yes that was the point that I was driving at. On this point I'd like to recognize Jim Tuttau.

**MR. TUTTAUK:** Thank you. I'm trying to figure out whom to direct this question to, Pat or legal. Well, I'll address it to Pat. Me, personally, I would go with experience in anything. That's like a good example, as AngajukKâk of Hopedale Inuit Community Government, if I've got two operators, have

different operators coming in; one has experience and one does not, I'm going right after the experienced one right off the bat. You know, if one has experience then it shouldn't be too much of a problem to set up an election whether it was a little old Inuit Community Government or a special ballot or whatever, but we have, you know, someone that is experienced here. Why select someone or recommend someone that has no experience whatsoever when something as serious as that?

Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

I'd like to recognize Sean Lyall.

**MR. LYALL:**

Thank you. Government. Due process. Transparency. At the beginning I kind of looked at this task as Speaker six months ago. Wow, elected official. Right in on the hiring practises and all that. How would I look? How could you achieve that goal in being transparent, being fair? So the Rules and Procedures Committee, that was our backing. That was our transparency. We'd undertake this task, which is no easy task. We had a set of rules, set of guidelines, meetings, teleconferences, all in an effort to be transparent, all in an effort to be fair. People around the table have been talking to well, what about if we go select someone? Is that transparent? Is that fair? We put it out to all Nunatsiavut beneficiaries. Everybody should have a chance. Expression of interest — done. Screening process — done. Interview process — done. Recommendation — done. Go back now? What message does that send to our beneficiaries as a government? There's been a lot of improvement in communications, internet, phone, access to such. You're right. This is

a first for Nunatsiavut Government. Our government. Self-government. Not the provincial government. Not the federal government. Our government. During the interview process one candidate actually asked for the *Act*. Knew about the *Act*. In my book, that's experience. Knew there was legislation available. Knew there was a support system. And it's my belief the Rules and Procedures Committee, along with the Speaker's Office, can also offer training, seek out training opportunities and provide whomever this individual of the Nunatsiavut Assembly so desires. Provide them with all the support they need. Of course, the Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer definitely has to be neutral. I just thought I'd put that out there. Something to think about. Nakummek.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Mr. Lyall I'd like to recognize Ms Patricia Kemuksigak, do you have a comment or question?

**MS KEMUKSIGAK:** Mr. Speaker, somebody already asked the same question. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you, Ms Kemuksigak. Gary Mitchell, I believe you have a question or a comment.

**MR. MITCHELL:** Nakummek, Honourable Chair, is it? Yes, okay. I'm a little bit confused by this process. I haven't been through this kind of a process before. I'm a little bit confused by the fact that we're talking about a recruitment process and a motion made on the name of the person that's being selected.

**MS MICHELIN:** Recommended.

**MR. MITCHELL:**

Recommended. Okay, recommended. Only person's been recommended according to the documents I have here. If we're talking about a recruitment process and we're talking about qualifications, is there some reason we couldn't go through the process like we did with the trustees of one of the *Trusts* that names are given to us and then we select? It just seems confusing to me that we're talking about a recruitment process and maybe somebody else had better qualifications, yet we've got a person that's recommended to us just — but by the Rules and Procedures Committee, I guess. And so who has the last say in this? Us, because we made the motion on this one person? That's the question I have.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Mitchell. I believe, Loretta, you'll be able to field that question.

**MS MICHELIN:**

Yes, I think there's a bit of confusion. The Rules and Procedures Committee met to try and figure out what process would be used to bring a recommendation to the Assembly for an appointment of Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer. So there was a request for proposals, names came in. There were four. It was decided to interview two. The Interview Committee was made up of the Speaker, the Clerk and the Deputy Speaker. They interviewed both candidates. Jack was there as a resource person. The Interview Committee decided then to bring one of the candidates forward, that the candidate that they felt was the best candidate. So they brought that name forward to the Assembly. It's ultimately up to the Assembly to decide whether or not they're going to

appoint the person that the Interview Committee, the candidate that they felt was best for this position. So that was the process that was followed. It's ultimately up to the Assembly now to decide whether or not they agree with the name that's being put forward by the Interview Committee.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Loretta. Is that sufficient or?

**MR. MITCHELL:** I would just like to — can I...

**MR. SPEAKER:** We'll do a second round of questioning and you can once again speak to Loretta, if you're not satisfied. Are there any other members at this point who have not spoken that would like to? I'd like to recognize Danny once more. I believe you had another question or comment.

**MR. POTTLE:** Just a quick comment. Thank you, Mr. Chair. Going back to a comment that was given in response to a question or concern that was put forward to Loretta, regarding possible training programs and her belief that, I mean, you know, Jack could not be involved, I think that's what I heard her said. After the interviews were put forth there was concerns about the lack of experience by one of the candidates, and I put forward the recommendation that, I mean, you know, yes, I mean, you know, recognizing that things have changed over a long period of time since elections were first started and when Mr. Shiwak first came on stream in his various roles in conducting the elections. I mean, you learned as you went along on the job. I mean, you know? Times have changed. I recommend, and that was my recommendation back to the committee

that, I mean, if you're going to select a candidate, no matter who you select there should be some sort of training program developed and put in place for that person. Who would be responsible for conducting that training? Jack, because he is now an elected official of the Assembly. If he would have been approached to do that, I think he would be in conflict of interest because he is a Member of this Assembly and that he would not be able to do that, and I don't think that it's fair to expect anybody to do that on a volunteer basis. I don't think you'd really get that. But, I mean, going back to the *Code of Conduct* in our *Conflict of Interest Guidelines*, you cannot use your position, whether that's your choice or not, to have any sort of gain whether it's pecuniary or any other gain by virtue of the fact that you're a Member of this Assembly. The only other comment that I wanted to make was, again, I mean, you know, this is a new process. The committee on rules and procedures looks at procedures for the Assembly, and we saw a procedure that was necessary to be looked at and brought forth, and that was the filling of the vacancy of the NEO. So, I mean, you know, I don't think there's any other entity within the Assembly that has that. It's already your responsibility to look at that. And going back to somebody's question or concern that they had raised — I think it was Mr. Pamak — whether or not there was any sort of committee or somebody that that person would go to, at this point in time, no there isn't, as far as I'm concerned. But there are, and despite the fact that we are an Inuit-run government, our Assembly processes, our election processes, are based on the

Canadian Parliamentary System. So, I mean, there are comparatives. There are other Inuit governments in this country. Nunavut, by way of example, Nunavik, Inuvialuit, they have past experience in elections. There are resources there, I think, for people to do be consulted and to help with some sort of training program. And I think it would be at the discretion of the NEO, whoever that person may be, that they would have, you would think that they would have the ability and that common sense, I guess, for lack of a better word, or knowledge to say, gee, I need some support here. I need to seek out who those support persons are, whether that's the CEO of the Provincial Government, the Chief Electoral Officer for the Federal Government or any other Inuit or First Nations organizations in this country. Nakummek, Mr. Chair.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Danny. Loretta, I believe you wanted to respond to that.

**MS MICHELIN:**

I don't think that there would be anything preventing Jack from participating in a training program for the incoming NEO. I mean, he is the best person to do it. He is the outgoing NEO. I ran this by Varian also and he has the same opinion but, of course, that would depend on whether Jack was willing and wanted to do it. Where we would draw the line is during an election Jack would not be able to take an active role in the election. So he could not, you know, be advising the new NEO during an election because he is an elected official.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Loretta. I believe Richard; perhaps you have another comment or question to offer.

**MR. PAMAK:**

I guess it's just more a comment on this point because I think my question has already been answered. Certainly I wasn't questioning the process to date on the recommendations so far, or even the content of the *Act* itself. It's just my question would have been what kind of support is out there once the Assembly appoints an Electoral Officer? What kind of support and what kind of training would they get? So in the last bit of discussion here at the Assembly, certainly I got the answers to that.

Thank you very much.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Mr. Pamak. I'll recognize Mr. Gary Mitchell. I believe you have another question.

**MR. MITCHELL:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm not sure what title to use, sir. No, it's just the confusion's still there. There's a name recommended to us in the form of a motion, yet halfway through the process we're given out these papers with the names of, I think, two people. So what does this do? Like, just throws in a monkey wrench for me that there's a second name now popped up and are we going to contest that? Are we going to debate that? Like, we're talking about a recruitment process. I thought the recruitment process was for the person that's already been selected, but if we're passing around a paper that shows there's other people that's applying for this job then what are we going to do with this paper and the names that are on there? Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Either Jack or Loretta, would you like to just briefly comment on that?

**MS MICHELIN:** This is not part of the recruitment. That's been done. That's over with. There was an Interview Committee. They interviewed two candidates, the two candidates whose resume you have there. The Interview Committee decided to recommend one of the candidates and that is where we are today. We're debating and discussing the recommendation that's being put forward.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Loretta. Yes. He just had his question. I believe that was a sufficient response.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** I think the Chair had asked why we had these resumes in front of us and I think the simple answer is and, I mean, Loretta goes on her legal spiel but, basically, the Member of the Assembly had wanted more information on the individuals for the positions that we're talking about, and that's the only reason we got the CV's or the resumes in front of us.

**MR. MITCHELL:** Thanks for that answer there, but I didn't know because it was just passed out to us and nothing more said about it. And I was just told that we were finished the recruitment process. But here it says, "Be it resolved that we'd break into a committee to discuss the recruitment process and issues related to appointing a NEO." So I'm a little bit confused by that comment as well that we finished the recruitment process, but yet we're discussing the recruitment process. So are we making recommendations for a recruitment process?

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you, Mr. Mitchell. Loretta.

**MS MICHELIN:** Maybe it should have been that we explain. I think the intention was to explain the recruitment process that brought us to this point.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you, Loretta. I believe Jack, you had something to offer.

**MR. SHIWAK:** I think I was going to answer Gary's question, but I think Sarah beat me to it. The other side of it, I had no intentions of running in this election until after the last general election was over. I think if some of you remember from my last report on the last general election, I do believe I did ask for money that I could hire a possible trainee for the upcoming Presidential Election to work with me, and that was the whole purpose because I'm quite sure the Presidential Election would have been my last. So that's why I had put in there ask for money to train somebody to take over my position. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Mr. Shiwak. I'd like to recognize Mr. Flowers.

**MR. FLOWERS:** Yes. I guess, listening to everyone speaking here, I mean, if, I guess, just concerns about who is going to be selected and we broke into a Whole. If the elect candidate, I suppose, I don't know if it's a question or a comment, but I'm going to say it anyways, is that, you know, if it was the other candidate because there's was only two, would we have broken into a Committee of the Whole, or would legal and someone else would have been satisfied with who it is? So I guess when there are things that come to us and somebody's not satisfied then we break into a Committee of the Whole, and I guess we've heard everyone speak and there's almost like a split between, I guess, between some of the members here today.

And I guess my question is, with all the advice that's taken in right now is we're going to have a vote maybe on changing, or are we going to go ahead with whoever's recommended? Thanks.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Mr. Flowers. Loretta, you could answer that.

**MS MICHELIN:** I think that regardless of what candidate was recommended that it would go to discussion and debate because it's ultimately the Assembly that gets to determine whether or not who they're going to appoint. So if it was the other candidate, the same process would have taken place because they're probably would have been concerns with that person also. It's an open debate. It's a very important position, and so the Assembly needs to really, you know, think about it and debate it and discuss it before they appoint somebody.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Loretta. I'd like to recognize Danny.

**MR. POTTLE:** Just one quick point. I agree with what Loretta said. I mean, you know, the Interview Committee was tasked with bringing a name forward is not multiple names. It's a name forwarded to the Assembly for consideration, and the other point that I'd like to make, I'd like to ask for a recall of these resumes. I'd be quite offended if I was a candidate for this position who was not being considered and there was information relative to me on here. So I'd ask that these be immediately taken back and be destroyed. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Mr. Pottle. At this point I'd like to request that the pages collect the document that was just distributed regarding the candidates

and that they would be destroyed. Patricia, I believe you had a comment or a question as well.

**MS KEMUKSIGAK:**

I just had the comment that someone can gain knowledge of the *Nunatsiavut Election Act* and our legislation by reading the documents and reading it over and understanding it, but experience is invaluable, and you can't read to get experience. You have to go through it like Jack had said. Just my comment.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Ms Kemuksigak. I would like to recognize Sarah.

**PRESIDENT LEO:**

Thank you. First off, I have to disagree with Danny's comment about taking the CV's because we've done that before with trustees. We've had all the trustees CV's, whether or not they were qualified, and we've looked them over. Just a point of clarification. But I think I don't want to — somebody will tell me I'm way out of order on this, but...

**MR. PAMAK:**

I agree. Point of order.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Point of order recognized. Please stand as well.

**MR. PAMAK:**

You know, I really want to have a great discussion here, but, you know, there's, you know, the opportunity for everyone to have a question too as well and, you know, point of order again. You know, it's Sarah's third or fourth time speaking on this now too as well. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Nakummek, Mr. Pamak. We are in the third round of questioning according to Standing Order 61.2. "Subject to the discretion of the Chair a member may speak more than once to matter under discussion but not until every member wishing to speak has spoken." We are now in the

third round of discussion. I've asked multiple times now after each round if members who have not had the opportunity to speak would like to speak further. So we are currently in the third round of discussion. Sarah was currently speaking. If any other members would like to speak after Sarah, they are free to do so. Nakummek. Please continue.

**PRESIDENT LEO:**

Thank you, Mr. Chair. And what I was going to say, you can call me a point of order on, I was just taking into account the time, and we had committed to walk and to support the residential school survivors at 1:00, and there was also a comment about not making a quick decision on this, so I was going to suggest that maybe we take a break.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

If I have the consensus of the Assembly, we'll have our lunch. I'll let you guys eat. If the Assembly is agreeable, we'll have our lunch, engage in the walk, and then we can resume to business after that, if, you know, we could take it to a quick vote, if necessary. Everyone in favour of doing this?

**ASSEMBLY:**

Aye.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Any nays? Okay you're currently dismissed to have your lunch and we'll reconvene at between 1:30 and two o'clock. Nakummek.

**MR. FLOWERS:**

Sorry, Tyler, I'd just like to say that the walk, what I know is happening at one o'clock will take at least an hour or more to do so.

(Recess)

**MR. SPEAKER:**

We will now resume discussion regarding the appointment of the NEO in the Committee of the Whole. I would like to open the floor up for final

commentary on this matter and then after that we will proceed to the next order of business. Are there any final commentaries or questions regarding this matter? I would like to recognize the Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency, Ms Patricia Ford.

**MS FORD:**

Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I am seeking unanimous consent to proceed with my motion today that Melanie Gear be appointed as the Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer to hold office during good behaviour and may only be removed from office by resolution of the Assembly.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

The Member is seeking unanimous consent to proceed with her motion today. Are there any nays? I'll ask once more. The Member is seeking unanimous consent to proceed with her motion today. Are there any nays? There are none. Ms Ford, please proceed.

**MS FORD:**

Thank you, Honourable Speaker and Members. My motion is as follows: Whereas the *Nunatsiavut Elections Act* provides for the appointment of a Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer, NEO, by a resolution of Nunatsiavut Assembly and whereas the *Nunatsiavut Elections Act* states that the NEO is answerable to the Assembly through the Speaker, and whereas the Speaker's Office, in conjunction with the Rules and Procedures Committee, RPC, publically advertise for the NEO through an expression of interest. And whereas the Speaker's Office co-ordinated the recruitment process and conducted interviews. Now, therefore, I move, seconded by the Honourable Dan Pottle, that Melanie Gear be appointed as the Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer to hold office during good behaviour and may only be removed from office by resolution of the Assembly.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Ms Ford. The motion is in order. Ms Ford, would you like to speak to the motion?

**MS FORD:** Yes, Mr. Speaker. The three of us that conducted the interviews thought that Ms Gear did a very, very good job. We know that there is training involved to be done, and we know that the Speaker's Office will be working on getting the appropriate training done. And we know that anyone that would come into this position would require training. And as we went through interviewing Ms Ford, we both unanimously thought that she did an excellent job all around. Nakummek UKâtik.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Nakummek, Ms Ford. Does anyone else wish to speak to the motion? If no other Members wishes to speak, does the Ordinary Member for Canada wish to make final comments and close debate?

**MS FORD:** I'd like to close debate, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:** That concludes debate. All those in favour of the motion? All those opposed to the motion? Once more, all those in favour of the motion, please raise your hand. Nakummek. Those that are opposed to the motion? There are seven votes in favour of the motion and eight opposed to the motion. The motion then is not carried. That concludes the Committee of the Whole. We will now go back into the Assembly. We'll proceed onto item number 17 on your *Standing Orders of the Day*, that is the "First Reading of Bills." There are no first reading of bills today. Onto item number 18, "Second Reading of Bills." There are no second reading of bills today. On to item number 19 on your *Standing Orders*,

"Assent to Bills." There is no assent to bills today. We are now on to item 20, "Adjournment." I wish to thank the Ministers and Members for their contributions, and I give special mention to the interpreters and translators, Rita Andersen, Wilson Jararuse and Augusta Irving, to the pages Priscilla Nochasak and Elizabeth Tuglavina and to Robert Ford from IT. As well, we would like to recognize the OkâlaKatiget staff, Sarah Abel and Johansi Tuglavina and to the Assistant of the Clerk, Hilda Hunter. I want to wish our students beneficiaries all the best in their exams. I wish all a happy and safe summer. I would also like to thank the Assembly for giving me the honour of serving as your Speaker, and I will take the responsibility very seriously. I hope that I can keep a standard that has been set by predecessors in running an efficient house while maintaining a meaningful and productive relationship with my constituents and community. Nakummek. The Rules and Procedures Committee will have a quick meeting after we are adjourned and the next Assembly is scheduled for the week of September 21st to 25th, 2015. Nakummek.