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PARLIAMENTARY REPORT**

In Attendance:

Speaker of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, Ordinary Member for Postville, Honorable Tyler Edmunds

President of Nunatsiavut, Honorable Sarah Leo

First Minister, Ordinary Member for Makkovik, Honorable Kate Mitchell

Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Acting Minister of Finance, Human Resources, and Information Technology Ordinary Member for Rigolet, Honorable Darryl Shiwak

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

Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Sean Lyall

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

Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency, Honorable Daniel Pottle

Ordinary Member for Nain, Honorable Richard Pamak

Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Roy Blake

AngajukKâk for Nain, Julius Dicker

AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Marjorie Flowers

AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Herb Jacque

AngajukKâk for Postville, Diane Gear

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 Finance, Human Resources, and Information Technology, Rexanne Crawford

Director of Communications, Bert Pomeroy

Director of Legal Services, Loretta Michelin

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

Deputy Minister of Nunatsiavut Affairs, Toby Andersen

Deputy Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Carl McLean

Acting Clerk of the Assembly, Hilda Hunter

Absent:

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

Clerk of the Assembly, Mary Sillett

Deputy Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Dave Lough

Deputy Minister of Education and Economic Development, Tim McNeill

Deputy Minister of Health and Social Development, Michelle Kinney

The Nunatsiavut Assembly proceedings

were recorded in Inuktitut and English.

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Assembly commenced at 9:00 a.m. on March 8th

Speaker: Ullâkut Illonasi. I would like to call to order the Spring Session for the 10th Session of the 3rd Nunatsiavut Assembly, and ask William Barbour to say the opening prayer.

MR. BARBOUR: (Recites prayer)

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, William. We'll move onto item two on your *Orders of the Day*, the "Opening Address by the President," and I'd like to call upon the President of the Nunatsiavut Assembly to do the Opening Address.

PRESIDENT LEO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First, I want to pass onto our Clerk, a speedy recovery and I hope she's back with us pretty soon, and welcome Hilda to the Clerk's Chair. I also want to acknowledge that today is International Women's Day. It's a day used to recognize how far women have come in the world, and I think when we look around our Assembly, we're doing quite well and, certainly, when we talk about Nunatsiavut Government and equality, I think we're well represented, and I think that speaks a lot to who we are as a people. I'm standing here today, Mr. Speaker, with certainly mixed emotions as this is scheduled to be my last Assembly. Over the past four years it has been my responsibility to serve all

beneficiaries of the *Land Claims Agreement* to the best of my ability. I have been sustained by the single principle, Mr. Speaker, and simply because I am so proud to be Inuk. Proud of my culture and my identity, and proud of where we've come as a people and as a government, and certainly proud of where we are headed. When I took the Oath of Office I swore that I would be faithful to the Labrador Inuit and that I would obey, observe, uphold and maintain our *Constitution* and other Inuit laws. I also pledged to protect and promote the rights and responsibilities of the Labrador Inuit and to devote myself to the well-being of Nunatsiavut. I feel I have honoured these commitments, Mr. Speaker, and while my decision not to seek re-election was a difficult one, I believe it has come time for me to move on and begin a new chapter in my life. When I first stood here in this beautiful building as President, I asked Members of this Assembly for their support and guidance so that we could continue Nunatsiavut on its course, gathering our strengths and moving forward in unity for the betterment of Inuit in our communities. And today I ask the Members that are here around the table, whatever your interests or concerns, personal or otherwise, to remain focused at the task at hand and to guard against divisiveness for together we are much stronger as a people. I truly believe, Mr. Speaker, we're at a crossroads in our history. As a people I know we are on the right track, and I am extremely excited about the future, one in which Nunatsiavut, "Our Beautiful Land," will be much stronger because of what we are doing together. Our challenges will be many and seem

complex at times, but this will never change. But it is important that we remain focused, believe in ourselves and by doing so the future will be ours. When I was a young girl growing up on Nain I never thought I would go into politics, but I was raised to believe that it was important to give back to your community in some way or another, and I believe that is something that all of us as Inuit believe in. As I prepare to carry on into the future, Mr. Speaker, I have one final word to all of the Members of the Assembly and to those who continue to work on behalf of our people and our communities. We have certainly made a difference and I urge you to continue on in that course. It has certainly been an honour to be your President, and I will always be thankful for the support and understanding, the commitment and the loyalty that I gained from the Assembly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ASSEMBLY: [Applause].

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Madam President. We'll move onto item three on your *Orders of the Day*, "Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery." Be advised that while Ms Hunter is operating as a Clerk for the interim, she has accepted another position within the government and will be moving after Ms Sillett recovers. Tabea Onalik will become the new Assistant to the Clerk, and we welcome her in helping the Clerk and with the Assembly business for this sitting and throughout the future. The Member for the Canadian Constituency, Ms Pat Ford, has been reasonably excused from this sitting. The AngajukKâk for Hopedale is also dealing with the water situation and has been excused from today's proceedings. We also welcome our visiting

pages from Upper Lake Melville. With us we have Elaine Obed and Dasi Obed, Happy Valley Goose Bay. Assisting our youth will be Priscilla Nochasak from Hopedale. The interpreters/translators are Augusta Irving and William Barbour. Of course, Andrew Hamel is our IT helping out for this Assembly. I'd also like to recognize the OkâlaKatiget staff, Sarah Abel and Johansi Tuglavina. If there are any questions on travel and logistics, please see Tabea Onalik. I'd like to welcome those in the gallery today and thank them for their interest in the Nunatsiavut Assembly. Is there any Member today wishing to recognize visitors in the gallery? If not, we'll proceed onto item four on your *Orders of the Day*, "Minister Statements." Are there any minister statements this morning? I recognize the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell.

MS MITCHELL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm pleased to give the Assembly a brief update on the activities of my department since the January sitting of this Assembly. In regard to implementation, the Board Funding Agreements have been completed and approved and are currently in the process for signing by the Ministers representing Canada, Newfoundland and Labrador and Nunatsiavut Governments. The implementation is scheduled to meet again on March the 16th in Ottawa. One of the items in addition to preparation of the 2015-2016 Annual Report is the NG letters to Federal and Provincial Ministers requesting an amendment to the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement* to allow continued harvesting of migratory birds in the area identified as Schedule 12E of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement*. Internal discussions regarding the next 10-year

Implementation Plan are ongoing. And, Mr. Speaker, in regard to membership, Sheila Angnatok is the new Membership Clerk but will continue to fulfil her duties as the original Membership List Co-ordinator. Enrolment and appeal applications are ongoing, and we are in the process of replacing two vacancies on the Nain Membership Committee. And, Mr. Speaker, in regard to public property, the prototype six-plex in Nain, the Nunatsiavut Executive Council has improved funding to construct a six-plex prototype complex in Nain this summer. We are now in the process of getting the design approved by Service Newfoundland and Labrador. When we get the approval, we will issue an RFP for project management and tendering. The successful consultant will then issue the tender for construction. Mr. Speaker, in regard to Illusuak, we continue to lobby the new Federal and Provincial Governments to assist with funding to complete Phase III. Meetings with Federal Government seem positive, however, we will need to wait for the Federal Budget before we will know if additional funding will be allocated. The DHSD building for Hopedale. The Nunatsiavut Executive Council has identified a new DHSD building for Hopedale as a priority, and therefore has approved funding to proceed with the land selection or acquisition and building design. And, Mr. Speaker, in regard to our Geotechnical Drilling Program, we have not yet received a final report from the Geotechnical Drilling Program that was done in Hopedale. However, we have received an opinion from Aivek/Stantec that based on the drilling samples, there are three options available for good foundation construction for homes to be constructed in

Hopedale. They will provide full details in the final report which we will receive very soon. And this morning we received a preliminary report, and it'll now be reviewed by our department and then, as promised, it'll be forwarded to the Inuit Community Government. And in regard to housing, Nunatsiavut Government had the opportunity to meet with Prime Minister Trudeau and several federal ministers and senior staff and expressed our concerns with the housing crisis within Nunatsiavut and the lack of housing funds from the Federal Government being allocated to Nunatsiavut. We shared with officials the Housing Needs Assessment for Nunatsiavut as well as explained the Nunatsiavut Government Housing Strategy. The response from some Ministers and officials was very positive. So we are anxious to see if that translates into additional housing funding for Nunatsiavut as part of the new Federal Budget. We will continue to lobby Canada and Newfoundland for additional and adequate housing funding for Nunatsiavut. And, Mr. Speaker, in regard to the housing model for Nunatsiavut, the consulting firm, "International Institute for Sustainable Development," has been contracted to prepare an assessment of housing delivery models elsewhere in Canada and make a recommendation to the Nunatsiavut Government regarding the best type of housing delivery model for Nunatsiavut. The International Institute for Sustainable Development is reviewing housing delivery models from 10 different Aboriginal housing delivery agencies across Canada. Their report with recommendations is due to be submitted to Nunatsiavut Government in late May. And, Mr. Speaker, in regard to transportation, we have had the

opportunity to discuss the need for funding the proposed Nain airstrip with Federal Ministers and officials, in particular, the representative from Minister Sohi's Office. Minister Sohi is responsible for the new Building Canada Fund. The response from Minister Sohi's Office is that the Nain airstrip proposal could meet the criteria for funding from the Building Canada Fund, however, a proposal has to be submitted by the province indicating that this is a priority and a commitment from the province to cost share the project. I had a meeting scheduled with Minister Hawkins, Minister of Transportation and Works, for February 24th, however, the Minister was unexpectedly called to a Cabinet meeting, therefore, the meeting had to be postponed. We have rescheduled the meeting for March the 18th. I will have the issue of the Nain Airstrip on our agenda as well as the marine service to Nunatsiavut for 2016, the status of the new ferry for Nunatsiavut proposal, landing fees and washroom facilities at the airstrips in Nunatsiavut. And just as a further update, I also wanted to make the Assembly aware that the ad hoc committee, the Ministers Advisory Committee on Transportation that was set up by the former government has been rolled over into the Liberal Government, and there was actually a meeting by teleconference of the Ministers Advisory Committee on Monday. So hopefully we will get some more input into what's happening with transportation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Nakummek, Honourable First Minister. I recognize the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources and the Acting Minister of Finance, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

MR. D. SHIWAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I'll first do a Minister Statement from Finance, Human Resources, and Information Technology. Mr. Speaker, as we are all aware, there's been an embargo on any residential, commercial internet accounts in Northern Labrador since the last quarter of 2010. Internet usage has grown and is predicted to grow at a 50 percent annual rate in Nunatsiavut. Significant congestion has limited the ability of local businesses and all levels of government to operate their data and it works efficiently. Our department is working closely with Bell Aliant on this issue. A digital microwave rebuild radio overbuild is the only cost-effective solution to increasing bandwidth in Northern Labrador effecting approximately 3,300 people in 6 Aboriginal communities. The estimated cost of this project is \$3 million. Mr. Speaker, the Nunatsiavut Government, in partnership with Bell Aliant, prepared and submitted the proposal to the Government of Canada, and Government of Newfoundland and Labrador for funding for this project. Meetings have been held with the Federal Ministers, their officials, and the Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador. And I am pleased to inform the Nunatsiavut Assembly we have secured 1.7 million of the required funds for this project. Our proposal is currently being assessed by ACOA and INAC, and we are optimistic that we will secure the remaining 1.3 million. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And, Mr. Speaker, if I may, I would like to continue with the report from the Department of Lands and Natural Resources. Fisheries, Mr. Speaker. Staff in Lands and Natural Resources recently attended the annual Newfoundland and Labrador snow crab Regional Advisory Process,

also called RAP, in St. John's during the week of February 23. The Department of Fishery and Ocean Science provided the latest information on the 2015 trawl survey. 2015 recorded the coldest bottom temperature since 1994. However, in spite of that trend over the last number of years is increasing temperatures. The recent period of warmer than normal bottom temperatures are now starting to show up in the commercial fishery with minimal signs of recruitment. DFO Science indicates that in 2016 – 2019 we may see lower numbers of crab because of this poor recruitment. Departmental staff attended the Northern Shrimp Advisory Committee, also called NSAC, in St. John's. Science is showing substantial declines in the shrimp biomass in SFA6, a smaller decline in SFA4, but in SFA4, the biomass is considered to be in the healthy zone. The biomass in SFA5 remains stable. The Nunatsiavut Government currently has quotas in SFA4 and SFA5. We anticipate that DFO will implement interim quotas for the shrimp fishing areas pending a full-staff assessment they are undertaking. The Department of Fisheries Ocean Minister also committed to undertake a review of the Last In First Out policy, LIFO Policy, as you may have heard of it. Our position on that policy is the Land Claims Agreement takes precedent over any DFO policy including this LIFO Policy. The 2016 commercial fishery designation applications are now available at the Nunatsiavut Government offices within Nunatsiavut and Upper Lake Melville. In recognition of the Easter Holidays occurring in March this year, we have made applications available until April 1st. Wildlife, Mr. Speaker. The department concluded its community consultations regarding wildlife

and domestic fishery on February 24th, 2016. We were very pleased with the participation and the feedback from all of the communities. We are consolidating what we heard. We will then consider options and recommendations, both short-term and long-term to improve the conservation and management of these important resources. The moose hunting season in LISA opened on September 15th with 35 licences available. To date 18 moose have been harvested and we anticipate harvesting all licences this season. The Torngat Wildlife Plants Co-management Board have recommended to the Provincial Minister that 39 licences be available for LISA for the 2017 hunting season, and we have been informally told that the Minister has accepted that recommendation from the Board. To date, 6 of the 12 polar bear licences have been harvested. The CO program recently completed a pit tagging project with Environment Canada. The intent of this pit tagging is to track the movement of the polar bear hides in international markets to demonstrate that a polar bear hide entering the international markets is a legally harvested bear originating in Canada. Impact and Benefits. Mr. Speaker, with regard to the Voisey's Bay Project, a committee meeting was held on February 11th, 2016 with discussions around nickel and copper prices and how mining companies are faring with the low prices. Approximately 70 percent of the nickel producers worldwide are currently losing money and there's a worldwide overstock of nickel. Vale, Newfoundland and Labrador are looking for cost-saving measures in both their Voisey's Bay and Long Harbour operations. The execution plan for 2016 in relation to the

underground expansion has been adjusted for two major pieces of work for the upcoming construction season and spending has been reduced. Civil works and work on a temporary camp will begin this year with the first 20 metres and collaring of the mine portals deferred to 2017. Community information sessions for the Nunatsiavut communities will take place in April and May period to update our communities on all aspects of the underground expansion project. Mr. Speaker, the MV Arctic will replace the MV Umiak for the one winter shipping trip this season. Vale received a request from Raglan mine to use the Umiak 1, and as the MV Arctic is identified as an alternate vessel, in this shipping agreement we have no concerns with this request. Vale has advised that this meets our approval. At our request Vale has to agree to delay the start of the spring closure period until April 10 to accommodate Easter week activities. Open water shipping will resume on May 22nd, 2016. Mr. Speaker, the Harvesting Compensation Committee reviewed a proposal from Students On Ice to provide sponsorship for students to participate in the 2016 expedition. They have reviewed the proposal and agreed to sponsor two students from Nain for a cost of approximately \$25,000. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. I recognize the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, the Honourable Sean Lyall.

MR. LYALL:

Nakummek, Ukatti. First of all I'd like to wish a speedy recovery to the Clerk of Nunatsiavut Assembly, Ms Mary Sillett. I am pleased to report to the Assembly on the activity of our department since our last sitting. Firstly, I would like to congratulate all the racers and organizers of Cain's

Quest. We are proud that Cain's Quest has returned to Nunatsiavut, and I would like to thank all the communities and the volunteers who have supported the racers. Clearly this event highlights the attachment we have to winter, snowmobiles, skidoo and the challenges of travelling in our territory. To the team's 72 from Makkovik, number 20 from Postville and 94 and 59 from Nain, we are proud of you. As Cain's Quest wraps up Saturday night, our athletes travel to the 2016 Labrador Winter Games, again an opportunity for Nunatsiavut beneficiaries to demonstrate their traditions, skills, sportsmanship and team building. We wish all the athletes a great games. At the Northern Lights in Ottawa on January 28th we were able to have the first screening of Nature of Things documentary, "Trapped in a Human Zoo." Two screenings were held with over 250 people attending. Based on the book by Francis Rivet, "In the Footsteps of Abraham." Official audience numbers for "Trapped in a Human Zoo" that aired on CBC on February 11th are 430,000 plus deferred audience, estimated total 500,000. The French version will be aired March 29, 8:00 p.m. on TV5. Expected audience at 100,000, deferred, 150,000. CBC Halifax will air in June, I believe. Expected audience, 50,000, deferred 60,000. We are pursuing with close circuit presentations, expected audience over the many different 250 countries. The documentary has been translated into *Inuttitut* and will be recorded for translation. Also at the Northern Lights we launched, with President Leo and National Film Board President Claude Jolie Coeur, the Nunatsiavut Special Edition National Film Board Box Set. Inikkausivut Sharing Our Stories has six

Nunatsiavut films in *Inuttitut*, English and French. In keeping with traditions I'd like to point out that a lot of our young people are keeping their traditions alive and well, and the number of young people attending their Young People's Day is quite remarkable. I would like to thank the team who worked on this project from OKâlaKatiget in regards to the National Film Board. This is a great project for our language programming and in all our schools. Also at the Northern Lights Artists, Nunatsiavut artists participated in the cultural showcase with demonstrations and sales. The quality of presentations and products by our artists has improved at every event and in the cultural workshops. Nunatsiavut was recognized for building new creative partnerships to advance the arts. With the support of INAC we have been offering artists workshops this winter including a photographer workshop in Makkovik in February, a carving workshop in Postville also in February, a jewellery workshop in Nain in March and a jewellery workshop in Hopedale later on this month.

Language Program Update. The position of language program co-ordinator has been re-advertised and we hope to have it filled in the next month. This position is critical to the delivery of our language programming. We have a great toolkit of language materials available for those who wish to learn *Inuttitut*. Our Rosetta Stone Levels 1 and 2 is available through our CDO's, and I hope all Assembly Members will help promote its use. We also have more materials in *Inuttitut* including the new NFB Box Set. Hebron has been a special place for Labrador Inuit, and many have worked hard to help restore the mission complex. Next week

that great effort will be recognized by Historic Sites Association Manning Award at a ceremony at the Sheraton Hotel in St. John's. Protecting our special heritage places for future generations is a key objective of our *Land Claims Agreement* and I would like to thank the leaders and, in particular, the workers who have worked for over a decade on one of the most challenging restoration projects in Canada. Also I've been informed by the President, I would like to congratulate the Nain Huskies, winner of this year's Winter Sports Meet. Congratulations, Nain Huskies.

ASSEMBLY: [Applause].

MR. LYALL: Finally, Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank our outgoing President, Sarah Leo, who has indicated she will not reoffer in the upcoming Presidential Election. Sarah has worked hard, spoken strongly on our behalf and provided positive leadership of Nunatsiavut. Sarah has left a great legacy of strong issue based leadership for all Labrador Inuit and we thank her for her service. You know, it's very easy for people to speak out against their government, and I encourage it. That's a great thing. Everybody should and before I got elected, I used to. But once you've been through the looking glass and see the amount of work and dedication that people put into the work in trying to help Labrador Inuit, it's astounding. Sarah, thank you. Nakummek. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Honourable Minister. I recognize the Minister of the Department of Health and Social Development, the Honourable Greg Flowers.

MR. FLOWERS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and good to be back again after a short delay, I guess, in recovering, but I'd also like to thank Sarah just for taking over my ministerial position while I was absent. I don't think she wanted to give it back to me, but anyway, she had no other choice. But, anyway, thank you. First of all I'd like to say that we just got back last week from a very powerful and emotional event in Goose Bay on a session on what's going to be held a National Inquiry on Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls in Happy Valley Goose Bay. There were family members there. Our health support was there also with them and also President Leo was in attendance. It was held by ITK and Health Canada. Also the sessions were held in Halifax, Toronto and Ottawa. The family members also attended in those other places. A Round Table discussion was also held in Winnipeg in February which the President attended. But it's, you know, very powerful to see and to be at a Round Table and listen to discussions of murdered and missing women and girls in Nunatsiavut, or for anyone at that matter, but, really, I don't know, if you attend, it touches you right to the soul. You know, I hope that coming out of the inquiry that we'll see changes. Also while I was in Goose Bay there was a conference held on early childhood development with our staff from Nunatsiavut and Upper Lake Melville. The Family Resource Centre, the languages. All of them were up there in the training as well as a consultation on proposed development of Early Childhood Education Certificate Program within Nunatsiavut. So I had a chance while I was there to also sit in on their Round Table, or their discussions and, you know, they were glad that, you

know, a Minister attended and they could ask a few questions. So I'd really like to thank them for their hard work. Also our staff now for supportive living is up in Happy Valley Goose Bay doing their orientation for Nain and Hopedale, and training is going on all this week. And the residents, which is the most important in Nain and Hopedale, will be hopefully moving to the supportive living unit sometime after they get back, probably next week. So I'm very pleased and honoured to say that we'll at least have some supportive living also in Nunatsiavut for our beneficiaries. So thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ASSEMBLY: [Applause].

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Honourable Minister. I recognize the Minister of the Department of Education and Economic Development, the Honourable Patricia Kemuksigak.

MS KEMUKSIGAK: Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. Today I will present on our Economic Development Division. Our 2013 – 2015 ACOA contract expired on December 31st, 2015. We are finalizing all reporting requirements for the Agreement and have prepared our application for the 2016 – 2018 period in the amount of \$497,000 which was submitted on March the 4th, 2016. Mr. Speaker, Raytheon Inuit Owned Companies Conference. Nunatsiavut businesses are currently have some contracts with Raytheon, but they are very underrepresented. Raytheon held their second annual Inuit Owned Companies Conference in Goose Bay on March the 3rd. We supported the attendance of six Inuit businesses and three staff. We also lobbied hard for their conferences to be held in Nunatsiavut so they committed that in

2017 the conference will be held in Nunatsiavut. Business Development Committee. The committee has approved the registration of three new businesses and their various subsidiary companies, approximately 20 in total. And are consulting with two additional businesses to finalize their registration applications. Approved companies will be included in the online Inuit Business Registry by late March. The division is undertaking a review of its internal policy for the registration of Inuit businesses. A discussion paper will be developed internally to determine next steps to streamline the registration process and also to update the business registry.

Mr. Speaker, procurement. Between January and March 2016 nine packages were received from Vale with our department confirming between one and nine business nominees per package. Hopedale Serpentine and Aggregates Assessment. Economic Development partnered with Lands and Natural Resources to research the serpentine and similar rock types in the Hopedale area for artisan use. A report was completed December 2015 by geologist, Andrew Kerr. The report was presented on March 2nd to the Economic Development Lands and Natural Resources, Culture, Recreation and Tourism Departments and the Hopedale Inuit Community Government. Next steps are being discussed.

Mr. Speaker, Community Economic Development Fund. (CEDP). To date the review committee has approved four projects in the 2015 – 2016 fiscal year in the amount of \$89,273. Tourism Guide, Rigolet Inuit Community Government, \$30,000. Interpreter/Site Manager at the Moravian Mission Complex, Hopedale Inuit Community Government, \$23,920. Economic

Development and Tourism Officer, Postville Inuit Community Government, \$30,000. Makkovik Radio Society, \$5,353. Additionally, we have received and are reviewing a proposal for approximately \$100,000. A media push and community promotion are happening this week to encourage additional application submissions to maximize the use of these program dollars. Mr. Speaker. Status of Women. A project co-ordinator for the Strengthening Economic Opportunities for Nunatsiavut Inuit Women Entrepreneurs Project was hired mid-February. We received this funding from Status of Women Canada. We are finalizing all 2015 reporting requirements developing our 2016 Work Plan and partnering with local and regional Inuit organizations to reach our project goals. Staff. Between October and March we have successfully filled all five positions within the Division of Economic Development. All permanent staff are located within the Land Claims area and we have 100 percent Nunatsiavut beneficiary employment. New division staff include Melva Williams, Business Development Manager for Rigolet, Brenda Jararuse, Status of Women Project Co-ordinator in Goose Bay — she's on for a little over a year — Kristy Sheppard, Director Economic Development in Rigolet, and Heather Edmunds to begin early April as Business Development Officer for Postville. Also, Mr. Speaker, I attended the First Minister's meeting with the Prime Minister and the Premiers with ITK AFN and National Metis Council on climate change and green energy, and it was a very productive conference meeting, and I'm sure good things will come to stop climate change and

promote more green energy within Canada and the north in particular.
Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. I believe that concludes minister statements, and we'll move onto item five on your *Orders of the Day*, "Member Statements." Are there any member statements this morning? I'll recognize the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Mr. Roy Blake.

MR. BLAKE:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank Mealy Mountain High School and the Lake Melville School for providing our pages for this particular Assembly sitting. I would like to welcome Elaine Obed and Dasi Obed. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank Minister Shiwak and his department for hosting the recent fish and wildlife consultations in all three communities in Upper Lake Melville. Although the numbers were low, there was positive input and information shared by those who participated. Thank you, Minister Shiwak. Mr. Speaker, I had the privilege of being a guest speaker at Lake Melville's Got Talent Show recently. This was hosted by Youth Supports Collective Group. What amazing talent that they displayed and they should not go unrecognized. I encouraged the youth who were present, the importance of education and their abilities to thrive and become successful adults. Thank you, Denise Cole, for the invitation. Mr. Speaker, since being elected I've had numerous calls from beneficiaries concerning the hiring protocol over at Muskrat Falls Project. Even though we do not have an IBA, the hiring protocol publically states Innu first, then Labradorians, in which Labradorians, first-hand, seem to disagree that this is not the case. Deputy Minister McNeil and I met with

Perry Trimper to bring this forward. Mr. Speaker, I would like to wish all competitors in the Cain's Quest good luck, especially Team 59 from Nain, Joey Angnatok and Sidney Dicker, and also Team 20 from Postville, Leon and Dennis Jacque. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville. I recognize the Member for the Canadian Constituency, Mr. Dan Pottle.

MR. POTTLE:

Nakummek, UKatti. On behalf of the Canadian Constituency Office and constituents residing in the Constituency of Canada, I would like to extend congratulations to Clint Davis of Toronto who recently received the 2016 Indspire Award for Business and Commerce. UKatti, Clint is currently the Chairperson of the Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust and he is the Vice President Aboriginal Banking at TD Bank Group. UKatti, I had the honour of attending the gala awards ceremony in Vancouver on February 12th, 2016, whereby I witnessed Clint accept the Indspire Award which recognizes Indigenous professionals and youth who demonstrate outstanding achievement and serve as invaluable role models for all Indigenous peoples. Each year, UKatti, recipients are selected by a national jury for their outstanding accomplishments. UKatti, I ask that all Members of the Honourable House join me in congratulating Clint on receiving the Indspire Award. The award, UKatti, represents the highest honour that the Indigenous community bestows upon its own people. I would also like to say Nakummek to Clint for sharing his education and professional experience to the Labrador Inuit through the Labrador Inuit

Capital Strategy Trust and the Nunatsiavut Group of Companies to make the world a better place for our people. Nakummek, Ukatti.

ASSEMBLY: [Applause].

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency. I recognize the AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Mr. Herb Jacque.

MR. JACQUE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of Makkovik Inuit Community Government, first of all, I would like to wish Mary Sillett and Patricia Ford a very speedy recovery and we look forward to them coming back to the table again. Also we wish the Honourable Sarah Leo best of luck in her future endeavours. Thank her for all the hard work and dedication efforts in the past four years. We'd like to thank you, Sarah, on behalf of Makkovik Inuit Community Government. Good luck to Cain's Quest, all the teams. Congratulations to our teams that are from Nunatsiavut. We'd like to wish them all the best and safe travels. All the best to Makkovik's Labrador Winter Games as well as all the teams from the north coast. During this winter we encountered numerous water freeze-ups. We would like to thank our water and sewer maintenance crew for their expertise, hard work, dedication in solving our problems. Our groomer operators are out on the trails and doing a tremendous job. We've had two individuals who were out in a blizzard in a whiteout which very much appreciated the groomed trails and the markers. Would of that, they could have been in much dangerous conditions. Thank you to our recreation department who are working very hard in preparing our annual Easter Carnival events, which we all look forward to. Come and

join us. Makkovik's Department of Health and Social Development Team will be celebrating their 23rd Annual Jamboree this year. We have numerous individuals, such as Gary Mitchell, and others coming into our community. We'd like to extend a warm welcome to each and every one of you as well. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk for Makkovik. I recognize the Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Richard Pamak.

MR. PAMAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, since our last sitting of the Assembly the Community of Nain has been nothing but buzzing with activity. I have seen our community come together in a way that I haven't seen in quite some time. As I said in my previous member statement that the last session of this Assembly, our community over the past year has had some difficult times. When families are affected by the loss of loved ones the community feels their loss as well. Difficult times has left our community wondering where do we go from here? It's difficult times like this, Mr. Speaker that it also brings out the strengths of our community. We may struggle as a community from time to time, but we also grow into healthy communities from those struggles. The past month was a good example of this. First, we celebrated life. We had special guests come to our community help us celebrate life. The Singer/Songwriter Susan Aglukark, joined us. Olympic Gold Medallist Clara Hughes, joined us. Musician/Composer Mike Steven joined us and also CBC Radio Host of the Next Chapter, Shelagh Rogers, took the time to visit to celebrate life. Two and a half days of activities that brought our community

together. Mr. Speaker, I want to take a quote from one that attended most of the Celebrate Life activities and she writes, "Our little town consists of many pretty amazing people. I'm kind of privileged to call friends. It was a weekend of mixed emotions for me. Anything done and said made me cry right easy. But yet the joy to see the community for fun events and support is pretty darn amazing. Thank you all so much for your hearts to volunteer. Chrissy Hall." This would not have happened without the support of Ullapisait. A community organization that helps our community in so many ways and to the countless volunteers that make this as successful as it was. A big, big thank you to all of them for keeping the community spirit alive. Mr. Speaker, on March 5th I believe we also seen 13 young ladies celebrate Women's Day. A traditional Moravian day celebrated each year where young girls celebrate the milestone in their lives and take their paths in becoming young women. All wearing traditional dress, topped with church hats, akuliks, dresses and kamet. So good to see many of our youth participating, carrying on our traditions and enjoying their day. A day I hope their celebration didn't become overshadowed by the Cain's Quest. Cain's Quest. Where to start. You know, I think we all know where it is right now. Three individuals on teams from our community has our community buzzing with excitement. It's amazing the level of support that our community is showing for them as they conquer the world's largest endurance snowmobile race. All eyes in the community are glued to their iPads, iPods, computers, refreshing every few minutes to see where the teams

are. I'm one of them. Team 59, Joe Angnatok, Sid Dicker and Team Aivek 94 Conrad Jenkins with Guy Bertrand shows that we have what it takes to race with the best in the world. Unfortunately, one team, Team Aivek, has been scratched due to mechanical problems. Not giving up yet, he says. Sheer determination and grit to the end. Team 59 continues on as part of the lead pack, and certainly all the best to Team 59. Give her. As Sean mentioned earlier this morning the JHMS Nain Huskies placed first overall in the 2016 Winter Sports Meet in Makkovik. Both boys and girls got first overall in Native games. They placed first overall as a team in the Labrathon, third in soccer, boys and girls second overall in skiing, first in ball hockey and many individual awards. Congratulations to the JHMS Huskies. Mr. Speaker, that's pretty much that I have for you this morning, and I'm sure my colleagues, Sean and Joe, may have something to add. I just want to say that, or show that yes, we do have our struggles, our difficult times, but we are still strong and will always come together as a community. Keep strong. Mr. Speaker, I look forward to the next two days of discussion on the Annual Budget. It is a time where we all can come together, not only to keep our government operating, but also an opportunity to advance the well-beings of our community. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member for Nain. I recognize the Chairperson for NunaKâtiget, Mr. Gary Mitchell.

MR. MITCHELL:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I, on behalf of NunaKâtiget Inuit Community Corporation, would like to commend President Sarah Leo for her work

over the years and her guidance and the leadership with the Nunatsiavut Government and it's been great working alongside of her and having her support for the work that we are doing in Upper Lake Melville and elsewhere. So Nakummek, Sarah, and all the best in your future endeavours. I'm sure we'll see more of you around somewhere. We are now at the end of another fiscal year and shortly we'll be reviewing the financial plan and budgetary items for the coming year and beyond. I have a few comments to make with regard to the budget and the financial plan. We're all aware that the budget's the financial plan that allows us to plan our programs, services, operations, our future for Nunatsiavut Government, you might say. It outlines a picture somewhat of what lies ahead for the beneficiaries of whom we serve. Now this is not a rant, Mr. Speaker. Rants are what you hear on open-line talk shows or on social media at times. This is a statement from an elected Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, of which I am. And my observation in dealing with the budget. It takes a bit of time to understand what the budget is all about and to understand that there's more to just juggling around figures on a piece of paper. As you're all aware, but I'll say it, "A budget is the quantitative expression of a plan for a defined period of time." Right from the dictionary. Clear and simple and includes revenues, resource quantities, costs, expenses, assets, liabilities, and cash flows. It may include strategic plans, activities, or events. Before I go on, I'll just say this: I wrote this before I heard the minister statements this morning, and if I heard some of these minister statements before I wrote

this statement, I wouldn't have wrote everything that I wrote in here. But this was written over the past couple days when I was sitting in my office in a hotel room thinking about what can I say to stir the pot a bit? Okay, my point? The figures are all there on paper that shows the revenue and expenditures for the coming year, and the Financial Plan gives us some details of the various departments and activities and items on where the money will be spent. What I would have liked to see is more detail on what some of the funds are going for. Housing initiatives are mentioned, research projects, programming, promoting economic growth. These are phrases used, but what do these phrases contain? What do they mean? And, as I mentioned, I've already heard some of the statements. So some of these questions are already answered from positive things that are coming from our ministers this morning. We will be going to the various items and asked to vote on budget items and amounts of money, but do we know what are agreeing to? I know we can ask questions on this when we meet in the Committee of the Whole. But I feel more details in the explanatory notes of the Budget Bill should be written in there, and not just the amount of dollars for the functions, programs and services of particular department. Take, for instance, Department of Education and Economic Development of which I was a Minister at one time. Is there still an amount of money paid to the School Board, and has anyone checked lately to see if these funds are still being spent solely on school programs in Nunatsiavut? These are the kind of answers that I'm looking for. Have the programs that we

administer ever been assessed over time to see if they are necessary or effective? I think that we should be more transparent and open up ourselves to more transparency, Mr. Speaker. Could we add more programs to help our people in their everyday living and alleviate some of the hardships that they endure when they don't get the attention they do need, no matter where they're living. Because wherever they're living they are beneficiaries of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement* and we should ensure they have things they need to make things a little easier for their lives. Let me cite an example of this or why I mentioned this. On Saturday past I drove up to watch the Cain's Quest racers come in, and let me say just at this point, I'm a big fan of Cain's Quest and wish all the racers a safe and happy trip for the rest of the race, and it's been great for Labrador. Anyway, I drove up to watch the racers coming at the Lab Inn. There were so many people there and I couldn't get a parking spot so I just drove on. Lots of excitement in the air, as you know, and it's been that way since the race started. However, just a short distance from all the hoopla of the race, just down the road just a few feet, was the Salvation Army van and the Kindness Connection handing out bags of items to people who needed it. These were donated by groups and organizations and individuals to people who needed it. Seeing this just tugged a little at my heart strings and I thought this is kind of sad to see for it to balance here. On one hand we're sponsoring a race event and just a few feet away we're handing out bags of items to people in need, Mr. Speaker. There's something wrong here, and I think it's an issue we

need to focus a little bit more on. I think as a government we should be somewhat more compassionate to those who need our services, especially since we have the finances to do so. We should stop and think about what the old Board of Directors with the LIA and past community leaders would say looking at the budgets we have to work with today. Years ago they met and talked about how good it would be to have the funds to help these people, Mr. Speaker. We now have the funds to help these people to do something about it. Forty-four years ago, and you might ask me, how old is that guy anyway? Forty-four years ago I sat on the Old Community Hall here in Hopedale at the First Combined Council Meetings and talked about housing, cost of living, transportation, communication and health services to name a few. No doubt we have come a long way and seen many changes for the better with many good paying jobs and many beneficial programs that we have today. And, unfortunately, we are still talking about some of the same major things and how we can improve it. We have so much work to work with now than when our past leaders started talking about self-government and helping our people have a better way of life. We are now in a position to do something about it. Let us work together, garner ideas, create more economic opportunities and put our unused surplus dollars to work for us in the future, Mr. Speaker. I fully realize we need to be fiscally responsible as a government. I also know that we can put more dollars to work for the betterment of services for our beneficiaries. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Nakummek, Chairperson. I recognize the Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Sean Lyall.

MR. LYALL:

Nakummek, Ukatti. I know my colleague, Ordinary Member for Nain, Richard Pamak, gave a good overview of the stuff going on in Nain, so I'll be brief, Mr. Speaker. First, I'd like to thank all the committee members on Ullapisait on putting on a fine event up in Nain. And I could recognize, actually, Deputy Minister Pain, Nakummek. Thanks for all your help. You did a lot of good work behind the scenes. And not only Isabelle, there's many other countless volunteers who help make such a great event and such a positive event, you know. You walk away from there and it was a good feeling. Susan Aglukark, Nakummek, Clara Hughes, Nakummek. Mike Stevens, he brought up 200 harmonicas filled Nain with music. Nain has always had a good musical scene on the go. Yeah. Also to Shelagh Rogers, CBC, you know, she came on her own accord. She wanted to be with Nainimuit, which has to say something a lot about her character. So, Nakummek. And, of course, the Nain residents themselves, we go forge ahead. We're always good at dusting ourselves off and upward and onward. And right now I'd like to welcome the Members of the Canadian Armed Forces who are presently in Nain, again doing their second exercises here, great exercises. I welcome all members of the Canadian Armed Forces. I thank them for their service, and the bigger picture, it's great for Nain; economically, opportunities are there, good for young people and its good for Nain residents to give their part in the effort of national sovereignty. Of course I'd like to recognize

Elaine Obed and Dasi Obed. Thanks for attending these proceedings and always encouraging to see young people involved in what we do here. And, of course, again, Cain's Quest. Nain, in particular, I could speak for Nain. I'd just like to say that the community of Nain have come together, but it shows, not only in what Nain does, everybody comes together, all points of Labrador. And not only Labrador. It's world. It's an international event. Members from United States, Canada, Finland. And I'm pleased to announce that Nain definitely on the map. Just this morning 28,000 views, I think, for Joey and Sid. So that's definitely putting Nain on the map for sure, and hats off to the community of Nain and also to Joey and Sid. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member for Nain. I'll recognize the Member for Hopedale, Mr. Greg Flowers.

MR. FLOWERS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, as everyone can see here today that our AngajukKâk for Hopedale is not here, and it's very frustrating, Mr. Speaker, that the water situation in our community is in dire straits again. Every year for the past number of years we've been having this same issue. And, Mr. Speaker, I think it's high time that, you know, something is really done to clarify the water situation in Hopedale once and for all. And, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to thank Marjorie for taking it upon herself, our AngajukKâk, and looking at her priorities and being at the Council Office today and doing whatever she can with our community to try and get this rectified. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to also thank the AngajukKaat when they go to their joint management meeting and their

meetings in the past, you know, and I know they talk about all the different things for Nunatsiavut in every community, you know, want this for their community, and rightfully so. But I'd just like to, you know, keep Hopedale in your minds when you go to the next Joint Management Meeting because there's a lot of frustrated people and a lot of homes without water again as we speak today. So I'd just like for you to, you know, just think a little bit about that and do what you can to help the situation. Also, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to thank the President for her four years; two years that I've known her, me being as the Minister of Health, and I'd just like to say to Sarah that it's been a privilege to work with you and all the members in, and I hope that, you know, your future endeavours — I think you'll always be somehow part of Government or Nunatsiavut or have some strong opinions and some strong voices somewhere in the future. So I'd just like to thank you, and I also would like to — while Cain's Quest is going on there was a sports meet in Makkovik for all the communities of Nunatsiavut, and I'd like to also thank them for their participation and their hard work and their dedication to Nunatsiavut. Our future is up in them schools. So I'd just like to say that, you know, we're doing good and Cain's Quest, it's a long ways from the finish line so, you know, good luck to all the teams and hopefully that a winner will come from Nunatsiavut. So, thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member for Hopedale. I recognize the AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker.

MR. DICKER:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just I don't want to sound repetitive to what my colleagues, Richard and Sean, had spoke about, but so I'll just focus on other things that's happening. I guess with regard to the Jeremias Sillett Memorial Centre we are going to be having a grand opening on March 17th. March 15th and 16th will be, what you call, Open House so that people in the community can visit and see what the building looked like. In the Grand Opening everybody comes together at one time. Like Sean said, Norton Zapper has been in Nain in February and this month, and the NG, along with Richard and Sean hosted an Aboriginal night for the Armed Forces. And the Armed Forces challenged the community of Nain with their own races of skiing and snowshoeing and, in turn, the community of Nain residents challenged them with Inuk games. And one of the events was monkey dancing. And one of those Armed Forces guys invented a new way to do it. If somebody could send on Facebook how he done it, you know, that guy must have sore knees because he was doing this way, like, on this knees and it was really funny. Anyway, a good time was enjoyed by all. They are in Nain again, like I said, once this week and they expect to go up on Thursday. So we thank them for coming to Nain and choosing Nain as a training area. Like I said, economically it's benefitted the community and expose the Armed Forces, I guess, more to the community. With that, Mr. Speaker, that's my report for now. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk for Nain. Are there any further member statements this morning? If there are no further member statements, at

this point I'd like to call a recess. We'll reconvene at quarter to 11:00 on item six. Nakummek.

(Recess)

MR. SPEAKER:

Prior to recess we left off on item five, "Member Statements." We will now continue on, on your *Orders of the Day* on item six, "Returns to Oral Questions." You'll find the returns to the oral questions within your binders under Tab 8. At the last sitting the AngajukKâk for Postville, Mrs. Diane Gear, asked the Minister of the Department of Education and Economic Development, the Honourable Patricia Kemuksigak, about the total cost of NG delegation, the Northern Conference was. Additionally, the Minister was asked by the AngajukKâk for Nain that the possibility of the communities' AngajukKâk be incorporated to discussions relative to the IBA and Voisey's Bay. I recognize the Honourable Minister to provide a response to each of those questions.

MS KEMUKSIGAK:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker and Nakummek for the question. I couldn't give an overview of all the expenses of the Nunatsiavut Government but, however, I am giving expenditures for Northern Lights Tradeshow for our department, Department of Education and Economic Development. So the staff who attended from Department of Education were myself, Deputy Minister McNeil, Kristy Sheppard, Melville Williams, Molly Shiwak and Debbie Shiwak who was one of the people who manned the booth. So with the 12 people 6 staff and 6 Inuit businesses, the airfare was \$21,834.03, accommodations for 12 people, 6 staff and 6 Inuit businesses were \$13,915.32. Staff travel claims for six people was \$1,794.00.

Transportation, \$659.92. Registration for 12 people and 1 booth was \$16,695.75. Promotional material was \$3,499.83. Extra baggage charges for the promotional materials was \$158.20. Total for Economic Development was \$58,557.05. For Inuit Pathways one staff attended, Tom Evans. Travel was \$2,368.20. Hotel was \$1,140.60, and the travel claim was \$398. Total for Inuit Pathways \$3,906.80. Post-Secondary Student Support; two staff attended, Bobby Shiwak and Peggy Montague. The total for PSSSP was \$4,482.16. This includes travel hotel, travel claims and registration. Minister Kemuksigak, Deputy Minister McNeil, Tom Evans, Bobby Shiwak and Peggy Montague, Molly Shiwak and Melville Williams were also there to attend Kajusivugut Inuit Labour Market and Economic Development Forum and they got the forum to go on at the same time as Northern Lights to save money because a lot of people were going to be there. This is something that was developed with ITK and all the asset holders in the Inuit Region regarding training, education, employment and economic development opportunities in the north. So the total cost for our department was \$66,946.03. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. And a return to oral question regarding AngajukKâk Joe Dicker requesting AngajukKâk become more involved with Voisey's Bay underground and possibly a tour. I sent AngajukKâk Dicker's request to Lands and Resources as that department oversees the Voisey's Bay IBA. I sent it to the IBA co-ordinator, Theresa Hollett. Deputy Minister McLean tried to get Vale to come in during this sitting of the Assembly to give a briefing to the Assembly. And Members of the Underground Mining

Development, but they were unable to attend at this time. Vale will be conducting community visits in April and May and Deputy Minister McLean is going to try to see if Vale can meet with AngajukKâk during the next Joint Management Committee meeting. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. I would now like to recognize the Finance Minister, Honourable Kate Mitchell, to provide a return asked by the AngajukKâk of Hopedale, Ms Marjorie Flowers, who is wondering of the Stantec Reports and when it would be available to Hopedale as they were in desperate need of housing. I recognize the Honourable Kate Mitchell.

MS MITCHELL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and for Marg's benefit, although she's not attending our Assembly today, I've already passed along this information to her. Okay. The contract with Aivek Stantec for geotechnical drilling for Hopedale called for the final report to be delivered to Nunatsiavut Government by January 31st, 2016. We have been advised by Aivek Stantec that their technicians were not satisfied with the level of detail in the preliminary report. So they were asking for a second opinion. They had previously set the date of February the 15th for delivery of the final report to Nunatsiavut Government. When received, it will be shared with the Hopedale Inuit Community Government. And as I update in my minister statement this morning we received a preliminary report today and has been reviewed by our department and will be shared with the Inuit Community Government. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Honourable First Minister. Are there any further returns to oral questions this morning? If there are no further returns, we will proceed onto item seven on your *Orders of the Day*, "Oral Questions." Are there any oral questions this morning? I recognize the AngajukKâk for Postville, Ms Diane Gear.

MS GEAR: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Acting Minister of Finance, IT and Human Resources. In your statement you mentioned \$3 million for updates for Aliant. When can we expect these upgrades to begin to the internet services?

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, AngajukKâk for Postville. In response, I'll recognize the Acting Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

MR. D. SHIWAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To my knowledge, this project is a two-year project. If the funds are secured to begin this year for Nain, Hopedale, Voisey's Bay, and then the second year of the project would be, I think it's Natuashish, Postville, Makkovik and Rigolet, but I'd have to confirm that and I will confirm it and get back to the AngajukKâk for Postville. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Does the AngajukKâk have a supplementary? Nakummek, AngajukKâk. I recognize the AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Mr. Herb Jacque.

MR. JACQUE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is going to be a combination of questions, I guess. It's directed to the Acting Minister of Finance. In 2008

there was \$3.5 allocated for a seniors home within Nunatsiavut. Are the dollars still there? Is it just sitting there? Is it getting interest, and was there any feasibility studies done? Where do we stand here? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, AngajukKâk for Makkovik. I recognize the Honourable Darryl Shiwak for a response.

MR. D. SHIWAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As far as I know — and again I'm aware of the issue — I'd have to get back to the Member on specific questions but the monies for that allocation are still there. As for interest and feasibility studies, that is something I'd have to get back to the Member with, but I will get back to the Member. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The Minister will take that question under a return. Honourable Minister, you'll take that question under a return to oral question? Nakummek, Honourable Minister. I recognize the Chairperson for NunaKâtiget, Mr. Gary Mitchell.

MR. MITCHELL: Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. My question this morning is directed to the Minister of Education and Economic Development, Honourable Patricia Kemuksigak. About a couple of years ago Mary Simon came to this Assembly and presented a report on National Strategy on Inuit Education. I was Minister at the time and we had a couple of staff members, Jody Lane and Tim McNeil who were travelling to Ottawa with the National Strategy on Inuit Education. My question this morning is is your department still involved with the National Strategy on Inuit Education,

and have any of those recommendations been implemented or worked on? Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Nakummek, Chairperson. I recognize the Minister of Department of Education and Economic Development, the Honourable Patricia Kemuksigak.

MS KEMUKSIGAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and, thank you, Chairperson Mitchell. Jody Lane, our Education Manager, is still heavily involved in the National Strategy on Inuit Education, and Tim McNeil is also involved. We did receive funding for a project, partly from this project and from our own funds to develop a parental engagement tool kit for Nain, and Brenda Jararuse was working on that. It's all done and sent to the Resource Centre for development and it'll be used as a pilot, and if it's successful, it will be used by all communities within Nunatsiavut. Also they work on other strategies, but they felt that parental engagement was the most important recommendation that came out of the report. So that's what they're concentrating on now. And the tool kit will concentrate on outdoor activities and land-based activities and how to get the parents more involved and engaged at the school level. But they do work on other things, but that was the first one that they wanted to concentrate on. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Does the Chairperson have a supplementary? Thank you, Chairperson. Are there any further oral questions this morning? I recognize the Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency, Mr. Dan Pottle.

MR. POTTLE: Nakummek, Ukatti. My question is for the First Minister. In your ministerial statement this morning, you referenced additional dollars being put into, I guess, finalize the completion of the multi-purpose prototype home in Nain. When this initiative first began its undertaking we received \$350,000 for that initiative from the Arctic Inspiration Prize, and Nunatsiavut Government matched that 350 for the tune of \$700,000. I believe, and I stand to be corrected, that cost has risen substantially. So I'm wondering if the First Minister can explain to this Assembly how much dollars have gone into completing the prototype home. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency. In response, I recognize the Honourable First Minister, Kate Mitchell.

MS. MITCHELL: Thank you, Dan for your question. In regard to the amount that's actually gone into that prototype right now, I will get the exact figures and get back to you on that. So I should be able to have that information for you for tomorrow. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Honourable First Minister. I recognize the AngajukKâk for Makkovik, the Minister has taken that under notice and will provide a return tomorrow, Member. We can permit a supplementary. Sure.

MR. POTTLE: Nakummek, Ukatti. Just the supplementary question I guess would be helpful to know as well "what are the sources of that funding?"
Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Ordinary Member. I assume that the First Minister will respond to that as well with the return to oral questions. I recognize the AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Mr. Herb Jacque.

MR. JACQUE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question this morning again is directed to the First Minister. Numerous times we've talked about Nunatsiavut department such as Department of Education, Department of Health, relocating to Nunatsiavut or into Land Claims Area, what's the latest and when will this occur? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, AngajukKâk for Makkovik. I recognize the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell.

MS MITCHELL: Thank you, AngajukKâk for Makkovik, for your question. I know there is a committee that's working on that and some of the things that we had done as well is office assessment and things that need to be done. So it is being worked on, but as for date and when we'll actually be moved, I don't have that yet from the committee. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Honourable First Minister. Does the AngajukKâk have a supplementary question? Nakummek, AngajukKâk. Are there any further oral questions, this morning? If there are no further oral questions, then we'll proceed onto item eight on your *Orders of the Day*, "Written Questions." Are there any written questions this morning? We'll proceed onto item nine, "Returns to Written Questions." I do not believe there are any returns to written questions today. Item 10, are there any "Petitions"? We'll move onto item 11, "Responses to

Petitions." There will be no responses to petitions today. Item 12, "Reports of Standing and Special Committees." Are there any reports of standing and special committees? If not we'll proceed onto item 13, "Tabling of Documents." And I'd like to recognize Mr. Richard Pamak, Ordinary Member for Nain.

MR. PAMAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to table the Assembly Budget Recommendations 2016 – 2017. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Ordinary Member. This document will be numbered as tabled document 01-3(10). I'd like to recognize the Treasurer of the Nunatsiavut Government, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

MR. D. SHIWAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As required by the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*, I am pleased to table the Nunatsiavut Government financial Plan 2016 - 2017. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Tabled document will be numbered as tabled document 02-3(10). I'd like to recognize the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, the Honourable Sean Lyall.

MR. LYALL: Nakummek, UKatti. I'd like to table document Nunatsiavut Archaeology Office Fieldwork Report, 2015. Nakummek, UKatti.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Honourable Minister. The tabled document will be numbered as tabled document 03-3(10). Are there any other documents to be tabled this morning? If there are no further documents to be tabled, then we'll proceed onto item 14 on your *Orders of the Day*,

"Notices of Motion." And I'd like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Richard Pamak.

MR. PAMAK:

Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I gave notice that on Wednesday, March 9th, 2016, that I will be move, seconded by the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Mr. Roy Blake, the following motion: That tabled document 01-3(10) of the Assembly Budget Recommendations for 2016 – 2017 be referred to Committee of the Whole for consideration with Ms Rexanne Crawford, the Comptroller of Nunatsiavut as a witness. And, Mr. Speaker, I'll be seeking unanimous consent to deal with this motion today under item 16, "Motions." Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Nakummek, Mr. Pamak. I'd like to recognize the Nunatsiavut Treasurer, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

MR. D. SHIWAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Wednesday, March 9th, 2016, I will move, seconded by the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, the Honourable Sean Lyall, that tabled document 023-(10), the Financial Plan for 2016 – 2017 be moved into Committee of the Whole for discussion in conjunction with Bill 2016-01, the Budget Bill 2016. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Nakummek, Minister Shiwak. I do not believe that there are any further notices of motion today and we will go onto item 15 on your *Orders of the Day*, "Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills," and I'd like to recognize the Minister of Finance and Nunatsiavut Treasurer, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

MR. D. SHIWAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Wednesday, March 9th, 2016, I will move first reading of Bill 2016-01, the Budget Bill 2016, which will be seconded by the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, the Honourable Sean Lyall. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Honourable Minister. I believe you have additional notices of motion for first reading of bills.

MR. D. SHIWAK: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would also like to give notice that on March 9th, I will move, seconded by the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell, Bill 2016, Torngat Co-op Loan Guarantees Bill. And, further, I will move Bill 2016, seconded by the Minister of Health and Social Development, the Honourable Greg Flowers, that Commercial Fishing Camps Authorization Bill. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Honourable Minister. I do not believe that there are any further notices of motion for first reading of bills today. Before we proceed onto item 16, "Motions," I'd like to call for a very brief of recess of five minutes so that we can get co-ordinated and then we'll proceed on with item 16, if that's okay with the Assembly. Thank you.

(Recess)

MR. SPEAKER: I hope everyone is refreshed after the five-minute break. We will now move onto item 16, "Motions," and I'd like to recognize Mr. Richard Pamak, the Ordinary Member for Nain.

MR. PAMAK: Honourable Speaker, I am seeking unanimous consent to proceed with my motion today that tabled document 01-3(10), the Assembly Budget

Recommendation for 2016 – 2017 be referred to Committee of the Whole for discussion with Ms Rexanne Crawford, Comptroller of Nunatsiavut Government as a witness.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Ordinary Member. The Member is seeking unanimous consent to proceed with his motion today. Are there any nays? There are none. Mr. Pamak, please proceed.

MR. PAMAK: Thank you, Honourable Speaker and Members. The title of the motion is the Assembly Budget Recommendations for 2016 to 2017 to the Committee of the Whole, and whereas the Member Services Committee is required by Section 81 of the *Nunatsiavut Assembly's Act*, as tabled the consolidated budget recommendations for approval of the Assembly, and whereas the Assembly should consider the recommendations to allow Member Services Committee to finalize consolidated estimates for the Assembly for transmittal to the Treasurer for inclusion in the Consolidated Financial Plan 2016 – 2017. Now, therefore, I move, seconded by the Ordinary Member for Canadian Constituency, Mr. Dan Pottle, that tabled document 01-03(10) of the Assembly Budget Recommendation for 2016 – 2017 be referred to Committee of the Whole for discussions with Ms Rexanne Crawford, the Comptroller of the Nunatsiavut Government, as a witness. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Ordinary Member. The motion is in order. Mr. Pamak, would you like to speak to the motion?

MR. PAMAK: No, Mr. Speaker.

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

MR. PAMAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. No final comments and I wish to close debate.
Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Mr. Pamak. That concludes debate. All those in favour of the motion? All those opposed to the motion? The motion is carried and we will now enter into the Committee of the Whole, and I invite Ms Rexanne Crawford, the Comptroller of the Nunatsiavut Government, to join the Assembly as a witness. Ms Crawford, when you're prepared, you have the floor to begin your presentation and discussions on the Assembly Budget Recommendations for the year 2016 – 2017.

MS CRAWFORD: There was a document submitted that had the Assembly Budget in a table form with some words. I'm not sure where it is in your binders. Tab 4. So salaries and benefits of the Nunatsiavut Assembly are adjusted according to the years of service, placement on a scale, depends when it comes to your location, or your Labrador allowance and your travel benefit. So those are based on the actual numbers who are the elected officials and support staff of the Assembly. The travel costs have increased slightly year over year due to a slight increase in charter costs for the Assembly. So we budget for the five sittings that are already scheduled plus one additional sitting that may be called should it be warranted. Nunatsiavut committees are budgeted for the four standing committees of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, Member Services Committee,

Rules and Procedures Committee, *Code of Conduct Committee* and the Alcohol and Drug Committee. There is also an allocation for any special committees that may be struck during the year. There's a slight decrease in professional fees from last year to this year and that's just based on looking at, you know, what may be planned to be used for professional development for elected officials or, you know, sometimes professional advice is retained for Assembly sittings or should a *Code of Conduct Committee*, those things be struck. Election costs, it's hard to compare year over year. You have to go back two years because we have a Presidential election every four years and an election for Ordinary Members staggered in between that for every four-year period. So the election costs are consistent with two years ago and have been based, you know, with the planned expenditures for hiring of staff, election ballots and rental space and the various other costs. We've also, as we budget those numbers, we look back to what's actually been spent in the past to make sure we always have enough, and looking at what the plan is with the budget for the future for this year. The operating costs year over year have had a slight increase and this is strictly as a result of the annual costs related to the live broadcasting of the Assembly sitting. So, as I note in the document, there's a 3.5 percent in this year over last year and, again, the biggest driver is the election.

MR. SPEAKER:

Are there any questions for Ms Crawford at this point, or comments? I recognize the AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker.

MR. DICKER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd just like some more information on the constituency allowance. I think it was not mentioned here. Like \$113,000, it wasn't addressed.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, AngajukKâk. I recognize the Deputy Minister, Ms Rexanne Crawford.

MS CRAWFORD: My apologies. The constituency allowance is exactly the same as the year before. In order to make changes to allowances, salaries, or benefits, there would have to be a consultation with Labrador Inuit. And the discussion of the Member Services Committee this year, there was no decision to do that. So if the constituency allowance for each Ordinary Member in our Inuit communities is set at \$4,000. In Upper Lake Melville it's 7,500 per elected official and in the Constituency of Canada its \$37,000 per elected official to give you a total of \$113,000. And again there are no changes in that number.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Comptroller. I recognize the Chairperson for NunaKâtiget, Mr. Gary Mitchell.

MR. MITCHELL: Nakummek, Mr. Chair. In regard to professional fees, its \$87,000, and in the breakdown there's \$20,000 for professional development of members and \$67,000 for professional fees. It seems like a high number for professional fees. What are these fees used for?

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Mr. Mitchell. I recognize the comptroller.

MS CRAWFORD: The professional fees are planned and if the breakdown, if you look at there's legal fees of \$50,000 and, you know, should there be a special

committee struck or a standing committee for a *Code of Conduct* issue or another matter requires to have legal advice, these are where the funds would come from to help with those such matters. So has it been spent in the past? I'd have to go back and check on that, but without having it budgeted, should that advice be needed, we'd have to try to find it somewhere else. So this is just in the event, based on, you know, looking at should it have to occur.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Comptroller. Are there any further questions or comments at this point? If there are no further — I recognize the Member for Nain, Mr. Sean Lyall.

MR. LYALL: Nakummek, Chair. Just a brief question on the live broadcasting of Assembly sittings and this will be an ongoing budgetary item.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Member. I recognize the Comptroller to respond.

MS CRAWFORD: Yes, it will be.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Comptroller. Any further questions or comments? If there are no further comments, then is the Assembly in favour of accepting the Assembly Budget 2016 – 2017 and for it to be included in the overall Nunatsiavut Government Budget for 2016 – 2017? All those in favour please say aye?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. SPEAKER: Any nays? Nakummek. We are now concluded our business as a Committee of the Whole and I thank Ms Rexanne Crawford for her time. We are now back into the Assembly, and we will now proceed with item

17 on your *Orders of the Day*, "First Reading of Bills." There are no first reading of bills scheduled for today. Onto item 18, "Second Reading of Bills." There's no second reading of bills today. Item 19, "Assent to Bills." There's no assent today. We're on item 20, "Adjournment." Our President has a brief message for the Assembly related to business which we must attend to before the day's end. Our request is that the Members stay sitting for a few moments after adjournment. We will now adjourn until 9:00 a.m. tomorrow morning, Wednesday, March 9th. Nakummek.

MR. SPEAKER:

Ullâkut I'd like to call to order the second day of sitting or the 10th Session of the Third Nunatsiavut Assembly. We'll start on item one, "Prayer." I'd like to ask Ms. Marjorie Flowers to say the opening prayer.

MS FLOWERS:

(Recites prayer).

MR. SPEAKER:

Nakummek, Ms. Flowers. We'll move onto item two, "Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery." We'd like to welcome those who may be using our live broadcasting system, and we thank for their interest in the Nunatsiavut Assembly. Is there any Member wishing to recognize visitors in the gallery today? We'll move onto item three on your *Orders of the Day*, "Minister Statements." Are there any minister statements this morning? I recognize the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, the Honourable Sean Lyall.

MR. LYALL:

Nakummek, UKatti. Good morning, Nunatsiavut Assembly. I would like to announce that Belinda Webb will be starting as Director of Culture on April 1st. She brings to us a wealth of experience and expertise working for Inuit with Inuit. Please welcome Belinda Webb. The director will work closely with the language program co-ordinator and other department civil servants to pursue new and different ways to help build on existing programs and also in relation to *Inuttitut* curriculum and programing. So welcome Belinda. I would like to inform the Assembly that I attended the 33rd annual Hospitality Newfoundland and Labrador Conference in St. John's last week. The conference brought together politicians, professionals and industry leaders in the tourism, hospitality industry. During that event the Federal Minister of Small Business and Tourism, Honourable Bardish Chagger, announced ACOA's assistance of \$252,523 in funding for the Nunatsiavut Government. This will help implement a two-year strategic marketing plan with emphasis on web presence and website development, social media, trade shows and advertising for the Torngat Mountains Base Camp and Research Station. This project will also enable the Nunatsiavut Government to engage services of an adventure tourism expert with international experience to enhance product offerings and attract more visitors. As Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, I think I have an obligation to commend the good work of the Rigolet Inuit Community Government. I understand that the Recreation Director Rigolet, Dina Wolfrey, is putting together a community event for the community and visitors from the Canadian

Armed Forces. I wholeheartedly believe that fits your mandate perfectly. Furthermore, as Canadians, I believe it is our duty to assist and support the Canadian Armed Forces. It is vitally important that Inuit Community Governments and corporations step up to the plate and help showcase their communities and our unique culture, very warm hospitality and, of course, food. For the past two years I, with the guidance from the President, along with the help of Ordinary Member Pamak, and good volunteers have put together a few community events. I am pleased to announce, with the help of the Labrador Winter Games Team in Nain, that there will be an event in Nain for our Canadian Armed Forces visitors hosted by the Nunatsiavut Government and the Labrador Winter Games Team in Nain. Nakummek, UKatti.

MR. SPEAKER:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. I recognize the Minister of Department of Education and Economic Development, the Honourable Patricia Kemuksigak.

MS KEMUKSIGAK:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. Today I will present on Post-Secondary Student Program Education and Inuit Pathways. The new living allowance rates that were put in place for January, 2016 has gone over very well with students. Students were very pleased with the increase as many of them were struggling to make ends meet from day to day. No students have put forward to apply for the rental subsidy thus far, and we received only two written complaints from student attending institutions outside the province. At time of deadline, which was March the 1st, we had received 91 applications for the 2016 – 2017 academic year. The numbers break

down as follows: Canada, 29 full-time, Upper Lake Melville, 32 full-time, Nunatsiavut, 23 full-time. In addition we have received seven part-time applications for a total of 84 full-time and 7 part-time applications. The PSSSP Scholarships. In January and February we sent reminders to all students on the Sharon Baikie and Loretta Saunders Memorial Scholarships. At the time of deadline we had received nine applications for the Sharon Baikie Memorial Scholarship and six applications for the Loretta Saunders Memorial Scholarship. These applications will be forwarded to their respective committees this week and we are hoping a decision will be made on each before the end of March. Josh Pamak is the recipient of the level one academic achievement scholarship. Josh is in his second year of the electrical engineering technician program. Sandra Howlett is the recipient of the level two academic achievement scholarship. Sandra is in year four of a bachelor of fine arts program. Sandra is doing a year of studies in Japan this year arranged through Memorial University Grenfell campus. Diane Anderson is the recipient of the special performance award for academic excellence in her level one program of mental health and addictions. The special performance award is recommended by PSSSP staff when they see persons overcome challenges to pursue post-secondary studies and achieve above average grades. Tracy Doherty is the recipient of the Nunatsiavut Specialized Program Award for Academic Excellence. Tracy achieved the highest marks in her IBED program, assists other students with studies and is now approved to be a tutor for English. Recognition for long-term employees

within the Education and Economic Development Department. Margie White completed 30 years of service in June 2015. Lucy Brennan completed 30 years of service in February 2016. Jody Lane completed 15 years of service in July 2015. Bobby Shiwak completed 15 years of service in November 2015. Peggy Montague will have completed 10 years of service in this month, March 2016. Mr. Speaker, we hope to sponsor two students for the Students On Ice Arctic Expedition again this year. Applications are starting to come in and the deadline is Friday, March 11th. We are in the process of signing a contract with Frontier College to deliver a summer literacy camp in Nain this July. It will run for three weeks and have room for 50 children ages 5 to 12. Three experienced councillors will be hired from outside, and there will be two local people hired as councillors as well. Jody will be heading this project and any questions can be directed to her. Jody Lane is also in the process of applying to the Province for funding to deliver a summer marine base science camp in all five Nunatsiavut communities in conjunction with Oceans Learning Partnership. It is the hopes that she will hire two local post-secondary students to run the camp. Each camp will run for one week with ages to be determined once we have all the curriculum developed. Brenda Jararuse has completed her contract with the Education Division. The community-based Parent Tool Kit is in draft form and has been sent to the resource centre for design. Jody will continue with the project and we hope to launch it in Nain before the end of the school year. Mr. Speaker, Inuit Pathways. The annual operating plans

for the 2016 – 2017 extension Europe assets has been approved with documents signed a couple of weeks ago. Service Canada was in Makkovik to complete the quarterly monitoring visit with the Inuit Pathways Asset Staff last week. Application deadlines for skill development funding was last week for long-term training. There were a fair number of applications come in from people interested in training in September. Continuing to develop partnership opportunities and work with business interested in providing work experience opportunities is ongoing. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. I recognize the Acting Minister of Finance and the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

MR. D. SHIWAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I continue with the report from Department of Lands and Natural Resources. The Torngat Mountains National Park Co-Management Board met in Nain from February 16th to the 18th, 2016. There was a discussion on the Auditor General's Report on the caribou, polar bear, archaeology, potential research projects, staffing and management planning for the next 10 years for Torngat Mountains National Park. A request was received from the Torngat Wildlife Plant Co-Management Board and Serge Coutourier to do an aerial survey of the Torngat Mountains caribou herd in early March transecting from the Atlantic Ocean to Ungava Bay. The request was received on February 12th which does not provide a lot of time to assess the proposal. CNB is requesting that the aerial survey be delayed, and if

it is completed, the survey should be same area it was two years ago so that results are consistent. The next CNB face-to-face meeting is scheduled to be held in Base Camp from July 29th to August 30th, Mr. Speaker. The Non-Renewable Resources Division. Mr. Speaker, I would like to update the Assembly on the work. Since the last Assembly the division has completed its review of the Voisey's Bay Development Enclosure and Rehabilitation Plans. It is now in the final stages of preparing its response on those documents to be sent to the Province permitting authority. Division has also finalized a governance document and detailed work plan to advance on mineral exploration and development policies for the Nunatsiavut Government. As outlined in these documents, the development of the policy will involve participation from all government departments, elected officials, communities, and applicable industry and is expected to be finished by April 2017. Finally the division is participating this week in the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada Annual General Convention where it will be meeting with current and prospective companies interested in our region. The Environment Division, Mr. Speaker, continues to lead and chair the Nunatsiavut Government Research Advisory Committee, a multi-departmental committee that oversees the Nunatsiavut Research Process. The research process ensures that the Nunatsiavut Government is informed on all research projects that take place in the region and that projects are socially and culturally appropriate. During 2015 they reviewed a total 34 applications to conduct research in Nunatsiavut.

These applications span a variety of research areas including health, economic development, contaminants, archaeology and ecology. Additionally, it acts as a Regional Contaminants Committee for the federally funded Northern Contaminants Program reviewing all research, funding proposals with a social, cultural lens. For the upcoming fiscal year we're reviewing 11 NCP proposals with the Nunatsiavut Government leading or partnering on seven of those proposals. All proposals investigate long-range contaminants and with results feeding into many of our current research programs such as the Lake Melville Research and Monitoring Program. SmartICE. The Nunatsiavut Government Sea Ice Monitoring and Real-Time Information for Coastal Environments SmartICE Project is entering its third year in Nunatsiavut. It's monitoring equipment in Nain, Rigolet and Northwest River. SmartICE is a community, government, university, industry collaboration that integrates technology, remote sensing and Inuit knowledge to promote the safe travel in northern coastal environments. The SmartICE system consists of community-based ice monitoring stations, satellite links, SmartBuoys that provide real-time information on ice thickness and temperature, the SmartKamautik that measures ice thickness while being pulled by a snowmobile and satellite imagery. All of the information provided by these devices is processed, analyzed, and integrated into a local map. These maps indicate areas unsafe or unpredictable areas of the ice as identified by local Inuit community members and sea ice workshops that took place. A website has been developed to provide all

of this information to make it accessible to the public. The website is set to launch in the coming month. We look forward to continuing to try to support safe sea ice travel for community members along the coast and to build on what we learned over the last two to three years. Lands, Mr. Speaker. The GIS specialist has provided map validation assistance to the Education Manager for Inuit history course development. We've also been in consultation with the NG archaeologists and partners on the Inuk Place Name project. So far in 2016 there have been seven land use applications submitted; two for mineral exploration and related infrastructure, one for our trail and the remainder for cabins. Finally, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to thank — as it seems right now the last sitting for President Leo — thank her for her work with the department and many areas in her support, particularly in the area of caribou and the UPCART which she has done tremendous work and the Muskrat Falls file where she continues and supports the department in trying to protect the health of Inuit everywhere. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Are there any further minister statements this morning? If there are no further minister statements, then we'll move onto item four on the *Orders of the Day*, "Member Statements." Are there any member statements this morning? I recognize the Chairperson for NunaKâtiget, Mr. Gary Mitchell.

MR. MITCHELL:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I'll just be brief with my presentation this morning. I just have a few acknowledgements. I'd like to acknowledge and thank Andrew Hamel for taking the time out last night to come over

to the building and work with a few of us on the Outlook and Microsoft programs at the computer. It's great that he could provide that time and share some information with some of us who wanted to be a little more advanced than what we're doing with our computer work and helps us in our everyday work with our work on the computer. So thank you, Andrew. I'd like to thank the Lands and Natural Resources Department for coming to Upper Lake Melville for the Fish and Wildlife Consultations. It's good that we're included. We didn't have a big crowd, but we had a lot of good discussion and I'm glad we were involved in part of this consultation and hope some of the comments and suggestions will be taken by your department and used when you do your reports for the benefit of the beneficiaries everywhere. And the next one. Sometimes you hear about other people doing different things, and this morning I'm going to give myself a little bit of self-praise. I have a song sheet here, but I'm not going to sing. No, I'm sure everybody's familiar with the Pan Labrador event that takes place in Happy Valley Goose Bay once a year whereby choirs from the schools travel into Goose Bay for a session on workshops and on the final night they do a big concert, a finale, and it's great to see people from Nunatsiavut and their students taking part in those workshops. And my wife and I were commissioned to write a song, or write the words for a song for the finale for the Pan Labrador Choir and we did so. We called it Beautiful Land. And the words of the song are about how music developed in Labrador from the drumming, the chants to the trapper in his tilt to the music of the Moravians on the

rooftops with their brass band, things like that and that's the way the song went. And a lady in Vancouver, musical conductor wrote the music for it. She brought it to Goose Bay and the Pan Labrador choir did an excellent job of doing the finale and beautiful song. And the good thing about it is when we wrote the song, when we wrote the words, I had requested that some *Inuttitut* be brought into the song and they did this. Carolyn Nochasak, the student from Nain, recited two verses of the song while the song was being played. And it was beautiful and it was on the beginning they had the drums and then Caroline did the throat singing, and then they launched into the song. And I just thought I'd mention that because it adds to our culture to have our own kind of words of our own song. And hopefully the song is going to be taken to Ottawa to be used on Canada Day with some choir. So I just wanted to mention that this morning, that I've always been an advocate of culture, music and many things about our culture so this just adds to some of the things I've been working on. My wife has been writing poetry for different things so she's been part of this song as well. So I thank her for that. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

ASSEMBLY: [APPLAUSE].

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Chairperson. I recognize the Chairperson for Sivunivut, Ms Trudy Mesher-Barkman.

MS MESHER-BARKMAN: I extend condolences to the families of Ray Best and Junior Alvin Blake — they recently passed away — and their families from Northwest River. Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation has been holding workshops on

traditional crafts such as seal skin mitt making and parka making and snow shoe making, and these workshops have been a huge success and the beneficiaries are just really enjoying them and wanting more, and we have more workshops planned for the future such as ulu making and seal skin cleaning, you know, like when we can afford to do it, we're hoping to do that. And we got a survival course for the youth from ages 10 to 18 or something, and it's a three-day course and the RCMP are going to be helping us out with that snowmobile safety. Rangers are going to be taking the kids out into the wild and helping them with survival, you know, like, things to help survive if they ever get stuck or something, or things like that. And it seems we're getting good response from the schools that the kids. We've got lots of girls signing up for it, but I suppose the boys will be next but, anyway, it seems to be as it was going to be a success as well. So that's about it for Northwest River for now. Thank you very much.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you, Chairperson. I recognize the AngajukKâk for Postville, Ms Diane Gear.

MS GEAR:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to say thanks to the Department of Economic Development for giving PSCG \$30,000 to hire a development tourism officer. Ruth Jacque has recently been hired and she's begun work on implementing our tourism plan. I want to say a big shout out to the Cain's Quest riders, especially Team 20. We are extremely proud of you and behind you all the way. Drive safe and God speed to each and every one of you. To President Leo, I'd like to say

thank you on behalf of PICG for the past four years of service to our communities as President of NG. It was a pleasure to work with you and wishing you all the best in your future endeavours. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk. I recognize Ms Patricia Kemuksigak, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville.

MS KEMUKSIGAK:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I want to thank President Sarah Leo for her four years of presidency. Sarah was the first Nunatsiavut President and the second female President of our people in our history. President Leo shows great leadership, diplomacy, conviction, determination and took strong stands on behalf of our people. She has been a very supportive President. I wish you all the best in the future. I'd like to thank Roy Blake for all his hard work as Ordinary Member. And I've been away and off and tied up in my ministerial role as of late and he's had to carry some of the difficult things on his own. So I really want to thank Roy for his hard work, determination. I want to thank to Dasi and Elaine Obed for being pages. I wish all the Nunatsiavut beneficiaries who's racing in Cain's Quest all the best and also all Nunatsiavut beneficiaries that will be taking part in the Labrador Winter Games. I want to thank the DHSD and, in particular, Michelle Kinney, for taking on the Supportive Living Program for Happy Valley Goose Bay. The program has made a significant impact on homelessness for our people and has really supported the people who need help. I know you will see a difference in Nain and Hopedale when the program is set up. I too attended the Pan

Labrador Choir last week and it was a wonderful experience, and I was very moved with the song that Gary and Barbara Mitchell wrote.

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Nakummek, Member. I recognize Mr. Richard Pamak, the Ordinary Member for Nain.

MR. PAMAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, like many here too as well, and certainly want to wish President Leo well in her future endeavours and certainly no doubt has been a strong leader for Nunatsiavut and so I'd like to wish you well, Sarah. Mr. Speaker, today we begin our review of the proposed Consolidated Financial Plan of the Nunatsiavut Government. Over the past year, as Ordinary Member, I have been advocating at every sitting of this Assembly for more on housing for my community. I can safely say that the biggest issue that comes across my desk on a regular basis is the need for housing, a need for a seniors facility, a need for more social housing. Mr. Speaker, I want to refresh you and others at the Assembly today of that need. In 2012 the Nunatsiavut Government, the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador and the Federal Government jointly conducted a housing needs assessment within Nunatsiavut. A summary of that report was released in 2014 and in that report, just to highlight a few, are 15 percent of homes in Nain and 14 percent in Hopedale are overcrowded. Five times the national average. They're at least a hundred and ninety-six family units in Nunatsiavut in need of housing. A family unit is defined as a single person aged 18 or over with or without children or a couple with or

without children. Seventy-six percent live in Nain and Hopedale. Thirty-eight percent of the homes in Nunatsiavut are occupied by multiple family units. There are 50 individuals in the region identified as "hidden homeless." In other words, what we call "house to house" or "couch surfers." Nearly three in four homes, 74 percent are in need of repairs. Nearly half, 44 percent of all homes in Nunatsiavut have mould, the highest prevalence in all of Inuit Nunangat. To add to this, Mr. Speaker, there are currently 59 applications on file with the Torngat Regional Housing Association for new homes. Forty-six of these are coming from the communities of Nain and Hopedale and 68 applications for repairs; 38 coming from Nain and Hopedale. And I understand more are in need but have not applied. Nunatsiavut, more in particular, Nain and Hopedale is in a housing crisis. You've heard it. We've said it. Mr. Speaker, my review of the proposed Consolidated Financial Plan for 2016 - 2017 do show some advancement on housing for my community. We see commitment to construct a six-plex unit and an annual allocation to Torngat Regional Housing Association that will no doubt help, but the need is much higher. New homes or repairs not only provide adequate housing for an individual or for a family, but it also creates economic development and much needed jobs in our communities. I'll use or speak to Torngat Regional Housing Operations as an example. Nearly \$1.4 million, 50 percent of the Torngat Regional Housing 2015 – 2016 budget went into businesses for the construction of homes and land development. It also includes an additional 33 employees hired by

Torngat Regional Housing Association. Mr. Speaker, the Nunatsiavut Government has contributed funds for an affordable Health Repair Program completed this past year which was in partnership with the Provincial Government and continues to contribute on an annual basis to Torngat Regional Housing, and it has approved additional dollars to go towards housing for Nunatsiavut in previous years. Nunatsiavut Housing Needs Assessment showed that we are in a housing crisis. Nunatsiavut Government Consolidated Financial Statements show that the Nunatsiavut Government, in the words of our auditors, is a very healthy government financially, to the tune of an accumulated surplus of \$473 million, nearly half a billion dollars as of March, 2015. Mr. Speaker, I understand it may be challenging and very difficult to find those extra dollars, but it's time now that we use the gain of our financial investments in meeting the housing needs of our communities. Today I ask that we take the time to review the Consolidated Financial Plan of the Nunatsiavut Government and, in addition, seek with our own financial resources to meet the needs of our housing based on the Nunatsiavut Housing Needs Assessment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Nunatsiavut, Member for Nain. I recognize Mr. Roy Blake, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville.

MR. BLAKE:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to send sincere condolences to the family and extended family members of and elder, Alvin Blake of Northwest River, Labrador. Mr. Speaker, Minister Kemuksigak and I are in the final stages of getting out spring newsletter

released. We're hoping this should be available within a couple of weeks.

Mr. Speaker, although the numbers are dwindling, homelessness remains an issue in our community. I made a commitment to them to keep them on the forefront, and I will continue to work hard to alleviate this issue.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to wish our Clerk of the Assembly, Mary Sillett, a speedy recovery. Also wishing Ordinary Member from Canada, Pat Ford, a speedy recovery. Mr. Speaker, I would like to acknowledge a particular individual, this beneficiary should not go unnoticed for her efforts and accomplishments that she contributed over the past four years. She has stood her ground when it came to her people, stood up to other levels of government with a firm hand. I commend you, Madam President. I am proud to have worked with you this past year and 10 months. I wish you all the best in your future endeavours and I hope our paths will cross again. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication from the beneficiaries and myself of Upper Lake Melville. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member. I recognize Ms Marjorie Flowers, the AngajukKâk for Hopedale.

MS FLOWERS:

Nakummek, UKatti. Mr. Speaker, this is a brief report on community activities going on in Hopedale. I want to acknowledge and congratulate ACMS team who travelled to Makkovik to participate in the winter sports meet. Once again they played like champions. In addition to winning medals, their peers voted them as best sportsman-like team. I want to acknowledge the dedication and work put into Cain's Quest Volunteer

Committees who have worked tirelessly to host their check points. As we speak they're waiting patiently for the rest of the teams to arrive and to ensure they are fed and taken care of. This past month has been a busy one trying to get our finances in order and our audits up to date. It is frustrating to know that HICG have monies forfeited due to our finances not being in good standing. I will continue to work closely with the town manager and the clerk to help rectify this problem. HICG are still in a state of emergency to ongoing water crisis. We started losing water pressure on Friday, March 4th. Municipal Affairs and our consultants, AMEC, were quickly notified. AMEC had a consultant on the ground here in Hopedale by Saturday afternoon. We met with the water and sewer crew, set up a plan to deal with the issue. A trip to the American Pond was the first course of action to measure water levels there. Low water levels were ruled out so it was on to the next course of action. Sunday morning the water and sewer crew closed off a valve in the area of town where a leak was suspected. Once this was completed, the water pressure went up and flow rates went down thus indicating there's a leak somewhere in the subdivision area. Monday, March 7th another valve was shut off to localize the leak. However, pressure started to drop considerably and homes in that area started to lose their water. Water for flushing toilets were delivered to those who were affected as well as bottled water. It was recommended by our consultant and on the request of water and sewer maintenance supervisor to start pumping from American Pond, the electric submersible pump, to the intake

chamber on an attempt to bring up the water pressure. Yesterday morning I was contact with Municipal Affairs and we spoke greatly about the state of emergency for the Town of Hopedale due to this unfortunate water issue. Budgell's Construction sent in an operator to help dig up lines and to clear out area where there is significant flooding from the leak. We have major mechanical issues with the town's excavator and, being cold, it's very hard to get equipment going. AMEC has connected with a professional leak detection crew who will also fly in to pinpoint the leak which is consuming so much of our precious water reserve. As we speak, our water and sewers crew are at the American Pond now to try and pump. Every day the water pressure is dropping. Every day someone else loses water in your home, and I think it's time that we really took a long hard look at what are we going to do with this situation. It's been going on for years and it's time for it to stop. On a more positive note I am happy to report we have started a wooding program for a three-week period cutting and hauling wood for senior, single mothers and the sick. Hopefully this will help provide a bit of comfort for our people. In concluding my report I, too, thank President Leo for her work she done for the past four years. Even though I have been only here for a short time, she has always shown great determination and dedication to her position and the people of Nunatsiavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk. I recognize Mr. Dan Pottle, Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency.

MR. POTTLE:

Nakummek, UKatti. On behalf of the Canadian Constituency, I would like to offer best wishes for a speedy recovery to the Clerk of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, Mary Sillett, and to the Ordinary Member for Canada, Ms Patricia Ford. I'd also like to offer best wishes to the Assistant Clerk, Hilda Hunter, as she moves on to other employment. We will miss your friendly disposition and your professionalism. Nakummek for your years of service to the Nunatsiavut Assembly. Congratulations to Tabea Onalik, and all the best in your new role as Assistant to the Clerk of the Nunatsiavut Assembly. Nakummek, UKatti to pages Elaine and Dasi. I trust that you're enjoying your roles here this week, and it is great to see such interest from our youth in the Nunatsiavut Assembly. Finally, UKatti, as we all know, the Nunatsiavut Government will be holding its third Presidential Election in May of this year. It is my hope, Mr. Speaker, that the next President will put more emphasis on the promotion and preservation of *Inuttitut* as per the *Labrador Inuit Constitution, UKatti*, 1.6.5 regarding measures to advance *Inuttitut*. It is recognized that the diminished use and status of *Inuttitut*, the Nunatsiavut Assembly, the Nunatsiavut Government, and the Inuit Community Governments, and Inuit Community Corporations have an obligation to take practical and positive measures to a) conduct business in *Inuttitut* b) provide programs and services and information in *Inuttitut*, and c) advance the use and elevate the status of *Inuttitut* in the case of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, which may include the enactment of Inuit laws and the provision of programs to encourage and support Labrador Inuit to learn and use

Inuttitut. It is also my hope, Mr. Speaker, that *Inuttitut* lessons will be reinstated for Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly and that the new President will use *Inuttitut* in the proceedings of the Assembly more so than the past Presidents who profess to speak and understand *Inuttitut*.
Nakummek, UKatti.

MR. SPEAKER:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member. I recognize the AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Mr. Jack Shiwak.

MR. J. SHIWAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I've got to say it's been a rough and bumpy road for the last three months. I don't know if you're all aware of this, but I have a completely new office staff. And it's been really busy with Cain's Quest. We have a hundred or so military in town, the Winter Games, and trying to hold staff together while we train and try to get on with our work. But, you know, I think we're there. I'm confident in the staff knowing that I can take some time off and use up some of my annual leave before I lose it. The other thing I want to do is thank all the volunteers, especially the volunteers of each community for Cain's Quest. I've been following on Facebook and wherever I can follow it, and it's so good to hear that every racer that's been interviewed or talked to is saying the hospitality's been just great, and I think it says a lot for Nunatsiavut and its people. We know how to welcome people. We know how to treat people and, in many cases, that has been our tradition through the years. Instead of taking too much more time I have to say a few words to the President before she leaves. Four years ago as Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer, it's the first time I think I met President Leo.

She wasn't President at that time, but in talking to her and helping her through the electoral process, I saw her determination. She wanted to get in there to make a difference in the lives of our people and make a difference in the lives of Nunatsiavut as a whole. I think the one thing, Madam President that probably stands out more with me than anything else was during the Ordinary Members election. I, as some of you know, I've been in the electoral process for over 40 years. That's federally, provincially and locally, whatever. I even done a couple of union votes. And it's the first time ever I had some leader call me after election and say thank you for all the hard work. And, you know, I have to say, President Leo, that's one of my fond memories of my 40 years of working the electoral process. I'm hoping that Nannette Blake, our new NEO, does good with this. I do plan to go and visit her within the next couple of weeks and spend a couple of days with her. I'd like to be there as nominations close and so I can help out again a bit. Yeah, so in conclusion, I have to thank you for all the work you've done. I know your determination to help your people. It's been there. I know the will has been there to help your people. But you may not have always gotten your way, but I'm quite sure, even as you walk out of here your mind is still going to be in this office when this house is sitting and when and what's going to — but thank you very much for your time and dedication. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ASSEMBLY:

[Applause].

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Mr. Shiwak. I recognize Ms Kate Mitchell, Ordinary Member for Makkovik.

MS MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, I'd like to congratulate the students and the staff for their performance at the sports meet. That was hosted in my hometown this past week, and especially to Nain for coming for first overall. And I would also like to recognize, I guess, the Cain's Quest and all the volunteers and all the excitement they brought to our communities. And I wish everybody well, especially Postville and Nain, and Perry Dyson, I can't forget Team Kyson because Perry is still in the race. Okay. And I too would like to take this opportunity to thank Sarah for all your hard work and dedication over the past four years. You have represented all of Nunatsiavut well, nationally and in the Assembly. You have been an excellent ambassador for Labrador Inuit and, as the first female President of Nunatsiavut Government, you're certainly a role model for all Inuit women and Inuit girls. And I wish you well in whatever you choose to do in the future. Thank you very much.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Ms Mitchell. I recognize Mr. Sean Lyall, Ordinary Member for Nain.

MR. LYALL: Nakummek, UKatti. Yesterday we talked a lot about the fantastic very memorable event, "Celebrate Life" put off by Ullapisait. Right now I'd like to make special mention to the Chair of Ullapisait who worked very tirelessly day and night, not only prior, but during to put off that event for the residents of Nain. Right now I recognize Carla Pamak. Inuit have always adapted technology. Whatever it was. We always adapted

technology to our own use, our own benefit. We use technology to hunt, to communicate. And I must commend the Department of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology in their initiative to improve the internet service in the community of Nain and the others as well. Right now and in the past we have used the internet to communicate with each other, Inuit. And we have done it on a not-so-great internet service in regards to bandwidth. Saying that Inuit have done spectacular things using that service. Imagine how much more greater things Inuit can achieve with an even better service. So Nakummek. And also on that note while I'm congratulating, I'd like to say hats off to Nunatsiavut Affairs and First Minister Kate Mitchell in your initiative for the six-unit multiplex for the community of Nain. This prototype will ensure and investigate ways to better alleviate the housing crisis, particularly in Nain and, of course, Hopedale and the other communities as well. It's over and above the funding that's already provided to Torngat Regional Housing Association. I'd like to say a speedy recovery to the Deputy Speaker and the Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency, Pat Ford. Also I'd like to wish best wishes to Hilda Hunter, Bubba. Good luck on your future endeavours. You've always been a help in, you know, in my past capacity as speaker, you've been really great. So Nakummek. Yesterday was International Women's Day and we look around the Assembly table. Nunatsiavut has some very, very strong leaders, women leaders. So I just wanted to make note of that and, of course, the Pan Labrador. I do have a video of the event. I'm

currently reviewing it and look forward to tabling it as a document in the near future. One final note. I think I congratulated all Nunatsiavut racers and Cain's Quest yesterday with the exception of one, a Mr. Perry Dyson, from Team 29 Kyson yesterday. He took it upon himself at very short notice to join a team in order to help his friends. The original team composed of Mark Nui and Joachim Nui Jr. Unfortunately there was a family emergency Joachim Nui Jr., as you would, elected to be with his family in that emergency. That left a seat open and knowing Mark and his original family who spent a lot of time out Nutak way, they called Perry on that short notice and Perry joined, and they're doing really well in the race. So that says a lot about Perry and Perry's character. So good luck to them and all racers and Nakummek.

MR. SPEAKER:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member. Are there any further member statements this morning? If there are no further member statements, we'll move onto item five on your *Orders of the Day*, "Returns to Oral Questions." Yesterday the AngajukKâk for Makkovik asked the Acting Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak, about the allocation of \$3.5 million for a seniors home in Nunatsiavut and what exactly is happening to these dollars, and if there has been any feasibility studies conducted for the development of the facility. Further, the Honourable Minister was asked by the AngajukKâk of Postville about the proposed upgrades to the internet services throughout Nunatsiavut. In response to both items I recognize the Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

MR. D. SHIWAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. With regards to the 3.5, in 2008 the *Tasiujâtsaok Trust* allocated 3.5 million for seniors housing in Nunatsiavut. These funds currently sit with the *Trust* and will only be remitted to Nunatsiavut Government as plans are finalized and implementation begins. To the other part of the question, there is no interest being earned on these funds as they're not in Nunatsiavut Government bank accounts. Currently 1.5 million of these funds is being allocated to the prototype home six-plex being built in Nain. Of the six apartments in that home complex 50 percent are being allocated to seniors. The Department of Health and Social Development to the other question from the AngajukKâk from Makkovik. The Department of Health and Social Development is developing a series of questions for elders which guide the Nunatsiavut Government in addressing the issue of housing for elders in Nunatsiavut. Mr. Speaker, to the other question regarding the internet service, from the, I believe the AngajukKâk from Postville, the Labrador North Radio Overbuild Project is broken down into two phases. Like I said yesterday, the first phase planned for 2016 construction season includes the communities of Hopedale and Nain and Voisey's Bay mine site, as well as the upgrade of the network backbone for Northern Labrador. The second phase is planned for 2017 construction season includes the communities of Natuashish, Postville, Makkovik and Rigolet. This timeline is contingent on securing the funding in a timely fashion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. At the January sitting the AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Mr. Herb Jacque, asked the Acting Minister of the Department of Health and Social Development about the possibility of an optometrist visiting Makkovik. The department was also furthered questioned by Mr. Joe Dicker, AngajukKâk for Nain, regarding NIHB meal rates. In response to each of these questions I recognize the Minister of the Department of Health, the Honourable Gregory Flowers.

MR. FLOWERS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In response to AngajukKâk Herb's question, all Nunatsiavut communities, DHS community office and clinics were asked last fall for the need for the optometrist to visit each community and there was no response from Makkovik. In order to make a case for the optometrist to visit, there must be a minimum of 80 individuals requiring this service. If any community has at least 80 names, we will certainly arrange a clinic. And for response number two from AngajukKâk on the meal rates, there is no immediate plan to increase the meal rates for medical transportation. The rates are currently \$12 for breakfast, \$12 for dinner and \$24, supper. They are based on a national NIHB Program. As we are in the middle of a fiscal financing arrangement with Health Canada, we have no additional funds to pay an increase unless we decrease another benefit area to make up the difference. Our meals rates are higher than the province meal rates which are \$20 a day, which we top up to \$48 for our beneficiaries. Also, Mr. Speaker, I'd just like to add that since I've been the Minister of Health we did do a small increase last year. I think it was from \$36 to \$48. So I'm aware of the still ongoing

meal rates and I certainly will be engaging and talking during our financial arrangement to see if we can get a little bit higher than this. So thank you for the questions and thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Are there any further returns to oral questions this morning? If there are no further returns to oral questions, we will proceed with item six, "Oral questions." I recognize the Chairperson for NunaKâtiget, Mr. Gary Mitchell.

MR. MITCHELL: Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. Oral Questions. And my question this morning is for the First Minister, Kate Mitchell. The question is how is the determination made if someone applying to be a beneficiary of the *Land Claims Agreement* and do not know their father and they only get after mother's bloodline? How is the determination made about applying for Minister? Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Please state your point of order.

MR. POTTLE: Just wondering if we were finished on return to oral questions. I asked the First Minister yesterday and she had committed to return that question today. So I just wondered. I don't mean to interrupt the process, but I'm just wondering if that will be done today. Nakummek.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Ordinary Member. The Ministers are permitted 10 calendar days to bring that response forward. So what we can do is just distribute that response to the Assembly Members today, if possible.

Unfortunately, we have gone beyond the item five and again that will be

circulated to the Members for their benefit, and in response to the Chairperson's question, I recognize the Honourable First Minister.

MS MITCHELL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, Chairperson Mitchell for your question. In regard to any membership applications, those would have to be dealt with by the Membership Committees and, like I've said numerous times, that, you know, my responsibility is just making sure that we have the Registrar's Office in place and the committees are in place and that they're meeting within the timeframes and things that are required. So anything to do with a situation like that, we could probably check with Legal and see if they have any suggestions or they can work with the Membership Committees on that issue on that question for you. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Nakummek, Honourable First Minister. I recognize the Chairperson for a supplementary question.

MR. MITCHELL:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. Yeah. Do you mean that they could go to the Registrar's Office or to the Membership Committee to get clarification on how the determination is made if they don't know who the father is? Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Nakummek, Chairperson. In response I recognize the Honourable First Minister.

MS MITCHELL:

Yes, that would certainly be an issue that would have to be dealt with by the Membership Committees and I think in conjunction with Legal. You know, they could best recommend how that would work because for me I

just make sure that everything is in place and that the committees are, you know, having their meetings and everything regularly, but in regard to something dealing with a membership issue like this, I will certainly have no answer for you. I'm sorry.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Honourable First Minister. Does the Chairperson have a final supplementary? I recognize the Chairperson for NunaKâtiget.

MR. MITCHELL: Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. One more question, if I'm permitted. Can they go direct to the legal counsels, or do they have to go to the Membership Committee and they go to the legal counsel on it?

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Chairperson. To respond to that question I'll recognize the Honourable First Minister.

MS MITCHELL: Thank you. No. They would go through the Registrar's Office. The Registrar's Office would be the place for them to go. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Honourable First Minister. Are there any oral questions? I recognize the AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Ms Marjorie Flowers.

MS FLOWERS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the First Minister, and I understand that the Stantec Report is now completed and I'm wondering when it will be presented to Hopedale Inuit Community Government.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, AngajukKâk. I recognize the Honourable First Minister.

MS MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and, thank you, AngajukKâk Flowers for your question. I know you weren't in the Assembly yesterday when I gave an update, and one of the things that I gave an update on was that the preliminary report, even though the final report was supposed to have

been delivered on the 15th of February, we got the preliminary report yesterday and it is now being reviewed by my department and you will be sent a copy of that report. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Honourable First Minister. Does the AngajukKâk have a supplementary? Nakummek, AngajukKâk. I recognize Mr. Richard Pamak, Ordinary Member for Nain.

MR. PAMAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to direct my question to Honourable Kate Mitchell, First Minister. In your statement yesterday you indicated that you continue to advocate for additional housing dollars at both levels of government; federal and the provincial governments, and certainly you indicated that you presented the housing strategy to the federal government. I assume that you presented one to the provincial government too as well. Is there a final housing strategy in place? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Ordinary Member. In response I recognize the Honourable First Minister.

MS MITCHELL: Thank you, Ordinary Member Pamak, for your question. I was just trying to find my letter there that I received from the Provincial Government in regard to a meeting regarding housing, and we didn't get a meeting set up yet, but she did state in her letter that they had received the housing needs assessment and they were interested on hearing about our housing strategy, and that we were trying to get a meeting set up as soon as possible. But she did state in the letter that they do support our

requests to the Federal Government for additional housing dollars for Nunatsiavut. And we've had a good reception as well with meetings for the Federal Government and we've submitted our housing needs assessment and the other information that we have. So we're hoping that we'll get something in both their budgets. Thank you for your question.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Honourable First Minister. To add to that I'll recognize the Honourable President, Ms Sarah Leo.

PRESIDENT LEO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to add to what the First Minister was talking about housing with regards to housing dollars and federal housing dollars. I think I've mentioned it before in the House of Assembly, we've always had some issues with getting federal housing dollars because of the South of 60 off reserve challenge. I was informed last evening that ITK President Natan Obed will be speaking to the senate committee on housing and will certainly be highlighting the challenge we face with regards to federal housing dollars set. That meeting was supposed to take place today, but it's been postponed, and we certainly look forward to the support from ITK in speaking to the senate housing committee on our housing issues.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Madam President. Does the Ordinary Member have a supplementary? I recognize the Ordinary Member for Nain.

MR. PAMAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Certainly great information. I really respect that, and certainly, you know, you're advocating as hard as you can to get

us additional dollars, but my question was you said you presented a housing strategy to the federal government. My question is do you have a final or a housing strategy in place now? And if you do, will we, as an Assembly, see that housing strategy? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Ordinary Member. To respond I recognize the Honourable First Minister.

MS MITCHELL: Our housing strategy that we are working on within the Nunatsiavut Government, we report to the Executive Council that given intervals as where we're at with it, and we go forward then we get approval to do other things. So as part of the housing strategy we have our housing needs assessment, we're doing geotechnical work, and these are all things that part of the housing strategy. So we share what we have with them and it goes back to Executive Council, the work that we're doing on the strategy.

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

MR. PAMAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Certainly I recognize the housing strategy is to be an ongoing plan and so forth but, as a Member of this Assembly, I haven't seen, other than bits and pieces when asked at the Assembly level, of what's in that plan and again will we, as an Assembly see that strategic plan on housing for initiatives for Nunatsiavut? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member. I'll re-direct that question to the Honourable President.

PRESIDENT LEO:

Thank you, and thank you, Ordinary Member Pamak. The housing strategy is going to be very important to where we go with housing in Nunatsiavut. There's a lot of talk today about, you know, using money to put it into the housing strategy. We've been constantly building up the housing fund. Right now there is no housing strategy complete. There are bits and pieces starting to be put together. The strategy itself is not complete because it's a lot more than just saying we're going to give all our money to Torngat and build houses in our communities, or we're going to do this, we're going to do that. Our housing strategy is going to include what existing housing programs are out there, how we may improve those housing programs. I think the First Minister mentioned yesterday in her statement that we've engaged a consultant to look at different housing models and how we may move forward with housing within Nunatsiavut. So that's all part of the housing strategy. The housing needs assessment was part of that strategy. It will be part of that strategy as well. It will play a big part in how the strategy is outlined. The strategy isn't yet complete. It's still in progress, and that'll include all of these things. We have so many people and that fall outside of the current housing programs within Nunatsiavut. We have people that qualify for NLHC homes. We have people that qualify for Torngat. We have, fortunately, people that can go and qualify for their own mortgages and buy their own homes within Nunatsiavut. It's looking at all of those

housing needs and building that into the strategy so that we are looking after our beneficiaries, all of them, in some way, shape or form within the strategy. And I think maybe when you had asked if the First Minister had, you know, if the strategy she had presented if it could be shown here, I think maybe what she had talked about presenting was the housing needs assessment. That's what we had presented to the different levels of government. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Nakummek, Madam President. Are there any other oral questions? I recognize Mr. Jack Shiwak, the AngajukKâk for Rigolet.

MR. J. SHIWAK:

Now thank you, Mr. Speaker. Being one of the old relics myself, I've sort of seen how traditional law where as compared to today's laws when they come to hunting and fishing laws. I used to be the provincial wildlife enforcement officer at one time. I know at your consultation it says you went from community to community. There wasn't a lot of interest in the traditional way of hunting, the rules of our elders, our forefathers, what they passed down. Is there any way or will you consider trying to implement some of our cultural ways or traditional ways of hunting and fishing, what we take, what the bag limits are, when you hunt, all this kind of stuff? Is there any consideration can be given to that when you finish your final report? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Nakummek AngajukKâk. In response, I recognize the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

MR. D. SHIWAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you to the AngajukKâk for Rigolet for a very important question. What you talk about there is one of the common threads, very important common threads that we heard in every community that we visited with regards to consultation. And it's important because there's a gap between what you know and what even my generation knows and what the elders knows to what the youth are doing today. There's a gap that was identified in every community we have to get by. Those were some very strong recommendations that we will have to consider. It is our priority trying to integrate that into recommendations as we move forward in this department because it was identified as a huge gap that we need to fill, and we need to get back to. Yes, we will certainly try and we will try to make those recommendations. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Are there any further oral questions this morning? I recognize Mr. Dan Pottle, Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency.

MR. POTTLE:

Nakummek, UKatti. My question is for the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources. Can you explain to the constituents in Canada why Canada was excluded from the recent fish and wildlife consultations held by your department? Nakummek, UKatti.

MR. SPEAKER:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member. I recognize the Minister of Lands, Honourable Darryl Shiwak, for a response.

MR. D. SHIWAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you for the question. The decision to not go to Canada at this point is not to exclude the constituents of Canada. The decision was made just to go to Nunatsiavut and the communities of Nunatsiavut and the three communities Upper Lake Melville at this point for the in-face feedback. That's not to say we will not consider somehow going to the Canadian Constituency for feedback whether it's through other means, but there has been no decision made to go there yet. The reason that you're looking for, there's no reason behind it. Just a decision has been made to go to Nunatsiavut to and Upper Lake Melville at this point. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Ordinary Member. I recognize the Member for a supplementary question.

MR. POTTLE: Nakummek, UKatti, and Nakummek to the Minister for your response. As we're all aware, Canada has one-third of the membership, therefore, do you think it's not important that one-third of the membership be consulted and their opinions be integrated to any overall findings on these consultations with respect to something that may be developed into a policy? Nakummek, UKatti.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Ordinary Member. To respond, I recognize the Honourable Minister.

MR. D. SHIWAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the contrary. We think the opinions and the recommendations of all beneficiaries everywhere are very important to this department and moving forward and, like I say, we will consider how

we can accommodate the Canadian Constituency in getting those opinions and recommendations. We just have not done that at this point, but it's very important that we get all the opinions of beneficiaries everywhere. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Honourable Minister. I recognize the Member for a final supplementary question.

MR. POTTLE: Nakummek, UKatti. And again Nakummek for your response, Minister. You've answered my question, but I guess I'll rephrase. My second supplementary question is do you have any idea of what timeframe you will be considering for these consultations? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Ordinary Member. In response again I'll recognize the Minister of Lands, Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

MR. D. SHIWAK: To answer the question, quite frankly, no, we don't have a timeframe. As soon as we do, we'll take every means necessary to inform that you and the Canadian constituents are aware of how and when they can be consultants on this process. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Honourable Minister. I recognize the AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Mr. Herb Jacque.

MR. JACQUE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Lands and Resources, Honourable Darryl Shiwak. Makkovik Inuit Community Government is wondering if there's anything new, or what's the latest on the floating docks or break water for the community of Makkovik?

What's the latest from DFO or small craft harbours? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, AngajukKâk for Makkovik. In response I recognize the Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

MR. D. SHIWAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank you for the question. I do not have the latest update, and I assume you're referring to the review that's happening with regards to the dock. I will provide that in a return to oral questions. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Honourable Minister. The Minister will provide that under returns to oral questions and calendar days, we hope. Are there any further oral questions this morning? I recognize the AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Ms Marjorie Flowers.

MS FLOWERS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question will be for the Minister for Health and Social Development. And I guess before I say it, I should have mentioned that we just finished, the Department of Health, hosting a wonderful suicide intervention conference here in Hopedale. At that conference an elder gave an opening speech, and he really had a plea with the town to help him with the struggles of copious amounts of alcohol coming into our communities. This one man, this one elder wanted to make a big difference in our community and I really want to recognize him, Renatus Onalik, but my question is what is going on with the alcohol committee and how can we help this man in his plea to cut

down on the amount of alcohol coming into our community? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, AngajukKâk. To respond, I'll recognize the Minister of the Department of Health, Honourable Greg Flowers.

MR. FLOWERS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Marjorie, for your question which is, I guess, a very important question when it comes to our communities in Nunatsiavut. There is an alcohol committee that is around this Assembly today. We have a couple AngajukKaat on the committee, we have the speaker who's on the committee, and I guess I'm not trying to say in many words, but I was off for three or four weeks, but that's not an excuse. I think that we have to get back on it. And I was talking to the speaker yesterday, about this crisis in our communities that we need to get together and have our alcohol committee meet as soon as possible to discuss this very thing. And I'd just like to say that we're on it, and I've heard it in Nain, I've heard it in Hopedale, that we need to do something about alcoholism in Nunatsiavut. So, to answer your question, right now we will be seriously looking at meeting as soon as possible to discuss, I guess, things that we can bring to this Assembly. So thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Does the AngajukKâk have a supplementary question? Nakummek, AngajukKâk. Are there any further oral questions this morning? I recognize the AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker.

MR. DICKER:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess the question I've been asking at every sitting. My question is directed to Honourable Patricia Kemuksigak. With regards to the Voisey's Bay underground construction negotiations for dollars, she mentioned in her address yesterday that, you know, there was some postponements, I believe, from what I understood to the schedule, I guess, of the plan itself. I was wondering if that's going to affect the dollars being released so that our beneficiaries can go to the LATP persons in their communities to see what areas they can go training for. I guess my question is are the dollars now available and, if so, when can the training start? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk. In response I'll recognize the Honourable Patricia Kemuksigak, Minister of Department of Education and Economic Development.

MS KEMUKSIGAK:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker, and Nakummek, AngajukKâk for Nain. They have not released the call for proposal yet for the new SPF funding. They're hoping it will be before the end of this fiscal year and they think that if it gets approved then the money will start flowing in September of 2016. LATP received funding, extension year funding, from April 1st until September 30th. So the money should be able to carry over and, once September starts, then if the money comes through then they'll start working on the Voisey's Bay Project. However, they won't be able to work on the Voisey's Bay Project until the money is approved. But if people are interested in jobs with Vale, going underground, they can still go through our Post-Secondary Student Support Program or our Inuit

Pathways Program for funding. But until the money is approved and released by the Federal Government for Voisey's Bay going underground, LATP can't offer training in that regard. Nakummek.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Does the AngajukKâk have a supplementary question? Nakummek, AngajukKâk. I recognize the Member for the Canadian Constituency, Mr. Dan Pottle.

MR. POTTLE: Nakummek, UKatti. My question is for the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. As we all know and I think most of would agree we miss *Inuttitut* lessons here when we're in Hopedale. By way of example, yesterday we had some down time so we could have, I think, easily used those three or four hours to gain some more knowledge and skills in *Inuttitut*. I just would like to know from the Minister, are there any plans to reinstate those lessons in this upcoming year? Nakummek, UKatti.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Ordinary Member. In response I recognize the Honourable Sean Lyall.

MR. LYALL: Thank you. Thank you, Member for Canadian Constituency. Thank you for the question. The *Inuttitut* training lessons at the Assembly is facilitated by the Speaker's Office but, of course, as Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism I will gladly assist in any which way I can. Nakummek, UKatti.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Thank you, Ordinary Member. Are there any further oral questions this morning? Before we proceed onto

item seven, "Written Questions," I'd like to call a recess and we will reconvene at 10:45. Nakummek.

(Recess)

MR. SPEAKER:

Prior to recess, we were on item six, "Oral Questions." We will now move onto item seven, "Written Questions." In your binders you'll find a written question directed to the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. This question came from the Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Richard Pamak, related to the Hebron and Nutak plaques that commemorate families that have been relocated and whether or not Nunatsiavut has taken all appropriate steps to ensure that each affected family was included in the plaques at the locations. I'll remind the Assembly of Standing Order 34(4) under "Returns to Questions," where the President or Minister is permitted 10 calendar days to file a return with the clerk and, upon receiving a response, the response will then be shared with the Members of the Assembly. Does the Honourable Minister have anything else to add to that note?

MR. LYALL:

Nakummek, UKatti. Yes. I take notice of the written question and under Standing Order 34(4) I shall return with a response within 10 calendar days. Nakummek, UKatti.

MR. SPEAKER:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Are there any further written questions today? We'll move onto item eight, "Returns to Written Questions." I do not believe there are any returns to written questions today. Item nine on your *Orders of the Day*, "Petitions." Are there any

petitions? If there are no petitions, we'll move onto item 10, "Responses to Petitions." There will be no responses today. Item 11, "Reports of Standing and Special Committees," I do not believe there are any reports today. Item 12, "Tabling of Documents." Are there any tabling of documents today? Onto item 13, "Notices of Motion." There are no notices of motion today. Item 14, "Notices for Motion for the First Reading of Bills." There are no notices today. We'll go onto item 15 on your *Orders of the Day*, "Motions," and I'd like to recognize the Minister of Finance and Nunatsiavut Treasurer, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak, for motion 2-3(1).

MR. D. SHIWAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Whereas the Nunatsiavut Executive Council is required to prepare a Consolidated Financial Plan for each fiscal year and present it to the Assembly, and whereas the Financial Plan for 2016 – 2017 has been tabled in the Assembly, and whereas the Financial Plan should be considered by the Assembly, now therefore I move, seconded by the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, the Honourable Sean Lyall, that tabled document 03-3(10) Financial Plan 2016 – 2017 be moved into Committee of the Whole for discussion in conjunction with Bill 2016-01, the Budget Bill 2016, and that Ms Rexanne Crawford, the Comptroller of the Nunatsiavut Government, be called as a witness.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. The motion is in order. Honourable Minister, would you like to speak to the motion?

MR. D. SHIWAK:

No, thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

MR. D. SHIWAK: I wish to close debate, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Honourable Minister. That will conclude debate. All those in favour of the motion? All those opposed to the motion? The motion is carried. The Financial Plan will be considered in Committee of the Whole at the appropriate time. We'll move onto item 16, "First Reading of Bills." And I'd like again to recognize the Minister of Finance and the Nunatsiavut Treasurer, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

MR. D. SHIWAK: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I move, seconded by the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, the Honourable Sean Lyall, that Bill 20-16-01, Budget Bill 2016 be now introduced and read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Would you like to introduce the bill?

MR. D. SHIWAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, a decade ago the Labrador Inuit set a new course on a new journey, one filled with enthusiasm, dreams and hope. The signing of our *Land Claims Agreement* afforded us the opportunity to take control of our own destiny, and provide us with the necessary tools to build a strong, open and transparent government. It has also enabled us to pursue economic opportunities consistent with our core values. But most importantly it has strengthened our resolve to ensure the best interest of our communities indeed all beneficiaries of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement* are protected. We have made

tremendous progress in the last 10 years, Mr. Speaker. We have a fully functioning government with over 300 employees delivering programs and services to meet the needs of beneficiaries while living within our own means. We have programs and services that are receiving accolades on a national scale, and we're being asked for advice and guidance on how these programs can be emulated. We continue to build relationships and partnerships with other levels of government based on trust, understanding and respect. We continue to seize opportunities that will help us meet the challenges that lay ahead, and we continue to make progress in ensuring long-term social and economic stability for our people in our communities. If we are to effectively invest in our land and our people, Mr. Speaker, we have to build on our relationships. Expectations are high and they will continue to remain high as we strive towards our goal of self-governance. We remain committed in meeting those expectations, but it will take time, hard work, patience, determination and understanding on the part of all elected officials and indeed all Labrador Inuit. Mr. Speaker, as the Minister of Finance, Human Resources, and Information Technology, I am extremely proud to stand here today to deliver our government's fiscal framework for 2016 – 2017. In preparing this budget we have worked fulsomely with all government departments and I'm confident we have made responsible, resourceful and prudent choices. Ten years of continued progress, Mr. Speaker, is something to be extremely proud of. With this budget we are continuing to build on our successes as we lay a solid foundation for the

future. As we are all aware, Mr. Speaker, housing is a top priority for our government. Through negotiations with the Government of Canada, we have been successful in obtaining additional funds to help us deal with some of our housing issues. The inter-departmental housing working group has continued to work diligently on a housing strategy. In preparation of this strategy funds have been committed to research design of houses in a sub-Arctic environment to complete geotechnical surveys of our communities, assisting in community planning for future development and to research and prepare a report on housing, delivering models based on review of programs across this country. This work is a significant first step in the discussion and debate where we go with respect to housing in Nunatsiavut. This is all in addition to work that is being done to address the immediate housing needs. I am pleased to announce, Mr. Speaker, that Nunatsiavut Government has set aside a total of 2.6 million in this year's budget for the Torngat Regional Housing Association. This is an increase of about 4 percent over last year's allocation. As well, Mr. Speaker, the Nunatsiavut Secretariat will continue to explore alternative sources of energy for Nunatsiavut. A consultant was gauged last year to assess current and future energy needs as well as an energy security and to assist with the development of long-term energy strategy. That plan, Mr. Speaker, will include innovative ways to achieve energy security including green energy. The work is in the final stages of completion and we anticipate bringing the strategy to the Nunatsiavut Executive Council for discussion this year. As

elected officials we have a responsibility to protect the interests of all beneficiaries now and into the future. In order to achieve this, however, we must ensure we continue to deliver adequate programs and services that respect our way of life, our culture and our land. And, Mr. Speaker, we must have adequate facilities to ensure we operate effectively and efficiently. The Department of Health and Social Development is in desperate need of a new office, and progress base here in Hopedale. This Financial Plan sets out to address this deficiency by appropriating 1.4 million to begin the process of replacement of the current facility. Illusuak Cultural Centre. The living room from which we will showcase our culture is nearing completion of Phase II. We have been fortunate to secure external funding through the 2015 – 2016 fiscal year. As such the funds budgeted in last year's Financial Plan were not expended and have been carried over to this year. Mr. Speaker, our children are our greatest asset. We need to ensure that they have the education to grasp the opportunities as they arise while understanding and respecting our culture and way of life. To that end the Nunatsiavut Government continues to invest in Inuit Bachelor of Education Program training beneficiaries to become the future teachers of our youth. We've also restructured the Youth Division to have a Regional Youth Services Program Co-ordinator focused on delivery of youth programs and services. This position will oversee the development of a youth strategy and an action plan. The development of a heritage and culturally related projects and programming for Nunatsiavut will become the responsibility

of a new curator-type position budgeted under the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. This position will be integral as we move forward with the exhibit requirements for Illusuak as well as our archaeological collections growth. To move Nunatsiavut forward we must find ways to generate economic growth in our region. A significant under-utilized industry is the arts and crafts sector. In arts and craft a development officer will be hired to assist in this area. This position will be essential in creating visibility and new markets for current artists and to provide opportunities for professional development for existing and emerging artists and craftspeople. As in previous years the Nunatsiavut Government continues to support a fund for the purchase of fishing opportunities such as quotas and licences. A total of 1.4 million is currently available in a fishery fund; money that comes from fees received from fishers and fishing companies. The Department of Lands and Natural Resources has in turn received a draft policy on the potential future use of this fund. We will continue to support other programs including the Lake Melville Base Line Environmental Study, the Sustainable Communities Initiative, Going Off, Growing Strong, just to name a few. As noted earlier, Mr. Speaker, we have made significant strides since becoming a government. The progress we have made is a direct result of sound fiscal management that is the envy of most governments across Canada. That is something we should all be proud of, Mr. Speaker. This year's budget will allow us to build on that progress we have made, and I am confident the choices and decisions we make

today will result in even more positive change in the years to come.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Honourable Minister for that introduction. The motion is in order. Would anyone like to speak to the principle of the bill? If no Member wishes to speak, does the Minister of Finance and Nunatsiavut Treasurer wish to conclude the debate?

MR. D. SHIWAK: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I wish to conclude debate.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Honourable Minister. That concludes debate on first reading. Is the Assembly in favour of approving Bill 2016-01 on first reading? All those opposed? The motion is carried and, accordingly, Bill 2016-01, the Budget Bill 2016, has had first reading. I would again like to recognize the Minister of Finance, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

MR. D. SHIWAK: Honourable Speaker, in accordance with Standing Order 54(3), I seek unanimous consent to waive Standing Order 54(1) (d) to have the Assembly proceed to second reading of Bill 2016-01, the Budget Bill.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Honourable Minister. The Minister is seeking to waive Standing Order 54(1) to proceed with the second reading of Bill 2016-01, the Budget Bill 2016. Is the Assembly in unanimous consent? Is there any opposition? There is none. Honourable Minister, you have unanimous consent and the bill can proceed to second reading under Item 17, "Second Reading of Bills." We are still on the first reading of bills and, again, I would like to recognize the Minister of Finance and Nunatsiavut Treasurer, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

MR. D. SHIWAK: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I move, seconded by the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell, that Bill 2016-02, the Torngat Co-op Loan Bill, be now introduced and read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Would you like to introduce the bill?

MR. D. SHIWAK: Guarantee for Torngat Fish Producers Co-operative. The fishery has been and continues to be an integral part of the Labrador Inuit culture and Nunatsiavut's economy. Torngat Fish Producers Co-operative is the only fish plant operator in Nunatsiavut employ many beneficiaries as well as supporting harvesters from Nunatsiavut. For the 2016 fishing season Torngat Fish Producers requested a loan guarantee from the NG of \$750,000, a decrease from last year's request of a million dollars. 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 their operations. This allows the Torngat Fish Producers to go into overdraft during key months of their operation. The Nunatsiavut Government has never had to act on this guarantee and, since 2015, has security placed on this guarantee. Our government is recommending that Nunatsiavut Assembly support this bill to provide a loan guarantee of \$750,000 effective from May 1st, 2016 to December 31st, 2016 with the appropriate security to be put in place. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Honourable Minister, for the introduction. The motion is in order. Would anyone like to speak to the principle of the bill? If no

Member wishes to speak, I recognize the Chairperson for NunaKâtiget, Mr. Gary Mitchell.

MR. MITCHELL: Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. Does this mean we can ask any question on this bill? Nakummek.

MR. SPEAKER: Chairperson, at this point we are speaking to the principle of the bill, and as to whether or not you can voice your agreement or disagreement or your opinions on it. It is not a question period at this point in time. Is there any members who wish to speak at this point?

MR. MITCHELL: Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. Did you say I could ask a question? No, I can't ask a question, not until question period. Okay. Nakummek.
Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Chairperson. Is there any Member that would like to speak to the principle of the bill? If no Member wishes to speak, does the Minister of Finance and Nunatsiavut Treasurer wish to conclude the debate?

MR. D. SHIWAK: Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to conclude debate.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Honourable Minister. That will conclude debate on first reading. Is the Assembly in favour of approving Bill 2016-02 on first reading? All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried. And, accordingly, Bill 2016-02, the Torngat Co-op Loan Bill has had first reading. I'd like again to recognize the Minister of Finance, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

MR. D. SHIWAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In accordance with Standing Order 54(3) I seek unanimous consent to waive Standing Order 54(1) to have the Assembly proceed to second reading for Bill 2016-02, the Torngat Co-op Loan Bill. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek. The Honourable Minister is seeking unanimous consent to waive Standing Order 54(1) (d) to proceed with second reading of Bill 2016-02, Torngat Co-op Loan Bill. Are there any nays? There are none? Minister, you have unanimous consent and the bill can proceed to second reading at the appropriate time. Members, we are still on the first reading of bills and, once more, I will recognize the Honourable Minister of Department of Lands and Natural Resources, Darryl Shiwak.

MR. D. SHIWAK: Thank you again, Honourable Speaker. I move, seconded by the Minister of Health and Social Development, the Honourable Greg Flowers, that Bill 2016-03, the Commercial Fishing Camps Authorization Bill 2016, be now introduced and read for the first time. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Minister, would you like to introduce the bill?

MR. D. SHIWAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In the absence of a Land Use Plan the *Labrador Inuit Lands Act* requires a person who wishes to develop any Labrador Inuit Lands, (LIL), for commercial or industrial purposes to petition the Assembly for an act of the Assembly authorizing the development on such terms and conditions as the Assembly may deem necessary and desirable. The Nunatsiavut Government has received two applications

for leases of one hectare portions of Labrador Inuit Lands for the purposes of operating commercial fishing camps. Both cases involve existing fishing camps for which previous leases from the Province has expired. With the consent of the Nunatsiavut Executive Council, the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, on November 24th, 2015 brought forward to the Assembly two petitions based on those applications; one on behalf of Adlatok Limited and one behalf of Newfoundland and Capital Corporation Ltd. The Assembly approved both petitions on that date. As Minister, I informed the Assembly that I would bring the bill to the Assembly to the January 2016 sitting. This is the March sitting and the bill is coming forward today. This bill, if approved, would authorize the Nunatsiavut Government to grant a lease for a one-hectare piece parcel or lot of Labrador lands with parcel bill 14, I map Atlas sheet 81 for purposes of operating a commercial fishing camp for Adlatok Limited and authorize Nunatsiavut Government to grant a lease for one-hectare piece parcel or lot of Labrador lands parcel, LIL 20 map Atlas sheet 101 for purposes of operating commercial camp to Newfoundland Capital Corporation Ltd. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister, for the introduction. The motion is in order. Would anyone like to speak to the principle of the bill? If no member wishes to speak, does the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources wish to conclude debate?

MR. D. SHIWAK:

Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to conclude debate.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Honourable Minister. That concludes debate on first reading. Is the Assembly in favour of approving Bill 2016-03 on first reading? All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried and accordingly Bill 2016-03, Commercial Fishing Camps Authorization Bill, has had its first reading. I would like to recognize the Honourable Minister for a motion.

MR. D. SHIWAK: In accordance with Standing Order 54(3), I seek unanimous consent to waive Standing Order 54(1) (d) to have the Assembly proceed to second reading of Bill 2016-03, Commercial Fishing Camps Authorization Bill 2016. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Again the Member is seeking unanimous consent to waive Standing Order 54(1) (d) to proceed with second reading of Bill 2016-03 Commercial Fishing Camps Authorization Bill, 2016. Are there any nays? There are none. Minister, you have unanimous consent and can proceed with the second reading of bills at the appropriate time. We'll now move onto item 17 on your *Orders of the Day*, "Second Reading Bills." I'd like to recognize the Minister of Finance, for the second reading of bills.

MR. D. SHIWAK: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I would like to make a motion. In accordance with Standing Order 42, to allow for consideration for Budget Bill in Committee of the Whole. Therefore, I move, seconded by the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell, that Bill 2016-01 be referred to Committee of the Whole for consideration with Ms Rexanne Crawford, the Comptroller of Nunatsiavut Government, as witness.

MR. SPEAKER:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. The motion is in order. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried and we will enter into the Committee of the Whole where we will consider the Financial Plan 2016 – 2017 and then Bill 2016-01, the Budget Bill. Ms Crawford is joining us at the table. We will begin with the review of the Financial Plan. This documentation will be vital in guiding the discussions of the Budget Bill as being considered largely for information purposes. After we review the Financial Plan, we will then do the clause-by-clause reading of the actual Budget Bill. To now consider and speak to the Financial Plan I'll recognize Ms Rexanne Crawford.

MS CRAWFORD:

The Financial Plan document is this one, it says, "Financial Plan 2016 – 2017." Under Tab 5. The Department of Finance Human Resources and Information Technology is responsible for the completion of the Annual Financial Plan for the government. As noted in the *Constitution* it has to be approved by the Nunatsiavut Assembly and, as well, we always have to have to a balanced budget. The main source of revenue for the government is the *Fiscal Financing Agreement*. It's an agreement negotiated between the Government of Canada, the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador and Nunatsiavut Government at five-year intervals, or other periods as agreed upon between the parties. We are in five-year intervals. The *Fiscal Financing Agreement* sets out the programs that we have to provide, although we do have the authority to set the dollar amounts and allocate funds between each of the programs. So the annex to the *Budget Act* reflects the allocation of the funds for the

upcoming fiscal year. One of the key features of the *Fiscal Financing Agreement* is that, as we all are aware with the *Contribution Agreement*, if we don't spend the money in the year we receive it, we have to send it back. The *Fiscal Financing Agreement* allows us the ability to carry over funds so we can plan for bigger projects. Infrastructure projects, capital works projects in our communities, they take sometimes multiple years to complete. So when we talk about internally-restricted funds, those are funds from the *Fiscal Financing Agreement* that we have carried over, we haven't spent in one year and we've carried it over. But under our law in order for us to spend it, we have to appropriate it. So what we have done is under the schedule, brought it all in to the *Budget Act* and allocated from the program areas that it was allocated for in the previous year. So the biggest one is housing. So there's about \$7.361 million related to housing initiatives; 3.677 million for education programs and services and 1.224 for economic development initiatives. The Inter-departmental Housing Group has been working very hard and diligently on the housing strategy. So of the funds restricted for the housing strategy and housing initiatives, there's currently 3.2 million committed for the following initiatives: The multi-unit prototype home in Nain, which we've heard discussed over the last two days, research on delivery models for housing programs, again, ongoing work, and geotechnical work in the Inuit communities. Two summers ago Nain was done. The geotechnical survey in Nain was completed. Hopedale is in a draft report form which we just received this past week, and the plan is to move

forward with the remaining three communities in this construction season. The Department of Education is currently implementing the Inuit Bachelor of Education Program. There are also commitments to assist Inuit businesses such as Torngat Fish Producers Co-op, Nunatsiavut Solutions through Base Camp with the marketing of their business ventures. And the Economic Development Division has recently just added two new positions focused on looking at opportunities to generate revenue and create opportunities for Labrador Inuit. Again, this was spoken, I believe, in one of the minister statements. Are there any questions on the *Fiscal Financing Agreement*?

MR. POTTLE:

Just a clarification, if I may ask for that. Rexanne, going through under the *Fiscal Financing Agreement* it's saying that we've received approximately \$46 million from the Government of Canada. Now I may be ahead of myself here, and I'll probably be called to task for that if I am, but going to the *Budget Act* itself it says bring the following amounts received from the Government of Canada under the *FFA* into the amounts available to the Nunatsiavut Government for the fiscal year starting April 1st, 2016, for a total of \$58 million.

MS CRAWFORD:

Mm-hmm.

MR. POTTLE:

How does that differ from the 46 that's outlined in the text of the *Fiscal Financing Agreement*?

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Thank you, Member, for Canadian Constituency. I recognize Ms Crawford.

MS CRAWFORD: On page 16 of the annex in the *Budget Act*, there are two components of the *Fiscal Financing Agreement*. So each year we have current year funding and of this year the number is about \$46 million which we will receive in the current year, and then we have the money which we've internally restricted, which is 12.358, and that brings your total of 58.344.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Ms Crawford. Any further comments or questions on that matter?

MS CRAWFORD: So there are other sources of revenue which we call our own source revenue. The larger ones are personal income tax dollars and GST dollars. These are based on projections provided by the Government of Canada. So in the fiscal year we're currently in, we were able to increase the annual remittance from the Government of Canada related to personal income tax from 3 million to 3.8 million. These are estimates, and at the end of each year there's a calculation that the Government of Canada does to reflect actual figures and adjustments are made either at the end of an audit or regards to actual dollars received, they will then remit them to us. But because they're not budgeted, we can't spend it so we carry over those dollars into the next fiscal year and we budget it in that year so we can spend it. In 2007 or 2008 we had received an additional payment in relation to personal income tax, just over \$2 million. And we can go back to last fiscal year when we were going through the Financial Plan, we had brought in a million dollars of that additional payment into our revenue. Because what happened was they gave us the money, then they said hold on a second we're not sure you

actually earned that money or it's yours to keep. They told us to hold onto it while they went through an extensive audit process of the personal income tax returns filed. And when that review was done of that time period they then came back and said, no, it is your money to spend. So what we have done is we brought in half, just a little under half of it last year. We're bringing in another million this year into our budget so that now we can spend. The annual remittance for GST in 2015 was increased to 2.188 in 2015 which reflects an increase in the consumption data, and again there is an agreement, a GST agreement, with the Government of Canada. It has a complicated formula on how they actually calculate the amount of GST that gets remitted to us. Adjustments to this annual estimate are remitted to the NG and then again appropriated in the fiscal year after it's received because we can only appropriate what we know we're going to get, and then any adjustments we reflect in the next fiscal year. Interest and investment income are based on a projection of the interest earned on our bank accounts and on our own Nunatsiavut Government investments. The *Implementation Trust Deed* does state that they have to give 50 percent of any investment income earned in their calendar year, in their fiscal year, to the Nunatsiavut Government. And in this upcoming fiscal year we have budgeted \$5,995,000, which reflects 50 percent of their investment income earned in that year.

MR. SPEAKER:

I recognize the Member for Nain, Mr. Pamak.

MR. PAMAK: Yeah, and just a quick question on that, Rexanne. Certainly if you look at the Implementation Indenture it does state in there that, you know, there's 75 percent must go back to capital transfers, and also indicates that any interest earned, 15 must also be reinvested kind-of-thing, and it says in here, the actual word, but you're saying 50 percent reviews from investment income from there. According to indenture, it looks like we could access probably 85 percent. Am I reading it correctly?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Pamak. Mrs. Crawford.

MS CRAWFORD: The *Trust Implementation Deed* tells the trustees that they must set up a capital reserve account. That capital reserve cannot be touched. The funds cannot be distributed or used for any matter. So the capital reserve has to have 75 percent of all the capital dollars put into that capital reserve, and 15 percent of all the income earned in that year has to also go into that capital reserve. So if we go back to the numbers, and I'll use a round number, there was \$12 million of investment income earned in the 2015 calendar year for the *Implementation Trust*. Fifteen percent of that 12 million gets put into a capital reserve that cannot be used. Fifty percent of that 12 million comes to Nunatsiavut Government that we can appropriate under our *Budget Act* for our programs and services and running of the government.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Ms Crawford. Any further questions or comments on that?

MS CRAWFORD: Another source of revenue we have is mining royalties and has been mentioned in the past. In the years that we've received additional mining

royalties we have put them into internally restricted fund. I know a few, probably two or three years ago a ministerial statement was given to state that, you know, given with the impact of Long Harbour coming on stream and underground mining, these all impact the mining royalties that the Government of Newfoundland and the Nunatsiavut Government received from the Voisey's Bay mine. So our plan was over the about a five-year period was to allocate equal amounts over that five-year period for government operations, and we're doing it according to what the plan we had spoken about in the past. The Nunatsiavut Government collects access fees from fishers for the use of the Nunatsiavut Government fishing licence. This has been occurring for the last three years. We also received some revenue from fishing companies if they go offshore, the remaining amount of our quota that may not have been used by our fishers, and I'm not sure if I'm explaining that appropriately. But so again approximately \$300,000 is collected on an annual basis and again we've appropriated that because if it's not budgeted, we can't spend it.

Probably the most difficult piece to understand in our *Budget Act*, is the other source of revenue called a surplus. So we budget our surplus. But we have to adjust what use. So in September when the auditors come in, they present a Consolidated Financial Plan or financial statements. The Consolidated Financial Statements reflected that we had \$9.467 million in a surplus. This is composed of three entities. It's consolidated. So we have the Nunatsiavut Government, we have the *Settlement Trust* and we have the *Implementation Trust*. The accumulated surplus, again, the 453

million that was mentioned earlier today again is composed of three entities; the Nunatsiavut Government, the *Implementation Trust* and the *Settlement Trust*. The surplus is an accounting principle. So it also includes non-cash transactions that will be reflected either as a revenue or an expense on the financial statement. And I'll use a simple example. There are complex ones that go through there. But a very simple example is when we buy a vehicle, or a skidoo, it gets recorded on our balance sheet, our statement of financial position. So it's not shown on the statement of operations as either revenue or an expense item because it's an asset. Every year when we use our car or a skidoo, the value deteriorates. We know we can't sell it the next year for what we bought it. So an expense is recorded. It's called amortization, to reduce the value of that capital asset. But we don't actually pay out any cash for that deterioration in its value. So it's a non-cash item. So even though it may say 9.4 million-dollar surplus, that doesn't mean \$9.4 million in cash that we've earned. So I've gone through and done a calculation to come up with what the surplus would be for the Nunatsiavut Government and that's the amount that we budgeted, which is about \$362,000. You know, in looking back from last year to this year where are the savings? what have we done? We can't run a deficit in the government and, you know, sometimes there's savings due to vacancies in positions, and people go on maternity leave, new positions are appropriated and not filled on April 1st, less spending on professional fees and travel and also, thankfully, we are able to avail of external sources of funding which help

offset some of our operating costs, our program costs. So are there any questions on the other sources of revenue?

MR. SPEAKER: I recognize Mr. Pamak.

MR. PAMAK: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Certainly, you know, in review of the consolidated plan for this year, I went back and I looked at the surpluses that were in the consolidated statements for 2015 and in 2015. I recognize, you know, part of the \$12 million that you indicated earlier in the *Fiscal Financing Agreement* was carried forward from 2015 to this fiscal year, but in the financial statement of March, 2015, there was accumulated surpluses of \$38 million which included other funds from mining and mineral rights acts, personal income tax, renewal resources fund. All this year has indicated that the government has decided to set aside certain funds in the amount of, in this case, \$38 million for future operations of government. Certainly I recognize you moved over 12.3 million through the *Fiscal Financing Agreement*. Will there be any movement on the other additional — the difference between the 38 and 12 into this Fiscal Financial Plan. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Pamak. Ms Crawford.

MS CRAWFORD: As I noted, under the other sources of revenue, a bulk of the internally restricted funds is mining royalties, and we have appropriated \$4.6 million of that into other sources of revenue for the ongoing operations of the government. The renewal fund has been budgeted. When we get to the departmental budgets you'll see that there is approximately \$1.4

million in a fishing fund. I believe the Minister, in his budget speech spoke about that and to be used to avail of fishing opportunities and photos because, as we're all aware, if a fishing opportunity happens you have to act on it quickly and if we were to try to come back in between the five sitting schedule to get approval from the Assembly in order to spend that money, we may have lost that opportunity. So we do bring in all the renewal fund related to the fishing. We've brought in 4.6 of the mining royalties. We've brought in \$12 million of the internally restricted funds, and there is a small amount under the Environment Division that has been brought in for some of their programming as well. That's under the renewable, I think it's called, the renewable fund as well. Sorry. And we have brought in \$1 million of the personal income tax, which I refer to above, and in the first paragraph it talks about bringing in \$1 million of the internally restricted fund there related to personal income tax.

MR. SPEAKER:

Nakummek, Ms Crawford. I recognize Mr. Mitchell.

MR. MITCHELL:

Thank you, Mr. Chair. No, I'd just like to make a comment here that I'm glad Rexanne explained the surplus issue because in my statement I might have led people to believe that people that are not here and listening to our broadcast might — when I talked about surplus yesterday might have got the wrong message that we carry over a big surplus and why don't we spend it? But in the discussion with Rexanne yesterday she explained what the surplus, and surpluses are put into future budgets for budgets down the road, like two years away would be taken from last year's budget. So I'm glad that was explained because it gives us a better

picture of what a surplus is, and it's not always a big surplus at the end of the year that just sits there like a cash surplus, and I thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Nakummek, Chairperson. I recognize Ms Leo.

PRESIDENT LEO:

Thank you, Mr. Chair. And I just want to, you know, carry on a bit with what Minister Mitchell said, especially talking about the royalties, the Voisey's Bay mining tax royalties. We had a big lump sum a while ago, and the government took the responsibility of putting that aside, knowing that we probably won't be getting more and in preparing for the future, and I think that speaks a lot to how responsible the government is with regards to Inuit money that's coming in and looking forward and being prepared for the future and, you know, we would love to be able to take \$40 million, \$30 million, even \$50 million and address the housing situation in Nunatsiavut. But we just can't do it at this time. We still have other operations to fund. And when we're looking at housing, it's a lot more than just housing as Hopedale is probably quite familiar with as well as Nain to some extent. You can't just go and build houses. You have to have the land, you have to have the lots, and you have to have the suitable land. Even here in Hopedale, unfortunately, you have to have the water capacity to be able to provide homes. So it's a lot more than just building houses in our communities, and that's one thing I think that this government has really been responsible with in moving forward in that direction and being aware of all of these factors that come into play when you're doing your budget and when you're getting lump sums of money and how you're going to look after the future because this money

is here for, not just the people that are here today, but for the rest of the Inuit to come for generations.

MR. SPEAKER:

Nakummek, Ms Leo. I recognize Ms Crawford to perhaps continue on with the presentation if there are no further questions at this point. I recognize Mr. Dicker, AngajukKâk.

MR. DICKER:

Thank you, Mr. Chair. I just want a clarification, I guess, with the *Fiscal Financing Agreement* itself. You know, with situations like we have here in Hopedale, as I mentioned earlier, that, you know, with the statement made by the Minister of Health, when we meet as Joint Management Committees, it was asked that all the other communities consider Hopedale's situation. You know, there's only a certain amount of dollars set for joint management, with this *Fiscal Financing Agreement* there in the first paragraph, it says that the *FFA* sets out certain programs and service that the Nunatsiavut Government has to provide. However, the Nunatsiavut Government does have the authority to set the dollar amounts for these programs and services. My question is that with that authority in the situation that's been here for a number of years now with this budget, is it possible for this Assembly to identify dollars for that problem that's been ongoing now and continues to be poking its ugly head and causing Hopedale residents to, I guess, not feel safe, to have a safe water supply, and things like that and no land for housing. You know, is it possible to use that authority, is my question, I guess. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Nakummek, Mr. Dicker. In response perhaps I'll recognize Ms Crawford.

MS CRAWFORD:

So under the *Fiscal Financing Agreement*, there are monies set aside for capital works and there are monies set aside for housing. I guess my first question would be as comptroller is do we have a sense, and I will say, you know, with the Joint Management Committee, I know in last year's allocation there was additional funding given to Hopedale for leak detection, for valve replacement, for pumps, for the refilling of supplementary pond, American Pond, and there was success in receiving some additional funding from Municipal Affairs to help with these, a cost-shared project. I guess my first question would be what is the amount that's required? There is also, you know, I guess, what is the amount that's required that would address this situation? and are we at that stage yet, or what is it that you would require to address it, I guess.

MR. SPEAKER:

Again I'll recognize Mr. Dicker.

MR. DICKER:

I'm not speaking on behalf of Hopedale, I guess, I'm making a comment. I would suggest that AngajukKâk for Hopedale and the Ordinary Member pursue it further. It was mentioned that the report from Aivek/Stantec was now in the hands of the Nunatsiavut Government. In that report do you expect to have recommendations as to, you know, which way to go? I mean, like, right now I know that it's going to cost millions of dollars just to fix the Band-Aid, I suppose. I shouldn't call it Band-Aid, but temporarily find a solution to the current problem. It's been ongoing for years as stated, and I think that, you know, it's time to set some money aside to at least begin to work towards the solution. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

To add to that, I'll recognize Ms Leo.

PRESIDENT LEO:

Thank you and I'm going to answer because inter-governmental affairs comes under the President's Office and we are involved with the Joint Management, but I think it's that, you know, to answer Mr. Dicker, and we're more particularly talking about the Hopedale situation, we did invest some money in helping Hopedale address their emergency last year. It was an emergency. It was a Band-Aid situation, but I think it's the Hopedale Inuit Community Government has to have a plan in place to address their water situation, and I think they are working towards that. I don't think they're quite there yet, but I think they are getting there. I think with their new leadership I think they will get there sooner than later. It's a lot more than just saying we need a new water supply or we need this. If you look at their town plan there's a lot more involved because there's Labrador Inuit Land involved. The town plan needs to be seriously looked at in how they're going to address their water supply, but I can understand Mr. Dicker had asked the question about moving around *FFA* dollars and that's where we started and we sort of got a little carried away in talking about particular situations, but maybe, Rexanne, if you could just sort of explain a little more about the whole process of moving around *FFA* dollars which is, I think, what the question started at.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you, Ms Leo, for that clarification. I recognize Ms Crawford.

MS CRAWFORD:

So I will just kind of step back one step and, as you did state, is that we have to provide under the *FFA*, and we have a commitment to Canada that we have to carry out all those programs and services. So we do have flexibility in certain areas. We receive a certain amount of governance,

you know that we may not need for our governance. We've allocated it to housing or to address the housing situation. And, again, looking at housing, its complex. It's not just about building the house. It's about the geotech work. It's about ???? etcetera. There is a clause under the *Budget Act* as well that allows monies to be moved between departments should there be a requirement to do so. That's one way where we also have flexibility even after the *Budget Act* is approved. But, you know, I think that's kind of where your question is coming from.

MR. SPEAKER:

Nakummek, Ms Crawford. Are there any further questions or comments? Ms Crawford, you can proceed, please.

MS CRAWFORD:

I'll read on page four, the Projected Budget and Five-year Plan. And the way this Financial Plan is in conjunction with the annex so it follows that same flow. The projected budget for the Nunatsiavut Government includes other components, one of which is the contingency reserve. So as per the *Labrador Inuit Constitution* the government is required to maintain a contingency fund, and there's four reasons of why that fund would be used. 2.5 percent is set aside every single year based on the 2.5 of departmental expenditures, and in the current year it's \$424,000, which brings the accumulated contingency reserve to 3.36 million. When you look at the Consolidated Financial Statements there is an amount for the cash and a liability that for the contingent ability and those, we have a separate bank account where we keep this contingency reserve amount. Inuit Community Corporations, there is an amount of \$154,000 budgeted for the two Inuit Community Corporations, which is an increase

from last year which was 150. The authority for the approval of the budgets of the Inuit Community Corporation lies with the Nunatsiavut Executive Council and that's as per the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*. And there are four mandates listed under this Constitution for the ICC's and that's where the budget is always addressed against. One of the schedules in the *Budget Act* is a five-year plan and, as you'll note, the overall budget for the government will decrease in 2018 as capital infrastructure projects are completed in 2017, and I'll get back into the capital infrastructure projects in another category.

MR. SPEAKER:

Do the members have any questions or comments at this point in time?
Ms Crawford.

MS CRAWFORD:

The next three pages are on the departmental budgets. I'll say up front what I didn't put into the Financial Plan, I kind of highlighted in this document, it was new or larger projects we were working on. So there are times in here where there's a general statement about their continuing to work on the programs of their department or working on capacity building or economic strategies. You know, I take under consideration, I heard the statement yesterday about some of the details in the Financial Plan and that's very well received and those are things that in the future, you know, we will build into this document so, you know, it has more information. So the mandate and functions of each department of the government are outlined in the Nunatsiavut Government organizational order. And so the overall departmental budget for the government is fairly consistent year over year. There's not

a big change, a big jump in percentage up or down. The Nunatsiavut Secretariat is responsible for planning and priority setting of the government setting the legislative agenda as well as intergovernmental relations. They are also responsible for external public information and communications and for Nunatsiavut visual design, otherwise known generally as the Resource Centre. So for the upcoming fiscal year the department will continue to support ITK and Inuit Circumpolar Council activities, they will continue with their work. They're looking at alternative sources of energy and an energy plan for Nunatsiavut, finalization of the negotiation of Mealy Mountain National Park and continuing to move forward with policy development and information management and corporate documents. Nunatsiavut Visual Design has budgeted for the purchase of a new cutter for its printing and publication work, a much-needed capital asset. Are there any questions on the Secretariat? Nunatsiavut Affairs is responsible for the implementation of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement*, housing, legal services, the Registrar Beneficiaries Office and public property. So currently there is the regional membership co-ordinator contract position. This was hired for a very specific purpose to fulfil a duty under the *Land Claims Agreement*. This project's in its final stages which is why this position is no longer required, and you'll see there is a decrease in the salaries because of that. They are budgeting and requesting a filing clerk be added to help them manage the extensive amount of documents in their office. And the actual expenditures for the membership committees and

workshops in the Inuit Appeal Board has been decreased from the previous year. We've gone back and done, you know, budget forecasting for it as well, so looking at previous expenses, and the requirement for this activity is 200,000. Are there any questions on Nunatsiavut Affairs?

MR. SPEAKER: I recognize Mr. Pottle, Member for Canadian Constituency.

MR. POTTLE: I don't have a question under Nunatsiavut Affairs *per se*. I meant to — you're moving pretty fast. I just had a quick question on Nunatsiavut Secretariat. And can you tell us that don't see it in the line items in the budget as well, how much funds Nunatsiavut Secretariat would be putting into supporting ITK and ICC activities?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Pottle. I recognize Ms Crawford.

MS CRAWFORD: Yes. Currently in the upcoming year we're budgeting \$100,000 for ITK and \$75,000 for Inuit Circumpolar Council.

MR. SPEAKER: I recognize Ms Leo.

PRESIDENT LEO: And those amounts are increased from previous years. Previously we had only supported ICC in the tune of, I believe it was, 25 or \$75,000. We do a lot of work with ITK and ICC both. We have a lot of programs that we run with them. There's a lot of interaction. We have the National Inuit Committee on Health. We have the National Strategy on Inuit Education. I can't remember the title of it. Plus there's a lot of work between Lands and Resources. So there's a lot of interaction between the two. Unfortunately under the previous federal administration ITK got its funding cut by 75 percent, I believe it was. They even ended up having

to lay off staff because the four Inuit regions are the board members, and members of ITK, ITK had approached all of the regions to ask if they would step up in some of the support where the Federal Government had pulled out, and each of the regions had agreed to support in however they can. Some of the regions are giving up to \$150,000. I believe NTI is up to \$150,000. Makkovik may be up to \$100,000. We felt through the Secretariat that we could support ITK to the tune of \$75,000 and that's where the increase came in.

MR. SPEAKER:

Nakummek, Ms Leo. Before we proceed onto Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology, I believe we'll entertain a question from Mr. Mitchell.

MR. MITCHELL:

Thank you, Mr. Chair. Seeing we're back at the Secretariat, I just have one quick question. Where you say in your exploring alternative sources of energy for Nunatsiavut, are you working in conjunction with a plan to work in conjunction with another agency to find alternative sources like Nalcor or somewhere?

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you, Mr. Mitchell. I recognize Ms Leo.

PRESIDENT LEO:

Right. Now we had, I want to say, Chris Hedderson. He's an energy consultant. He's coming up with an energy strategy. We haven't engaged any, like, Newfoundland Power or anybody like that. We're looking at different ways that we can provide energy into our communities that are relying on diesel power and different ways that we could heat their

homes or that sort of thing. So we haven't engaged any electrical company or providing company yet.

MR. SPEAKER:

Nakummek, Ms Leo. At this point I'd like for the Assembly to break for lunch. We will return at 1:20 and resume discussions in Committee of the Whole on the Financial Plan.

(Recess)

MR. SPEAKER:

We are now back in the Assembly and in the Committee of the Whole. We will resume our business with the presentation on the Financial Plan from Ms Rexanne Crawford, and we will pick up on Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology. Ms Crawford.

MS CRAWFORD:

So our back on page five of the Financial Plan, Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology, there's no change in the plan operations for our department. We do have a small decrease in our budget request, and this is driven by a decrease in the requirements for capital equipment for IT and savings due to the change from our Gmail email system to the Outlook 365. On page six, Lands and Natural Resources. As we're all aware, Lands is responsible for Labrador Inuit Lands and all Natural Resources in Labrador Inuit Lands, both renewable and non-renewable, the management and regulation of Inuit harvesting, protection of environment, establishment of exploration standards and the approval work plans, establishment and management of protected areas in LIL and the implementation administration of the IBA's. So there is an allocation for the purchase of two capital assets, the construction of

a Quonset hut for the storage of equipment in Nain and the purchase of a new boat for Nain. The Non-renewable Resources Division will continue to develop a mining policy for Nunatsiavut and will be involved in the review of permitting for the Voisey's Bay underground expansion and as such a budgeted addition of professional fees to assist with these items. As I mentioned earlier when we were talking about the revenue and the fishing fees and under internally restricted funds, the renewable resources fund where the access fees that have been collected from fishers, when you look at the departmental budget they have a revenue line item of 1.4 million and then over 1.7 and then a program of 1.4. That's where those funds, the revenue is budgeted and the expense and, as I explained before, we have to budget it because if we didn't have it appropriated we wouldn't be able to spend the money and we'd have to come back to the Assembly to seek authority to do so. There are some other program funding like the Lake Melville base...

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Dicker, do you have a question? I recognize Mr. Dicker.

MR. DICKER:

With regards to the area of compensation for Inuit harvesting, that money was there for years and years. Is it still in the Lands and Resources? I remember that, you know, I haven't heard of anybody applying for compensation, lately not in my own community anyway. I think there was a substantial amount of money that was in that budget. I was wondering if that's carried over, or is it allocated somewhere else?

MR. SPEAKER:

Nakummek, Mr. Dicker. To respond, Ms Crawford.

MS CRAWFORD: The Harvesting Compensation Fund is a part of the *Tasiujâtsaok Trust* so that money has to be spent for the purpose of which they've allocated it. So you wouldn't see it in this *Budget Act*. And your question about what has been spent? I'm unable to answer it at this time, but, you know, we could go back to the trustees or when they come in September would be a question for them.

MR. SPEAKER: I recognize Mr. Shiwak.

MR. D. SHIWAK: Well, as you remember from my minister statement that I made yesterday, there was an allocation made from that fund. There was an application made to the Harvesting Compensation Fund for Students On Ice, and there was an allocation made of that for 25,000. That's the latest I know about, but we can certainly contend.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Mr. Shiwak. Any further comments or questions?

MS CRAWFORD: So, as I was saying, there are other program areas as the continuation of the Lake Melville Base Line, environmental study, ongoing initiatives under the Sustainable Communities Initiative, the Going Off, Growing Strong Program, Northern Contaminants Program. There's a fund for land reclamation. Those are some of the programs that they are continuing on with in the current year. So under Health and Social Development, the majority of the funding for that department and their programs and services comes under the *Fiscal Financing Agreement*. You'll note under the annex, and there's a schedule there for the *FFA* dollars, about \$21 million appropriated to the Department of Health and

Social Development. That being said, there is some money budgeted this particular *Budget Act* and the section under the Youth Division, they've added a position called the Regional Youth Co-ordinator to look at issues on a regional level. And the department also continues to budget for a position and programming to address food security issues in Nunatsiavut, and that's two of the main initiatives that are under this departmental budget section. Education and Economic Development. They're continuing on with a number of programs and strategies that have been ongoing for at least the last one to two years, and so they're responsible for promoting the economic development of Nunatsiavut and the education of Inuit. They continue to implement programs in relation to education, capacity building and the development of economic opportunities. And some areas that they're doing this is by having a wage subsidy program to help our beneficiaries gain experience in their field. So one of the things that has come out is that, you know, you can educate a Labrador Inuit, but they don't have experience, it's hard for them to get their foot in the door with the job. So these wage subsidy programs through Inuit Pathways and monies that we budget under this *Act* help our students be able to get the relevant wage experience that they require. Under Economic Development, they continue to look at public and private STRAG partnerships. They're in the process of looking at developing some economic development strategies, looking at exploration of other business opportunities. Culture, Tourism and

Recreation has a very broad mandate and I'm not going through all their mandate has documented in this particular document. They do...

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Mitchell, you have a question?

MR. MITCHELL: In regard to Education, Economic Development, in my statement there they had mentioned school board getting money. The school boards still get money from that department for school board programs in Nunatsiavut. I think they used to get \$150,000.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Mr. Mitchell. To respond I recognize Ms Crawford.

MS CRAWFORD: Under the schedule for the *Fiscal Financing Agreement*, you'll note a line item called Secondary Education. We continue to support supplemental programs related to language and culture programming, whether it's *Inuttitut* emergent classes, Inosivut, and I know I'm not going to pronounce this right, Illusavut, and it's anywhere from 2.9 million to \$3 million that we use to support these programs through salaries and program materials.

MR. SPEAKER: I again recognize Mr. Mitchell.

MR. MITCHELL: This money goes directly to school board for administering some of those cultural programs in Nunatsiavut as in previous years?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Mitchell. Ms Crawford.

MS CRAWFORD: Yes, they do. We get a budget from the school board on an annual basis. We require an annual report to be submitted to us outlining what programs, what areas we've supported, what the outcomes are of those programming and things like that. So for the accountability of the dollars,

the money will come to us and then we will enter into an agreement with them.

MR. SPEAKER: Once more I recognize Mr. Mitchell.

MR. MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr. Chair. One other question on that department. They used to fund funding for Torngat Arts and Crafts. I think that was the only craft agency on the coast that was funded by Nunatsiavut Government, to my understanding. Do Torngat Arts and Craft still get funding from that department?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Mitchell. Ms Crawford.

MS KEMUKSIGAK: Torngat Arts and Crafts get funded through the community Economic Development Program. We have yet to receive a proposal from them yet for the next fiscal year, but usually we do fund them, partially.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Minister Kemuksigak. Any further questions or comments at this point? If not, Ms Crawford, you may continue.

MS CRAWFORD: So the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism have budgeted for two new positions. One, I know the title's a curator and it may be misleading. It's a curator-type programming position, one that will help with the exhibit requirements of Illusuak. It will also be integral in developing and implementing various heritage programming within Nunatsiavut as well as managing, filtering and sharing Nunatsiavut's growing archaeological and ethnographic collections and a wide range of cultural and heritage-related projects and programming. The second position that they have requested to be added to their department is an

arts and development officer. And this is particularly essential with regard to creating visibility for our current artist and for the artists working in remote areas through promoting their work to potential clients to galleries and other stakeholders as well as connecting artists with opportunities they might not have been aware of. It's also about developing new artists as well providing training, workshops, grants, professional development, residencies, travel, and exchange opportunities, exhibit requests. This position will act as a spokesperson for the Nunatsiavut arts and crafts industry representing both artists and Nunatsiavut Government. The department also continues to budget for a wide range of programs that they have been doing and been doing for a number of years. Different programs like the Language Nest, Labrador and *Inuttitut* Training Program, some programs that they have done for artists. There's the Hebron Ambassador Program and restoration work of Hebron. There's marketing and consultants for tourism. Archaeology continues to budget a number of different projects each year. Some are carryover each year. They're working on a Place Names Project which is taking a few years to complete. They budget for a heritage forum and budgeting to look at the Hopedale Moravian Mission and provide support there. And that's just to name a few. If I had to list out every program we'd probably be here another hour, but they do have a wide range of programs that they do on a regular basis. Under recreation, they continue and will continue to support Torngat Recreation Commission, as well as they have some funds for our Community Recreation Program

which I know I saw it advertised on the front there. That's been established for, you know, six or seven years at least.

MR. SPEAKER: I recognize Mr. Mitchell.

MR. MITCHELL: I have one question on there's an upcoming conference this fall, Inuit Studies Conference. I think it's sponsored by Munn. Is the Nunatsiavut Government Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism involved or spending money on this conference?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Mitchell. To respond to that I recognize the Minister of the Department, the Honourable Sean Lyall.

MR. LYALL: Yeah, thank you for the question and yes, we are heavily involved in hosting this conference in St. John's, international conference, Inuit Studies, and this marks really our entry back into the Inuit Studies Conferences in regards to having a more bigger presence by Inuit. These conferences were more scientific in nature and academic, but we will be bringing more to the table, traditional knowledge. Nakummek.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Minister, for the clarification. I recognize Mr. Dicker.

MR. DICKER: Nakummek Itsivautak. With regards to every few years there's an Arctic Winter Games that goes on in Northern Canada. And I have never, I guess, seen but just under invitation only I think Nunatsiavut, the representation, is there any monies budgeted for this? Are we planning on joining those kind of activities and possibly Nunatsiavut?

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Mr. Dicker. In response I recognize the Honourable Sean Lyall.

MR. LYALL: Yeah, thank you for your question. At this present time no, there's no money budgeted for the Arctic Winter Games. I know there was discussion in the past in regards for Nunatsiavut to enter the Arctic Winter Games and it just got to the discussion stage. I'm open to pursuing that further, but that would have to be on the agreement of the Arctic Winter Games Committee.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Any further comments or questions related to Department of Culture? I recognize Mr. Pamak.

MR. PAMAK: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I guess, yes, my question is more to the delivery of the Labrador *Inuttitut* Training Program. I know that we'll probably get into it a little bit later, but can you tell us, roughly, how much is going to be budgeted for the delivery of that program for this coming year?

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Mr. Pamak. And again to respond to that I'll recognize the Honourable Minister.

MR. LYALL: Yeah, Nakummek. Under that particular program subsidy, and it falls under culture and language. And in regards to that question Labrador *Inuttitut* Training Program I budgeted in this budget \$300,000.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Any further comments or questions related to CRT? If not, Ms Crawford you may continue.

MS CRAWFORD: The next schedule that you'll see in your *Budget Act* will be the Nunatsiavut Assembly schedule. We have discussed and dealt with and approved that budget yesterday. The schedule related to the Implementation Plan, the budget for the Implementation Plan is set

under Annex (D) of the Implementation Plan. And that's a document, an agreement between the three parties, Government of Canada, the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador and the Nunatsiavut Government. And what it does, it sets out the annual budget for the co-management boards and the dispute management board. And so those numbers have been agreed to between the three parties and this is our contribution to those boards. Capital infrastructure. We have a schedule for capital infrastructure. In the 2016 – 2017 year the Nunatsiavut Government is budgeting for three capital projects. So as the Minister spoke in his budget speech, you'll note if you look back to the current budget year we're in, we had \$1.6 million budgeted for to spend on Illusuak of our own source revenue. We were not required to use that funds this year because we were successful in obtaining some external funding from the Government of Canada. As such, if we need to budget it in this fiscal year, and so it's a timing issue and, again, if we don't have it budgeted we can't spend it. So that's the carryover, the commitment to the Illusuak Cultural Centre. As well...

MR. SPEAKER: I recognize Mr. Pottle.

MR. POTTLE: Just a point of clarification, I guess, if I can ask for that, Rexanne. You mentioned previously \$1.6 million allocated for Illusuak and wasn't required to spend any money in this fiscal year, so is that a total of 1.6 million or \$800,000 that's being used for Illusuak for this year. I believe we have budgeted over two years, \$1.6 million for the project.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Mr. Pottle. Ms Crawford.

MS CRAWFORD:

I believe in actually this past fiscal year the current *Budget Act* we're in, 2015, it was 1.6. Our plan when we had looked in the couple of years ago was doing 800,000 each year, but we didn't need to do that because of the way the other funding sources were coming in. And again as was mentioned earlier, we are budgeting to look at new office and programming space which is desperately needed in the community of Hopedale for the Department of Health and Social Development, as well as an amount to look at staff housing and make the necessary upgrades to some of the current housing and look at the needs for any additional housing for employees. And that brings us to the end of this particular document.

MR. SPEAKER:

I recognize Mr. Dicker.

MR. DICKER:

I'm not sure if this is the right place to ask this question, but with regards to transport, I guess, for Nain, I know that DHSD has a lot of trucks and four-wheelers and skidoos up there, and the Nunatsiavut Government administration has a side-by-side and a skidoo. But the person that takes care of the property he's driving back and forth transporting people that's coming from planes or to planes, and I think that under the *New Roads Act* that was introduced back in 2014, I believe, and what I found out last month, you know, we need as a government officials in travel, we need to get those. People can't travel without wearing seatbelts or can't sit on back of trucks, open vehicles without seatbelts. Is there any monies budgeted to get a vehicle to transport employees back and forth;

ministers and, you know, directors and that, you know, safely. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Mr. Dicker. Ms Crawford.

MS CRAWFORD: I know that is an area that's currently under discussion within the management of that department, and so it's something we can get back to. The *Act* has been in force, I think, for about two years or three years. What the *Act* says is that you can only carry as many people in any vehicle that you have as the number of seatbelts you have. So if you'll notice here we now have a Ford Flex for the Assembly sittings because in a truck you can only take three people and the number of trips that would have to be made back and forth on a truck to carry us all to the Assembly sittings necessitated the need for the Assembly to purchase a vehicle that could take seven passengers. But in relation to your question, that is a matter under discussion and there are some funds that could be used for that matter as we move forward. But as a side-by-side I believe they can still be transported in a side-by-side, just only would be able to take the number of seats you have.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Ms Crawford. Again I'll recognize Mr. Dicker.

MR. DICKER: Okay. Thank you for that. Now with regards to the volume, I suppose, of people that pass through Nain. We pass through here three, four times a year, Assembly sittings. Will there be a seven-passenger vehicle like here to accommodate the capacity in Nain? I guess that's my question.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Mr. Dicker. Ms Crawford.

MS CRAWFORD: I'm sure that all options will be explored as to what is the best option for that building and for that community.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Ms Crawford. Any further? I recognize Ms Leo.

PRESIDENT LEO: I just sort of wanted to add my comment. I know what Mr. Dicker is talking about. It's about the position we have in Nain for our maintenance guy who does so much running around for everybody. I know that the department is in discussion in getting him a truck. Whether or not they get him a seven-passenger van is, you know, irrelevant. But I think one of the things to remember in Nain is that position does a lot of running around for everybody. He's picking up freight. He's picking people up from the airport, dropping people off from the airport, but the one thing is when people do come in for the Nain admin building a lot of times they're staying at the hotel and the hotel vehicle is also there to provide transportation as well. But I know that department is in discussion in getting him a truck which is so much needed for his position.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek for that clarification, Ms Leo. Any further comments or questions related to capital infrastructure? I recognize Mr. Pamak.

MR. PAMAK: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I guess and sorry to go back, but I've got to back to Culture, Recreation and Tourism. Indicated that they got \$300,000 for the delivery of LITP. Can you tell us, you know, what are you going to deliver with that small, in my opinion, small amount of money on such a very important issue within Nunatsiavut? What are your deliverables?

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Mr. Pamak. To respond I'll recognize the Honourable Minister.

MR. PAMAK: And I just don't want a telephone this time like last time.

MR. LYALL: Well, it's okay. My office is right next to yours so you can ask me anytime. In regards to the Labrador Inuit *Inuttitut* Training Program, 300,000, we can build on that and in conjunction with the new director of culture we'll definitely be looking at ways to expand. First and mainly we will complete the modules that the people are taking at college right now and then expand on that program for sure.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Honourable Minister. To add to that I'll recognize Ms Crawford.

MS CRAWFORD: So I guess just to expand on what Mr. Lyall said is, you know, 300,000 is a great amount for leverage as well. So it allows us to be able to use our own contribution to be able to access other funds. The other piece is that it is currently being piloted through the Inuit Bachelor of Education Program and as it's being piloted there are kinks and things being worked out through each of the modules because you know you can sit down in a room and write any program and it's not till you actually get on the floor and start delivering it that you realize that maybe some of the program materials need to be tweaked and added to or adjusted for the classroom or learning setting. I don't want to sometimes it might not be taught in the classroom, but so those are the two pieces of where they are right now. And I believe that there are discussions internally within the

department as well as what's the next step? You know, now that once we get through this pilot how do we begin to phase it out into other areas?

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Ms Crawford. I recognize Mr. Pottle.

MR. POTTLE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Just going back to a question again on capital infrastructure relative to Illusuak. With this now previously budgeted and, I guess, carried over \$1.6 million that would lead me to think that we were actually \$5 million short. So are we still \$3.4 million short with respect to the completion of Illusuak? We phased in the project over three phases. I believe we just completed Phase II. So are we still with this \$1.6 million carried over still in a shortfall for the completion of the project?

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Mr. Pottle. Ms Crawford.

MS CRAWFORD: We are nearing the completion of Phase II. There were some items of Phase II that were not able to be completed in this past construction season that are due to be done as soon as the snow goes and it starts to warm up. We are not \$5 million short for the construction of the building. We were always about 3.3 to 3.8. I don't have my numbers in front of me. I apologize, but I can get them and send them out afterwards. So we were successful in receiving notification last week that we have received an additional \$1.5 million from a federal government department. There will be an announcement hopefully I think after Easter. So, unfortunately, I don't want to say which department we're

allowed to disclose. We have funding from the Government of Canada in the amount of 1.5 million. We have proposals in with another department and a couple of other sources and we're optimistic and hopeful that we will be able to receive funds to complete this beautiful building, and we're moving forward with all the pieces of it. As you note, one of the things we spoke about in the new position would be to continue with the development of the exhibit requirements and the programming that will be delivered through Illusuak.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Ms Crawford. Any further comments or questions related to capital infrastructure? I recognize Mr. Dicker.

MR. DICKER: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Capital infrastructure. The second last sentence, you said that the Nunatsiavut Government had received notice that there is a high possibility of receiving funds in the next month. Is this the fund that you're referring to now, or is that something totally different?

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Mr. Dicker. Ms Crawford.

MS CRAWFORD: These were the funds I was talking about. This document was sent out to all the Assembly Members, and after it was sent out, I believe it was only Thursday or Friday we received notice that we were successful.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Ms Crawford. Any further comments or questions? I recognize Mr. Pottle.

MR. POTTLE: I don't have a question. I just have a comment. That's good news on Illusuak. Thank you for sharing that.

MR. SPEAKER: I recognize Mr. Mitchell.

MR. MITCHELL: With regard to capital infrastructure, it says the NG has received notice of a high possibility of funds the next month that will need to be spent by March 31st. So do you have a plan in place to spend those funds in the next two weeks? No? Nakummek.

MS CRAWFORD: So I'll take you back to last year's budget. We had \$1.6 million budgeted of our own source revenue, of our own dollars, and we had moved ahead with Phase II of the project. So we now are just changing who the source of the funding were and completing our claims back to the Federal Government agency to get our funding. So, yes, it's gone.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Ms Crawford. Any further questions or comments? If not, I believe we are finished with the presentation of the Financial Plan. And we will now move onto the Budget Bill. I will remind the Assembly of the process for second reading where we review the bill clause by clause and page by page. If Members have comments or questions, you're permitted 10 minutes at a time. If you have further questions or comments they'll be addressed after the other Members have had an opportunity to speak. I will remind the Members of Standing Order 19(2) (c) and we'll call a Member to order if they raise a matter which has already been decided during the current session. The consideration of the Budget Bill will begin on the Annex to the bill and I ask the Members to turn their attention to page seven, Annex A. Members, you now have a moment for consideration and Ms Crawford will be guiding the discussion as well.

MS CRAWFORD: So this first page of the Annex is a summary page that breaks down by department, the funds. It's called Administration, so it's our own source revenues and where the funds are coming for each department for *Fiscal Financing Agreement* giving a total dollar amount by department. This total dollar amount by department ties back into the beginning of the *Budget Act* when we break it down by departments.

MR. SPEAKER: I recognize the AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker.

MR. DICKER: Nakummek Itsivautak. With regards to *Fiscal Financing Agreement*, I get mixed up. We, as AngajukKaat, for community governments, we were asked not too long ago by email to look at extra monies that we think that we need because yourself and Isabel were going to the government for the next five years negotiating and you wanted something that's earlier so that, you know, you could meet the deadline, I guess, or their timeframe. I just need to understand that so I'm not confused with this current budget. Is the budget for the Joint Management Committee totally different from this budget, or is it a part of the package? That's my question. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, AngajukKâk. Ms Crawford.

MS CRAWFORD: So I'll address your first question. The request that came out from Isabella and myself, our current *Fiscal Financing Agreement* is due to end March 31st, 2017. So we were in the process of developing the mandate that will be brought to the Government of Canada for our next *Fiscal Financing Agreement*. And that is the email request that went out to all

the AngajukKaat looking for information on what we need to build into our mandate. That negotiation is just at the very beginning stage of developing mandates. That's not any of these numbers in here. So the number that you see on this page for Inuit Community Governments of 9.5 is composed of two items, one is the operating dollars for the Inuit Community Governments, and the other is the amount for capital works projects which the Joint Management Committee is responsible for its allocation between the different projects.

MR. SPEAKER:

Nakummek, Ms Crawford. Are there any further comments related to page seven right now? I recognize Mr. Pamak, Member for Nain.

MR. PAMAK:

I don't really have a question. Just more of a comment, I guess, that, you know, in reviewing, you know, the Financial Plan and certainly looking at the overall cost of operating for this fiscal year and looking just for the Department of Culture and Recreation, certainly, this kind of said that, you know, it's hardly said around this table, hardly any discussion on language, and language, to me, is right up there amongst housing. And I did just some calculating and you look at the budget allotted for Culture, Recreation and Tourism, I recognize that within that department there's so much happening. Rexanne, you talk a bit about it. You've got Traditions and Transitions. That's ongoing. There's so much happening in that department. There's a lot of development in that. But there's very little new money outside of existing programs since last year for advancing or development of further delivery of the language. You look at the numbers. It's only 3.1 percent of the annual budget that goes into

the language. Very small. It's no question, but that's a comment on my part just to recognize that, you know, it's a very portion of our budget.

MR. SPEAKER:

Nakummek, Minister Pamak. I'll recognize Mr. Lyall in response.

MR. LYALL:

Thank you for that comment. Would you like me to comment on your comment? Okay. If I will Chair, if that's okay with you? You're looking at the numbers there, but last year the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism had an increase of 10 percent in their budget. This year represents another 10 percent increase in their budget. The largest increase of any department. In regards to *Inuttitut*, the Department of Education and Economic Development also does a program in regards to *Inuttitut* on education. Rexanne, would you like here to elaborate?

MR. SPEAKER:

Nakummek, Mr. Lyall. To add to this a bit I'll recognize Ms Crawford.

MS CRAWFORD:

Yes. When you calculate your 3 percent, you're looking at the *Fiscal Financing Agreement*, and one of the things we have to recognize in the *Fiscal Financing Agreement* that those are set programs and services that we have taken down from the Government of Canada. So there are one, or maybe two smaller programs that we have taken down to the *Fiscal Financing Agreement* and other programs are allocated between the departments. So when we look at what we're paying under the own source revenue, the administration side, there was a 10 percent increase in the current year, and in the past year when you take out the money that was allocated for looking at the exhibits, there was because that was a capital expenditure budgeted under the culture department. There

was an increase in their overall budget reflecting the commitment to the culture and language and heritage programming in government. So it's sometimes hard just to look at year over year to take that number, but you have to take out that one piece on the capital infrastructure the year before.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek. Is there a Member who has yet to speak related to page seven? I recognize Ms Flowers.

MS FLOWERS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for Rexanne. My mind today is kind of going to the water situation so I think I missed what you were trying to explain to Joe about the joint management. My question is this amount here under Inuit Community Governments, is Joint Management included in this amount?

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, AngajukKâk. In response I recognize Ms Crawford.

MS CRAWFORD: It may become clearer as we get to the last two pages of the Annex because that's where the money is broken down under the *Fiscal Financing Agreement* for this particular line. This is a summary page so it's just gathering up the information in separate schedules. So I think if I may differ till we get to those two schedules that would be probably more helpful.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Ms Crawford. I recognize Mr. Pottle.

MR. POTTLE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. A quick question, I guess, more of an observation and a part question, I guess, and I never dealt with this during my tenure as the former Minister of Finance. Under *Fiscal Financing Agreement*

allocation dollars I note that there's nothing there for the Assembly or the Secretariat. Is that because there's no appetite for fiscal financing negotiations to provide any federal dollars to help offset the running of the Assembly and dollars for the Secretariat?

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you, Mr. Pottle. In response, Ms Crawford.

MS CRAWFORD:

It's the way we've worked out the numbers. So the *Fiscal Financing Agreement* has a certain amount for governance, and the amount that we allocate for governance, I think, is under, when we try to put it by department, we don't actually say it's by a particular department, although for this schedule purposes we put it with the Department of Finance. So that's our governance dollars which actually then comes over for the general administration. If you look at the dollars that are used for using the government administration there is a line item for *Fiscal Financing Agreement*. They're not specific for the Assembly. They're not specific for the Secretariat, but it's specific for the overall government. We don't allocate our personal income taxes revenue to a particular item in running of the overall government. We don't take our governance dollars and allocate it to a particular item. So it's not that there's no appetite. It's the way it's kind of reflected in the budget.

MR. SPEAKER:

Nakummek, Ms Crawford. Any further questions or comments for the page seven or an individual who has yet to address the floor? I recognize Mr. Pottle again.

MR. POTTLE:

Thank you for that response, Rexanne. I think going forward as an Assembly Member it would be nice to see dollar amounts allocated instead of being wrapped up somewhere else like you gave the example of governance and the dollars that are I guess what I'm trying to say, would be nice to see in the various, I guess, departments, the dollar figures attached to that would be a truer reflection, I think, of what dollars are going into where if those two departments, the Secretariat and the Assembly wasn't left blank, if you get my drift. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Nakummek, Mr. Pottle. Any further questions or comments? I recognize Mr. Mitchell.

MR. MITCHELL:

Nakummek, Mr. Chair. I just want to make one more comment on our budget, the NunaKâtiget Inuit Community Corporation. I brought up this before in the Assembly that we had applied for a \$4,000 increase in our budget and I explained why we wanted the increase because we wanted to implement some programs into the corporation. This was mentioned before, but I just have one, while I've got the opportunity I just want to have one more kick at this. And that is whoever denied the increase in our budget which we had applied for for basic sewing course and firearms acquisition because we were told that these were not Nunatsiavut Government programs, I wonder why because NG sponsors a lot of programs in college, university, you know, Inuit Pathways, and yet sewing and FAC licences are part of our culture. So I just can't see why we were denied that money because they're not NG programs when this is how we made our start by sewing and hunting. So I just wanted to

have that comment because we didn't get the increase. We got so much of what we requested. We got \$2,700 out of 4,000. I just want to make that comment that I do believe that those programs that we're trying to get money for to get our people trained for sewing or FAC for hunting, I think that that should be acceptable to get the funds to do that for our people who can't afford to spend this money together themselves. We're trying to offer something here so people can have these skills, and that's just the comment I want to make. Nakummek, Mr. Chair.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Mr. Mitchell. At this point I'd like to call page seven to a vote. All those in agreement with page seven? Anyone against page seven? We'll now turn our attention to page eight.

MS CRAWFORD: Page eight is a summary reflecting a breakdown of two categories. Section 1 will be on page 9 and Section 2 goes back on page 16 in further details. So it's just a summary number.

MR. SPEAKER: Any questions or comments related to page eight? If not, is the Assembly in agreement? We'll now turn our attention to page nine.

MS CRAWFORD: Page nine is our sources of revenue. And, as I discussed in the Financial Plan, it's composed of personal income tax, interest in investment revenue. There's some of the dollars from *Fiscal Financing Agreement* related to governance and to capital infrastructure for Department of Health, the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Implementation Trust* which gives us 50 percent of their investment earned in their year. GST Agreement. There's some program revenue which is broken down on the

departmental budget page. The access fees from fishers which we discussed. Mining royalties. Rental revenue from the renting of our apartments and a very small amount from facilities and the surplus which we discussed in detail during the Financial Plan discussion.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Ms Crawford. Any questions or comments related to page nine? I recognize Mr. Dicker.

MR. DICKER: Thank you, Mr. Chair. With regard to mining tax royalty, how was that calculated? And I know that nickel prices are down this year, same as oil. You know, royalties are the money that you make from the price of the product, I guess. Is it a percentage base that's set to make these calculations? Or do you look at investments? I don't know. I don't know how this works. I'd like an explanation.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Mr. Dicker. In response I recognize Ms Crawford.

MS CRAWFORD: When it comes to mining royalties we don't project the amount that we're going to receive in the future. This money that we have brought into the budget is money that we had received in the past, hadn't had appropriated and spent and had developed a plan to spend over a five-year period because we knew that mining royalties are subject to commodity prices. They're also subject to capital expenditures and various other factors within that actual company, you know, the commissioning of Long Harbour, capital infrastructure going into Voisey's Bay. We've been very cautious and very prudent. We always save. When we've gotten the money, we'd saved it until the day that we do

need it. And so the money that's brought in is the amount we require to bring ourselves to a balanced budget while maintaining the overall government plan of taking our reserve and allocating it over five-year periods. I think it was last year's financial statements we only received just over \$300,000 in mining royalties. You know, that's the impact of the commissioning of Long Harbour and the impact of the nickel prices.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Ms Crawford. I'll recognize Mr. Dicker again.

MR. DICKER: Did you say that this is set every five years?

MS CRAWFORD: No.

MR. DICKER: No?

PRESIDENT LEO: Sorry, Rexanne, you're way too technical. It's quite simple. A few years ago we got a big lump sum of money when nickel prices were good and Voisey's Bay was doing really well. The government, at that point, decided they didn't want to spend it all so they put it away, didn't appropriate it. Instead they came up with a plan knowing that we wouldn't be getting a steady amount every year and that they would probably be going down because we are losing money now because we're taking the cost of building Long Harbour out of it so we're losing because of that. Long story. Anyways we're getting less money from Voisey's Bay. We're getting less mining tax royalties. The government knew this was going to happen so when they got that big lump sum when Voisey's Bay was doing well, they put it away and worked out a plan so

that every year they would take a certain amount to put into the government and save the rest. Okay?

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Ms Leo, for that clarification. Any further questions again, I'll recognize Ms Leo.

PRESIDENT LEO: Again a comment, not a question. I think I just want to point out, maybe Rexanne, you can step in a little bit on this. You'll notice the personal income tax line item and we've seen this line item on here for a few years, and most people are aware that the income tax that we pay living in Nunatsiavut, that's where this amount comes from. So when you do out your income tax and you check off that you live in the Land Claims Area, the Nunatsiavut Government gets all but 5 percent of that money which, in fact, means that this isn't the Canadian income tax. This is actually a Nunatsiavut tax that the CRA is administering for us. So it's really important for the people that live in the Land Claims area to check that little box that you do live in the Land Claims Area and the income tax you're paying is not going to the Government of Canada. It's going to your government, the Nunatsiavut Government.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Ms Leo. I recognize Mr. Lyall.

MR. LYALL: And further to that, it only applies to beneficiaries living in Nunatsiavut.

MS CRAWFORD: Yes, it's all residents living in Labrador Inuit Lands regardless if they're a beneficiary or not. We get 95 percent of your federal income tax and there is an Inuit law for personal income tax as well that the Clerk could get for you and it's on our intranet.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Ms Crawford. Is there any Member who has yet to comment or question on page nine who'd like the opportunity to do so? I again recognize Mr. Dicker.

MR. DICKER: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Could someone also explain to me what GST agreement is? GST is a popular word in Nain for beneficiaries. So I'm not sure how this one works here.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Mr. Dicker. In response I recognize Ms Crawford.

MS CRAWFORD: This is the Goods and Services Tax. So when you go to the store the percentage of tax that you pay on the goods that you buy, we have an agreement with the Government of Canada that there is a certain percentage of the GST that's collected in Labrador Inuit Lands, gets remitted to the Nunatsiavut Government. It's not as simple as 95 percent. It's complicated and has based on population and various different numbers, but essentially when you go to the store and you pay your GST on your item, there's a percentage of that that comes back to the government.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Ms Crawford. Any further questions or comments related to page nine? I recognize the AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Mr. Herb Jacque.

MR. JACQUE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'd just like further clarification on the personal income tax if Ms Leo would. My question is how is this figure? What's it based on? It's just the people that had their income tax complete because there could people who don't have their income tax completed, not for years. I'd just like a little clarification, please. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Mr. Jacque. Ms Crawford.

MS CRAWFORD: So the Department of Finance and the Government of Canada provides an annual estimate to us and so the estimate of what gets collected in Nunatsiavut right now is \$3.8 million. And as every year that occurs so right now they're auditing the year 2013. They'll go through all those tax returns. They've got some system developed. And if there are additional people that didn't tick the box and should have, they'll go back and adjust that estimate to reflect an actual figure. But it is an estimate based on the number of returns that are filed. So I think if you know of someone who hasn't done a tax return, they should because that's money that could come back to Nunatsiavut Government and again programs and services that we could deliver into Nunatsiavut. But that's where there's a calculation. 3.8 is there estimate. There's an addition million dollars that we had received a lump sum payment in 2008 which we're bringing in from internally restricted funds, and the remaining amount was an adjustment from the estimate to an actual for a prior year.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Ms Crawford. Any further questions or comments related to page nine? If there are no further questions or comments, I will call page nine to a vote. All agreed? We'll now turn our attention to page 10.

MS CRAWFORD: Page 10 takes various components per program, revenue and departmental budgets are in much greater detail on page 12. The Contingency Fund, we discussed earlier going through the plan is 2.5 percent of departmental budgets and, as per the *Constitution*, there are four various uses of that contingency. I do want to draw attention to the

Own Source Revenue clawback, or the OSR clawback, \$724,000. We have an *Own Source Revenue Capacity Agreement* with the Government of Canada which states it comes in over a 25-year period, I think. I can't remember how it's smoothed in now, but a certain percentage, 1.5 percent or 2.5 percent is added each year, and so this number will continue to grow. Last year we had to remit \$588,000 to the Government of Canada. This year it's \$724,000. And what they do is they take it off the *Fiscal Financing Agreement* amount as they remit it to us. We've discussed the Inuit Community Corporations. There's the Nunatsiavut Assembly, which we discussed, and there is a separate schedule. Implementation plan and capital infrastructure both have separate schedules in further down pages.

MR. SPEAKER:

Nakummek, Ms Crawford. Any questions or comments related to page 10? If not, I'll call page 10 to a vote. All in agreement? Please turn your attention to page 11.

MS CRAWFORD:

So page 11, just it's a five-year looking two years back and two years forward at our overall budget for the government and, as I noted earlier, as you get into 2018, 2019 these numbers decrease essentially because those capital infrastructure projects are completed. 2018 and 2019 you'll see the dollar amounts are decreased from the current year, 2017. So 2017 the budget request is 22,968,500. And then the next two years it goes down to 20,700-and something thousand, and that's because capital infrastructure projects are being completed. So there is a decrease there.

MR. SPEAKER:

Any questions or comments related to page 11? I recognize Mr. Pottle.

MR. POTTLE: Thank you. Just picking up on Rexanne's comment in relation to Mr. Dicker's question. Even though you have projected for 2018 – 2019 in saying that the dollar amounts being requested will be less in the next two years, 2018 – 2019, that's on paper. That could change if the government decides that they're going to put more dollars into capital works. I just wanted to bring that to people's attention. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Mr. Pottle. Any further questions or comments related to page 11? I recognize Mr. Dicker.

MR. DICKER: Just for clarification, I guess, I notice that the budget in 2017 is in bold or versus the others. Why is that?

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Mr. Dicker. Just to have it on the record, Ms Crawford, could you respond?

MS CRAWFORD: The column that's bolded is the current year that's being budgeted. So it's budgeted. It's called 2017 because it's the fiscal year ending March 31st, 2017. The rest aren't in bold because that's just the plan.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Ms Crawford. Any further questions or comments? If not, I'll call page 11 to a vote. Is the Assembly in agreement for page 11? Please turn your attention to page 12. Page 12 is the breakdown by department by different line items. What we have done in the Financial Plan document that we went through earlier, was highlight some of the major or the projects that they're going to be undertaking; their program, staffing changes. We didn't provide detail on every little number. Those

are budgeted numbers of looking into the future, what we would be required.

MR. SPEAKER: I recognize Mr. Mitchell.

MR. MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I just wonder why in Health and Social Development where the salaries are lower than all the rest of the departments, I thought they had the highest number of employees in that department. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Mr. Mitchell. In response, Ms Crawford.

MS CRAWFORD: I apologize. I probably wasn't clear before. The Department of Health and Social Development, they have \$21 million budgeted under the *Fiscal Financing Agreement*. Those numbers and salaries aren't reflected here, and that is where the bulk of their salaries for that department and their expenses are reflected. So when you go to schedule for *Fiscal Financing Agreement* you'll see the total amount that we're receiving, and then they'll be \$21 million allocated to the Department of Health for their programming areas. These salaries reflect, the youth position under the division, status of women, the elder co-ordinator and the food security position that I highlighted earlier.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Ms Crawford. Any further questions or comments? Is there a Member who has yet to address this page, would like to? I recognize Mr. Pottle.

MR. POTTLE: Thank you. Just going back to a question that I had with respect to the dollars that was being provided to ITK and ICC under the Secretariat, where would I find that under the line items for the Secretariat?

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Mr. Pottle. Ms Crawford.

MS CRAWFORD: It's under professional fees.

MR. POTTLE: Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek. I recognize Mr. Dicker.

MR. DICKER: As we discussed earlier, Rexanne, with regards to thank you, Mr. Chair. With the issue of equipment driving people back and forth, that's not shown in this budget, right? Is it something that's going to be coming up later as an expense or not?

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Mr. Dicker. Ms Crawford.

MS CRAWFORD: It's an item they're currently discussing, so hopefully we'll have a resolution before the end of this fiscal year, which means it wouldn't need to be budgeted in this current. It's coming out of the one we're in.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Ms Crawford. Is there any Member who has yet to speak on this page would like to address the Assembly? I recognize Mr. Mitchell.

MR. MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I just wonder where the departments that are mentioned there on page 12, there's no revenue for some of the departments if they have expenditures. How come their revenue is not noted there?

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Mr. Mitchell. Ms Crawford.

MS CRAWFORD:

The way the budget is developed is that we take all our sources of revenue and we have a schedule that reflects it. So it's \$25.137 million in revenue, and then there's various components of expenditures of which one is departmental revenue. With the departmental expenditures, the Assembly, capital infrastructure, these items here are very specific matters. So I'll take the example of Lands and Natural Resources. A good portion of that revenue, I think it's 1.4 to 1.5 million is the fishing fund. So we didn't have that segregated on the sources of revenue other than under the program revenue line item. The Secretariat has some revenue sources from Nunatsiavut Visual Design for work that they complete for external partners or clients you would call them that they do with their printing and publication work. So those are reflected there under these departments. And when we have what I would call a general source of revenue that's not specific to a program that's being run by a department that just gets allocated generally over all the expenditures.

MR. SPEAKER:

Nakummek, Ms Crawford. I recognize Mr. Blake.

MR. BLAKE:

Under rent and maintenance there's nothing showing for Health and Social Development or Education and Economic Development. You just got two blank lines there.

MR. SPEAKER:

Nakummek, Mr. Blake. For clarification, Ms Crawford.

MS CRAWFORD:

For Health and Social Development for rent, they have two buildings they rent which are paid for under the *Fiscal Financing Agreement*. So, again, it goes back to their *Fiscal Financing Agreement* funds and the

expenditures that fall under that. Department of Health and Social Development are in our office buildings which would be reflected any rent we would have to pay there or reflected under administration. And the other one is sorry, Post-Secondary Student Support Program. They pay rent for their office building. Again, it comes under their *Fiscal Financing Agreement* program dollars. So this is outside of this.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Ms Crawford. Any further questions or comments related to page 12? I recognize Mr. Pottle.

MR. POTTLE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Just a question on ministerial tours. To the best of my knowledge and understanding, there's never been a ministerial tour other than the times that the Executive Council meets in the communities. Is that \$15,000 applied to help offsetting the cost of the NEC meetings? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Mr. Pottle. In response, Ms Crawford.

MS CRAWFORD: Yes, it is.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Ms Crawford. Any further questions or comments? If not we'll call page 12 to a vote. All in agreement? We'll now turn our attention to page 13.

MS CRAWFORD: Page 13 is the Nunatsiavut Assembly schedule is the exact schedule that was agreed to by the Assembly yesterday.

MR. SPEAKER: Questions or comments? Is the Assembly in agreement for page 13?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. SPEAKER: We'll now turn to page 14.

MS CRAWFORD: Page 14, as I mentioned before, comes directly from the Implementation Plan agreed to by the three parties and in Annex D summarizes what the budgets are for the co-management boards and the dispute resolution board and this is our share of the costs for those particular items coming out of that plan.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Ms Crawford. I recognize Mr. Mitchell.

MR. MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr. Chair. With regard to Torngat Joint Fisheries and Wildlife Plant Co-Management Board, do we finance the whole of the Secretariat, or do they get funds from elsewhere for their operations?

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Mr. Mitchell. Ms Crawford.

MS CRAWFORD: The three parties finance their operations, which also includes the Secretariat. The Secretariat, the way they're structured, the Secretariat holds the positions and then the two boards have the boards and their program funding. It's just the way they've structured it. So it falls within that 191 for each area. They do leverage other sources of funding and have in all the years that I've been involved with Nunatsiavut Government. They've been able to get some funding, either through the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador or the Government of Canada for some of their research projects. So we are not the sole source of all that they do. They've been very good at trying to leverage additional dollars.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Ms Crawford. Any further questions or comments related to page 14? I recognize Mr. Dicker.

MR. DICKER: Thank you, Mr. Chair. With regards to dispute resolution, is this budgeted for, like, I know that in the past number of years that the province has gone against the Implementation Plan with regards to Land Use. I guess, is that what the dispute resolution is for? To fight that kind of thing?

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Mr. Dicker. Ms Crawford.

MS CRAWFORD: Under Chapter 21 of the *Land Claims Agreement* a dispute resolution board has to be established and they have a very specific mandate for administrative meetings and developing a list of mediators, I think it is. And that is one-third. What's budgeted here is one-third of the cost for that administration of that board. When you are referring to the dispute or the disagreement we had with the Government of Newfoundland over the Land Use Plan that actually went straight to court. It was a judicial review. So under Chapter 21 outlines what the Dispute Resolution Board's mandate would be.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Ms Crawford. I recognize Mr. Pottle.

MR. POTTLE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. With respect to the Land Use Plan there is not, from my understanding, not an entity created under the Land Use Plan other than a regional planning authority which has completed its work. As we all know we're way behind on finalizing the Land Use Plan. I believe it was in 2012 this Assembly had approved our portion for LIL for

the Land Use Plan. A few months later we were told by the Provincial Government we're not holding to that process set out in the *Land Claims Agreement* now. We're hiring our own consultant to develop our portion of the Land Use Plan. So, I mean, is that sufficient dollars to deal with the issue? I mean, it's still far from being settled, from what I can understand. So, I mean, is that sufficient dollars to deal with and settle the matter?

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Mr. Pottle. Ms Crawford.

MS CRAWFORD: What this schedule relates to a specific amount in Annex D. So in Annex D it says that in this fiscal year there should be \$6,500 by each party set aside for a particular matter related to Land Use Plan. I mean, we're not at that point of using it, but we still have to budget it because it is part of that agreement for 10 years. I think the discussion that you're relating to is dispute and the resolution over the actual Land Use Planning process which is separate from Annex D.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Ms Crawford. Is there any Member who has yet to speak to page 14 who would like to address the Assembly? I recognize Mr. Mitchell.

MR. MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr. Chair. In regard to the Land Use Plan I knew we had one done. I was around when it got finalized and then scrapped by the Provincial Government. Does that mean we had to start from scratch to budget that much every year or can a Land Use Plan be used with some amendments or something? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Mr. Mitchell. To field that, I'll recognize the Minister of Lands.

MR. D. SHIWAK: Okay. Even though it's not a budgetary thing, we'll answer it because we are still dealing with the Land Use Plan. We have agreed to our version of the Land Use Plan. The Province has not agreed that, but we have committed to working with the Province to meeting with the Province to see if we still can come up with one Land Use Plan. I have recently sent a letter to the Minister to discuss the Land Use Plan. There's no agreed to Land Use Plan at this point, buy we're still working towards that.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Honourable Minister. I recognize Ms Leo.

PRESIDENT LEO: I think sort of to answer Mr. Mitchell and to sort of add onto what Rexanne had said to Mr. Pottle with regards to this money here, these are implementation dollars that have to be budgeted. Any money we spent to date basically fighting with the Provincial Government on trying to get a Land Use Plan sorted we've sourced from somewhere else. This is for a dispute resolution, from what I understand, when a Land Use Plan is actually adopted. The money we've used to fight the Provincial Government or hold them to task on the Land Use Plan so far we've got from another source.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Ms Leo. Any further questions or comments? If not I'll call page 14 to a vote. Is the Assembly in agreement? Now turn our attention to page 15.

MS CRAWFORD: This schedule just reflects, as I mentioned before, the three capital projects that the government is planning on executing in the upcoming year.

MR. SPEAKER: I recognize Mr. Pamak.

MR. PAMAK: Would the six-plex apartment building that you're building in Nain this year, shouldn't it reflect on this budget?

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Mr. Pamak. Ms Crawford.

MS CRAWFORD: The sources of funding for the six-plex are coming from the *Fiscal Financing Agreement* funds which are on a different schedule. We had 350,000 that came from the Arctic inspiration prize and some of the monies allocated from *Tasiujâtsaok Trust*, which we have not yet received. And those are again when you get two contribution agreements when you receive money for a specific purpose where you have to spend it on that purpose and it's not subject to the *Budget Act*.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Ms Crawford. I recognize Mr. Mitchell.

MR. MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr. Chair. In regard to Illusuak and the 1.6 million, I understand earlier that because there was money coming from a Federal Government department that this money would not be used, but it's still budgeted, is it? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Mr. Mitchell. Ms Crawford.

MS CRAWFORD: So I'll draw your attention to the schedule. Where it says budgeted 2016 we had budgeted 1.6 million. That's the year we're in right now. So in this fiscal year we received \$1.5 million from an external source so we

didn't have to spend our money in the year we're in right now. But we do require and have, you know, committed to being a partner in this project and so we've budgeted for this upcoming fiscal year to spend it. It's the same 1.6. It's just we didn't spend it last year or this year that we're in right now. We're going to plan to spend it next year. But if we don't budget it, we can't spend it. So it's just the timing issue that we're here.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Ms Crawford. Any further questions or comments? If not, is the Assembly in agreement for page 15? We'll now turn our attention to page 16.

MS CRAWFORD: There's two sources of the *Fiscal Financing Agreement*; the current dollars we will get this year from Canada and money that we had not spent in previous years due to various reasons, mostly because we're planning on executing larger projects so we carry it over. And again, the *Fiscal Financing Agreement* sets out the programs and services that we must deliver, and these programs are broken down here, either through the department, or various categories.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Ms Crawford. I recognize Mr. Pamak.

MR. PAMAK: Thank you, Mr. Chair. If I could, Rexanne, ask you if you can give us a breakdown on the allocation of \$10.14 million for housing. I just note that that's a different figure from what you provided us in the Financial Plan of \$7.36 million. So can you explain the difference and give us a breakdown, please.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Mr. Pamak. Ms Crawford.

MS CRAWFORD: So the 7.341 was the amount that was internally restricted funds that we're bringing in and then there's also an allocation for the current year funding which brings us up to 10.1. And I think that the document so far there is a commitment for 3.2 million for the multi-unit prototype home in Nain, the research on delivery models for housing programs in the geotechnical work being completed in the Inuit communities. The other amount has not yet been committed to particular projects as we're moving through the various items within either the housing strategy or identifying the gaps in certain areas and how to address those gaps.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Ms Crawford. Any further questions or comments related to page 16? Is there any Member who has yet to address the Assembly and would like to do so? I recognize Mr. Dicker.

MR. DICKER: Thank you, Mr. Chair. The Inuit Community Government's budgeted for operations, 4.9 million, that's based on per capita for community, am I correct?

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Mr. Dicker.

MS CRAWFORD: It's based on number of households in communities, not population.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Ms Crawford. I again recognize Mr. Dicker.

MR. DICKER: So this figure could change as the housing needs are met, I guess, in each community hopefully within the next 5, 10 years.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Dicker. Ms Crawford.

MS CRAWFORD: On page 17 it actually breaks down the allocation between the Inuit Community Governments of that operational dollars. I think it was two

years ago the allocation was approved on a number of households in consultation with the Joint Management Committee and, as we were phasing in the allocation to bring it up to the 40.1 percent for Nain, some communities were red circled and then some were brought in as we were getting closer. There is also a commitment to review the allocation every so many years and I don't have that in front of me to know exactly the number of years.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you, Ms Crawford, for the add to the AngajukKâk's question. I recognize Ms Leo.

PRESIDENT LEO:

Just for the AngajukKâk's information, it's not like an MOG where it automatically increases if you have more roads or more houses. This amount for the Inuit Community Government budgets is the same and under the *FFA* review in five years it may increase. To answer your question, this isn't going to change if you've got more houses like the MOG will. This is going to change only if there's more money put in the *FFA* for Inuit Community Governments. What Rexanne was talking about was an exercise that was done, what, three years, I think it was, three years ago where they realized that the proportion of the Inuit Community Government dollars wasn't based on household. So they started working and adjusting that so that it made it so that the bigger communities were getting a bigger share of this amount because they obviously had more services to provide. So it's kind of two different things here. Are you clear now? Did I confuse you more, or did I make it clear? Okay.

MR. DICKER: I just understood it to be by population allocation. I was never told differently. Thank you for that.

MR. SPEAKER: To further add to your response, again, Ms Leo.

PRESIDENT LEO: Out of that pot there, it's done by population, but that pot doesn't increase because of population. The MOG does. If you have a bigger community, your MOG automatically increases. This doesn't automatically increase because the communities are increasing. Your allocation out of that might increase because your population is increasing.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Ms Leo. I recognize Mr. Mitchell.

MR. MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'm just wondering what the governance would cover off? Like, what does exactly governance mean? And I know what it means, but what does it mean in the budget?

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Mr. Mitchell. Ms Crawford.

MS CRAWFORD: One of the categories and one of the things we have to use our funds for under the *Fiscal Financing Agreement* is governance. And so is then brought over into when we do our overall funds and amounts for running the government, that amount is used for the overall running of the government. I can't say it's specifically allocated for someone's salary, but it's for the overall administration of the government, including the Assembly.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Ms Crawford. I recognize Mr. Pamak. No? Is there any member who has yet to speak who would like to address the Assembly? I recognize Mr. Pottle.

MR. POTTLE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Just for clarification purposes, under education we're allocating \$4.9 million for post-secondary and 5.3 for secondary education. Can we have some descriptors or some explanations of what that \$5 million is meant to offset with respect to secondary education?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Pottle. Ms Crawford.

MS CRAWFORD: Part of it is our commitment to offer supplemental programming for *Inuttitut* language and culture through the Newfoundland Labrador school board. The other part there is a lot discussions and going on within their department on what their plan is for the rest of the funds. So I can't speak to the specifics at this point. It's not firmly committed at a particular program.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Ms Crawford. I recognize Ms Flowers.

MS FLOWERS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Community Government Capital Works, what is included in that?

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Ms Flowers. Ms Leo will respond to that.

PRESIDENT LEO: This will be when the AngajukKâk, the Joint Management, will meet. You'll have this pot of money and you'll fight as to what projects you want to do with it within the five communities. I shouldn't say fight. You'll come to an agreement as to how best to spend that money for capital works.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Ms Leo. I recognize Mr. Mitchell.

MR. MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Back to governance. I just wonder why governance is in there when it's really each department, there's four departments' administrative costs or running departments. So I just wonder why it's separated from administrative costs. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Mitchell. Ms Crawford.

MS CRAWFORD: Because the way it's reflected here is also reflecting the way the money is distributed to us from the Government of Canada. So of our allocations, under the *Fiscal Financing Agreement* there's two components, basically. One is specific programs we draw down, whether it's the Aboriginal Diabetes Initiative or the Post-Secondary Student Support Initiative, and there's a certain amount for running those programs. And then they give us an amount called governance. And so I'm reflecting the fact in this schedule that we have allocated an amount to governance.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Ms Crawford. I recognize Mr. Pottle.

MR. POTTLE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Just going back again to a question that I asked on secondary education, not quite satisfied with the answer. You had alluded to some of the money being used to offset *Inuttitut* training, I believe you said, in secondary education and the remaining figures is based on what? Did the Newfoundland and Labrador English School Board come to Nunatsiavut Government with a budget or a specific ask? Is that how we based the allocation of \$5.53 million on and ask from the Newfoundland and Labrador English School Board?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Pottle. Ms Crawford.

MS CRAWFORD: So again there are certain amounts of money that are sent to us from the *Fiscal Financing Agreement* for particular areas. The \$5.3 million; some of it is carried over as we spoke about earlier, some of the internally restricted funds was related to education, and so we appropriate the money that we get in the current year, monies that we have carried over that was not spent, and then during the year or leading into the next fiscal year the Newfoundland and Labrador English School Board will submit us a budget for discussion to the Executive Council, what they feel is the requirement for running the supplemental programs to their programming and that funding will come from this amount.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Ms Crawford. I recognize Mr. Pamak.

MR. PAMAK: Thank you, Mr. Chair. All right, first, I just want to make a comment, I guess, and certainly, you know, as everyone here recognized that I advocate hard for extra housing in the community. Certainly I'm not asking for 5 million, 10 million, 15 or 30 million as may have been indicated earlier today. Looking at allocation in this budget, I wouldn't feel comfortable without leaving here today without asking. Is there flexibility in this budget to give a little bit more extra to the Torngat Regional Housing knowing that we are in such a crisis situation in housing? Is there flexibility in that extra \$10 million to allocate some of the funds to Torngat Housing? They can do a lot with 500,000. They can do amazing things with an extra million. Do we have that flexibility? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you, Mr. Pamak. I'll recognize Ms Leo in a response.

PRESIDENT LEO:

We all certainly think, you know, that we could just ingest money into our communities for housing. We seen a great project a few years ago where we did the Attic Retrofit with the Province where we went 50-50, \$700,000. We did two houses. Great. Did a great job. With regards to having some flexibility into moving some more money into TRHA, one thing we always keep in the back of our mind, TRHA has a very limited criteria of who they help. There's also right now at this point when we do our budget and in discussing Torngat's budget we know there's a need for housing in Nunatsiavut. You know there's a need for repairs in Nunatsiavut. But right now through the process with TRHA we're not sure exactly. It's so limited that to be ingesting that right now where you're just sorting out very few people. Torngat has its criteria of who can qualify for housing as to who qualifies for repairs and what repairs. So for us to put more money into that we're just not serving the bigger population that fall outside of the cracks, which is what a lot of the housing needs assessment found, was a lot of those people were not necessarily within any one what do you call it program or pot, and that's why we partnered with the Province in the Attic Retrofit Program and that repairs because there were people who had applied for repairs that never qualified for Torngat, and that's why it's kind of hard to say we want to bump up Torngat's pot right now because until we start looking at the big picture of housing, we'll leave it where it is and we'll wait till we get the bigger picture and start ingesting at that point. And you can nod

your head and disagree. The other part of it is you look at Nain. Nain has no building lots right now. They're scrambling to find lots to build houses on. So we can't it's hard to put houses into Nain. Hopedale's running into the same thing. They're going to have issues in trying to find land unless the land they have right now, they find some way to build on it or they get it repaired. So these are things we have to look at when we're putting money into housing. It's not just saying we know there's a housing crisis. We understand there are a lot of homes that are in need of repair. We understand there are a lot of homes that need to be built. There's a lot of families that need a place to live, but until we can start, we are right now just Band aiding the problem. We understand we're doing that, but until we start wasting more money on Band-Aids we have to find better solutions in how we're doing it.

MR. SPEAKER:

Nakummek, Ms Leo. To further add, I'll recognize Ms Crawford.

MS CRAWFORD:

Just in particular I believe, and Joe can correct me if I'm wrong, but I believe Nain has received some additional funds to go with lot development. Those lots will be developed over the current year and then would be available in another year for people to start building. I don't anticipate and again I'm not in the construction business that those be ready in time for this construction season to build additional homes on, but they are preparing for, you know, their next development.

MR. SPEAKER:

Nakummek, Ms Crawford. I recognize Mr. Dicker.

MR. DICKER:

Thank you, Mr. Chair, and just to further what Rexanne was just saying that yes, we are going to be developing lots this year. The last year or so has prevented us from doing that because of the project at Trouser's Lake. We had to get that online. It'll be commissioned this spring guaranteed. Knock on wood. And that prevented us from developing land because in order for us to develop new land, we need to be connected to the new water source. That's going to happen this year, and we are looking at developing 30 lots within the next two years. Right now because of pond lines it's we're looking at a minimum of 15 lots, but 15 more for next year. I'd just like to add that. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Nakummek, Mr. Dicker. Are there any further questions or comments related to page 16? I recognize Ms Kemuksigak.

MS KEMUKSIGAK:

I don't have a question *per se*, but I just wanted to expand a little bit on what Rexanne said in response to Mr. Pottle's comment. Like, we do pay the school board a sum of money for Illusuak and life skills program. Illusivut. And other programs such as them going to Pan-Labrador, the sports meets, creative arts festivals, other things, but some of the other things we do with the money is like developing the high school Labrador Inuit history course and also the summer literacy program that we're doing for Nain because it's been found very successful in other areas of the north to have a literacy program for young children through the summer so that helps built up their literacy skills. And like Students On Ice and teacher training we saved up money for several years to deliver the IBED Program. So, like, it's not enough to do teacher training, but if

you save money up over the years then you can deliver a five-year university program. So it's just little things, but it adds to the cultural uniqueness of the student program.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Ms Kemuksigak. At this point I'd like to call page 16 to a vote. Is the Assembly in agreement with page 16? We'll now move onto page 17.

MS CRAWFORD: Page 17 reflects the allocation of the operational dollars for the Inuit Community Government, and it reflects the current allocation and the projected allocation that was agreed to, and it's all based on the number of households in the community.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Ms Crawford. I recognize Ms Gear.

MS GEAR: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd just like to make comment on the increase that's been given to Postville, \$35. I think that's a joke.

MS CRAWFORD: If I may, the way, what the budget has done this year, if you look through the entire budget is that round numbers were used. So the actual dollars were reflected that were remitted last year. And then this year what we're attempting to do is to smooth out and get rid of the individual dollars and use whole numbers to make all the processes easier for everyone.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Ms Crawford. Are there any questions or comments related to page 17? I recognize Mr. Shiwak.

MR. J. SHIWAK:

Thank you, Mr. Chair. So I guess, Ms Crawford, that, you know, you give us a little raise this year which we got \$76. But next year you're going to drop us again. Is that correct?

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you, Mr. Shiwak. Ms Crawford.

PRESIDENT LEO:

This whole amount here, you see the percentage. That was all agreed on by the Joint Management in the allocation of the dollars for the Inuit Community Governments. This was done three years ago that they realized that maybe it wasn't they needed to do it more on a population or whatever it's called household basis so that everybody was getting their fair share. So these percentages, whether you're gaining or losing this year, this was all agreed on by the Joint Management and it's just been put into this budget for record purposes. So it's trying to make sure that all of the community governments are on the same page when it comes to how much money is going in to operate their communities.

MR. SPEAKER:

I recognize Ms Crawford.

MS CRAWFORD:

Jack, to answer your specific question about getting a drop, I would anticipate based on the fact that you are just about at your projected allocation that in the next year you should have an increase in the allocation for your operations. You'll note that Makkovik in this budget year did get an increase in their operating dollars, and it's because they're now at that projected allocation. Hopedale, I believe it was last year, started getting an increase on their operating dollars because they hit their proposed allocation. Given how close we are to Nain finally

being at the 40.1 percent I am anticipating that in Budget 2018 you'll see both Postville and Rigolet have their operating dollars increased.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Ms Crawford. Is there any member who has yet to speak who would like to address the Assembly? I'll recognize Mr. Shiwak.

MR. J. SHIWAK: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Looking at these numbers, you know, and looking at what we're actually doing right now, you know, things happened before I got there and you inherit what's there already. You know when I look at you're projected increase this year. But, you know, when I look at the community hall, the new community centre there and it worries me because the last hydro bill for that building alone \$4,600. On a yearly basis you look at that bill we're looking for \$50,000 just to pay the hydro bill so where do we get it from? So that, you know, that's the kind of things that worries me. We've already eliminated jobs from town trying to keep it in our budgets, this sort of thing. So, you know, new concerns. And thank you very much.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Shiwak. Any further comments or questions related to page 17? I'll again recognize Ms Gear.

MS GEAR: I'd just like to add to what Jack said too and for us we've had to increase taxes. So, like, it's where do we go from here? We've got no choice but to do lay-offs and increase your taxes. We can't do nothing with \$35 a year.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Ms Gear. Any further comments or questions before we proceed to a vote for page 17? I'll call page 17 to a vote. Is the Assembly

in agreement? Page 17. Before we proceed on I'd like to call a recess and we could reconvene at 3:30.

(Recess)

MR. SPEAKER: We're still on the Committee of the Whole on second reading of bills and still considering the Budget Bill *Budget Act 2016*. We'll now turn to the start of the bill on page two. We will first consider Part I, known as the Short Title, and then continue with the clause-by-clause reading. We will now consider page two, clause one.

MS CRAWFORD: The Budget Bill starts off, it says Nunatsiavut Assembly Bill number well, it hasn't been assigned a formal number and then explanatory note. I'll start it off on page two of that document. It's under Tab 5.

MR. SPEAKER: Is the Assembly prepared to review clause one on page two? Is the Assembly in agreement for clause one, page two?

Assembly Aye.

MR. SPEAKER: We'll proceed with clause two on page two which continues onto page three as well. Any questions or comments? If not, is the Assembly in agreement?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. SPEAKER: Please turn your attention to clause three, page three. Is the Assembly in agreement?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. SPEAKER: We'll now consider clause four, page three. I recognize Mr. Dicker.

MR. DICKER: Just for clarification, I'd like to know whom or refresh my memory, rather. Mr. Chair, I would like to know who the Treasurer is, treasurer, please.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Dicker, perhaps we can direct that question to the witness.

MS CRAWFORD: The Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology is the Nunatsiavut Treasurer.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Ms Crawford. Is the Assembly in agreement for clause four, page three? All agreed?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. SPEAKER: Please turn your attention to page four, clause five. Is the Assembly in agreement?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. SPEAKER: We'll proceed to clause six, page four. Is the Assembly in agreement?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. SPEAKER: Turn your attention to clause seven, page four. Is the Assembly in agreement?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. SPEAKER: We'll consider clause eight. I recognize Mr. Dicker.

MR. DICKER: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Just for clarification, Rexanne, could you explain what the appropriations mean in English?

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Mr. Dicker. Ms Crawford.

MS CRAWFORD: It means budget it. So the amount that we have appropriated is the amount we have budgeted for a particular area.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Ms Crawford. Any further questions or comments related to clause eight? Is the Assembly in agreement? I recognize Ms Flowers.

MS FLOWERS: Thank you. I just wanted to make just one comment under appropriation in respect of Inuit Community Government budgets. I think that for the communities itself and looking at the amounts comes from other departments, this is not a whole lot of money when you have to run communities and look after the affairs. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Ms Flowers. Any further questions or comments related to clause eight? If not, is the Assembly in agreement with clause eight?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. SPEAKER: We'll now turn our attention to clause nine. Is the Assembly in agreement with clause nine?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. SPEAKER: We'll consider clause 10. Is the Assembly in agreement for clause 10?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. SPEAKER: We'll consider clause 11. Is the Assembly in agreement for clause 11?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. SPEAKER: We'll consider clause 12. Is the Assembly in agreement for clause 12?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. SPEAKER: That concludes the clause-by-clause and annexed review of the bill. Does the Honourable Minister wish to make final comments and conclude the debate?

MR. D. SHIWAK: Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to close debate. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Honourable Minister. That will conclude debate. All those in favour of second reading of Bill 2016-01, the Budget Bill 2016 please raise your hands. Any opposed? The motion is carried and accordingly Bill 2016, the Budget Bill 2016 has had second reading. I'd like to thank the Minister and the witness for your time. We will now go back into the Assembly. We're still on the second reading of bills and I'd like to recognize the Minister of Finance for another second reading of bills.

MR. D. SHIWAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to make a motion. In accordance with Standing Order 42 to allow for consideration of the Torngat Co-op Loan Bill in Committee of the Whole. Therefore, I move, seconded by the First Minister, Kate Mitchell, that Bill 2016-02 be referred to Committee of the Whole for consideration with witnesses if necessary. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Honourable Minister. The motion is in order. All those in favour of the motion? Any opposed? The motion is carried. We will now get into the Committee of the Whole to consider Budget 2016-02, the Torngat Co-op Loan Bill. Once more Members, we will do clause-by-clause review of the bill and you will have the opportunity to speak on each item as go along using our witness as a guide to discussions, if

necessary. We will now consider the Torngat Co-op Loan Bill, and I ask the Members to turn their attention to page two at clause one. Any questions or comments? I recognize Mr. Pottle.

MR. POTTLE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Just a comment for those who may be listening to us by live audio feed. I'm wondering if I could make a recommendation. When we refer to a clause that we name that clause just so that the people who were listening by a live feed has an understanding of what the clause is. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Mr. Pottle. We can do this as well. The first clause is the, short title, and I ask if the Assembly is in agreement?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. SPEAKER: We'll now consider the clause two, definitions, on page three of the document. Is the Assembly in agreement with clause two?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. SPEAKER: Now turn our attention to page four, clause three, conflict with Inuit law. Is the Assembly in agreement with clause three?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. SPEAKER: Now consider clause four authority to guarantee the payment of Torngat Co-op's obligations. Is the Assembly in agreement with clause four?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. SPEAKER: We'll now consider clause five, maximum amount and purpose of loan guarantees. Is the Assembly in agreement?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. SPEAKER: We now consider clause six, term of guarantee. Is the Assembly in agreement with clause six, term of guarantee?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. SPEAKER: We'll now consider clause seven, security required for guarantees. Is the Assembly in agreement with clause seven, security required for guarantees?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. SPEAKER: We'll now turn to page five, clause eight, access to financial records. Is the Assembly in agreement to clause eight, access to financial records?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. SPEAKER: We'll now turn to clause nine, additional terms and conditions and recovery of costs. Is the Assembly in agreement with clause nine, additional terms and conditions and recovery of costs?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. SPEAKER: We'll now consider clause 10, payment of guarantee. Is the Assembly in agreement with clause 10, payment of guarantee?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. SPEAKER: We'll now consider clause 11, borrowing to pay guarantee. I recognize Mr. Pamak.

MR. PAMAK: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I guess, just to get a clear understanding from what I've heard this morning or yesterday you've indicated that the

Torngat Fisheries has a line of credit and if they go into that line of credit, hopefully they don't, and if they fail to pay that line of credit we will guarantee that line of credit, correct?

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Mr. Pamak. Pursuant to the motion that was passed we will now be calling a witness to the table and I will direct that question to Ms Rexanne Crawford.

MS CRAWFORD: Would you mind repeating the question so I make sure I provide the appropriate response.

MR. PAMAK: Okay. It's from my understanding from a minister statement there yesterday, I believe he indicated the Torngat Fishery does have a line of credit and if they have to, you know, get into that line of credit and hopefully they don't, you know, fail to pay that line of credit. That's where we would guarantee that loan and, according to this, this is where it gives us permission to go to the banks and borrow, is that correct?

MS CRAWFORD: It does give us permission. That's what this clause does say. We have never had to act on the guarantee in the entire time that we've had this guarantee in place. Year after year we enact new law on it. So we're very optimistic that that would not occur based on all the cash flows and projections and financial statements we reviewed.

MR. SPEAKER: Any further comments or questions? I recognize Mr. Shiwak.

MR. D. SHIWAK: Did, Mr. Pamak, did you ask about payment to be paid back the line of credit from the Province, or do we pay back a loan. Is that what you were asking?

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Mr. Shiwak. To perhaps add some clarity again, I'll recognize Mr. Pamak.

MR. PAMAK: Yeah, thank you. I just had an understanding from your statement yesterday that the Torngat Fisheries do have a line of credit. Certainly, you know, if they do go and use funds to get into that line of credit and they've failed to pay that line of credit off and that's the purpose of clause is to guarantee that we will pay that line of credit off. That's my understanding, and is that correct? And then if we were to pay it off then we would have to go to Charter banks to get that loan to pay it off.

MS CRAWFORD: To answer your first question, your understanding is correct. That is exactly the process. If we did have to act on it, this clause gives us the authority to borrow should we need to, but should we have funds available in our Nunatsiavut fund, we would use those funds. So it's not saying that if we had to act on the guarantee we're going to take on a loan to do so. It's just that should it be necessary, the Assembly is giving us permission to do so.

MR. SPEAKER: Is there any Member who has yet to address the Assembly related to this matter? I recognize Mr. Pottle.

MR. POTTLE: Thank you. Just in response to Rexanne's response with respect to not having to go to the bank and we would most likely use money from the Nunatsiavut fund, that would still have to be approved by the Nunatsiavut Assembly from my understanding. We just could not

approve that. We would have to come back to the Assembly for approval to use that fund.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Pottle. Ms Crawford.

MS CRAWFORD: No. This act by allowing us to provide a guarantee or giving us the authority to do so. So if we have to use cash or borrow, if we had to act on the guarantee.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Crawford. Any Member yet to address the Assembly who would like to do so? I recognize Mr. Pamak.

MR. PAMAK: No, my question was already answered by Mr. Pottle. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Pamak. Any further questions or comments? We will proceed onto item 12, guarantees to be a charge on the fund. Apologies. All those in agreement with clause 11, borrowing to pay a guarantee?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. SPEAKER: We'll now consider clause 12, guarantees to be a charge on the fund. Is the Assembly in agreement with clause 12, guarantees to be a charge on the fund?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. SPEAKER: We'll now turn to page six, clause 13, acquisition and alienation of property given as security. Is the Assembly in agreement with the clause 13, acquisition and alienation of property given as security?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. SPEAKER: We'll now consider clause 14, execution of instruments. Is the Assembly in agreement with clause 14, execution of instruments?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. SPEAKER: We'll now consider clause 15, repeal of *Torngat Loan Guarantees Act 2015*. Is the Assembly in agreement with clause 15, repeal of *Torngat Loan Guarantees Act 2015*?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. SPEAKER: We'll now consider clause 16, coming into effect. Is the Assembly in agreement with clause 16 coming into effect?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. SPEAKER: That concludes the clause-by-clause review of the bill. Does the Honourable Minister wish to make final comments and close debate?

MR. D. SHIWAK: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to close debate.

MR. SPEAKER: That concludes debates. All those in favour of second reading of Bill 2016-02, the *Torngat Co-op Bill*, please raise your hands. Any opposed? The motion is carried and accordingly Bill 2016-02, the *Torngat Co-op Bill* has had second reading. I'd like to thank the Minister and the witness once more. We are now back into the Assembly and still on the second reading of bills. I'd like to recognize the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources for the second reading of bills.

MR. D. SHIWAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to make a motion according to Standing Order 42 to allow consideration of the Commercial Fishing

Camps Authorization Bill 2016 in Committee of the Whole, and therefore I move, seconded by the Minister of Health, the Honourable Greg Flowers, that Bill 2016-03 be referred to Committee of the Whole for consideration with witnesses, if necessary.

MR. SPEAKER:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. The motion is in order. All those in favour of the motion please raise your hands. Any opposed to the motion? The motion is carried and we will enter into the Committee of the Whole to consider Bill 2016-03, Commercial Fishing Camps Authorization Bill 2016. Again, Members, this is clause-by-clause reading, and you'll have the opportunity to voice your questions or concerns over any of the pages or clauses of the bill. If at any point the witness is required, I'll ask the Minister to invite the witness to the table to give further insight. Please turn your attention to page three, clause one of the bill entitled, short title. Is the Assembly in agreement with clause one, short title?

ASSEMBLY:

Aye.

MR. SPEAKER:

We'll now consider clause two, interpretation. Is the Assembly in agreement with clause two, interpretation?

ASSEMBLY:

Aye.

MR. SPEAKER:

We'll now consider clause three, waiver of *Impacts and Benefits Agreement*. Is the Assembly in agreement with clause three, waiver of *Impacts and Benefits Agreement*?

ASSEMBLY:

Aye.

MR. SPEAKER: We'll now consider clause four, Minister authorized to issue lease to Adlatok Limited. Is the Assembly in agreement with clause four?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. SPEAKER: We'll now consider clause five, Minister authorized to issue lease from Newfoundland Capital Corporation Limited. I recognize Mr. Dicker.

MR. DICKER: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Under the certain clause that we're looking at now, Minister authorized to issue lease to Newfoundland Capital Corporation, it says that the lease before it turned 20 years there's an option to renew the term for the further term of 10 years. Why is that particular clause different from the Adlatok Limited clause where Adlatok has 20 years with no ability to pursue a term for another 10 years? Thank you, Mr. Chair.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Dicker. Members, again, given that in our motion we had the potential for witnesses if necessary, I'll ask the Minister if he'll have legal counsel, Ms Loretta Michelin, join us at the table. Is the Assembly in agreement?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. SPEAKER: Welcome to the table, Ms Michelin.

MS MICHELIN: We think that that might be a mistake or an error in which case both of them should read the same thing. So under five we would advise that we eliminate "with an option to renew for a further term of 10 years" and just leave it to read the same as in clause four, "as a lease for a term of 20

years under Section 4(11) of the *Labrador Inuit Lands Act*." Nakummek, Ms Michelin. I recognize Mr. Pottle.

MR. POTTLE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I guess if we're going to do that we need to make an amendment to this bill. We just can't go on the advice of legal counsel. We need just for people's understanding there needs to be an amendment proposed. Thank you.

MS MICHELIN: Yes, as the Minister responsible, you could propose the amendment. The amendment would be to eliminate in clause five the words, "with an option to renew for a further term of 10 years."

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Ms Michelin. Was the Honourable Minister hoping to propose the amendment at this particular point? I recognize the Honourable Darryl Shiwak. It would just propose it or.

MR. D. SHIWAK: Mm-hmm. I propose an amendment to clause five. The amendment would be to remove "with an option to renew for a further term of 10 years" from clause five, seconded by the Honourable Minister Sean Lyall.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Honourable Minister. The motion is in order. Is the Assembly in favour of the motion?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion and the amendment is carried. So the amendment that was proposed was under clause five on page four of the *Loan Guarantees Act*. It now reads the Minister is hereby authorized to lease for the Commercial Fish Camps Bill 2016, the Minister is hereby authorized to lease a one-hectare piece parcel or lot of land in the Labrador Inuit Lands

Parcel 20 identified on map Atlas sheet 101 to Newfoundland Capital Corporation Limited as a lease for a term of 20 years with an option to renew for a further term of 20 years.

MR. D. SHIWAK: The option is removed altogether, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: My apologies. With no option for removal apologies. Clause five now reads, the Minister is hereby authorized to lease a one-hectare piece parcel lot of land in Labrador Inuit Lands Parcel 20 identified on map atlas sheet 101 and Newfoundland Capital Corporation Limited as a lease for a term of 20 years under Section 4.11 of the *Labrador Inuit Lands Act* on such terms as the Minister deems necessary or advisable subject to the following sub clauses (a) through (g).

MR. SPEAKER: And is the Assembly in agreement with clause five?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. SPEAKER: As amended. We'll now consider clause six on page five, Minister may terminate leases. Is the Assembly in agreement with clause six?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. SPEAKER: We'll now consider clause seven, coming into effect. Is the Assembly in agreement with clause seven, coming into effect?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. SPEAKER: That concludes the clause-by-clause review of the bill. Does Minister wish to make final comments and close debate?

MR. D. SHIWAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I wish to close debate.

MR. SPEAKER: That concludes debates. All those in favour of second reading of Bill 2016-03 Commercial Fishing Camps Authorization Bill, please raise your hands. Any opposed? The motion is carried and accordingly Bill 2016-03, the Commercial Fishing Camps Authorization Bill 2016 has had second reading. I'd like to thank the Minister and the witness, Ms Loretta Michelin. We're now back into the Assembly. Before we proceed onto item 18, "Assent to Bills," I'd like to call a very brief five-minute recess. Nakummek.

(Recess)

MR. SPEAKER: Prior to recess we were on item 17. We'll now move onto item 18 on our *Orders of the Day*, "Assent to Bills." Madam President, the Assembly has given second reading to Bill 2016-01, 2016-02 and 2016-03 and wish to present it for assent.

PRESIDENT LEO: Honourable Speaker, Members, as President of Nunatsiavut, I wish to assent to Bill 2016-01, the Budget Bill 2016, Bill 2016-02, the Torngat Co-op Bill and Bill 2016-03, the Commercial Fishing Camps Authorization Bill 2016 and hereby sign them into law.

MR. SPEAKER: Nakummek, Madam President. We will now move onto item 19, "Adjournment." I want to thank the Ministers and Members for their time and contributions and, again, the work of our translators William Barbour and Augusta Irving. Our visiting pages, Dasi and Elaine Obed, have done a wonderful job and Priscilla Nochasak, we thank you for giving the youth guidance over these days. I mentioned our IT staff,

Andrew Hamel, and support from OkâlaKatiget, Sarah Abel and Johansi Tuglavina and, of course, to our Assistant to the Clerk, Tabea Onalik. For the information of the Assembly, Andrew Hamel, again will be offering some lessons this evening at 7:00 p.m. at the Assembly Building, and there will be some one-on-one sessions. I hope that all the Members have a safe and happy spring and Easter. Nakummek.