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PARLIAMENTARY REPORT**

In Attendance:

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

President of Nunatsiavut, Honorable Johannes Lampe

First Minister, Ordinary Member for Makkovik, Honorable Kate Mitchell

Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, 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

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

Deputy Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Dave Lough

Deputy Minister of Education and Economic Development, Tim McNeill

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

Clerk of the Assembly, Mary Sillett

Absent:

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

The Nunatsiavut Assembly proceedings were recorded in Inutut and English.

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MR. EDMUNDS: (*Ullâkut Ilonnasi*). I'd like to call to order the fall session or the 12th session of the Third Nunatsiavut Assembly. We are on item one, "Prayer." I'd like to ask President Johannes Lampe to say our opening prayer.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: (Recites Prayer).

MR. EDMUNDS: Nakummek. I would like to recognize the President of the Nunatsiavut Government, President Johannes Lampe, to do his Opening Address under item 2 of the Orders of the Day.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Mr. Speaker, on July 27th, 2016, Minister Lyall and I joined other Inuit leaders in Kujjuak for the release of the National Inuit Suicide Prevention Strategy. This strategy, Mr. Speaker, and region's suicide prevention has a shared national, regional and community-wide effort that engages individuals, families and communities. It provides a unified approach to suicide prevention throughout Inuit Nunangat that transforms our collective knowledge, experience and research on suicide interaction. Mr. Speaker, while we have a long ways to go in dealing with this important issue, I believe we are on the right track. I look forward to seeing this strategy implemented for the benefit of Nunatsiavut as well as the whole of Inuit Nunangat. Earlier this month, Mr. Speaker, Minister Shiwak and I had the opportunity to join other Indigenous leaders at Indian House Lake for a meeting of the Ungava Peninsula Caribou

Aboriginal Round Table. It was a good meeting, Mr. Speaker and I believe we are making progress on the strategy to deal with the drastic decline in caribou, particularly the George River Herd. The most recent population survey puts the George River Herd at just under 9,000 animals. While we realize the importance of caribou to our people, the Nunatsiavut Government continues to support the provincial ban on hunting the herd, It's a difficult position to take, but one we feel is necessary. We're hopeful the Caribou Management Strategy will be completed later this fall outlining a realistic approach on how best to deal with the current crisis, while at the same time ensuring the long-term sustainability of the George River, Leaf River and other herds, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Minister Shiwak for co-chairing UPCART on an interim basis. The new co-chair is Mark Nui of the Innu Nation. I want to congratulate Mark and to wish him all the best as UPCART continues to advocate for the protection and sustainability of the George River and other caribou herds that are so important to our ways of life. Mr. Speaker, work is continuing on a renewal of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement Implementation Plan*. The original 10-year plan expired on March 31 of last year. We agreed to roll over that plan until we are able to finalize a new plan and negotiations on related funding. We are hopeful the new plan will be Finalized soon. Negotiations are also continuing on our *Fiscal Financing Agreement* and *Own Source Revenue Agreements* with the Government of Canada, and we are near the completed negotiations on an *Impacts and Benefits Agreement* on the Mealy Mountains National

Park. Finally, Mr. Speaker, I want to inform the Assembly that on September 12 an executive order was made under Section 3.2.1, 5.1.1.(c) and 5.5.1 of the *Labrador Inuit Constitution* to appoint Darryl Shiwak, Ordinary Member for Rigolet and Minister of Lands and Natural Resources to the office of Nunatsiavut Treasurer and Minister of Finance Human Resources and Information Technology. As you know, Minister Shiwak assumed the position in an acting capacity this past January. I am pleased that he has accepted the position on an official basis.

Nakummek OKatti.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable President. Will move onto item three, "Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery". For the information of the Assembly, Trudy Mesher-Barkman, Chair of Sivunivut Corporation is, reasonably excused from our proceedings. Please join me in congratulating Tabea Onalik for accepting the offer of the full-time permanent position of Assistance to the Clerk. Your fill-in performance has been commendable and we look forward to having you work with us. For the information of the assembly, we are continuing with our rotating page system we are joined, today by two Beneficiaries from Nunatsiavut Community of Nain. We have with us Julia Pijogge and Craig Wyatt. Thank you both for your interest in working with the Assembly. The interpreters/translators are Rita Andersen and Augusta Erving. Welcome back again. Tristan Gear, has been recently hired as the, IT support specialist based on Hopedale and he joins us today as IT support along with Robert Ford. I would also like to recognize the OKâlaKatiget staff;

Simone Kohlmeister and Johansi Tuglavina. If there are any questions around travel and logistics, please see Tabea Onalik. I'd like to welcome those in the gallery today and those who may be joining us through our Assembly's audio feed. We thank you for your interest in the Nunatsiavut Assembly. Are there Members wishing to recognize visitors in the gallery today? I recognize the Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Richard Pamak.

MR. PAMAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker First I want to welcome Belinda Webb, She's our Director of Culture and she is residing in Nain. She moved to Nain recently and she works out at the Administration Office of the Nunatsiavut Government in Nain. Belinda Webb. Thank you.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Mr. Pamak. Any other Members? I recognize Mr. Sean Lyall, Ordinary Member for Nain.

MR. LYALL:

Nakummek OKatti. I, too, would like to recognize Belinda Webb, Director of Culture for the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. Thank you for your interest and, also would like to say hello too. *Nakummek.*

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Mr. Lyall. Are there any other recognition of the visitors in the gallery today? If not, we will proceed to item four on your *Orders of the Day*, "Ministers Statements." Are there are any ministers statements today? I recognize the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell.

MS. MITCHELL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to submit to the Assembly a brief update on the activities of my department since the last Assembly sitting in June 2016. Mr. Speaker In regard to, implementation. The next meeting of the Implementation Committee is scheduled for November

2016. On the agenda will be discussions of a possible written response from Canada to the Nunatsiavut Government regarding the Nunatsiavut Government's request for amendment to the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement* to allow continued harvesting of migratory birds in the area identified in Schedule 12-E of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement*. The discussions to date on this issue are positive, however, the Nunatsiavut Government requires a written decision from Canada before the 2017-2018 fiscal year. We will request a substantive update response from Canada and Newfoundland and Labrador to the Nunatsiavut Government proposal for a renewed 10-year Implementation Plan which has been tabled by the Nunatsiavut Government and set a schedule for negotiation of the new Implementation Plan and Mr. Speaker, in regard to membership; enrolment of beneficiaries and the membership appeals processes are ongoing. The registrar's planning another membership workshop to be held later this month or early October to deal with ongoing process issues including a review process for beneficiaries enrolled on the register who the Membership Committees are concerned do not meet the criteria to be enrolled as a beneficiary. Don Dicker Sr. has replaced Wilson Jararuse as Chair of the Nain and North of Nain Membership Committee, and the Nunatsiavut Government Appointments Committee is working on replacing Wilson's vacancy on this committee. The Appointments Committee are currently working to fill one vacancy on the Hopedale Membership Committee and Mr. Speaker, Public Property. The prototype six-plex in Nain as a result, of

the response to the RRF issued by the Nunatsiavut Government in June, Atsanik Consulting Limited has been awarded a contract to provide consulting construction tendering and project management services for the project. Atsanik Consulting prepared and issued the tender for construction in July and Budgell's Equipment and Rentals was awarded the contract to, construct a prototype. Work has commenced on the project and the building is scheduled to be completed in 2017. The Departmental Working Group will discuss options and make recommendations that will be, submitted to the Nunatsiavut Executive Council for consideration regarding ownership of the building, rental rates, and criteria for occupancy of this building. DHSD Hopedale. The Aivek Stantec report on Nunatsiavut Government office requirements recommended a new office complex for Hopedale. A tentative design layout of the office space was included in the final report. The Nunatsiavut Executive Council has approved funding to proceed with purchase of land for the building site and a consultant to prepare the building design. The land selection process is ongoing and when we have procured the site we will go to tender for building design, construction tendering and project management. We still hope to do the site work this fall, and Mr. Speaker In regard to our Geotechnical Drilling Program, the contract has been, awarded to Aivek Stantec to complete a Geotechnical Drilling Program in Postville, Makkovik and Rigolet. This drilling program will help determine what type of foundation is required for home construction in specific areas of the community, particularly,

the proposed new housing subdivision areas. Cartwright Drilling will be doing the actual drilling and the project is scheduled to start in Postville, which is already started, and then move to Makkovik and complete the project in Rigolet. The drilling is scheduled to be completed in all three of our Communities by the end of October and Mr. Speaker in regard to the Housing Repair Program as a result, of the meeting on April 18th with Sherry-Gambin Welsh the Provincial Government responsible for housing and social development sent a letter confirming that Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation will be contributing \$150,000 for the home repair in 2016 if the Nunatsiavut Government would match that amount and the program would be administered by the Nunatsiavut Government. The Nunatsiavut Executive Council has agreed to match the contribution which results in \$300,000 Housing Repair Fund for 2016. A decision was then made to repair three homes in Nain and three homes in Hopedale that had already been assessed as part of the 2014-2015 Attic Retrofit and Housing Repair Program, but repairs were not completed due to lack of funding. A contract has been awarded to Lucy's Plumbing and Heating to repair three homes in Hopedale and a contract was awarded to Nunatsiavut Construction to repair three homes in Nain. In July 2016, the Federal Government informed the Nunatsiavut Government that the \$15 million over a two-year period for housing within Nunatsiavut has announced as part of the federal budget will be transferred directly to the Nunatsiavut Government through an amendment to the current Fiscal Financing Agreement. The Nunatsiavut Executive Council has

approved the spending of \$4 million by March 31st, 2017. The Nunatsiavut Executive Council approved adding the repair work to all homes that have been assessed in Nain and Hopedale to the existing Nunatsiavut Construction and Lucy's contracts. Further to that, Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation has units in Hopedale and Nain which would require work in order to rent them. Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation has funding to repair these units and asked Nunatsiavut Government if we would add have this work to our repair work this summer. The Nunatsiavut Executive Council has agreed to do that. The total homes to be repaired this year is 10 in Nain in 12 in Hopedale. This means that the Nunatsiavut Government is doing repairs to a total of 23 homes at a total cost of \$1.8 million. In addition, we will be providing funding to Torngat Regional Housing Corporation Association to construct one new home in Rigolet this year and we will order energy efficient woodstoves for installation in new homes and homes that are being repaired and require a wood stove. We propose to construct one complex in Nain and one in Hopedale that can be assigned for supportive living units. We have allocated \$1 million to secure land and develop the sites this fall, if possible. The Nunatsiavut Government will contract the consultant to do an assessment of homes in Rigolet, Makkovik and Postville this winter to determine the repair work required on homes and plan to have these repairs done next summer. Over the winter months the housing working group will propose to the Executive Council that they will be developing the plan for

the expenditure of the remaining \$1 million for housing within Nunatsiavut in 2017, 2018. And, Mr. Speaker, in regard to transportation, during my meeting with Minister Hawkins in April he indicated that 2016 is the last year for the Astron and an RFP is being repaired for a replacement vessel for 2017. I ask that I be sent a copy of the final draft of the RFP for Nunatsiavut Government's comments before it is released. Minister Hawkins committed to provide a draft copy of the RFP. To date we have not received a copy of the draft and no RFP has yet been issued. I intend to follow up with the Minister on this issue. And, Mr. Speaker, in regard to the Nain Airstrip, we have continued to lobby both the Federal and Provincial Governments for funding to complete the proposed new airstrip for Nain. We have continued to meet with Infrastructure Canada, and MP Yvonne Jones regarding probable funding for the Nain Airstrip. During our last meeting in July, MP Jones said that the new airstrip for Nain is now at the top of the Federal Government priority list for airstrip development in Labrador and could be funded by Infrastructure Canada. However, the Province must first identify the project as a priority and submit a revised proposal to Infrastructure Canada for funding for the project. To date, the Province has not done so. So I will continue to lobby Minister Hawkins and Premier Ball to try to secure funding for the Nain Airstrip in 2017. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

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

MR. FLOWERS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a few updates this morning. We are pleased to tell you that we have hired a new Director of Health Services, Sylvia Doody. Sylvia is originally from Black Tickle. She worked here in Hopedale for the HSD for a number of years and also worked for Lab-Grenfell Health in Goose Bay. She's primarily responsible for public health, homecare and non-insured health benefits. Also, Mr. Speaker, we've created a new position, Regional Co-ordinator Youth Program and Services. Vyann Andersen- Goudie has accepted that position. We are hopeful that she'll bring new energy to the Youth Division, engage youth in all communities, revitalize the rising Youth Council and expand youth programming. Also, Mr. Speaker, we are currently preparing to carry out a survey of housing needs options for seniors in our communities. The survey will begin in Nain and Hopedale this fall and move to the other communities. We are very hopeful that we will get a good, I guess, response from seniors. We will be holding focus groups and going house to house to speak with seniors to explain several possible options; senior's apartments, personal care, assisted living arrangements. This survey will be very helpful to NG as we explore potential options for our communities. The second project for seniors that we are exploring is Meals on Wheels which would provide one nutritious meal a day delivered to the homes of the seniors who are interested in this very, I think, worthwhile project that we're looking at. Yes, we see a lot of times that seniors don't get, you know, or can't afford sometimes a nutritious meal and we're certainly going to look at trying to provide at least one a

day for seniors. This program has been successful in many communities and including Happy Valley Goose Bay. So we are looking at ways to adopt this program to Nunatsiavut. Key Assets has been working DHSD and CYFS to open a home in Hopedale for children in care. They hired their staff this summer. They trained staff this spring and summer. We renovated a Newfoundland and Labrador house that was vacant and we currently have three children in the home. A second house, a home will be opened in the next month or so. They have also used a DHSD apartment on occasion for short-term uses. So, Mr. Speaker, I'd just like to say that it's finally looking up for the community and bringing children back into our communities. And, Mr. Speaker, once Hopedale is complete we will also be looking at doing the same facilities in Nain in the next coming year. The Family Connections Program is working well in Nain and Hopedale. We have two staff members in Nain, Jenny Oliver and Diane Obed and one staff member in Hopedale, Krista Lane providing support to families at risk so that children can remain in their own homes or work with families that children can return home. We have four children returning to their parents in Nain and three children in Hopedale since March as a direct result of this program. We are hoping to be able to expand on this program in the future. Throughout the summer we have been facilitating a number of land-based programs for Family, Youth and Wellness weekend, Partners with Vale and Language Camps. So that was a great positive thing that happened all for this summer. Also, Mr. Speaker, I'd just like to say that our department has prepared backpacks

filled with school supplies for various age groups and sent to approximately 250 young children in Nunatsiavut for the upcoming school year. So I'd just like to say, Mr. Speaker, that some children and parents who could not afford or had trouble affording school supplies, we filled 250 packs. So that's it, Mr. Speaker, thank you.

MR. EDMUNDS:

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 do a brief update on our education programs. Inuit Pathways has 38 clients starting long-term training this fall. In addition to this we have supported a number of clients in short-term training over the course of the summer. This has been individualized training as well as partnering initiatives; example, supporting Inuit Community Governments to provide safety training bundles. Inuit Pathway's staff are very thankful for additional funds from the Nunatsiavut Government to support skills development training as the asset budget is very limited and does not meet the demand from beneficiaries wanting training. Seventeen students were supported in the summer work initiatives this year and 17 work experience positions have been supported in some capacity. We are very fortunate and thankful to once again receive funding from Nunatsiavut Government to supplement the work experience budget. Staff continue to develop partnership opportunities whenever possible to increase employment opportunities for beneficiaries. We have worked closely with

Nunatsiavut Marine over the past few months on training and work opportunities to build capacity within Nunatsiavut Marine leading to increased employment for beneficiaries. Mr. Speaker, staff attended a National Assets Engagement Session in June. Discussions took place on moving forward with a new agreement initiative. It was decided at this session that a new initiative would not be pursued for the upcoming year and another extension year of the current agreement was requested. This was requested in order give asset holders time to work with ESDC Service Canada to determine the best way to move forward with any new funding arrangements and initiatives. Deputy Minister McNeil attended another round of regional engagements for the Assets Program in late August to further determine the best ways to move forward. Staff continue to work the Inuit Human Resource Development Technical Committee through ITK and are in the process of planning an Inuit-specific engagement session in late October. This will provide an opportunity to develop Inuit regional-specific positions for the development of an asset successor initiative. Mr. Speaker, in early June applications for the PSSSP Program were notified of conditional approval. Selections were not needed as there were enough funds to take all applicants at this time. As of June 7th we have 152 full-time and 37 part-time students registered. Due to the large number of applicants from the Canadian Constituency, we took on more than we expect, close to 20 students, because 20 students are due to graduate in the end of 2016-17. As we still have surplus funds, we have approved five late applicants from

Canada for 2016-2017 year only. Seat allocations based on population. So Canada has 33 percent of the population. They have 53 seat allocations based on their population. They use 74. Sixteen was used for part-time. They are getting an extra 21 seats from the funding. Upper Lake Melville; 32 percent of the population, 51 seats. They use 52 full-time and 13 part-time, an extra 1 seat. Nunatsiavut has 35 percent of the population. They have a seat allocation of 56, however, they've only used 34 for full-time, 9 for part-time. They're less 22 seats. As directed by NEC in December, 2015 to try to look at incentives to increase number of students entering PSSP from Nunatsiavut, the education staff held several meetings to discuss possible recommendations for Nunatsiavut students as well as to improve some benefits for full-time students. The NEC approved four benefits initiatives that were proposed. The approved benefits and initiatives are being prepared for implementation. All students will be notified of the changes once registration is completed and the wording for the policy is finalized and inserted in the student handbook. We are still working on new initiatives benefits and the effects on this year's budget. Mr. Speaker, we also saw 33 applicants withdraw their applications; 6 from Canada, 14 from Upper Lake Melville and 13 from Nunatsiavut. Reasons given: Change of plan, employment, did not get into their program and a few did not complete their application or contact the PSSP office. So far we have 23 graduates for the 2015-16 academic year. The Inuit Bachelor of Education class continues to do well. Students enjoy their short placements and return to studies in mid-

June. We did lose one student at the end of the winter semester due to academic performance. The spring marks have just recently come in and the remaining 14 students did well and are continuing in their program. Mr. Speaker, we have seen some of our students and graduates get employment through the Traditions and Transitions Project. Vicky Allen has been hired full-time as Conference Co-ordinator for the Inuit Studies Conference. Two IBED students will be working on the children's books with Martha MacDonald at the Labrador Institute. Another PSSP student, Bryanna Brown has been working part-time as research assistant. A high school graduate from Nain, Caroline Nochasak, worked over the summer with Tom Gordon. She is now in Germany for a year of studies that started in September. A meeting has been scheduled with Munn to discuss with the possibility and feasibility of offering a business administration degree in Labrador. If the program were to go ahead, it would take two to three years to work out all the details and logistics. We have received a lot of interest from people who like to see a business program offered. At the end of June our secretary/receptionist went on maternity leave. Cindy Dwyer was hired in July as her replacement, but has since tendered her resignation. We are re-advertising for the position. Mr. Speaker, Summer Literacy Camp. In July through funds received from the department, Frontier College ran a three-week summer literacy camp in Nain. Just some quick facts on the camp that we have received. Eighty children attended a three-week camp. A total of 1,008 free high-quality books were sent home with campers to keep.

Campers spent an average of 60 minutes reading each day and read approximately five books each effectively combatting summer learning loss. Campers also spent an average of 120 minutes each day on outdoor and physical activities, and 2 local people and 3 southern councillors benefited from the training and meaningful employment with the camp, and 55 adults from the community took part in the camp including 42 family members and friends and 13 guest presenters. Mr. Speaker, Students on Ice. This year the department once again sponsored two students to join the Students on Ice expedition. There were 11 applicants and they selected Charlie Mae Dyson from Makkovik and Robert Jacque from Rigolet. The department covered the expenditure fee as well as the constant travel to and from their home communities to Ottawa. A full report will be sent to us by Students on Ice and copies will be made available. Inuit Society in Culture course. The pilot year of the Inuit Society in Culture course delivered in three communities; Nain, Hopedale and Rigolet is complete and a full delivery is set for this fall; the student resources in the final design process and will be printed by mid-fall. This course will be deemed a local credit, but we have gained permission for it to satisfy either the Canadian Studies or Fine Arts course requirements depending on the need of the student. This will allow more flexibility when it comes to selection of courses for graduation requirements. Aivek Stantec has been awarded the contract to complete a needs base study on the delivery of post-secondary education funding within

Nunatsiavut. This contract is in the final process and work will start in this fall. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

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

MR. SHIWAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I'll give a brief update from the Department of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology. Today, Mr. Speaker, the auditors for the Nunatsiavut Government, Deloitte, will be presenting the consolidated financial statements for the year ended March 31st, 2016. These financial statements will include the transactions of the Nunatsiavut Government, the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust*, the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Implementation Trust*, as well as a reflection of the investment in the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust*. These financial statements are one tool for the Nunatsiavut Assembly to use to determine the government's accountability for the resources, obligation and the financial affairs that we are entrusted. The Statement of Financial Position reflects the financial assets or the net financial debt positions. Mr. Speaker, this indicator is an important test of the sustainability of our government. Do we have enough financial assets to cover the liabilities of the government and to finance future operations? As noted in the Statement of Financial Position the Nunatsiavut Government does have net financial assets which means that we can do so. The statement of changes in the net financial assets represents that the extent that the revenue was

sufficient to meet the costs of goods and services acquired during an accounting period. The government was able to increase this position further indicating the sustainability of the government. Mr. Speaker, the second indicator of financial performance is the accumulated surplus or accumulated deficit position. It reflects our ability to provide future services. An accumulated surplus is the amount by which all assets, financial and non-financial exceed all liabilities accumulated over time. The Nunatsiavut Government has accumulated surplus of over 400 million, a very healthy position reflecting that we do have the net resources, both financial and physical, that can be used to provide future services to beneficiaries. On the Statement of Operations, third financial indicator to note is the annual surplus or deficit. Surplus is different than cash in the bank account. It also includes non-cash transactions. The annual surplus deficit shows whether the revenues raised in the year were sufficient to cover the cost of the services provided. Again we are in a positive position generating more than enough revenues to cover our expenses including the expenses of using new and existing capital assets to provide services to beneficiaries. It is worth noting that the government grossed revenues this fiscal year over the prior year by \$18.1 million. The main drivers of this growth were annual increase in the funding under *Fiscal Financing Agreement* due to inflation and population; approximately \$6 million increase in the amount of actual income received from investments, particularly from the two Trusts, receipt of additional personal income tax as the Canada Revenue Agency

completed their audits for 2001 and 2012 years as an increase in funds received for specific programs and projects. Mr. Speaker, the statement of re-measurement gains and losses reflects the change in accumulated surplus that is attributable to fair value changes in the government investments. During the current fiscal year there was a decrease in market value of the investments of 8.8 million from the previous year. As we are all aware the global economy suffered during the prior year with the decreases seen in the price of oil and other commodities. Political uncertainty due to Brexit, election years in the US, Germany and France with impacts reflected on markets. This is an unrealized loss and only reflected in actual cash if the investments were withdrawn at this time. That being said, this statement also reflects that over time these investments have a positive gain in market value of \$61.7 million. Mr. Speaker, the statement of cash flow provides the information on our liquidity and accountability of the use of our resources. The government was able to grow our cash position by 2.8 billion and remains in a healthy financial position. A fourth positive financial indicator. Mr. Speaker, as Treasurer, I am pleased with the overall financial position of Nunatsiavut Government. As the financial statements reflect, we have the ability to provide future programs and services to our beneficiaries, to finance our operations, and to meet our contractual obligations. The future of the government is secure. *Nakummek.*

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Before proceeding, we have reached the time limit for Ministers Statements at 35 minutes. This is standing

order 29.2, so I would like to seek unanimous consent of the Assembly, at 16.1, so that we may proceed with the rest of the Ministers Statements.

Do I have the unanimous consent of the Assembly to proceed? Any nays?

Please proceed, Minister.

MR. D. SHIWAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'll give an update from the Department of Lands and Natural Resources. Mr. Speaker, fisheries. The commercial char, snow crab, green and halibut and shrimp fisheries are successful so far this season. Our fishers have landed 181 metric tonnes of turbot, 100 per cent of the quota. In addition to this, we were able to land nearly 17 metric tonnes of the competitive turbot quota. With regards to snow crab, our fishers are able to land approximately 98 per cent of their quotas. Mr. Speaker, our northern fisheries continuing to date, and we have landed approximately 50 per cent of the quota in SFA 4 and 50 per cent of the quota in SFA 5. The Nain plant processed approximately 51,000 pounds of arctic char, and the new smoker and filleting machine purchased last season performed well this year. Mr. Speaker, the review of the DFO LIFO policy regarding norther shrimp allocations was completed by June 15. The Minister's Advisory Panel presented the report to the federal ministers shortly afterward. The Northern Shrimp Advisory Committee, or NSAC, was reconvened on July 8th in Montreal. The Ministers' Advisory Panel recommended to the Minister that that DFO LIFO policy be scrapped, in favour of a permanent proportional sharing arrangement. NSAC Committee also recommended a 10 per cent increase in the total allowable catch in SFA 5, which was accepted by the

Minister. On July 29th, the Minister announced quotas to the North Shrimp Fishery Areas 4 and 5. Mr. Speaker, in a new proportional sharing system for northern shrimp, Nunatsiavut Government received an additional total of 675 tonnes in SFA 4, an increase of 375 tonnes, 312 tonnes in SFA 4, an increase of 1,048 tonnes, for the 2016, 2017 fishing season. While this is an increase, we are still unhappy with this decision, as the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement* entitled us to 11 per cent of the northern shrimp quotas in waters within and adjacent to our waters. The Counting Fence at English River are doing well again this year, with good numbers of Atlantic salmon being recorded. The numbers are slightly lower than last year's record returns, but are on par to achieve 100 per cent conservation limits. Wildlife, Mr. Speaker. Nunatsiavut Government will be issuing 39 moose licenses for the 2016 hunting season, and additional 4 licenses over last year's quota. Last week we held the initial draw in each community for these licenses. We are pleased to say that we area also successful, Mr. Speaker, in getting 15 moose licenses again this year to harvest in the Gros Morne National Park. Plans are currently underway to harvest these moose next month. Mr. Speaker, the decline in the George River Caribou Herd is very concerning to us, as you heard from President Lampe, and we are working in cooperation with the UPCART towards a managing strategy to guide the management of George River and Leaf River Caribou Herds. As President Lampe mentioned, an UPCART meeting was held on the George River the week before last and we made good progress on strategies. We

hope to adopt the strategy next month. Another initiative that we discussed at UPCART meeting was gaining access to the Leaf River Caribou Herd to help address the community food security issues. We will continue to pursue this request. *Impacts and Benefits Agreement*.

There was a Voisey Bay committee meeting on September 15th, 2016, for the Voisey Bay IBA. A number of agenda items were discussed, including employment, contractor hiring, Vale hiring, subcontracting, shipping, and LATP. We also had an update on overall business and underground development. Our department and the Department of Education and Economic Development and other elected officials, have been receiving complaints on recent contractor hiring related to underground expansion project. Our staff and the other NG staff have been actively following up on this issue with the contractors and Vale to address these complaints. We need to ensure that all hiring aspects respect the IBA priorities and we will continue to pursue this issue. It is unfortunate that we continue to have these issues with contractors, including our own Innu and Inuit-owned partnerships. The next Voisey Bay meeting is scheduled for December 15th. Mr. Speaker, the Parks Co-Management Board met in base camp from August 1st to the 6th, 2016. At this meeting, there were a number of updates, including the Torngat Caribou Herd, archaeology, continued research work, and visitors to the park. Our IBA coordinator was unable to make the meeting, due to personal reasons, but Mr. William Barber attended and provided feedback to our department. The

next face-to-face meeting will take place in either Nain or Hopedale in the New Year. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

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

MR. LYALL:

Nakummek Uhatti. I'd like to give you an update on the recent activities of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, and at the outset, I'd like to focus on the divisional language and culture. Recently, we have done up the very qualified staff team to meet our commitment to advancing language and culture services and programming. At present, we currently have six full-time permanent positions, Director of Culture, Belinda Webb, Language Program Coordinator, Sybella Tuglavina, Arts Program Co-ordinator, Chantelle Andersen, Interpreter/Translator, William Barbour, Interpreter/Translator, Louisa Kojak, who has recently moved back to Nain and started September 7th, 2016. Interpreter trainee, Silpa Suarak. Four temporary full-time positions, LITP Academic Advisor, Sarah Townley, LITP IBED teacher, Suzanna Jararuse, LITP Inuktitut Curriculum Consultant, Harriet Andersen, LITP IBED Teacher Assistant, Selma Jararuse, two contractual staff, interpreter/translator, Katie Winters, and proof reader, David Kajuatsiak. Current projects that we are currently involved in include Katingavik Inuit Arts Festival. Now this has taken place as part of the Inuit studies conference. Katingavik is a three-day celebration of Inuit creativity in film, music, and visual arts. We have a letter from Canadian Heritage informing us that we are

approved for \$50,000. This support will help cover the costs associated with performing artists attending the festival as part of the Inuit Studies conference. Travel accommodations, *per diems*. SakKijajuk, in partnership with Heather Igloliorte, will launch on October 7 the first ever permanent travelling exhibit of Labrador Inuit Art. The Exhibit will be featured in the Provincial Art Gallery at the Rooms, before beginning a national, multi-year tour. We have funding through the International Grenfell Association for \$82,000. We currently have nine confirmed artists attending. Under the IGA funding, we are covering accommodations, travel and per diems. In regards to jewellery training, there is a targeted initiative for older workers, (Jewellery Workshop)- funding is from the provincial department of advanced education and skills, and we are working in partnership with the college or North Atlantic to provide the program. Currently, we have eight participants, seven from Nain and one from Hopedale. Total funding for this project is \$191,019. In regards to cultural awareness, Mr. Speaker, there is the Nunatsiavut, the story of Labrador Inuit: We have received funding from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development in the amount of \$10,000 to develop a PowerPoint on Nunatsiavut. This is a cultural sensitivity package for new RCMP, health workers, construction workers, et cetera, as well as new Nunatsiavut Government employees. In regards to LITP teacher training, through the LITP, the Culture Division has hosted teacher training in Goose Bay from June 29th to July 13th, 2016. We had 13 participants ranging from 25 to 65 years old. The course was a

success, however, there was a lot learned from planning and coordinating the program. Mr. Speaker, in regards to translations, for the month of August, we did not accept any external translation requests as we were down in our staff numbers. We now, however, are accepting external requests. For the month of August, the translators translated over 5,600 words. There is now an internal request process, and it seems to be working really well. Mr. Speaker, the full national committee on National Language Committee from ITK met in Inuvik September 13th to the 16th. Nunatsiavut was represented by Sarah Townley, Christine Nochasak and Sophie Tuglavina. The committee will make recommendations to Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami, and to all regional Inuit organizations on a standardized Inuktitut writing system in early 2017. Mr. Speaker, the Illusuak Cultural Center and how federal funding support has gotten us to this far, Mr. Speaker. In consultations with the Government of Canada in 2014, the Nunatsiavut Executive Council was encouraged to proceed with Illusuak Cultural Centre project even though the total funding package had not been confirmed. The four federal departments involve Parks Canada, Canadian Heritage, the Atlantic Career Opportunities Agency and the Department of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada, set up an internal inter-departmental coordinating committee to work with us on identifying the funds needed to complete the project. Mr. Speaker, that committee increased the contribution. ACOA added another one million, for a total contribution of two million. Canadian Heritage added 1.5 million to their contribution for a total of 2.7 million, and INAC added 1.5

million for a total of 2.5 million. Mr. Speaker, this makes the federal contribution to the project at \$9.14 million. The Illusuak exhibit, the Blue Rhino design, in partnership with the Ontario Science Center has been selected for the Illusuak exhibit final design, fabrication and installation. The full Blue Rhino team travelled to Nain the week of July 4 to meet with our team and tour the community. Mr. Speaker, I had the pleasure to accompany this tour group with Ordinary Member, Richard Pamak, to give the Blue Rhino design team a sense of our land, because it's a very important component of who we are. Our café consultants also joined the group, as well as Jane Severs, our exhibit Project Manager, and Miles Peterson. The exhibit Critical path has been developed with installation scheduled for the Fall of 2017. Mr. Speaker, in regards to time, I do have more, but I'd like to elect to continue my ministerial statements at tomorrow's sitting. *Nakummek*.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. At this point, I'd like to call a recess of 15 minutes and reconvene at 10:35. Thank you.

(Recess)

MR. EDMUNDS:

At adjournment for recess, we left off on item four, "Ministers Statements". At this point in time, I'd like to implement Standing Order 16.1 to seek the unanimous consent of the Assembly to move onto item 13, "Tabling of Documents," through 14, 15 and 16. At a later point in the day, we will return to the regular *Orders of the Day*, resuming with Members Statements. Do I have the unanimous consent of the Assembly? Are there any nays? There are none? We will proceed with

item 13, "Tabling of Documents," on your *Orders of the Day*, and I would like to recognize the Nunatsiavut Treasurer, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

MR. D. SHIWAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to table the consolidated financial statements of the Nunatsiavut Government for year ended March 31st, 2016, and the report on the audited annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended March 31st, 2016.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. The documents will be numbered as tabled document 01-3(12) and tabled document 02-3(12). I'd like to again recognize the Nunatsiavut Treasurer, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

MR. D. SHIWAK: Thank you again, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to table Section 111 report as required under the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act*.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. The document will be numbered as tabled document 03-3(12). Once more I'd like to recognize the Honourable Darryl Shiwak, the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources.

MR. D. SHIWAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to table 2015-2016 Annual Report for the Department of Lands and Natural Resources. *Nakummek*.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. The document will be numbered as tabled document 04-3(12). I now recognize the Minister of Health and Social Development, the Honourable Gregory Flowers.

MR. FLOWERS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to table 2015-2016 Annual Report for the Department of Health and Social Development.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. The document will be numbered as tabled document 05-3(12). Are there any further documents to be tabled today? If not, we will proceed on to item 14, "Notices of Motion," and 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, September 21st, I will move section by the Honourable Kate Mitchell, First Minister, that tabled documents 01-3(12) and 02-3(12) be referred to the Committee of the Whole for consideration with witnesses from Deloitte LLP. Mr. Speaker, I will be seeking unanimous consent to deal with this motion today, under item 16, "Motions".

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. Are there any further Notices of Motion today? We'll proceed with item 15, "Notices of Motion First Reading of Bills". There are no Notices of Motion for the First Reading of Bills. Onto item 16, "Motions". Minister Shiwak, I understand that you wish to proceed with the motion which you gave notice to earlier.

MR. D. SHIWAK: Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am seeking unanimous consent to proceed with my motion on moving the audited statements and report on the audited annual consolidated financial statements into the Committee of the Whole for consideration.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. The Minister is seeking unanimous consent to proceed with his motion today. Are there any nays? There are none. Honourable Minister, please proceed.

MR. D. SHIWAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of Nunatsiavut Assembly.

Whereas the consolidated financial statements of the Nunatsiavut Government for the year ended March 31st, 2016, and the report on the audited annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended March 31st, 2016 have been tabled in the Assembly. And whereas the Assembly should consider these documents in Committee of the Whole with witnesses from the auditors. Now, therefore, I move, seconded by the Honourable Kate Mitchell, First Minister, that the tabled documents 01-3(1) and 02-3(12) be referred to the Committee of the Whole for consideration, with witness from Deloitte LLP. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

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

MR. D. SHIWAK:

Not at this time, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Minister. Does anyone else wish 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:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I wish to conclude debate.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister that concludes debate. All those in favour of the motion? All those opposed to the motion? The motion is carried. These documents will now be considered into the Committee of the Whole, with the witnesses. We are now into the Committee of the Whole, and I'd like to invite the auditor to address the Assembly. Additionally, I'd like to once more utilize Standing Order 16.1 to ask the

Assembly to invite Ms. Rexanne Crawford to the table as well to examine the report along with the witness from Deloitte. Are there any nays to this? Please proceed. Thank you for joining us in the Committee of the Whole. When you are ready you may begin your introductions and your presentation. Thank you.

MR. JANES:

Thank you, everyone. My name is Paul Janes. I think most of you know me. I'm here today to present our audit results and also walk through the consolidated annual financial statements for the year ended March 31st, 2016. I will start by going through the audit results document, which this is the one with the pictures of the trees and leaves on the front, just to be clear. And I'll start on page 1, titled "Our Audit Explained". Everybody able to find it okay? Yes, okay, great. Okay, so as I said, I'll start on page 1, titled "Our Audit Explained". So from an audit scope and terms of engagement perspective, Deloitte has been asked to perform an audit, which includes the governments consolidated financial statements, in accordance with Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards, for the year ended March 31st, 2016. Our audit was conducted in accordance with Canadian Generally Accepted Auditing Standards, and the terms and conditions of our engagement were agreed upon in our Engagement Letter dated April 20th, 2016, and signed on behalf of management. From a significant audit risk perspective, we go through a detailed planning process at the beginning of every audit, and through this risk assessment process, we have identified significant audit risks. I will address what those risks were and how we addressed them

later on in the presentation. Our materiality for the current year was set at 1.35 million, compared to 1.3 million in the prior year, and we have informed management of all uncorrected misstatements greater than a clearly trivial amount, which we set at five per cent of materiality, and any misstatements that are, in our judgment, qualitatively material. In accordance with Canadian GAS, we ask that any misstatements be corrected. Our audit fees for the current year were \$103,010, compared to \$101,415 in the prior year, and tax fees were \$3,254, compared to \$3,210 in the prior year, and these fees include the fees of the consolidated financial statements audit, as well as the *Implementation and Settlement Trust* as well. Turning to page 2, from a status and outstanding matters perspective, there are no outstanding matters. We have rendered our audit opinion on the consolidated financial statements of the government, following approval of the statements by the Nunatsiavut Executive Council on September 6, 2016. For uncorrected misstatements, in accordance with Canadian Generally Accepted Auditing Standards, we request that all misstatements be corrected. A summary of uncorrected misstatements are represented in Appendix 2, which I'll address when we get to that section of the report. From a growing concern perspective, management has completed its assessment of the ability of the government to continue as a growing concern, and in our opinion, there was no risks of that not happening. From a business insights perspective, during the course of our audit, we examined the accounting procedures and internal controls employed by the

government, and do not render any insights at this time. We also look at uncorrected disclosure misstatements, so anything that we feel should be disclosed in the financial statements that isn't disclosed. There's one minor item that we have outlined in Appendix 3, which we'll get to. We discuss all these with management and come to a decision as to which ones we feel should be or should not be disclosed in the statements.

Page 3, Fraud Risk. A summary of the results of our audit procedure is designed to address risk of material misstatement, and the financial statements relating to fraud is provided in the significant audit risk section of this report. Based on the audit evidence obtained, our assessment of the risks of material misstatement due to fraud remain appropriate. From an independence perspective, we have developed appropriate safeguards and procedures to eliminate threats to our independence, or to reduce them to an acceptable level, and have attached in Appendix 1, a copy of our Independence Letter, which does state that we remain independent, and if we weren't, obviously we would have to bring that to your attention. For significant accounting practices, judgments and estimates, any set of financial statements would have significant estimates and judgements based into those. For the Nunatsiavut Government, those significant practices and judgements are accruals, the use of laws of tangible capital assets, residual value of tangible capital assets, the valuation of investments, the collectability of amounts receivable, and the personal income tax revenue you recognize. Our assessment of these items is included in the Significant Accounting

Practices and Judgements section of our report. Conclusion, in accordance with Canadian Generally accepted auditing standards, our audit is designed to enable to express an opinion on the fairness of the presentation of the government's annual financial statements, prepared in accordance with Public Sector Accounting Standards. No restrictions have been placed on the scope of our audit. In performing the audit, we were given full and complete access to the accounting records, supporting documentation, and other information requested. And, as I mentioned, we have issued an unmodified audit report dated September 6, 2016, on the consolidated financial statements of the government for the year ended March 31st, 2016. Turning to page 4, title, "Significant Audit Risks". So one of the auditing standards are required to outline what areas of significant risk we identified during our audit. First one was management override of controls. We also identified financial statement disclosure and presentation as a significant risk, as well as personal expense claims. Just turning to page 5, from a management override of controls perspective. Management is in a unique position to override internal controls, which could allow manipulation of the accounting records that could result in consolidated financial statements that are materially misstated. This represents a fraud risk to the 2016 audit.

MR. EDMUNDS:

We have a question, I believe, if that's fine, from the AngajukKâk for Rigolet, or? Yes, just please keep the translators in mind as you're conducting your presentation. Thank you very much. Thank you.

MR. JANES:

So the risk of management override of control is a standard risk for any audit, and it isn't different for the audit of the Nunatsiavut Government. So our audit response to that risk is that we discussed fraud with management. We asked key members of management for their views about the risk of fraud, whether they know of any actual or suspected fraud affecting the government, and their role in the oversight of management's anti-fraud programs. We would test a sample of journal entries made throughout the year, and adjustments made at the end of the year as well. We evaluated the business rationale of any significant unusual transactions. We would also determine whether judgments and decisions related to management estimates indicate a possible bias, which include a performing retrospective analysis of any significant estimates in your statements. From a results perspective, we feel we have obtained sufficient audit evidence to conclude that there were no material misstatements in this area. For financial statement disclosure and presentation, the audit risk we identified was incomplete or misleading financial statement disclosure and presentation in accordance with the accounting standards they'd follow. We reviewed with management all significant accounting policies and disclosures, and we obtained documentation in support of, and reviewed for reasonableness, the consolidated financial statements, and we are satisfied that the presentation of the financial statements, under Public Sector Accounting Standards, and that all material, quantitative and qualitative disclosures have been properly included in them. Lastly, the personal expense

claims. So a risk that we identified was that personal expense claims include expenses which are not of a business nature, and this represents a fraud risk for the 2016 audit as well. We reviewed a sample of expense reports for proper authorization of expenditures and review the supporting documentation to ensure the expenditures were conducted for business purposes. And we are satisfied that the expense claims reviewed only include expenses that were conducted for business purposes. Turning to page 6, Other Reportable Matters. So just some other items to note. We did not encounter any significant difficulties while performing our audit. There were no significant delays in receiving information from management required for the audit, nor was there an unnecessary brief timetable in which to complete the audit placed upon us. In the course of our audit, we did not encounter any disagreements with management about matters that individually, or in the aggregate, could be significant to the consolidated financial statements.

Management has informed us that the government has not consulted with other accountants about auditing or accounting matters. Our limited procedures did not identify any areas of material non-compliance with regards to laws and regulations of the government, and we not aware of any post-balance sheet events that would affect your financial statements as of the date of our report. Last point there is around a group audit. So due to the structure of the government, it is considered on the accounting standards and auditing centers to be a group audit. There are two entities that are ultimately included in the consolidated

financial statements that we are not the auditors for. Therefore, we are required to bring that to your attention, and we do, do other audit procedures to ensure that we're satisfied to be able to include those in the audit report, and those entities are Torngat Services Limited Partnership, and PiKaluk Jack Fisheries Limited Partnership, as well. Just quickly walk you through the appendix of the documents. So Appendix 1 is our Independence Letter, which, as I mentioned earlier, we are independent of the organization, and if we weren't, we would have to disclose any threats to our independence, which we have not identified any at this time. Appendix 2, which is on page 9, as I mentioned, we are also required to bring forward any misstatements, so items that are misstated in the statements, and there was one item that's just a carry-over from last year, actually. So there was none identified in the current year audit, but there was one small item around an expense with regards to some software licenses. It was really just a timing issue of when it gets recognized, and it was an item, as I mentioned, that we would have identified in the prior year. Nothing that we thought was overly significant. And also in Appendix 3, on page 10, there were two items that technically by the letter of the rules from an accounting standards perspective, should be included in your statements, however, those are the financial institution's sensitivity analysis as well as a comparison of actual budget results. However, we go through those with management, first of all, to make sure that they're okay; that those items are not in there. And then we have our analysis of those, and they're really not a

significant item from our perspective, so we don't consider them to be a material item missing from the statements, and therefore are comfortable not to have them in there as well. Comfortable that your financial statements are properly stated. Any questions on that document before I move into the Consolidated Financial Statements?

Okay. So I will walk through the Consolidated Financial Statements at a high level, just pointing out some variances year over year and any items that may have changed from the prior year. Please feel free to stop me as I go at any point in time, if you require a clarification or want me to elaborate on any particular point that I make. I'm going start on what is page 2, titled "Independent Auditor's Report," and I'll save you and I won't read through the whole audit report in detail, only to say that it is a clean audit opinion, clean audit report. No items there that are different from our standard audit reports, therefore, I won't read it in detail, but it does point out, on page 3, that our opinion in all material respects is that the financial statements are properly stated. Next, I'll go to page 4, which is the Consolidated Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus. I noted during the Ministers Statements, that the Minister of Finance did go through some of these variances, so I'll try not to repeat those, but I will touch on some of those as I go, and apologies for any duplication. So as you can see, the total revenue is \$92.9 million, and just to highlight some of the differences year over year, obviously, it's a significant increase of \$18 million year over year. So the *Fiscal Financing Agreement* did increase from 42.8 million to 45 million. This is just negotiated

increases, as well as some new programs in the current year that would not have been there in the prior year as well. Interest and investment income has increased from 15.8 million last year to almost 21.8 million in the current year. Majority of that is 19 million of it is coming from the *Implementation and Settlement Trusts* during the year. The personal income tax amounts went from 3.2 million in the prior year to 5.9 million in the current year. So some of that is an increase in the standard amount that CRA will provide you in the upcoming years, from 3.2 to 3.8, and then also, as you probably are well aware, and we've discussed in past presentations that I've given, CRA goes through an audit process themselves to make sure that the numbers that they're giving you from a funding perspective of personal income taxes is accurate. And so during the current year, the 2011 and 2012 numbers were settled on and so that reflects an additional 2.1 million that you received through that, as well, and that's the majority of the difference year over year from last year. Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation funding has more than doubled and it's just an expansion of the current supportive living programs funding that you have been receiving. The *Tasiujatsaok Trust* has gone up by \$800,000 year over year. This is mainly to do to the funding received from the cultural centre, which is being recognized in the current year. Health Canada funding went from almost 1.1 million to 1.7 million, which just reflects the start of some new programs, with funding received in the current year. The other income amount, which includes fishing royalties, daycare, and different donations have

decreased from almost 1.2 million in the prior year, to just under 600,000 in the current year. And I'll draw your attention to the share of gain lost from affiliated business entities, which is three hundred and almost eighty thousand in the current year, a significant turnaround from the prior year, which was due to some one-off events had a loss of 3.8 million. And this reflects the businesses underneath the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust* and the earnings therefrom. So, as I mentioned to get you to a total of 92.9 million in revenue, up from 74.8 in the prior year. On the expenditure side, just to highlight some changes, salaries and employee benefits in the prior year was 18.5 million and the current year is 19.9 million, mainly due to just new programs and the funding that have been received, so therefore the increase in the different programs that are happening. As well, professional fees went from 4.2 million in the prior year to 5.2 million in the current year, mainly to do with both changes in fees within the Trusts with regards to your investments, as well as additional legal fees that you incurred, due to numerous matters that you're undertaking during the 2016 year. Program funding change is not significant, but up a couple of hundred thousand dollars and it's really just a program around language interpretation training program that, in the prior year, only was undertaken for part of the year, and in the current year, was operating for a full 12 months. Rent and maintenance up 500,000. No one significant item driving that increase, just increased maintenance costs during the time period. And the only other significant item there, under

expenses I'll point out is advertising went from 34,000 to 167,000, mainly being driven by the program you undertook, or campaign you undertook around Make Muskrat Right. So just to turn over to page 5, leaves us with total expenditures of, oh, sorry.

MR. EDMUNDS:

We have a question from the AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker.

MR. DICKER:

Thank you, *UKâtik*. I need an understanding or clarification, I guess, of amortization of deferred expenditures, land claims, it's the same amount. Is that the money that was incurred over the years through the cost of the negotiations and were bringing it back?

MR. JANES:

Yes, that is correct. So if I could, just in reference to your question, I'll quickly ask you to look at page 6, and almost kind of midway down the page, there's an item called "Deferred Expenditures, Land Claims," and it's about 13.5 million in the current year. So there was a significant, obviously, amount of expenditures incurred through the land claims negotiation process that, under the accounting rules, allowed you to defer it, rather than expense all in one period. And so over a period of time, we're slowly amortizing them, which meaning it's being brought into expense. And the amount you referenced will be the same every year on the statement of operations, until the balance on the statement of financial position of 13.5 million comes to zero. So every year we'll decrease it by roughly \$3 million, until that amount goes to zero. I'll point out that that's not a cash expenditure in the current year. That's cash that was spent a while ago, and now it's just, under the accounting rules, it's being recognized as an expense over time.

MS. CRAWFORD: It's being amortized in over a 15-year period, which coincides with the receipt of the funds for settlement, under Chapter 19 of the Land Claim. So the decision at the time was to smooth it over a 15-year period, and just make the same amount brought into expense each year.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Mr. Janes and Ms. Crawford. I believe we have a question from Mr. Richard Pamak, Member for Nain.

MR. PAMAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm of the understanding that all funding for the Department of Health and Social Development, that division, it falls under the *Fiscal Finance Agreement*, correct?

MR. EDMUNDS: Thank you, Ordinary Member. Mr. Janes or Ms. Crawford.

MS. CRAWFORD: The Department of Health and Social Development has a number of sources of funding, so the *Fiscal Financing Agreement*, as per the *Budget Act*, you'll know it's about 21 million. They also get funding from Health Canada, proposal driven. It had funds from ITK, from *Tasiujatsaok Trust*, Supportive Living, the Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation. That's money that DHSD is implementing, the Supportive Living Program. So there are various sources. So this consolidated statement brings all revenue for all departments of the government and presents it here.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Ms. Crawford. I'll just ask if there's any other round of questions and then we'll return quickly. Anyone else have a question at this point? Mr. Pamak, please proceed.

MR. PAMAK: Yeah, thank you for clearing that, Rexanne. Certainly, in the expenditures, I didn't realize it, you know, when you say consolidated, it's

all the expenses, I guess, no matter what department, but under here we have an expense of \$8.952 million for non-insured health benefits program. Is that a profit? I would just say a profit, but what was the revenue that we received for delivering non-insured health benefits?

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Mr. Pamak. In response, Ms. Crawford.

MS. CRAWFORD:

Yes, if I may, I'll have to go back and look at the FAA document. I don't have that in front of me, but what we do have the ability to do is, if we receive 9 million for non-insured health benefits in one particular year, we do have the ability to carry it over, and that's the benefit of our *Fiscal Financing Agreement*, is that we don't have to spend it in the year we receive it. When we negotiated the *Fiscal Financing Agreement*, this renewed one, we did negotiate front end loading of additional money for non-insured, knowing that we may not spend it all in the first couple of years, and it was Health Canada that helped drive that, because their prediction was that we would end up running deficits before we hit the end of the *Fiscal Financing Agreement*, so I will have to get back to the Assembly with the exact number, but it is under the *Budget Act*, I just don't have that in front of me right now.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek. Any further questions at this point?

MR. JANES:

Thank you. So just concluding on page 5. As noted, the annual surplus for the current year is twenty-three point almost eight million, compared to 9.4 in the prior year. Brings us to your accumulated surplus at the end of the year, which is 431,467,000. This obviously indicates an

accumulation of your annual surplus over time, but I will say a very healthy financial position from an accumulated surplus perspective at this point. Turning to page 6, which is your Consolidated Statement of Financial Position. Just again, highlights some variances year over year. See cash and cash equivalents have increased from 43.7 million in the prior year, to almost 46.5 million in the current year. The flows of cash in and out are a result of many different changes and activities within the organization, and there's not one real significant event that has caused that increase year over year, but the accumulation of all those items is on page 9, which I'll get to in a few moments, which will highlight a little bit better the changes in cash year over year. Accounts receivable has increased from 3.3 million to 4.2 in the current year. Really, just a timing issue with the receipt of cash and grants from the government, so nothing significant driving that more than just timing of payments being received. Restricted investments have increased, sorry, from 353 million in the prior to 365 million in the current year. These are the investments that are sitting within the *Implementation and Settlement Trusts*, and the increase is really a culmination of both the investment income that I previously pointed out, as well as some unrealized gains, which I'll speak to in a moment when we turn to page 7. Investments that Modify Equity. That increase, first of all, that investment is the investment that you hold within the business entities that sit underneath the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust*, and the increase is purely just the income that I pointed out on your Statement of Operations earlier. Just some

other increases. Under liabilities, the deferred revenue was 14 million in the prior year. It's 13.2 in the current year. Really just projects that were previously delayed that are now ongoing, and the funding for those projects have moved from deferred revenue into your actual revenue numbers, and also point out notes payable. So this is with regards to the land claims negotiation loans, and it's on a set repayment basis, which is disclosed in Note 9, and the decrease year over year is the set repayment that was agreed upon for those loans. Bringing you to, so the total financial asset position was 484,583 in the current year. Your liabilities is 39.8 million, bringing you to a net financial asset position of 444,769,000, which means, essentially you have that much more in financial assets than you do in liabilities, which shows a very healthy financial picture, not only today, but for the future for Nunatsiavut. On a non-financial asset perspective, we did already speak briefly about the deferred expenditure land claims and that decrease is just the amortization that you will take every year. Also note intangible capital assets, which is the different buildings, equipment, furniture, that type of the thing, that the Nunatsiavut Government holds, is last year was 13.5 million, and in the current year is 34.6. The main increase there is the expense, oh, I'm sorry. I spoke to the wrong number. So in the current year, it's 34.6 million and the prior year it was 32.5 million, and the main increase there is the Cultural Centre being built in Nain, offset by some amortization of those capital assets, as well. So what happens is those capital assets are purchased, and they're not expensed all up front, they're expensed over

the life of the asset. So if it's a building, it could be 20 years. And so that expenditure hits as an amortization expense on your statement of operations. Which brings you to an accumulated surplus number of 431,467,000, which we previously spoke about, and an accumulated re-measurement gain amount of 61.8 million, almost, which I'll speak to now, if you just turn the page to page 7. So page 7 is your Consolidated Statement of Re-Measurement Gains and Losses. And this statement is meant to capture the unrealized portion of gains and losses that you would hold on your investments; mainly the investments that are sitting within the *Implementation and Settlement Trust*. So at the beginning of the year, there was a \$70.6 million balance in this account, and there was an \$8.8 million unrealized loss within these investments in the current year, bringing the total to 61.7 million. I do want to highlight that that loss is not an actual cash loss. It's more of a paper loss in the value in the investments in the market. So as the market forces ebb and flow and the increase and decrease, you will see different increases and decreases go through this statement. In the prior year, you were fortunate enough to do very well in the markets and have a \$24 million gain, and in the current year, there was an unrealized loss of 8.8 million. Again, just want to point out the difference that that's not true cash out the door, it's a paper loss. If you were to sell the investment today, yes, at that point in time, at March 31st, there would be a loss, but it's really just a reaction to the market, ebbs and flows within the market.

MR. EDMUNDS: I believe we have a question from the Chairperson for NunaKâtiget, Mr. Gary Mitchell.

MR. MITCHELL: *Nakummek*, Mr. Chair. In regard to financial loss, does that have any bearing on the surplus that's written there? Like we have a surplus. Does that surplus fluctuate as these losses come into being?

MR. EDMUNDS: Thank you, Mr. Mitchell. Mr. Janes?

MR. JANES: Yes, it does have an impact. The \$61.7 million number that you see there at the end of the year is an accumulation of the unrealized gains and losses on the investment since inception, so since you started investing those dollars. And that it will, as I say, increase and decrease. So the current year, for the year ended March 31st, 2016, during that year there was that loss. So that decreased the amount of the accumulated gain to date. So it does definitely have an impact and did decrease the accumulated surplus in the current year, and you will note in the prior year, the large gain of 24 million that you had increased it. So it's just a kind of a running total year over year of all the gains and losses that you do have on the investments.

MS. CRAWFORD: Gary, you asked a question about the impact on surplus. So it only would have an impact on the surplus number, on the statement of operations, if it was realized. So if you look under the revenue, we have investment income of 21 million, that affects the surplus, but the unrealized gains or losses affects the accumulated surplus, and that's on your balance sheet.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Mr. Janes, Ms. Crawford. Anyone have any additional questions at this point? Mr. Mitchell, please proceed.

MR. MITCHELL: *Nakummek*, Mr. Chair. In regard to these losses, how much can you lose before government takes some action to resolve those losses, to correct those losses, because you can't just keep losing and not have an action to bring that back to some level?

MR. EDMUNDS: Thank you, Mr. Mitchell. Ms. Crawford?

MS. CRAWFORD: The significant portion of these losses are in the Trust, and the settlement and implementation trustees will be here in November to talk about the year's performance on the investments, and this is a topic that is being put into their presentation. As a trustee on the *Settlement Trust*, we do watch our investments very closely, and we do take action when we see performance is not where it should be, and have taken action, but that is something for the trustees to present and discuss with you and have that conversation in that presentation, to have a more fulsome discussion at one particular point.

MR. EDMUNDS: Thank you, Ms. Crawford. Any further questions or comments at this point?

MR. JANES: Okay, I'll start again on page 8, which is your Consolidated Statement of Change and Net Financial Assets. So as I mentioned when we were reviewing the Statement of Financial Position, at the end of the year, you are in a very healthy net financial asset position of 444 million, and this statement really is to show you the ins and outs of the change in that

balance from last year to the current year; mainly being your annual surplus and your re-measurement gains and losses, both of which that we just discussed. And some other significant items would be the acquisition of capital assets would affect that number and, as I mentioned, the majority of that expenditure is expenditure on the cultural centre, the amortization of capital assets also is a large number here, decreasing that, as well as the capital transfers received during the year, and the amortization of the deferred expenditures for the land claims. So this statement is really just to show you the ins and outs and the changes in that financial asset position during the year, and as you can see, on the third line from the bottom, there was an increase over last year of \$20.9 million, almost 21 million. Page 9 is your Statement of Cash Flows. As I mentioned on the Statement of Financial Position, cash in the current year went from 43.6 million to 46.5 million; a change of \$2.8 million. And this statement shows the true ins and outs of cash where cash was expended, versus cash received into the current year and changes from the prior year. So again, I won't go through all this in detail, as it does capture most of the items that we've already previously discussed, but I'm happy to answer any questions should anybody have any. If not, I'll just walk through the notes to the Consolidated Statements, which start on page 10. Your Nature of Operations Note, which is Note 1, is fairly similar to last year. We made some slight tweaks to the wording, but nothing significant. Therefore, I'll take you to page 11. Note 2 discusses the Statement of Prior Period, which means that we

changed some of the numbers from 2015, and this note reflects and identifies what those changes were. But as you can see, there was an establishment of a capital reserve, which was supposed to be done in 2015, per the terms of the *Settlement Trust Agreement*, that was missed, and in the current year, we've restated the accumulated surplus to reflect that capital reserve. It is just a classification of dollars within different accumulated surplus accounts. So nothing overly significant. Significant in dollar value, don't get me wrong, but not a significant change to your statements. And I'll identify this a little bit more when I get to, I think it's Note 12 in a couple of pages. Note 3 is a Summary of Accounting Policies. So as I mentioned, you do follow Public Sector Accounting Standards, which is appropriate for the Nunatsiavut Government. The next couple of pages do highlight the accounting policies that you use, and they are very similar to last year. On page 13, you'll note that it does discuss what I just mentioned and the changes in that it talks about how the *Implementation and Settlement Trust* capital reserves were actually determined, and that wording, and the determination of those reserves is straight out of the two *Trust Agreements*. Everything else within your accounting policies and that note is very, very similar to last year and prior years. Page 14 now, I'm on. So Note 5 highlights the Investments that Modify Equity. And, as I mentioned earlier, it's just the increase from the income that they would had in the current year is driving that increase from 7.8 to 8.2 million in the current year. Some detail there in Note 6 around your accounts receivable. Note 7 will highlight the

different items of deferred revenue; the biggest one being *Fiscal Financing Agreement*. So deferred revenue is funding that you have received from various sources that we have not recognized as revenue yet per the terms of those funding agreements, but is there for future periods and future use. Turning to page 15, Note 8 just lays out the terms of the demand loans. Everything was paid as per the terms during the current year. Note 9, notes payable, as I mentioned this is the land claims negotiation loans with Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada, and this lays out what those repayment terms are, and in the current year, everything was paid as per the terms. Note 10, wording very similar to last year, just highlights and outlines the two Trusts that exist. Turning to page 16, Note 11 gives you the detail of the tangible capital assets and, as you note, the buildings number increased significantly year over year, which is the cultural centre, as I've mentioned a few times. Note 12 highlights the details of your accumulated surplus. As I mentioned when I talked about the restatement in Note 2, there was a capital reserve set up in the current year, and restated for 2015, and it's the fourth line in that table that you'll note. So the capital reserve and the current year is 260 million, with 116 million set up for 2015. And this is just a reclassification, in 2015, it's just a reclassification of the amount that you see in the last line there, which is the accumulated surplus for the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust*. So it is still an accumulated surplus balance, but specifically set up as a reserve per the terms of the Trust. I'll also bring your attention to the last table on that page, on page

16, which highlights the components of the internally restricted accumulated surplus that you have of 35 million, majority of it sitting within mining and mineral rights tax, as well as *Fiscal Financing Agreement* surplus.

MR. EDMUNDS: I believe we have a question from Mr. Joe Dicker, AngajukKâk for Nain.

MR. DICKER: Thank you, UKâtik. I just wanted clarification. When you mention the word internally restricted, could you elaborate on that please?

MR. JANES: So internally restricted surplus would just mean that there has been a surplus, either in the current year or in past years, accumulated surplus. So a build-up of more revenues than expense. They've internally restricted for future use or future periods, basically to recognize the fact that you've had more revenues in a particular period than you've had around expenses to cover those particular revenues. So you could have a revenue that was designated for a particular project, and under the accounting rules, it needed to be recognized in a particular period, however, the expenses that you have to offset that revenue, or whatever the revenue is to be used for, hadn't been incurred yet, so that the internal restriction allows you to restrict that funding to be used for when that expense is going to coming up in the future.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Mr. Janes. Anyone else? I recognize Mr. Gary Mitchell, Chairperson for NunaKâtiget.

MR. MITCHELL:

Nakummek, Mr. Chair. This fund here that's mentioned in this table, has that been ongoing over the years since *Land Claims Agreement* came into being?

MS. CRAWFORD:

Are you talking about the internally restricted funds? The internally restricted funds, I can speak to the last six years. They have been there since the last six years. Some of it is accounting rule base. So the *Fiscal Financing Agreement*, based on the agreement, the accounting rule says we have to recognize it in the year we receive it, regardless if we spend it. But Aboriginal INAC wants us to be able to track what we spent in one year, and it has to be used for the purposes outlined in that Agreement. So an internal decision was made to set up an internally restrictive funds because it has to be restricted for use for the purpose under that Agreement. We've also used it to track mining royalties. So we received a payment of mining royalties in the past that was not budgeted. We couldn't spend it, and we didn't want it to get lost or not tracked in the internal fund, so we put it into the internally restrictive funds. Now, if you go back to our *Budget Act* that was passed in the March sitting, we specifically outlined the amounts from the internally restrictive funds that were appropriated for the current fiscal year. And so you can see it on Schedule B for the *Fiscal Financing Agreement*. You can see it on the, I think Schedule A, where we bring in amounts from the mining royalties under the sources of revenue. And the personal income tax, as well, was brought in in that same matter. So the amounts that are here for, I don't

wanna say dollar for dollar they're budgeted, but there is a significant portion budgeted for sure under the last *Budget Act*.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Thank you, Ms. Crawford. Any further questions, comments at this point?

MR. JANES:

Thank you. Just turning to page 17, Note 13 just highlights some more detail on the other income. Note 14 is a note to your statement of cash flows, which highlights the increases and decreases in some of the items on the Statement of Financial Position and the effect that they do have on cash. It's a standard note disclosure. Note 15 highlights some of the commitments that the government has under leases for office space and office equipment that will require, obviously, a cash outlay in the future. Note 16 talks about financial instruments and the different financial risk factors that the government is party to, being credit risk and market risk. Further details are on page 18 and these are pretty standard accounting disclosures to be honest, for any entity similar to yourself.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Thank you, Mr. Mitchell.

MR. MITCHELL:

Nakummek, Mr. Chair. I'm not sure if this is a question for the auditor or it's irrelevant to what we're discussing here, but in 2021, you're going to get 104,000 for lease of office space and office equipment. Is there some plan to drop some offices somewhere? Thank you.

MS. CRAWFORD:

The commitments notes can only disclose what we have legal agreements for as of March 31st, 2016. And so what we do internally and then the auditors audit, we develop schedules where we track every

lease agreement we have. So what payments we have, every year, up until its expiry we can't disclose a commitment if we haven't renewed the lease agreement. So this is no reflection on any plans about what our rental income expense may be in 2021. This is a reflection of what we actually have legal agreements that we have to pay in the time period.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Thank you, Ms. Crawford. Any further questions or comments before we proceed?

MR. JANES:

Thank you. As I was saying, the Note 16 on page 18 covers various different financial instrument risk factors and, as I mentioned, it is standard disclosure for an entity such as yourselves. It is completed on page 19. Note 17 is a contingencies note. Basically just a note to say that there are various legal proceedings that the government could be party to, anything that we feel is a liability or should be a liability at this point in time we discuss with management then reflect in the financial statements fairly. And the note covers off the fact that anything that should be disclosed is disclosed. And Note 18, the last note on page 19, is just the details of the defined contribution pension plan that you have for employees and discloses the amounts that would be expensed during the year as a result of that plan. That concludes my presentation of our audit results and the consolidated financial statements. Anybody else have any questions?

MR. EDMUNDS:

I recognize Mr. Richard Pamak, Member for Nain.

MR. PAMAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess it's not much of a question, just more of a comment, I guess. Looking at the audit report for this year, I certainly recognize the financial assets of an increase of over \$20 million from last year. We have an annual surplus from \$9 million the year before to 23 million this year. Now the cash flow, yes, that's money in the bank, and \$46 million on hand at the beginning of the year. So we're a very, very healthy government. So I just want to make that comment. And I guess the other comment that I really wanted to say too, as well, you know, as part of your audit certainly investigation was conducted in 2005 and 2006 on personal expense claims, and both audits today exonerate all Members of the is Assembly of any possible misconducts and personal expenses claims. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Mr. Pamak. Any further questions, comments? If there are no other statements, comments, I'd like to thank Mr. Janes on your presentation, and Ms. Crawford for joining us at the table. And what we'll do now is we are still in the Committee of the Whole, but of course we'll move on with the actual motion and the adoption of the report itself. So thank you, once more, Mr. Janes for the presentation. I'd like to, once more, recognize the Nunatsiavut Treasurer, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

MR. D. SHIWAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, too, would like to thank Mr. Janes and Ms. Crawford for presenting before the Assembly today. Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Kate Mitchell, First Minister that the Nunatsiavut Assembly accept the Consolidated Financial Statements of

the auditor, Deloitte and Touche, for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 2016.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. The motion is in order. Mr. Minister, would you like to speak to the motion?

MR. D. SHIWAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Not at this time.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. Is there anyone else who would like to speak to the motion? No other Member wishes to speak. Does the Honourable Minister wish to make final comments and conclude debate?

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

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek* that concludes debate. All those in favour of the motion? All those opposed to the motion? The motion is carried. I will now go back into the Assembly. I will continue on with our *Orders of the Day*. We will have a break for lunch now, before we resume with our Orders of the Day. When we return, we'll be back into the Assembly and start at item five Members Statements. Thank you. Thank you very much. 1:30, apologies. We'll reconvene at 1:30.

MR. EDMUNDS: Welcome back, and we will resume with item five on your *Orders of the Day*, "Members Statements." Do we have any Members statements this afternoon? I recognize Herb Jacque, AngajukKâk for Makkovik.

MR. JACQUE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, I guess on behalf of Makkovik Inuit Community Government, I would just like to just report a few things that's happening in our community. First of all, I would like to recognize and congratulate Andrea Andersen. Andrea's convocation is going to be

at Dalhousie University on October the 3rd. She will be the first certified physiotherapist within Nunatsiavut that we believe, first in Labrador. I would also like welcome new RCMP officer to our community, Derek Rainer, and his wife. We'd like to extend a warm welcome and we wish them the best. Welcome back to the teachers and the students of JCM Memorial. We wish you a successful 2016/17 school year. Also, sincere condolences are extended to the family and relatives and friends of the late Bert Winters, who passed away on August 31st. He will certainly be missed. At the time, he was our oldest senior. We'd like to say belated birthday greetings to Aunt Muriel Andersen, who resides in the senior's home in Happy Valley, Goose Bay. She just turned 99 years old on September the 2nd. We wish her many more. We just recently completed a project on our dump site, waste management right here in our community, trained six individuals. They were in the preparation of preparing all wrecks, hazard materials, et cetera, to ship out and we were very happy. Commencing tomorrow, they'll be commissioning our new arena, and we look forward to the grand opening in the near future, to be announced. We look forward to seeing you all there. Congratulations to Olsen Ford, who accepted the position as a maintenance guy for the new facility, and we wish him well, as well. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk for Makkovik. I recognize the AngajukKâk of Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker.

MR. DICKER:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I hope I can do this within the timeframe. Mr. Speaker, this summer season was one that was involved getting the Nain

Municipal Plan completed for the seasons of 2016 to 2026. This now has gone through all the levels of government, NG, provincial and feds. There for their review and acceptance. The public was advised as a part of this through posting for any comments and possible public meetings. No comments came forward, so that was not needed. We are now waiting for a final release from the province, and that is expected any day now. That being said, unfortunately, due to the length of this process, we could not get any development done. We could not entertain any call for tenders or anything like that. So now with this delay, I guess, the time tenders are, when the time tenders are called and awarded, and materials to be delivered to do the projects, it will be too late in the season to start and complete those projects. However, we will still call for tenders. With the requirement that materials are on site for start-up of June 2017. So we expect that 2017, Nain's going to be very busy. The Nain Inuit Community Government was also successful in acquiring \$75,000 from the federal government, with all the help coming from Kaila De Bour. She was the Lady that put the application for grants for us. Thank you, Kaila and NG for your help. This money will allow us to hire a part-time community development officer and to help us seek for more funding, and to maintain an office at our building. Mr. Speaker, I also we'd like to thank the NGC for looking at our old community fire hall and our old community centre, I guess we'd call it, mark the old hall there by the wharf. They did some estimates for us. They looked at the building see what is needed to be brought up to par so that we can use them

again. We still are waiting to hear from them, but we expect to hear from them by the end of this month so that we can apply for grants to get the work started. Mr. Speaker, the attendance at the Jeremias Sillitt Community Centre over the summer has declined from last spring. We suspect that it's mainly due because of summer holidays, and that some students were working and were travelling, but we were still concerned about that. So, at our last second last community and government meeting we, by resolution consensus of the community government councillors, dropped all fees for students up to 18 years old. So hopefully that will attract the young ones that are not attending, and that's what the community centre was built for in the first place, to attract young people to have a place to hang out and exercise and just to congregate as a young group. Everyone in Nain is buzzing, I suppose, about the fall meet that's coming up now. Next week, we're going to be hosting the fall sports meet for 2016 in Nain, and we expect a good public turnout to cheer for all the events, but as A AngajukKâk, I have to say, "Go Huskies". On Monday, September 12th, I held a Mayor's Walk for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. I had a couple councillors come with me and some people from the community, and I reached my goal of \$100 in pledges, so I'm happy about that. On the 14th of September, the Global Suicide Intervention Week was launched, and that was sponsored by the Department of Health of Social Development. There was a very good turnout from the residents, and we walked from the DHST building down to the church for ceremonies and prayers, and at that time I declared the

Suicide Prevention Week by proclamation. After the ceremonies were finished, they lit a single Chinese lantern at the dock, and there was no wind and it was straight up into a cloud, and when the cloud opened up again, there was a star there, so it seemed like there was a sign of hope. And on Friday, September 16, I attended and proclaimed September 16th week as Take Back the Night Week. It was also well attended by residents of Nain. Soup and chilli was served, and prizes were given out at the end of the walk. At this time, Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the role of Junior Rangers in Nain and Nunatsiavut. Megan Dicker from Nain, Nunatsiavut will be travelling to Whitehorse, Yukon on the 24th of September as a junior ranger representative. Three junior rangers from across the province have been selected to attend this upcoming event; one from northern Labrador, one from southern Labrador, and another junior Canadian ranger from Newfoundland. The main purpose of this trip is to spend a total of 30 minutes with royalty. The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, Prince William and Princess Kate, will inspect the selected Junior Rangers, as well as Canadian Rangers from across the nation. The Junior Rangers and the Canadian Rangers will spend the week in the Yukon Territory, including a parade throughout the City of Whitehorse. And I was talking to Megan, and speaking for herself, Megan states that it will be a great honour to spend time with royalty representing the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, as well as our Inuit Region Nunatsiavut. So I think it's a great honour for her to do that. That's my report Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Mr. Dicker. I recognize the AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Ms. Marjorie Flowers.

MS. FLOWERS:

Nakummek UKâtik. Mr. Speaker, this is a brief report on community activities going on in Hopedale Inuit Community Government. Before that, I want to acknowledge and offer our deepest condolences to Douglas and Nancy Rose, who recently lost their daughter, Clara Lidd to suicide. When we lose one person in our communities, it is extremely difficult. However, when we lose a young person to suicide, it is even harder to cope. The rate of suicide in our communities appears to be rising. I think it's time for all our governments to come together in what seems to becoming an epidemic to discuss this very troubling and heart-wrenching issue. I would also like to send condolences to the family, friends and town of Makkovik on the passing of Uncle Bert Winters. Uncle Bert, as everyone knew him, was a hard-working and dedicated man. He loved his family and town like no other, and it was quite evident in the way he helped and spoke out around issues that concerned him. He has left a huge legacy. Hopedale Inuit Community Government was delighted to receive funding cross shared through joint, federal, provincial project, Clean Water and Waste Water Fund. The first project upgrades the community water supply system was a total project cost of \$512,500. These monies will help tremendously with our ongoing water crisis. The second project, Sewer System Upgrades, has a total project cost of \$400,600. These monies will be used to bring the town's lift stations into complete working order. This needed to happen for a

number of years, so I'm pleased that we will finally have our sewer system in good working order. Even though it is getting late in the season, I am confident that a large amount of work can be completed with these two projects, especially work to our reservoir and intake system. From May 2016 to August 2016, HICG's water and sewer staff have repaired 37 leaks, most of which were service lateral lines. They also did much maintenance and cleared out sewer lines in various places around town. Our new Nanuk Centre is a wonderful addition to our town. It has been given lots of use from the very young to the very old. We have had several change-over of staffs there, and now the centre is fully staffed to efficiently run the center. I applied for, and was fortunate to have been chosen to receive two desktop computers and 20 tablets, through an Aboriginal non-profit organization called, One Laptop Per Child. These laptops and tablets came fully downloaded, with over 100 children's stories written by aboriginal authors and many educational programs. It is a wonderful addition to our computer room at the Nanuk Centre, and I'd like to acknowledge and thank Vale who is a sponsor with One Laptop Per Child. I also applied for and just received monies to refit our launch way with concrete, so bigger boats can be launched with trailers attached. This is a welcoming site for those who have bigger boats. We'll also provide a parking lot for boat trailers and vehicles. HICG, in partnership with our local food security, Nikigijavut Hopedalimi, offered a pilot char harvesting project this summer. We applied for and were approved through NG Economic Development to advertise for

fishers to supply 2,000 pounds of char in a bycatch of 50 salmon for our community freezer. We did this instead of getting char sent up from Nain, which would help with their catch from there. We thank the Economic Development Department for approving our project. The total amount of char caught, wasn't what we expected. We caught 531 and a half pounds of char and 16 salmon was brought in as a bycatch. We were a little disappointed in the project, however, we have learned a lot from this process. Due to large amounts of alcohol coming into our community, and the social issues that it is causing, a local Alcohol Committee was formed. Six members have stepped up to the plate. So far, they have had one meeting, and are presently waiting to meet with NGA's Regional Alcohol Committee to learn more in what they have to do. Since our last sitting, HICG has three elections for councillors, and I am pleased to report that we finally have a full council who are eager and ready to work hard for the betterment of our town. Here ends my report for this Assembly sitting. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Ms. Flowers. I recognize the AngajukKâk for Postville, Ms. Diane Gear.

MS. GEAR:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to say thank you to the Waste Management Team for coming to Postville to clean up our landfill site. They did a great job in removing all wrecks and the whites and tires, what have you, from down there. They did a tremendous job. And in the meantime, they also trained six locals. However, we still do have a problem with the mess that was left behind by Postmill Lumber. It's on

Postmill Lumber Road. We're not sure if it's within our boundaries. That's something we're still checking out. They left a great big mess in there. There's oil spills. There's old wrecks. There's old buildings. You name it, it's all left in there, and this was when they had the pulp mill operations on the go. The pulp wood, sorry. And so we're going to be looking into getting this mess cleaned up in the near future. The new fire hall is still not usable due to deficiencies, but we're still working on these issues and hopefully they'll be resolved in the near future. We had somebody come in last week and check it out, but we're still waiting on the report. Finally, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to send, on behalf of the PICG, some condolences to the Winters family and the community of Makkovik on the passing of Uncle Bertie. Thoughts and prayers are with you all. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakkumek, Ms. Gear. I recognize Mr. Gary Mitchell, Chairperson for NunaKâtiget.

MR. MITCHELL:

Nakkumek UKâtik. First off, I'd just like to send my condolences to Nancy and Dougie Rose, the loss of their son and wish them all the best as they move forward. And also condolences to Uncle Bert Winters, from my home of Makkovik, who recently passed away and left, as the AngajukKâk for Hopedale says, a large legacy behind. I had the pleasure of hunting with Bert, fishing with Bert, and he was a great educator, a great spokesman, and a great person for the community, because he spoke on issues that concerned everybody, young and old, and I'm certainly going to miss him, miss his voice and wish his family all the best. You might

want to use your headphones for the next minute or so. I'm sorry, Nancy and Dougie lost their daughter. I apologize for the mistake I made there.

(Speaks in Inuttitut.)

ASSEMBLY: [Applause].

MR. MITCHELL: *Nakummek.* It's been business as usual with the Community Freezer Program and beneficiaries are continuing to use it regularly. The food items which are presently stocked are, corn cod, old frozen char, blueberries, strawberries, red berries, squash berries, as well as frozen corn and peas. We had no problem harvesting over 150 salmon this summer, and we thank the Department of Lands and Resources for the 150 tags. Our inventory has now run out. Having access to that resource is a real blessing to the seniors in the area, and we only hope and pray that the fish in the Lake Melville area and downstream to Rigolet, will continue to be used as a mainstay of our diet in the future. As mentioned in the previous Assembly, we are not sponsoring any more applicants for the FAC courses, due the cost it can run into when a number of applicants are using it. Also, as mentioned before, with regard to safe boating courses, we don't sponsor those anymore, as these are now done online. After some time, it is good to see that anyone interested in the commercial seal fishery will now have an opportunity to do the training course for humane harvesting and quality health in the handling of seal, which is a requirement of DFO for getting a commercial seal license. We hope that any interested hunters in the Upper Lake Melville area will take advantage of this workshop — I think there's one

coming up in October — and get their certification for killing and handling of seals for commercial sales and marketing. And I do believe our own conservation officer is now trained for doing the training courses, and that's good. A new project at the NunaKatiget Corporation took on last year was partnered with one of the farms to grow some fresh produce for the Community Freezer Program. We continued that agricultural program this summer and partnered with another farm to do the same thing, whereby we have vegetables planted which will be ready for harvesting before too long. We have already taken out some greens and carrots and distributed them to seniors in the area. For this project, we applied for a grant from the Provincial Government Community Healthy Living Fund, and were fortunate enough to get \$5,000 to assist with our farm project. We also have been successful in receiving another grant from the Ikaoptigat Board, for \$21,000 to assist with Community Freezer expenses over the next year, and this is very much appreciated by our corporation. The Community Freezer Program is very much used by seniors and disabled people in the area, and we get upwards to a hundred households using it each month. I should add here that the NunaKatiget Board of Directors has made a decision to cut back on the Community Freezer hours from November 1st to the middle of June. As of November 1st, the Community Freezer Program will only be open in the afternoon, five days a week. The full-time employee position we had will be going back to part-time for the afternoon hours, and back full-time in the spring. This was done due to the fact there was quite a bit of

downtime with the full-time position, and so the dollars we save can go back directly into the Community Freezer expenses for food purchases, or other programs like sewing, or hopefully snowshoe making this coming winter. We were successful in receiving a big game moose licence again from the provincial government, and hopefully with a moose or two from Nunatsiavut Government we should be looking good for meat later this fall and winter, and hopefully, we'll get some from the Gros Morne harvest again as well. With the price of store-bought meat suddenly rising, and with seniors being on a low, fixed income, any contributions of fresh meat we can get to them will be very much needed and appreciated, not only for their diet, but for their culture as well. These people grew up having fresh meat available to them most all the time, in one form or another, whether it be whale meat, seal or birds. We want to do all we can to accommodate them with some traditional foods as best we can. At this time I'd like to acknowledge the work of Kenny Blake, who is our community freezer coordinator in NunaKatiget since 2008, but has now left to pursue other employment. Kenny played a large part in the Community Freezer Program, and other duties, in his time with the corporation, and had a good relationship with the beneficiaries who came into the freezer for their monthly pickups of traditional foods. He was always ready to help out at the various events that were held, and was always one of the Nalliuks at the old Christmas celebrations. He will certainly be missed around the workplace and we wish him well in his future endeavours. *Nakummek UKâtik.*

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Mr. Mitchell. I recognize Ms. Pat Ford, Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency.

MS. FORD:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of the Canadian Constituency office and constituents residing in the constituency of Canada, Danny Pottle and I would like to extend our congratulations to Evelyn Lewis of St. Johns, formerly Evelyn Dicker of Nain, who on September 8th was named the provincial recipient of the 2016 Council of the Federation Literacy Award for her achievements in literacy. Evelyn is one of 14 recipients throughout Canada to receive the award. Mr. Speaker, the Council of the Federation Literacy Award was created in 2004 by the Premiers of Canada, and it recognizes the important role that literacy plays in facilitating Canadians' participation as full and active citizens in all classes of society. Furthermore, the award celebrates adult learners who undertake literacy training and the valuable contributions made by Canadians in the field of literacy, including family, Aboriginal health, workplace and community literacy. The award is presented to learners, educators, volunteers, community organizations and businesses in each province and territory. Mr. Speaker, Evelyn completed ABE Level 3 at the Discovery Centre in St. John's in December 2015. According to Evelyn, the experience in the program has helped her overcome many obstacles, including social anxiety and the bullying she experienced while growing up, and she enrolled in the ABE program because she recognized that improving her literacy skills was critical to reaching her goal of attaining a post-secondary education and securing long-term employment. Mr.

Speaker, we ask that all members of this honourable house to join us in congratulating Evelyn, and received the distinguished Council of the Federation Literacy Award. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

ASSEMBLY: [Applause].

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency. I recognize Mr. Dan Pottle, Member for Canada.

MR. POTTLE: *Nakummek Uhatti*. On behalf of the Canadian Constituency office and the constituency residing in the Constituency of Canada, Patricia Ford and I would like to extend our best wishes to Jason Edmunds of Mississauga, formerly of Nain, who will be the first Inuk to lead an expedition through the Northwest Passage. Mr. Speaker, according to Adventure Canada's blog, Adventure Canada makes history in the Northwest Passage on September 14th, 2016. Jason is aboard the Ocean Endeavour, which is currently travelling through the historic waterway. *Ukatti*, Ocean Endeavour left Kugluktuk, Nunavut on September 14th, and the cruise company's journey through the Northwest Passage will finish on September 26, '16 in Kangiqsualujjuaq, Greenland. Jason, as expedition leader, Mr. Speaker, is in charge of the expedition, staff itinerary, activities, passenger safety, and overall passenger experience. The expedition leader works closely with the captain, and together they determine the course of the ship, and the nature of the expedition as a whole. *Uhatti*, we ask that all members of this Honourable House, join us in wishing Jason, Adventure Canada and the Ocean Endeavour the greatest of luck in a successful journey, and to congratulate Jason on

being the first Inuk to lead an expedition through the Northwest Passage.

Nakkumek Uhatti.

ASSEMBLY: [Applause].

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakkumek*, Mr. Pottle. I recognize Mr. Sean Lyall, Ordinary Member for Nain.

MR. LYALL: *Nakummek Uhatti.* Just very briefly I'd like to send a warm welcome to all the athletes that will be congregating in Nain upcoming weekend for the fall sports meet in the spirit of friendly competition and sportsmanship. And also to the good people of Nain for opening up their homes in regards to billeting. And on a final note there, Mr. Speaker, I would like to mention a German couple, if you give me the opportunity who arrived in Nain, the Krupps, they came visiting and I explained to them that there's a breakfast program in Nain, a very beneficial program, and we're talking about addressing food security, insecurity, if you will, in regards to children having enough to eat or not going to school hungry, but they generously donated some monetary funds to that program as well, so I'd just like to acknowledge them here today. *Nakummek Uhatti.*

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Mr. Lyall. I recognize Mr. Jack Shiwak, AngajukKâk for Rigolet.

MR. J. SHIWAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, I'd like to acknowledge the condolences to those who have passed since we were here last, especially now we're coming in to realize, like Makkovik, we lost one of our older citizens. And to me, each time we lose an older citizen, we lose

a lot of heritage, culture and memories of the past that they can no longer pass down to us. Today, Mr. Speaker, there is a very growing concern for what's happening with the Muskrat Falls Project. I think despite the best efforts of our government leaders, the meetings, the consultations, the scientific information that's out there, the government is just not listening. They are going to do what they want to do. I believe October is the month that they said, after October, or during October, flooding of the reservoir may begin. The flooding of that reservoir to me is like the injection of the lethal dose; a lethal dose that will kill probably the biggest inland water body in the whole Province of Newfoundland and Labrador. For this injection, there is no antibodies. Once it starts, it's going to continue. It will have far-reaching effects on the lake itself and its people who depend on it for a living. Our Provincial Government will stand on their heads to make sure that us, as individuals, do not poison or contaminate the soil or water around us. The Federal Government will stand proudly and hold up their human rights record as treating people as people, and condemning other countries. Yet, neither one of these governments have time to listen to what we say when we try to protect our land, our resources, our waterways, and our future. Nobody's listening. You know, we have illness within Nunatsiavut, there are different types of illness, and this flooding, or this injection, will cause other illnesses. What's the best way to prevent any illness? And most medical people will tell you, the best prevention is to prevent it from happening. Mr. Speaker, "Make Muskrat Right" will prevent this from

happening. I know there's a lot I can say, but you know, I don't have half an hour, right? You know, I think it really hit me hard about three weeks ago. I'm just driving along with my grandson, who is six years old, and as we passed the shoreline, I looked at him, and he was very deep in thought as he looked out. And as he called me Peepop, that's all he's ever called me. He said, "Peepop, why do they want to poison our water?" Before I could answer him, he came back with a second question. "Peepop, why don't they want me to hunt when I get bigger?" I didn't have the answers, and I hope that somebody within our governments, the Provincial Government, the Federal Government, who is fuelling this project, can tell the young people of Nunatsiavut why it's okay to poison or destroy our environment without any thought for the future generations of our people who are growing up. I thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ASSEMBLY: [Applause].

MR. EDMUNDS: Thank you very much, Mr. Shiwak. I recognize Mr. Richard Pamak, Member for Nain.

MR. PAMAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, I'm deeply saddened again, so certainly pass on condolences to the five families that lost loved ones since the last sitting of the Assembly here in June. We had a young lady with a motor vehicle accident pass away in Goose Bay. Pauline Green, who was pregnant at the time, so certainly condolences goes out to the Green family. Harvey Voisey passed away, accidentally, I guess, in a sense. He was found and presumed drowned while he was doing what I see him

doing every year, what he loved to do, is fishing. Certainly condolences going out to the Voisey family. Toby Tuglavina passed away, as well, an unfortunate accident and leaves behind many family and friends. And certainly Toby was always seen in the community, always had time to say hi, always had time to shake your hand and have a chat. Simone Kohlmeister, another one of our youth, passed away to suicide, and it was on Suicide Prevention Day, I believe as well. So certainly condolences going out to the Kohlmeister family. And also I'd like to extend condolences to a good friend of mine. She passed away just a couple nights ago. She called me Innik, and certainly we have a lot of good memories of Benigna. So condolences going out to the Semigak and the Obed family for losing their mother, Benigna now. Mr. Speaker, it has been a very long, but very busy summer for my office, Child Youth and Family Services, housing, non-insured health benefits, and a bit on communication was the main focus since our last sitting of the Assembly here in June. I don't really have anything new to bring forward today as part of my Members Statement, so I'll just keep it short. I have mentioned many of these in past Assembly. I'm more interested in hearing what our ministers had to provide in regards to their statements and updates, which was today and tomorrow. With respect to Child Youth and Family Services, over several months or so, Mr. Speaker, I continue to deal with families that had their children placed under watch or removed by the Department of Child Youth and Family Services. I have noticed over the past 18 months or so, that there has been a large

increase in cases relating to child protection in my community. Mr. Speaker, I am concerned that Child Youth and Family Services is going beyond and above and outside of their own *Child and Youth Care and Protection Act*. I really am. Mr. Speaker, the Nunatsiavut Government and the Provincial Government signed a memorandum of understanding in March 2012, to share information who are currently on the Child Youth and Family Services, Protection and Intervention Youth Services, youth correction and adoption caseloads, with the main goal to improve planning with respect to safety and placement of our children and youth, and to help coordinate between Child Youth and Family Services and families to help benefit our children. Mr. Speaker, I believe that the MOU is working very well. Nunatsiavut Government Department of Health and Social Development at all levels continue to work tirelessly with Child Youth and Family Services on this mandate. The Department of Health recently hired, as mentioned this morning by Minister Flowers, and I think at the previous Assembly, hired two family connection workers. And I can see first-hand the work that they had been doing. They're doing an amazing job in my opinion. However, their workloads are high and really cannot take on any more clients. The needs are gone beyond their roles, their responsibilities and capabilities as family connection workers, and I recognize the need for extra professional service, as part of the NG team. Mr. Speaker, social housing continues to be another top priority or issue that I hear from my constituency. Homelessness is now visible. I can see it, and I hear it from other members of the community,

of members of my community sleeping on benches, under crawl spaces in homes, in sea cans or shipping containers, and even in church storage sheds. The Supportive Living Program is working very well. I had the opportunity to drop by at the support living unit to have a chat with staff on duty and was hoping to speak with a client of the home, and ask about the program. Mr. Speaker, the Nunatsiavut Government and the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador currently supports four individuals with as much as eight to ten more in the community that would qualify. Torngat Regional Housing Association is well under way in building five homes this year with a number of repairs. The Nunatsiavut Government and Government of Newfoundland and Labrador will be delivering another Housing Repair Program. Contractors have started the construction of the six-plex prototype in Nain. Newfoundland Government and the Government of Newfoundland provides supported living. Again, as I said before, NG is making great strides, Mr. Speaker, in housing, but the demand, the need still leaves us in a housing crisis. I'll certainly make some more comments tomorrow after the presentation that we heard this morning from both President Lampe and also First Minister on Housing. It was very encouraging to hear that the information that they provided us to hear this morning. Communications, Mr. Speaker. What can I say about communications that I had not said or heard here at Assembly or in discussion with colleagues and directly, with the Director of Communications himself. There is a need within NG to improve both internal and external communications. Our Members look

for information, but they have to get it themselves. We have a newsletter available and distributed only to a few businesses with a handful left at the post office for grab and go. We have our own website, but not everyone has access to a computer or access to the internet. As Ordinary Member, I receive very little information outside of updates provided here at Assembly, and also through press releases or statements of the Nunatsiavut Government. Our constituents ask for it. I, and as an Ordinary Member of the Assembly, is asking for it too. There's many others as well. Capacity is needed within our communication department, and the cost to deliver should not be an issue. Lastly, Mr. Speaker, I'd just like to make a quote that I think you've heard before. It's from a well-known writer, George Bernard Shaw. "The single biggest problem in communication is the illusion that it has taken place." Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Mr. Pamak. Are there any further members statements this morning? I recognize Ms. Patricia Kemuksigak, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. This past summer we've had quite a lot of people pass away in our communities, especially Northwest River, so I'd like to send condolences to the family and friends of Edward Blake, Sr., Fred Buddy McLean, Stephen Chaulk, Harry Mitsuk, Lauren Winters, Clarence McLean, and I'd also like to send condolences to people in other communities, to their family and friends. Clara Hay Rose, Bertie Winters and Benigna Semigak. I'd like to thank all the volunteer performers who

performed at our annual Meet and Greet barbeques from Mudd Lake, Happy Valley, Goose Bay and Northwest River, and we had large turnouts. I want to thank the people for coming out as well and asking questions, socializing and mingling. So the singers, Nancy Gear, Jenny Lyall, Mike and Eric Mitsuk, Simeon Asivak, Gary and Jennifer Mitchell, Leander Baikie, Jimmy Sheppard, Jamie Spurvie, Will Barkman, Chantelle Brown and Matthew Winters. I'd also like to thank the people who came out to support the rallies which was put on by the Nunatsiavut Government, and also for the people from Rigolet, who also came out for our rallies and, thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Ms. Kemuksigak. Are there any further members statements this morning? If there are no further members statements today, then we will move to item six, "Returns to Oral Questions." During the June 2016 sitting, Mr. Richard Pamak, Ordinary Member for Nain, asked a question regarding the breakdown of approximately \$10 million in funding for housing provided by the Nunatsiavut Government. The question was directed to the Minister of Finance for a breakdown of this funding. However, as this is an issue relating to housing, I will ask that the First Minister provide the response filed with the clerk. The question asked was, is there any way that you can provide an actual breakdown of that funding that was in the budget for each category; an actual budget for what was allotted in that budget. To provide a more detailed theme or detailed response, I recognize the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell.

MS. MITCHELL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The response is focused on the funds of \$10,149,000 budgeted for housing. The following has been committed from this budget item. Arctic Inspiration prize, that's the prototype; \$2,212,000. The Home Repair Program, with Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation, \$150,000. Geotechnical Assessments for the three remaining Inuit communities, \$432,500. Housing delivery models, \$60,000; for a total of \$2,854,500. The remaining funds have not been committed or allocated to a specific project or outcome at this time. As you are aware, there has been significant progress made on determining the needs for Nunatsiavut and plans are ongoing on the best method to address these needs. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. We'll move to item seven on your *Orders of the Day*, "Oral Questions." Do I have any oral questions this afternoon? I recognize the Chairperson for NunaKâtiget, Mr. Gary Mitchell.

MR. MITCHELL:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, the Honourable Sean Lyall. I go on Twitter or Facebook and I see a lot of happy faces coming back from Torngat National Park Base Camp. And I think, why can't a lot of our people do the same thing? Go see their homeland or go and see the park, and come back smiling, and they don't get the opportunity. My question for the Minister is I understand that the company, One Ocean, who recently went through the Northwest passage with a vessel, is planning to come north next year and sell packages within the province, I think originating

in St. John's, if I'm not sure, and go up to the base camp. My question would be, would Nunatsiavut Government, or through your department, finance people to go up on these boats to see their homeland, or visit the park, so they can experience that feeling of visiting that area, which is very much a part of all of us. *Nakummek*.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Chairperson for NunaKâtiget. In response I recognize the Minister of Culture, Recreation, Tourism, The Honourable Sean Lyall.

MR. LYALL:

Nakummek Uhatti, and thank you, Mr. Gary Mitchell, for the question. To begin with, I'm aware of One Ocean and their plans to visit Nunatsiavut in 2017 summer tourist season. In response to that, we will be discussing their agenda, their itinerary in developing packages for their upcoming season. In prelude to such tourism opportunities, because of climate change and Nunatsiavut is the gateway to the Northwest Passage, there will be a further increase, I suspect, in the number of requests for expeditions to visit Nunatsiavut, and we should be very prepared to be included in such passages and to undertake such programming as the one you suggested. Just for an update, which I was going to do tomorrow, but for your information, one of the opportunities that we do have, that is tied in with either Adventure Tourism, or archaeology for that matter, is on July 30th to August 8. The Hebron Family Archaeology Project had its first field season with John Jararuse and Jerry Tuglavina. Now this project is in conjunction with research, entered as new knowledge, but the outcome, along with partnerships with the Department of Health and Social Development, the overall

outcome is to have Inuit beneficiaries from Nunatsiavut region visit Inuit Nunava or the homeland north of Nain for that matter. All right, John and Jerry were chosen to take part in the research by the Hebron Selection Committee. Ruthie Lampe, from Department of Health and Social Development, also joined as a mental health worker. The location of over 40 houses were met at Hebron, and the historical use of the rooms in the mission complex were met. The Memorial University archaeology crew from Johannes Point assisted in the aerial mapping with the use their unmanned aerial vehicle, or drone, for that matter. So the explanation here is how do we tie in research, for one, traditional knowledge for two, and also get beneficiaries back into the homeland? I hope that answers your question, Mr. Mitchell. *Nakummek Uhatti.*

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Does the Chairperson have a supplementary? Go ahead, Chairperson.

MR. MITCHELL:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. My follow-up question would be, you mentioned beneficiaries from Nunatsiavut would take part in tourism, maybe. What about beneficiaries from Upper Lake Melville area, because that's who brought this to my attention, that they'd really like to get up to the park. How about including these people in any discussion, any tourism programs that you might have for the area. I think we'd like to be. Would you include beneficiaries from Upper Lake Melville area in any packages or future programs? *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Chairperson. In response, the Honourable Sean Lyall.

MR. LYALL: *Nakummek*, for your supplementary question. And under that particular question, Mr. Speaker, I would like to take that question under notice and return to that at the appropriate time tomorrow.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. Are there any further oral questions this morning? I recognize Mr. Joe Dicker, AngajukKâk for Nain.

MR. DICKER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess I go back to the same question I asked at the last sitting for the Minister of Education, Economic Development, Patricia Kemuksigak, with regards to the IBA and the protocol that's supposed to be followed with regards to the hiring practices of our beneficiaries, Nain being the closest resource. I was encouraged this morning when I heard a statement that, you know, they have heard complaints and are looking into it, and but that's what I've heard the last time. I heard the response that they would look into it. My question to the Minister, Mr. Speaker, is can you give me or this Assembly assurance that the *Inuit Impact Benefits Agreement* time protocol will be followed? I ask this question because I've spoken with the LATP coordinator in Nain, and she informed me as of this morning that she has 199 resumes in her system that she passed onto Goose Bay head office, that is accessible to the contracts that are awarded to the contractors in the Voisey's Bay construction. To date, she's aware of two people that have been called. One is a beneficiary and another one is a member of NunatuKavut. I've heard stories from my community members working in the camp there, that, you know, there was all the positions that are opening there are going not to beneficiaries. What's happening? You know, I'd like to get

an actual figure, if I may, as to how the IBA's being administered. I know that the coordinator has been ill, and in her absence, I believe that Melville Williams was acting for a short period of time, but at the same time, the coordinator for IBA told us at the Spring Information Session that all the resumes that she had on file would also be accessible to the contractors. Is that happening? Why aren't the people closest to the resource, Nain and Hopedale, not being called upon? What's gone wrong here? So I ask that, you know, can you give me assurance that the IBA hiring protocol will be followed? Thank you.

MR. EDMUND:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk. I recognize Ms. Patricia Kemuksigak, Minister of the Department of Education, Economic Development.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, AngajukKâk Dicker. We've been working closely with Lands and Natural Resource Department, in particular the IBA coordinator, and yes, she has been off sick for a while, but Melville Williams was not acting in her place, because it's two different departments. But our department and hers do work closely, but it's more of the Lands and Natural Resource function, but I could answer. We are aware of many challenges around the current hiring on the new underground construction contracts at Voisey's Bay. There are four new contracts let for construction work this summer, and they are civil works, temporary camp, tree removal and temporary dock refurbishment. The major challenge so far is with the Civil Works 2016 contract, which was awarded to Innu Municipal, in conjunction or partnership with Nunatsiavut Construction. Nunatsiavut Government has

been in discussion with Vale, Innu Municipal, as well as Nunatsiavut Construction, NGC, and we are only recently receiving concrete information, so that we might understand exactly who applied, their qualifications, as well as how many Innu and Inuit were actually hired. If we get more concrete information today, we will certainly pass it along to Assembly Members, and we may have more information at tomorrow's sitting, hopefully, but it took a while to get the information and the IBA coordinator and, also, Deputy Minister McNeil was having trouble getting the information they required. I'm sorry I couldn't answer more clearly, but we may have more information tomorrow when it's analyzed.

Nakummek.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Does the AngajukKâk have a supplementary? *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk. Are there any further oral questions this afternoon? Thank you, Member for Nain. I recognize Mr. Richard Pamak, Ordinary Member for Nain.

MR. PAMAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Housing. So I'll ask First Minister, Honourable Kate Mitchell, the question. We've heard this morning of a Draft Housing Policy that President Lampe has mentioned. We have heard that presentations have been made to the Federal Government with a housing strategy, the Provincial Government, and also the federal senate. My question to First Minister, Honourable Kate Mitchell, do we have any access to that Draft Strategic Housing Plan? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Mr. Pamak. In response, I recognize the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell.

MS. MITCHELL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, Ordinary Member for Nain, for your question. I know we've referred to the Draft Housing Strategy a number of times, and actually what it consists of right now was the Risk Assessment, then there was a Housing Needs Assessment, then there was a Geotechnical Drilling Program, and now one of the final components of our Draft Housing Strategy is the Housing Delivery Agency Assessment that we had completed, and we have not had time to analyse. So we just refer to this as parts of our Housing Strategy, and so what we do is we come back to the Executive Council and ask for approval for the direction that we're going, and up until now, it's a draft, and we still do not have the last portion of our Housing Delivery Agency Assessment. We don't have that one analysed. We just received that late this spring. Thank you.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Thank you very much, Honourable First Minister. I recognize the Member of Nain for a supplementary question.

MR. PAMAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I understand it's in draft, and certainly my next question is, is are you prepared as the Minister responsible for housing to be able to address the other Members of the Assembly outside of Nunatsiavut Executive Council, and to give us a briefing of what's in that Housing Strategic Plan outside of the sitting of the Assembly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Thank you, Member for Nain. In response, the Honourable Kate Mitchell.

MS. MITCHELL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you once again for your question.

This is something that I will certainly check out with the housing working group, and with the Executive Council, but, like I said, and I certainly don't have any problem, you know, talking to anybody outside there because I know I did do a portion of it to Torngat Regional Housing Association, and in that presentation, we did have portions of our Draft Housing Strategy in there, but also let me check on that and get back to you. Thank you.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, First Minister. Does the Member have a final supplementary? Thank you, Ordinary Member. Are there any further oral questions this afternoon? Is there anyone who was yet to have an oral question would like to use one at this moment? I recognize the Chairperson for NunaKâtiget, Mr. Gary Mitchell.

MR. MITCHELL:

Nanummek, Mr. Speaker. My second question for today is for the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak. Most of us know that when the salmon fishery is on, there's more salmon taken than there are tags issued. I've had concerns brought to my attention in Goose Bay that what happens to all that salmon that's extra, that's caught? What do they do with it? What do the people do with it, because some people thought that with the extra salmon being caught, and they have their seven tags for their seven salmon per household, what if those extra salmon can be brought in to the Community Freezer, and we have some extra tags on hand to taking those extra salmon, so it's not all going to the same person, like 10 and 12 or 13, 14, 15 salmon. It

can be distributed to some of the Community Freezers for distribution to seniors; people that can't get out anymore. Has there been any thought by the Nunatsiavut Government to deal with this issue? Thank you very much.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Chairperson. In response, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak, Minister of Lands and Natural Resources.

MR. D. SHIWAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you to the Chair of NunaKâtiget. That's quite a good question, quite a complex question, and I assume you're talking about what an individual or beneficiaries is required to do if they catch more than seven salmon. Is that correct? I'll try to answer that part under our agreement with DFO. People are not allowed to catch more than seven salmon, so you're required to throw any extra salmon that you have away. If you're asking us as a government, did we ever consider approaching DFO if we can take those extra salmon that people may catch, and bring them back into the Community Freezers, we have not had that discussion formally at this point. We could have that discussion, but it'll all depend on what's in the agreement with DFO, and if that's something that can be changed. But I'll take your request, I'll take it as a request to look into it, but the answer to your question, if we talked about it yet, formally? We haven't. But we certainly can do so, but again, it's the agreement that we have with DFO; as a beneficiary, you can catch seven salmon. If you catch above that, you are required to throw those extra salmon away, unless you have a Community Freezer tag program like you do have, and like many of the communities do. But

other than that, again, we haven't talked about it, but certainly I will bring that back to the department. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

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

MR. POTTLE:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Land and Natural Resources. I guess it's out of interest, and I have to ask the question relative to Mr. Mitchell's question that was just posed to you. When I participated in the Food Fishery this summer, I was told that there was no longer a requirement to throw salmon away. I think that's totally contrary to Inuit values and beliefs, with respect to subsistence hunting and gathering. I just want to know if there's any validity or any truth to that comment that I heard this summer, that there was no longer a requirement to disregard those salmon and throw them away. I heard that when I was fishing this summer on the ground from fellow fishers.

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Mr. Pottle. In response, Honourable Darryl Shiwak, Minister of Lands.

MR. D. SHIWAK:

As far as we know, that's not the case. I'll certainly follow up and get that response for you. And I assume I think I heard you correctly, you heard that from fellow fishers in the community, and not from NG staff. Is that correct? Okay. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. For a supplementary, I recognize the Member for the Canadian Constituency.

MR. POTTLE: My supplemental question is why the Department of Natural Resources and the Nunatsiavut Government would agree with DFO's policies to throw away food. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Mr. Pottle. In response, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

MR. D. SHIWAK: That's a requirement under the agreement that we have with DFO. It's seven salmon per household, and there was no agreement to throw food away. It's just you are given seven tags and that's your limit to catch per household.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. For the final supplementary, Mr. Dan Pottle.

Mr. POTTLE: So there is an agreement between Nunatsiavut Government and Department of Fisheries and Oceans, and the Nunatsiavut Government is okay with beneficiaries and catching and having to throw out excess salmon, that's okay from the Nunatsiavut Government's perspective?
Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Mr. Pottle. In response, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

MR. D. SHIWAK: Again, the requirement is seven tags per person, per family. We have a set number of tags overall. Again, there was no discussion of what's right or wrong. We have an agreement with DFO for seven tags per family.
Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. I recognize the Member for Nain, Mr. Richard Pamak.

MR. PAMAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I direct my question to Minister for Lands and Natural Resources, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak. In your report this morning on fisheries, certainly you informed us that there has been a catch of 51,000 pounds of char in this year's commercial fishery in the Nain region. Just before I get to my question, I'd just like to say that, you know, there is three regions, three fishing zones within Nain; Nain, Okak North, Nain Bay area and also the Voisey Bay area. All this fish is caught from the one zone. In my opinion, it's having an effect on char within that zone. I passed this information on in community consultations that you have attended, and I'm not against a commercial fishery, by any means. I encourage it. I think our stocks can cover it, however, it's in one zone, and one zone only, and I think it's having an impact. I see it as an impact in that Nain Bay area. Has this government looked at other areas of zoning to harvest the total allowable char for commercial fishing in the Nain area? Thank you.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Mr. Richard Pamak. I recognize the Honourable Darryl Shiwak in response.

MR. D. SHIWAK: Thank you to the question, to the Ordinary Member for Nain, and we much appreciate your input in our community consultations in Nain this past winter, and you're correct that it was brought up, the Nain Bay area, there's a lot fishing in that area, and we heard that loud and clear. As for considering other areas to fish for that quota of char in that area, I'd have

to consult with our Department of Education and Economic Development to see if there's any plans and see if we actually go in there. I don't have the information today, but I'll certainly get that back to you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Does the Member have a supplementary question? *Nakummek*, Mr. Pamak. Are there any further oral questions this afternoon? I recognize the AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Ms. Marjorie Flowers.

MS. FLOWERS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is more of a comment than a question pertaining to the questions asked by Mr. Pamak. That was one of the reasons why we chose to do our fish harvesting project this summer in Hopedale, was to take some of that away from Nain, so as that we could do some fishing here. It didn't work out as well as what we had hoped, but I think it's something that we can explore more for next year. Thank you.

MR. EDMUNDS:

As that was a statement as opposed to a question, did you have a particular question that you wanted directed to a minister? Thank you, AngajukKâk. Are there any further oral questions this morning? If there are no further oral questions, then we will proceed to item eight, "Written Questions." Do we have any written questions today? We'll proceed to item nine, "Returns to Written Questions." There are no returns to written questions today. Item 10, "Petitions". Are there any petitions? Item 11, "Responses to Petitions." There will be no responses today. Item 12, "Reports to Standing or Special Committees". There are

no scheduled reports from standing or special committees today. We will move to item 17, as we've considered 13 through 16 earlier today. "First Reading of Bills". There are no scheduled first reading of bills today. Item 18, "Second Reading of Bills." No second reading of bills. Item 19, "Assent to Bills." We have no assent to bills today. Item 20, "Adjournment". We are adjourned until 9:00 a.m. tomorrow morning. We are scheduling some *Inuttitut* training. Just give us 20 minutes to half an hour to get organized and we will meet within the courtroom. Additionally, this afternoon, asking that the President and the First Minister will meet to discuss the Assembly calendar for the upcoming year to approve that for consideration for tomorrow. Thank you all.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Ullâkut Ilonnasi. I call to order the second day of sitting for the 12th Session of the Third Nunatsiavut Assembly. We'll start with item one, "Prayer." And I would like to ask President Johannes Lampe to say the opening prayer.

PRESIDENT LAMPE:

(Recites prayer).

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable President. On to item two, "Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery." As the Assembly may have noticed, we have a beautiful array of dolls now in our display cases. These were placed by Belinda Webb, Director of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. These were purchased from Herb Brown, who of course owns a craft shop in Goose Bay, and the tea dolls are made by Lydia Lucy, who's originally from Hopedale. Once more I'd like to welcome those in the gallery today, and

thank them for their interest in the Assembly. Is there any Member wishing to recognize visitors in the public gallery today? I recognize the AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Ms. Marjorie Flowers.

MS. FLOWERS: Thank you. I recognize today in the gallery, our elder, Sarah Aggek. I'm really pleased to see you here, Sarah.

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

MR. POTTLE: *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. I, too, would like to recognize Elder Sarah Aggek. Sarah lived in St. John's for many years. We have a very close relationship with Sarah. She was always coming to visit us when we worked, and when she lived in St. John's, and since we've come to Hopedale, Sarah always makes the effort to come and visit with us, knowing our tight schedules, and she comes for tea, and we sit down and we have good chats and catch up. So I'm very pleased to see you here, Sarah. *Nakummek*.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Mr. Pottle. Any other Member wishing to recognize visitors? I recognize Mr. Sean Lyall, Member for Nain.

MR. LYALL: I also would like to recognize Sarah Aggek and thank her for interest in the Nunatsiavut Assembly. *Nakummek*. Pleasure to have you.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Mr. Lyall. Any other Members wishing to do a recognition? Honourable President.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Sarah Aggek. (*Speaks in Inuttitut*). *Nakummek*, Sarah.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Mr. President. Any further recognitions? We'll proceed to item three on your *Orders for the Day*, "Ministers Statements". Do we

have any Ministers Statements this morning? I recognize the Honourable Darryl Shiwak, Minister of Lands, Natural Resources, and Minister of Finance.

MR. D. SHIWAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, from the Department of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology, the Labrador North Radio and Microwave Upgrade Project, Mr. Speaker, due to delays in getting the funding agreements in place with ACOA and INAC, the original project timelines of having some communities upgraded during the fall of 2016, cannot be met. However, the project is still proceeding. The new microwave equipment has been ordered by Bell Aliant, and they have begun receiving it. The updated plan is to install the new digital microwave equipment, allowing to network backbone before the end of this calendar year, which includes installing new microwave antennas on all the repeater sites between Happy Valley, Goose Bay and Nain. Barring any weather or technical delays, this is achievable. Mr. Speaker, the communities of Hopedale and Nain are located on a network backbone and, as such, will be the first to be upgraded once the network backbone is operational. The next phase will be to install new equipment in the remaining Inuit communities, Natuashish and Voisey's Bay mine site. Current estimates that this work can be completed, connecting all Nunatsiavut from Natuashish by the last spring of 2017. Summer Student Program. Mr. Speaker, the Nunatsiavut Government had another successful Summer Student Program. A total of 16 students were hired and placed in all communities and in the Upper Lake Melville area. The

goal of the government is to provide meaningful relevant work experience, just doing in their field of study, in order to better the chances to obtain employment once they have completed their studies. As a government, we are able to avail these students to assist with programming, research and government operations. Mr. Speaker, Megan Dicker was employed with the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism as the *Inuttitut* language student assistant. During her time, she read many documents on language policies, barriers, revitalization and strategies. She also took advantage of the reading material offered and learned about the history of Northern Labrador, and later applied this knowledge and shared with youth from the community and directed local tours at the Nunatsiavut Government office. She also sits with the Hebron Ambassador Program. Her long-term plan, Mr. Speaker, is to pursue studies in environmental science, and to return to Nunatsiavut to work with Parks Canada in the Torngat Mountain National Park.

Nakummek, to our students for outstanding work this summer, and to all of the supervisors of these students. Mr. Speaker, the OSR Capacity Report. We recently filed OSR Capacity Report for the year ended March 31, 2016, as well as amended reports for the years ended March 31st, 2012 and 2013. The payment under the *Loan Source Revenue Capacity Agreement* for 2017, 2018 fiscal year, will be \$1,247,000. These payments continue to grow each year and will have an impact on the Nunatsiavut Government Operation, as other sources of revenue, such as mining royalties decline. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, from

the Lands and Natural Resources Department, the Environment Division, first of all, I would like to thank Mr. Tom Sheldon, our former Director of Environment, for his service and dedication to many of our very important files. Tom has taken a position with the Inuit Circumpolar Council. We congratulate Mr. Rodd Laing, who was the successful candidate to replace Tom as Director, and we look forward to Rodd's leadership in continuing to advance these files. Mr. Speaker, in partnership with many internal Nunatsiavut Government departments, we have continued to interact with the province of Newfoundland and Labrador, and Nalcor to ensure that our four asks to "Make Muskrat Right" are met. The most urgent of these asks is the full clearing of the trees, vegetation, topsoil, as Nalcor has an authorization to begin the first stage of impoundment as of October 1st of this fall. A large team from the Nunatsiavut Government, including President Lampe, attended a scientific workshop in Goose Bay on August 4th. That included all three Aboriginal groups, the Province, Nalcor, scientists from Harvard University, Memorial University and various Federal Government staff. The Harvard Science on Methyl Mercury Impacts on Inuit was presented. On a different scenario, the clearing of the reservoir, and all participants in the workshop agreed with that science. A finalized report from the workshop should be completed soon, and we are waiting for the Province for a variety of action items related to full clearing, including our request that any flooding of the reservoir be delayed until full clearing takes place. We have asked the Province for a status update, and we have

been told that a response is coming. In addition to this, I formerly appealed Minister Trimper's decision on the Nalcor's Human Health Risk Assessment Plan. Minister Trimper informed us that he has dismissed this appeal. We continue to consider options to "Make Muskrat Right". President Lampe has requested a meeting with the Premier ASAP to discuss this issue. Mr. Speaker, the division, along with the Non-Renewable Division and Secretariat, has been working on the development of a National Inuit Climate Change Report in partnership with ITK and ICC Canada, and the other three Inuit regions. This report outlines Inuit priorities and recommendations for Canada's Climate Change Strategy for consideration by the First Ministers in early fall. This Inuit-specific report is in addition to the Federal Government's and Canadian Framework established at the First Minister meeting in Vancouver in March. The Federal Framework has four working groups, but Inuit do not have membership on any of these groups, however, we do receive updates from these working groups. The lack of membership in these groups is what created the need to develop a National Inuit Climate Change Report. Mr. Speaker, the Federal Government is currently reviewing the entirety of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* and the associated processes. As part of this process, they have established an expert panel of three individuals that take recommendations from an Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee consists of six Indigenous groups, six industry representatives and six scientists. The Environment Division has a seat on that working

group, and we have been actively participating in discussion and review ensuring that the changes within CEAA reflect our own Nunatsiavut Environmental Assessment Process. And finally, Mr. Speaker, the Tundra Take Back Waste Management Program to clean up the dumps in Nunatsiavut is continuing for a second year, in partnership with Scout Environmental. The program aims to remove harmful fluids, materials from vehicles and appliances, while recycling the metal and other associated material and remove it all from the community. Last year, Nain and Hopedale dumps were cleaned up, and this year, the communities of Postville, Makkovik and Rigolet will clean up their dumps. The program trains and employs local community members to conduct the work and looks to ensure long-term sustainability of this program in future years. Lands Division, Mr. Speaker. We have assisted on the project to complete a detailed GIS mapping of Postville, Makkovik and Rigolet in collaboration with Nunatsiavut Affairs and Stantec. There have been 24 Land Use Applications submitted in 2016, 20 cabinet applications, 2 for mineral expiration and related infrastructure, 1 for a trail and 1 for archaeological research. The lease for the Makkovik Harbour Floating Docks and Breakwater has been finalized and sent off to DFO for signing. The Nain Inuit Community Government consulted our department under new 10-year municipal plan and development regulations. We worked with Nunatsiavut Secretariat and submitted comments on this plan. Nunatsiavut Construction removed some equipment via barge from their abandoned quarry of Ten Mile Bay, and

have told us they plan to continue removal of some equipment again next year. We will continue to pursue the remediation of sites on Labrador Inuit Land. And finally, Mr. Speaker, an unexploded military ordinance from World War II was discovered in the flat waters area outside of Rigolet at the end of August. The military detonated it without incident. Rigolet residents are concerned, since this is a popular spot for hunting, fishing and berry picking, and is located on the boundary to the proposed Mealy Mountain National Park. I have sent a letter to the Five Wing Goose Bay, requesting them to conduct an investigation to determine the extent of the contamination in this area. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

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

MR. LYALL:

Nakummek Uhatti. I'd like to begin by, as the Minister has said, that a lot of projects that the department undertakes maybe could not be possible without the collaboration and the partnership and working together with the other departments, so I wanted to thank the other departments, as well, Department of Health and Social Development, the Department of Education and Economic Development, and Finance and Lands and Natural Resources, on some of the partnerships and delivering programs and services that the department undertakes. *Nakummek*. In regards to archaeology within the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, in late July, archaeological surveys were conducted in the Rigolet Region,

in Gross Water Bay, Back Bay, the Narrows and Lake Melville. The work was a collaboration between the Nunatsiavut Government, the Smithsonian Institution and the Rigolet Inuit Community Government. The field crew included Jamie Brake from the Nunatsiavut Government, William Fitzhugh from Smithsonian Institute, Carolyn Wolfrey, a student at Northern Lights Academy, Patrick Jolicoeur, a student at University of Glasgow, Chelsea Slatton, a student at the American University, Cathy D'Agostino, a student at Memorial University, and Idioma Abagu, a student at the University of Chicago. The work resulted in the documentation of approximately 30 archaeological sites, spanning more than 3,000 years of human history on this part of the coast. In late August, an extremely important complex of known archaeological sites in the Avayalik Islands, near the northern tip of Labrador, was visited to assess the condition in relation to climate change. There is particular concern for Avayalik 1, a large coal season Dorset site, with at least seven dwelling structures, frozen deposits and excellent organic preservation. It is considered one of the most significant Palaeoeskimo sites in the eastern Arctic, sub-Arctic, because of its perfect preservation. Major goals of the visit were to determine whether or not permafrost is melting at the site, and see if the site is being impacted by coastal erosion. The project was successful in terms of meeting all of its stated goals. Unfortunately, however, it was determined during the visit that Iguvialuk 1 is being negatively affected by both permafrost melt and erosion, and this will need to be addressed very quickly, if the unusually rich record at

the site is to be documented. A similar situation was noted at a smaller cold season Dorset settlement, which is rapidly eroding into the ocean, at Eclipse Harbour further south. This work was a collaboration between Bowdoin College and the Nunatsiavut Government. The field crew consisted of Susan Kaplan from Bowdoin College, Jamie Brake from the Nunatsiavut Government and Moira McCaffrey, Independent Researcher. Archaeological activity in the Nain region began this past week, with a field trip to Kauk and to Satusoak Island, south of the community. A Daniel Rattle complex site, approximately 1500 years old, was recorded, as well as numerous historic Inuit sites, including one previously undocumented early 20th Century winter house site. This work was undertaken by Nunatsiavut Government staff members, Jamie Brake and Michelle Davies. The plans are now being finalized for additional fieldwork in September and October in the Nain region, as well as in the communities of Hopedale and Postville. From June 30th to July 10th, we worked with Adventure Canada as their permit holding archaeologist to observe and evaluate how the Nunatsiavut Government's Cruise Ship Policy is being implemented when visiting archaeological sites in Nunatsiavut and to determine how to strengthen our policy to meet the demands of this growing industry. On July 12th to July 29th, we worked with Parks Canada archaeologist, John Higdon, in the Torngat Mountains National Park, to conduct archaeological assessments of the Ramah Bay Quarry, a national historic site. Parks Canada is planning to bring visitors into the quarry bowl, and Nunatsiavut Government archaeologists were

invited to take part in the assessment to determine a route into the quarry bowl that will not impact archaeological resources. From July 30th to August 8th, I will reiterate the Hebron Family Archaeology Project had its first field season with John Jararuse and Jerry Tuglavina, who were chosen to take part in the research by the Hebron Selection Committee. Ruthie Lampe, from the Department of Health and Social Development, joined as a mental health worker. The location of over 40 houses were met at Hebron and the historical use of the rooms in the mission complex were met. The archaeology crew from Johannes Point assisted in aerial mapping with the use of their unmanned aerial vehicle, the drone. Mr. Speaker, in relation to tourism in Nunatsiavut, our 2016 Nunatsiavut Guide went over well with tourists and our stakeholders, and we will be continuing to add content for the 2017 edition. Mr. Speaker, these initiatives, even though simple as they may be, and cost effective, are very effective. The Director of Tourism position was filled permanently on September 12th, 2016. We welcome Jill Larkham as our Director of Tourism. We are now in the process of filling our Visitor Experience Coordinator position. The tourism division supported a number of travel and trade and travel media visits, as well as some tour operators. Several film companies also visited the region. We will see new coverage of our communities, the Northern Ranger, Illusuak Cultural Centre, the Mealy Mountains, Torngat Mountains and Base Camp, and of course, Hebron, but also, Mr. Speaker, Nunatsiavut Region as a whole. In relation to Hebron, Mr. Speaker, our Hebron National Historic Site Restoration and

Ambassador Program, opened July 5th, with the arrival of our heritage carpenters on Adventure Canada cruise ship, and ran until September 15th. The visitor numbers have grown since last year, and we will be soon working on the breakdown of guests and debriefs with the Hebron staff. On July 27th, in Hebron, Inuit youth from across the north, arrived with the Student on Ice Program. The students held a very beautiful and moving cultural event in the church as part of the announcement of the National Inuit Suicide Prevention Strategy. We are honoured that Hebron was chosen as a special place for truth and reconciliation, and we are working on an interpretative plan to tell the deep history of the northern Labrador Inuit. Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, due to weather, we could not be at that event, but myself and President Lampe were rerouted to have the announcement in Kuujjuaq in Nunavik. I would like to thank the town and people of Kuujjuaq and Makkovik Corporation for hosting an event on short notice. The good work by our restoration team has inspired some visitors to donate funds to the project in Hebron. We received one donation from the Demoray family of Montreal for \$10,000, and other visitors have asked how they can assist in the project. We will develop a plan for donor investment. In regards to the Hopedale Provisions House, Mr. Speaker, our archaeology office will work closely and provide assistance with Two Parts Canada to ensure the heritage resources are protected, as well as the work is conducted and we can use the opportunity to learn more about the rich history of this site. Mr. Speaker, our Summer Student Program, again, went off very well this

year. Our department was pleased to have two summer students, Megan Dicker and Patrick Webb, who assisted us in supporting Hebron in language and tourism initiatives. We also responded with other Nunatsiavut Government departments, as I mentioned earlier, in operating a student program at the base camp in partnership with Parks Canada. The kANGIDLUASUK Student Program is presenting inactive, and we need to ensure that it is revitalized and considerable funds are used to benefit Nunatsiavut youth. In regards to the heritage forum, Mr. Speaker, I would also like to thank the AngajukKâk from Makkovik, Herb Jacque, the Makkovik Inuit Community Government, the White Elephant Museum volunteers, and many Makkovik and Postville community volunteers, for hosting the 2016 Nunatsiavut Heritage Forum from June 13th to the 17th. We also added a day in Postville and would like to thank AngajukKâk Diane Gear, and the Ordinary Member for Postville, and the Speaker of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, Honourable Tyler Edmunds. The forum is very critical in connecting our department with community and culture heritage groups. It is also a key contact time for our Traditions and Transition Research Project. At the forum, we are privileged to have Makkovik Elder, Bertie Winters, join us for a very enjoyable story telling session. Bertie Winters deserves special recognition as a true ambassador for the north coast as a great, wise and productive harvester, very connected to the sea and the land, and always full of passion, inspiration and humour. We pay tribute to Bertie Winters

as one of our great elders, who is truly a legend. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

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 do an update on Economic Development Division. The division is aggressively leveraging its annual budget and program dollars to secure an additional \$1 million in federal funding. The funding will focus on programming related to Voisey's Bay underground expansion, and the Mealy Mountain National Park development, Inuit Business Development Expansion, and Community Economic Development. The million dollar ask is divided between Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA), and Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC). The division has submitted a two-year proposal for 2016 - 2018 to ACOA in September, in the amount of \$764,615. The contract is structured by a 65/35 per cent basis. Our Economic Development Division will contribute \$267,615 to leverage \$497,000 of ACOA funding. Secondly, on June 30th, 2016, we submitted a proposal to Strategic Partnership Initiatives (SPI), a program offered under INAC. This application is for 500,000, and is still under review. A response is expected in late September, early October. Mr. Speaker, the division assisted five entities with business start-up inquiries. Between June the 5th to September 9th, 13 underground and 1 current operation packages were received from Vale, with our division submitting 28

business nominations, and confirming 4 qualified business entities, QBE's. To meet the needs of the entrepreneurial community in Nunatsiavut, we are formalizing our Business Plan Support Program. The program assists potential businesses' start-ups, with the cost of business plan development with a non-repayable \$5,000 up to 75 per cent of the cost contribution. We are working with Finance Department and legal counsel to formalize the application process, and we hope to relaunch this program in October. I will be attending an ITK sponsored Inuit Economic Development Corporation Summit, along with NGC and LICST trustees next week. There will be discussions on how the Inuit Regional Development Corporations can partner together and grow in the larger Inuit Nunangat. Minister of INAC, the Honourable Carolyn Bennett, will be one of the guest speakers. Mr. Speaker, Industry Support. In the last four months, we have financially contributed upwards of 327,000 in business and community economic development initiatives, such as the restoration of the White Elephant Museum in Makkovik, 20,000; the interpretation upkeep of the Hopedale Moravian Mission; 25,120, capacity building and training of a new business owner, Rachel Edmunds of K&A Variety in Makkovik of 4,500; the operation of the Nain and Makkovik fish plants to support for the Torngat Fish Producers Co-operative and Community Freezer Program; combined total of 150,000; the launch of a pilot project in Hopedale for a small local char fishery to supply the Community Freezer, 4,500; the launch of a pilot whelk wrinkle fishery in Nain, 23,000, for tourism and kayak assessment of the Rigolet

area, the Mealy Mountain National Park and Torngat Mountain National Park, at approximately 100,000. Mr. Speaker, the Status of Women Contract. Through our Status of Women contract, we've completed two best practice research missions; the first in Kuujuaq in late June with four participants, and the second in Rankin Inlet in mid-July with five participants. We are completing a Gender-Based Needs Assessment for early October that will inform our final contract report and recommendation on policy and programs to encourage female entrepreneurs in Nunatsiavut. Focus on Communications. We have launched two communications programs in September 2016 to promote community awareness and access to our programs; a social media campaign and a division road show. The Economic Development Division is now visible to local audience via Facebook and local and business audience via Twitter. We encourage you to visit and promote both sites. Ongoing evaluation and content planning will allow for adaptation to meet client needs. The division road show will travel in Nunatsiavut from September 26th to the 29th, visiting our five Inuit communities. We've consulted with successful academic programs in Nunatsiavut to determine an effective engagement approach to encourage participation and attendance. That said, we will have a carnival theme with information booths from six funding agencies in our division. A schedule of community visits is available via social media. We are attempting to meet with the AngajukKâk prior to the event, to provide information and gauge their needs. Mr. Speaker, we had various staff activity over the

summer months. We'd like to congratulate Brenda Jararuse for recently completing her probationary period. Your work on the Status of Women file is yielding valuable industry information to inform our program development. We offer our sincere congratulations to Heather Edmunds of Postville, who after successfully researching, developing and delivering our social media plan, is preparing to leave the office for a year of maternity leave, to start her family. We wish you the absolute best during this exciting time. The year replacement for this position will be advertised in late September, October. We thank Melville Williams for her contribution in the Procurement and Inuit Business Registry functions, as a business development officer, and congratulate her on fully transitioning into the Business Manager position. The Procurement File has permanently transitioned back to our experienced and veteran, staffer, Molly Shiwak. And finally, pending approval of both ACOA and INAC contracts, the division is expecting two new positions; a compliance officer related to the Voisey's Bay project and Mealy Mountains development officer, bringing our staff complement to seven.

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

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. I just have a few more updates. Nunatsiavut Government was proud to be part of the release of the National Inuit Suicide Prevention Strategy in Kuujjuaq. Unfortunately, because of

weather, I couldn't attend this event, but they got to Kuujjuaq. We originally planned to go to Hebron and, of course, we never got there, so I'd just like to say that I'm proud to be a part of this, and hopefully that all the Inuit regions will address suicide prevention and we'll have, hopefully, great discussions, great results. And I'd also like to thank Health Canada for committing \$9 million over the next three years in support of suicide prevention in the strategy. I'd just like to say we lose a lot of our young people to suicide and all across Canada, and it hurts when we see our own young people. It's very hard on the communities. It's very hard on people. It touches everyone. Everyone around this table feels it. Everyone in these communities feels it, and I just hope that we can find a way, Mr. Speaker, to prevent suicide. And also, Mr. Speaker, I'd just like to add that most Inuit communities celebrated the National Suicide Prevention Day on September 10th, and "Take Back the Night" on September 16th, with a variety of activities, and a big thank you to all the organizers. Thank you for your dedication and your commitment to Nunatsiavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Are there any other Ministers Statements? We have reached the time limit for Ministers Statements at 35 minutes. Do we have the consent of the Assembly, Standing Order 16.1, to extend that time limit? Is there any nays? I recognize the Honourable First Minister, Ms. Kate Mitchell.

MS. MITCHELL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Okay, for this one, I'm not quite sure if I was supposed to do it here, but anyway, from September the 7th to the 9th, I

had the honour of being invited to the CMHC Expert Round Table on Housing, and I wasn't there in my capacity as First Minister, but the I think it was really good for us to be able to have input into a National Housing Strategy. The conference was called, "Let's Talk Housing," and our whole purpose was to develop a National Housing Strategy, and the report is being compiled by the Conference Board of Canada, and it was to be taken to the stakeholders on the 19th of September, which was on Monday. And the report, what we heard, will be released on November 22nd, which is National Housing Day. Some of the things that we were asked to do, we were told to challenge the status quo and status CMHC. We looked after programs and the challenges and what we could come up with as solutions to a lot of the housing issues, and we looked at the role of CMHC, the role that the Federal Government should be playing in housing, and we looked at the whole continuum, from homelessness to seniors housing. So I just wanted to make the Assembly aware that I think it's the, you know, it says a lot for the work that we've been doing on housing when we get invited to have input into our National Housing Strategy. And one of the other updates, I guess, is that we received word yesterday at lunchtime, that INAC has approved our proposal for housing that we submitted for this year, and how we plan to spend the 4 million, so I just want to make the Assembly aware of that. Thank you.

ASSEMBLY: [Applause].

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. That concludes Ministers Statements. Before we move on to item 4, I would like to take advantage of Standing

Order 10.4 temporarily remove myself as the speaker, and ask that the Deputy Speaker come in to take the chair for the duration of the Members Statements. Thank you.

MS. FORD:

Good morning. We're on item number four of the Standing Orders. Members Statements. Do we have any Members Statements? I'd like to recognize Sean Lyall, Ordinary Member for Nain.

MR. LYALL:

Nakummek, Madam Speaker. I'd like to take this opportunity, Madam Speaker, to just comment on recent social media in regards to travel by elected officials, if may, Madam Speaker. It is my opinion that it is imperative that elected officials in this new era of Inuit to Crown, Crown to Inuit relationship. For many years, we have been requesting input into decisions that have been made that formulated policy that directly affected Labrador Inuit. Some people may think it's a benefit that elected officials travel, others may think it's a burden. Irregardless of those opinions, I think because those meetings have happened, we can all enjoy a lot of programs and services that we have never had, or had the opportunity to discuss with other governments, be it the Provincial Government or the Federal Government. I think it's imperative. I think it's our duty to meet with either Provincial Governments or the Federal Government, and other Inuit leaders across Canada and the world. If not, Madam Speaker, how are we supposed to address Labrador Inuit issues at those levels if we don't meet and discuss them? *Nakummek*, Madam Speaker.

MS. FORD:

Nakummek, Sean. The next Members Statement will come from Gary Mitchell, Chairman of NunaKâtiget.

MR. MITCHELL:

Nakummek, Madam Speaker. *Ullâkut Ilonnasi*. Sometimes we have to take time out to recognize people who might not get profile or recognition that they should be getting, because a lot of other heavy duty business that this government takes care of in all areas, but I'd just like to have a brief statement this morning recognizing a particular group. My statement today is just a brief one, but one that acknowledges the wonderful work that this group is doing in Happy Valley, Goose Bay area. I'm referring here to the DHSD staff at the DHSD Community Office on Corte Real and Happy Valley. I have worked out of that office building for two years now and have witnessed the excellent work and commitment that this group has, and the caring service that they provide to the many beneficiaries. We use the programs that are offered here. Their tireless work is always carried out in a positive way, and they take everything in stride day after day. The various programs offered by DHSD are attended by many, and the people who come to this building to take part really appreciate having this place to come to, where they partake in various activities, whether it be crafts, games, or to enjoy the different meals provided to different groups. This place gives them a place to socialize amongst themselves, and keep that companionship with each other as they grow older. It gives the disabled people and people who need the living assistance an opportunity to come there and relax from the rest of the world. Funds that go into these programs are very well spent, and

the DHSD team there work tirelessly to ensure that these people get attended to when they come to the building. NunaKâtiget sometimes donate food items from the Community Freezer for their meals, like berries, fish, moose, partridges or char. Kids programs are also well attended and they have lots of fun there. We witnessed some of their activities over time and they had a Summer Student Program.

Cameron Asivak was a summer student and he really enjoyed the time with the kids there this summer. These people certainly know how to cook a good meal, and there's always good smells coming from that kitchen. They prepare things for various functions, and everything seems to be like a well-oiled machine when they get things going to prepare for the next event, whether it be a cultural event, Nulijuk Night, a meal, games, sewing, positive connection and other special events. Aside from all the cooking and preparing of meals and preparing things for the various activities, they prepare brown bag lunches for people who may be in need of a meal. They also look after a small clothing room place there, where the clothing was donated, and people can come and choose from the selection of clothing that is stocked there. So with that, I wish to acknowledge and recognize Sharon Edmunds, Carla Blake, Kelly Jacobs, Tuttu Hunter, Heather Hopkins and Nurse Heather Burse and her team of home care workers. I'm sorry if I left out anybody in my names here. They are a

wonderful team and I commend them for the work that they do there.
Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

MS. FORD: Thank you, Mr. Mitchell. I will now recognize the AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Herb Jacque.

MR. JACQUE: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I too, this morning, would like to acknowledge and recognize an individual, an Assembly Member, Gary Mitchell. Gary was nominated as a volunteer fundraiser and performer by Music Newfoundland and Labrador Award. Gary originates from our community, therefore, I'd like to recognize him and wish him well. Good luck in your opportunity. We are proud of you. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

ASSEMBLY: [Applause].

MS. FORD: Thank you, Mr. Jacque. I now recognize the Ordinary Member for Nain, Richard Pamak.

MR. PAMAK: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, we heard some great news yesterday as part of the Ministerial updates to this Assembly. We heard Minister Lyall speak of ongoing background work in advancing *Inuttitut* language. We heard Minister Kemuksigak speak of funding that is still available for students looking to wish to further their education. We heard from Minister Flowers and speaking to continue efforts with respect to fostering our children. And we also heard from Minister Shiwak, speaking on the very successful commercial fishery, both in the inshore and the offshore. Mostly, we heard from President Lampe and

the First Minister speak of new housing initiatives that we'll address the needs of housing in Nunatsiavut. Madam Speaker, I am very pleased to see the efforts of the First Ministers Office in advocating further for housing dollars with the Federal and Provincial Governments have finally paid off. With the \$15 million from the Federal Government, with the additional 150 from Provincial Government, and hopefully we get more from them, and with a solid housing strategy, we will start to see some of the housing needs become reality. Keeping in mind, as well as I just mentioned of the additional funding, that this Assembly also approved, as part of our annual budget of \$10 million towards housing initiatives. President Lampe provided the breakdown of housing initiatives to be conducted this year, with the \$4 million from the Federal Government. I won't read them out, but they were mentioned yesterday. Well, actually I will read them out, it's part of my statement. The plan is to provide 500,000 for geotechnical work and survey in Postville, Makkovik and Rigolet; \$1.8 million towards repairs for affordable warmth; 150,000 for energy security plan; \$1 million to go towards the site development for possible apartments in Nain and Hopedale; 200 on consultant fees, and 200k for a new home in Rigolet. All great initiatives, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, some of these initiatives are currently in our own budgets. I believe that we have to develop a plan to believe that we have a housing strategy, and without seeing a housing strategy, I do think that we are on the right track. I agree that we should maximize external funds, before using our own. I also believe that this Assembly approves

funding in an annual budget to address the housing crisis, and we must maximize our own funding, as well as any external funding. Yesterday, Madam Speaker, we heard one of our auditors tell us that we are very healthy government, with solid financial assets, carried forward another large surplus, and with our approved budgets, the federal and provincial funding, I can see housing crisis begin to be addressed. Over the next three years we'll be administering or having a budget of \$25 million plus on a housing initiatives, and we look to the First Minister to provide this Assembly a copy of the Draft Housing Strategy, to get a complete understanding of what has been completed as part of that strategy to date and plans to implement the strategy in moving forward. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MS. FORD:

Nakummek, Mr. Pamak. I would now like to recognize Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Roy Blake.

MR. BLAKE:

Nakummek, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this time to thank my colleague, Minister Kemuksigak, for all her hard work that she put into our annual Meet and Greet barbeques this summer. These barbeques again were a huge success. Also at this time, I would like to thank all the volunteers who committed their time to assist during these events. Madam Speaker, the "Make Muskrat Right" rallies that were held in our community, Upper Lake Melville, were successful; the overwhelming support that we receive from concerned citizens, from not only Upper Lake Melville, but also the community of Rigolet, Nunatsiavut. Let's not forget Minister Shiwak, Minister Flowers and President Lampe,

along with other levels of government, Innu nation, and the NunatuKavut. I would also like to thank you for your continued support. Also remembering the communities of Rigolet and Nain, Nunatsiavut for rallying and showing support for this tremendous environmental effect. Madam Speaker, the October 1st deadline is fast approaching. This is the day to do the flooding, and more needs to be done to support the beneficiaries that will be directly affected by this. As a government, we should be doing more as the issue of methyl mercury and for the health concerns of our people. There are also concerns regarding the Clay Bank at the North Spur, as it is a serious safety concern and should not be taken lightly. Madam Speaker, this morning I would also like to take the time to send my sincere condolences to the family and extended family members of beneficiaries who have lost loved ones since my last sitting: Sarah Asivak, Edward Blake, Stephen Chaulk, Fred Buddy McLean, Harry Mitsuk, Lorne Winters, Susan Winters, Norman Gear, Ronnie Michelin, Clarence McLean, Regula Shule, David Michelin and just a day or so ago, Benigna Semigak. Also Madam Speaker, although the numbers are on a decline, there are still homeless beneficiaries in Upper Lake Melville area. We are patiently waiting for the word on when our local homeless shelter will open, as winter is fast approaching. Madam Speaker, I would like to wish Chairperson of Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation, Trudy Mesher-Barkman, a speedy recovery, as she is unable to attend this sitting due to illness. I would also like to thank her for the direction this summer while visiting beneficiaries and their families in the community

of Northwest River. Madam Speaker, I was invited to attend your Life Matters Suicide Conference, hosted by DHSD in Happy Valley. This was a one-day session with two sessions to follow. The speaker was Collin Baikie, mixed martial arts artist, from Northwest River, Labrador. The youth that participated seemed to enjoy his encouraging words and MMA demonstrations. I am looking forward to the other two days offered at a later date. I was also invited to participate in the FASD event that was held at Mealy Mountain Collegiate. There were 58 participants in attendance. This was the first time that DHSD community office was able to access the local high school. Due to unforeseen circumstances, I was unable to attend the Suicide Prevention Walk, and I would like to say hats off to organizers of this event. *Nakummek*, Madam Speaker.

MS. FORD:

Nakummek, Mr. Blake. I would now like to recognize the Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency, Dan Pottle.

MR. POTTLE:

Nakummek, Madam Speaker. On behalf of the Canadian Constituency Office and constituents residing the Constituency of Canada, Patricia Ford and I would like to extend our congratulations to Sarah Anala of Moncton, New Brunswick, formerly of Nain, who was recently elected to the Board of AnanuKatiget Tumingit, Regional Inuit Women's Association. Madam Speaker, Sarah was elected to the board to represent Canada during its elections, which were held this past spring. Both Patricia and I are certain that Sarah will make a significant contribution in helping AnanuKatiget Tumingit fulfil its mission and vision, as well as achieving its mandate and carrying out its objectives. Madam Speaker, we ask all

Members of this Honourable House to join us in congratulating Sarah on her election to the board of AnanuKatiget Tumingit, and wish her well in her new role as Board Director. *Nakummek*, Madam Speaker.

MS. FORD:

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

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Madam Speaker. I guess two things right off the bat. I'd like to thank some of the flexibility in our Assembly Standing Orders for permitting me to speak at the table today. Second, I prefer sitting and talking now, so much compared to standing and talking, but I hope that you all bear with me this morning. My statement is less formal than I've delivered in the past, but it's something I felt I needed to share. It relates to what I believe is a basic desire in each of us, to want to know and share in our language, and what can drive that desire forward; now whether that is sharing small phrases with your children and grandchildren, connecting with our parents, elders or any of our speakers. The remainder of my statement today will be attempted in our language, so I wanted to recognize the efforts, as well, as the Chairperson of NunaKâtiget yesterday, and encourage members to take advantage of this service moving forward, and I'll speak a little more to that later.

(Speaks in Inuttitut.)

ASSEMBLY:

[Applause].

MS. FORD:

Thank you, Tyler, very good job. I'd now like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Greg Flowers.

MR. FLOWERS:

Thank you, Madam Speaker, and thank you, Tyler, for your dedication and, like all of us, hopefully someday, around this table we can all speak in *Inuttitut* fluently. I know it's probably too late for some of us, but if there's not, we can always learn and try. But I really encourage our young people, especially my children, my grandchildren to try and revive the language and it's really good to see someone like yourself doing such a wonderful job. In my Members Statement today, I'd just like to talk about a true Labrador man, who I got to know when I was a very young boy, and grew up just knowing Bert Winters all my life, and how dedicated he was to his family, to Labrador. He was a true Labradorean in my view. He worked hard, he fished, he hunted, he trapped. He was the kind of person that I always looked up to in my life, who was honest, hard-working, and never had a lot. Like back in his days, there wasn't a lot for, you know, you had to go out and get. You had to live off the land. You had to work hard. You had to. And I think it might have been Richard or somebody said today that there's lots of services out there today. You know, but back in the day, when our elders grew up in our communities there wasn't a lot, but they made due and they became, you know, education wasn't everything. Education was part of it, but they became true investors to Nunatsiavut and to the people that we got the privilege to be hearing now today because of them. And I'd just like to say that these people, these elders these people in our communities, we're losing them, like, on a yearly basis now. And we're losing a great knowledge, and I'd like for our young people to see this, because it's not

always about what your government gives you or what you have to do. You have to take it yourself and work hard and try and make your lives good and better and improved by just doing your daily things and not always look to your government to say they're not doing enough for me, or what have you, you know. I think there's a lot of things out there that this government is doing, and I think Sean kind of mentioned that today. We have to sometimes travel, we have to go to meetings, we have to try to inspire we have to try to work hard. And if your heart is in the right place you can do wonderful things like Bert. And not everybody, you know, I suppose he touched some people the wrong way too and that's good. In my view, you had to take the good with the bad but, if you are a believer in Labrador and Inuit, there's always good times with bad times, and there's a lot of hard times coming, but there's a lot of good that we're doing in Nunatsiavut. And I'm just wanting to say that people should start taking pride in where they're from and believing in people just because you're not always seeing the results sometimes. You know, there's people around this table who are dedicated to the people of Labrador and Nunatsiavut, and I just wanted to say that, take inspiration from yourselves to believe that we can change if we want to change, and we can work hard. I mean, it was installed in our older generations and certainly can be installed in us. So I just wanted to take this little time. I lost a dear friend and I think that he's hardworking in the right place. He was a true Labrador Nunatsiavut person, so thank you, Madam Speaker.

MS. FORD:

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

MR. J. SHIWAK:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. First of all, I'd like to encourage Tyler to keep on doing what he's doing. You know, I had a phone call shortly after I got elected, and it happened to be Tyler's grandmother. And one of the things said, "Jack, we don't have anybody to speak for our people, the older people." She said, "Our Member is too young to know about us." So, but I think, Tyler, you're on the way to getting there. Today, Madam Speaker, I have a topic that's very near and dear to me, and that is, as I go around and talk to people, I find out that so many of our young children, I mean, really young children, are put in foster homes outside of Nunatsiavut and in many cases, outside of Labrador. And I thought, you know, this is not right. They're not learning their culture. They're not learning their heritage. But from personal experience of having a foster child come into our own family, it's even worse. The restrictions, the regulations that's placed on foster parents is unreal. I said to myself if these children don't have a chance to practice their culture, their heritage, by being placed in someplace on the island, that's not too bad, because right here, in Nunatsiavut, foster parents had to get permission to teach and to show these foster children our cultural, our heritage, and our way of life. And I think that's wrong. Foster parents of a child from Nunatsiavut should learn these things. This is a part of heritage. This is a part of our culture. My home, Madam Speaker, has acted as a safe house for many years. We've taken in children, we've taken families. It

could've run from a weekend, to weeks, to months. We even had one where we took some 25 years ago, and as far as we're concerned, that's still our child. There was no restrictions placed on anybody that came to our home. The things we had done, we didn't have to get permission from anybody to let this child go out on the land, go visit his grandparents, go stay with his grandparents. But, you know, when I found out some of the things that the foster parents of the child that came into our family had to go through, it broke my heart. I had my one biological children walk into my house, "Nan, Pop, I want this, I want that." I comfort and I was fine with that. But as they grow up with this foster child that is new in our family, you know, it really hurts to know that this little child will be different. He'll be different in a way that he has, or she has, to get permission to go to Nan's house, go to Pop's house go have a sleepover with Nan and Pop, all these things. It shouldn't be. This is not the way we do it. The rules, restrictions that we have right now are not conducive to the way of the Inuit lifestyle. I won't go on too much longer, but I'm sure a lot of you have seen this. You see this big billboard. "It Takes a Community to Raise a Child." It may be so, but Madam Speaker, it takes a family to give a child a new beginning. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

ASSEMBLY:

[Applause].

MS. FORD:

Thank you, Mr. Shiwak. Do we have any more Members Statements? I would like to recognize Patricia Kemuksigak, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

Nakummek, Madam Speaker. I'd like to send condolences to the family and friends of Kenny Hope of Northwest River. He fought a long battle with cancer. I had the privilege to attend the FAST event, Suicide Prevention Walk and Take Back the Night Walk, and I want to thank all the people who planned and volunteered those events, and there was large turnouts for all three. I'd like to congratulate Gary Mitchell for his nomination for the prestigious award, and he's volunteered many, many years, in many capacities, performing for elders, right down to young people. I really want to thank Tyler and Gary for speaking in *Inuttitut* in the Assembly. I want to applaud you for that, and Tyler, I know your grandmother's very proud. The Mud Lake residents are very concerned about Muskrat Falls flooding and the methyl mercury and possibly, the dam breaking. It's a very big worry for them and they've been lobbying the Provincial Government to get an evacuation road out of the community. I'm really glad to have the Ordinary Member, Roy Blake, back to work. I really missed him and we work really well as a team, so I wish you speedy recovery and *Nakummek*, Madam Speaker.

MS. FORD:

Nakummek, Ms. Kemuksigak. Are there any more Members Statements? If not, then I would like to recognize Johannes Lampe, President, to make final comments.

PRESIDENT LAMPE:

Nakummek UKâtitik. (Speaks in Inuttitut). Madam Speaker, I just like to say that Labrador Inuit have come a long ways and taken many steps forward and sometimes, backwards, and talking about language policy where I learned *Inuttitut* has to, you know, look at how we can move

forward in revitalizing *Inuttitut*. And I said that it would take 30 years to get *Inuttitut* back to a level that I believe that we can feel safe that we have *Inuttitut*. But over the last two days in the sitting, I feel that Gary and Tyler have, you know, moved it forward, and I believe that, you know, with their example and their leadership, you know, as role models to the Assembly, and to their Members in their communities, that *Inuttitut* will advance. *Nakummek Uhatti*.

MS. FORD:

Nakummek, Mr. Lampe. That ends our item four on the *Orders of the Day*, Members Statements. Right now we will take a 20-minute break.

(Recess)

MS. FORD:

We are formally now back in Assembly, so I'll hand the chair back to the speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Ms. Patricia Ford. We left prior to recess on item four, Members Statements. We will continue on with your *Orders of the Day* on item five, "Returns to Oral Questions". Yesterday, Mr. Gary Mitchell, Chairperson for NunaKâtiget, asked the Minister of Culture, Recreation, Tourism the Honourable Sean Lyall, how beneficiaries from Upper Lake Melville can be included in programs that allow them to visit traditional lands north of Nunatsiavut, for example, the Torngat Base Camp. I'd like to recognize the Honourable Sean Lyall, Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, to provide a return to oral question.

MR. LYALL:

Nakummek Uhatti, and again, thank you for the question, which is one we know is important to all Labrador Inuit, both within the Land Claim

Area, and outside in Lake Melville or the Canadian Constituency. Mr. Speaker, the desire and benefit of having beneficiaries go north into traditional homeland is very clearly understood, and we are always looking for opportunities, through projects to get as many people as possible on the land. With the promotion of the Torngat's and Hebron, by spectacular pictures and stories, and not only that, Mr. Speaker, the history, that's building that desire even more. We are pleased that we have been able to employ over 20 beneficiaries each summer at the Torngat Mountains Base Camp and Research Station, and Hebron, and this year, some of those employees came from Upper Lake Melville and the Canadian Constituency. We have also been successful in getting more Labrador Inuit on cruise ships, travelling the coast. We are also looking into ways in revitalizing Summer Student Programs to provide even more opportunities for beneficiaries to travel north, for youth and elders. Mr. Speaker, the reality is the costs are high and we are looking for more external financial resources to help provide more opportunities. Mr. Speaker, we are also working with the Secretariat and Department of Education, to provide more film, articles, books on Northern Labrador Inuit story, for schools and programming. Mr. Speaker, we will be launching Carol Brice-Bennett's book on the Northernmost, later this fall. This is a great piece of research that provided the foundation for the Land Claim.

MEMBER: Point of order. [Indecipherable].

MR. LYALL: I'll leave that for a decision of the Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS: Please continue, Minister, with the response as a question, and just try to keep in mind that, as the Member alluded to, the statement should be limited to aspects related to the departments. You may continue on if you wish, Honourable Minister.

MR. LYALL: *Nakummek Uhatti.* In short, we agree with the need in our committee to working towards finding more ways to bring Inuit North and we'll keep this Assembly updated. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. I would also like to recognize that yesterday, the AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker, asked a question of the Minister of the Department of Education and Economic Development, the Honourable Patricia Kemuksigak, about the underground hiring protocol at Voisey's Bay. He wanted assurance that the *Impacts Benefits Agreement* hiring protocol, that hiring the people closest to the resource was being respected. I'd like to recognize the Honourable Patricia Kemuksigak, the Minister of the Department of Education, to provide a return to the oral question.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK: *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. I received the information that we'll be presenting from Deputy Minister McLean. The IBA Co-ordinator, Theresa Hollett, Deputy Minister McLean and Deputy Minister McNeil, are working very diligently to try to find the information required and to help rectify the situation. The IBA co-ordinator finally received the information on who applied for employment with Innu Municipal yesterday. Innu Municipal is a joint Innu Inuit municipal company that was QBE'd. Deputy Minister McNeil also requested information from

Innu Municipal, but didn't receive any. There were 634 applicants who applied for the 60 plus jobs at Voisey's Bay, with the Innu Municipal. Ms. Hollett has started to analyse the names to see who we're the Nunatsiavut beneficiaries that applied. This will take a bit of time, and also, there has been some instances where beneficiaries applied, but Innu Municipal didn't receive their application, so that's being looked into. If people come forward to any of you with concerns that they applied for positions and didn't get a call or employment, please either contact Theresa Hollett directly, or ask them to contact her. We are thriving to ensure the IBA is adhered to and followed, and it's a very big concern for both our departments. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Are there any further returns to oral questions this morning? I recognize the Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

MR. D. SHIWAK:

Sorry, thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yesterday, the Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Richard Pamak, asked about the char harvesting in the main bay area, and if there's other work that was done, or that area to see if fishing can be done in other areas. This is the response: Our commercial char allocation is broken down into license conditions, as follows: Now quotas are set for three areas. In other areas, the catches are monitored. In Okak, we had 31 metric tonnes, Nain 32 metric tonnes, and Voisey is 14 metric tonnes. Mr. Speaker, fishing is permitted for arctic char in the waters from Cape Rouge to Cape Chidley, inside of headland areas. Fishing is restricted to the bays and areas where there's no bycatch of salmon. We provide a map and **licence conditions** to the fishers. The

conditions also state that the harvest of remaining years from Cape Rouge to Cape Chidley shall be closely monitored by Department of Fisheries and Oceans and Nunatsiavut Government. The commercial char fisher was 51,000 pounds, approximately 63 per cent of the allowable quota in the Nain area, and 500 pounds of char harvested in the Hopedale area. During the past several years, we have worked closely with the Torngat Fish Producers Co-op in processing, marketing, as well as alternative methods for harvesting char. Our research and alternative harvesting methods have two primary objectives; one being improve the quality and the other was ways of moving the fishing efforts out of the Nain stocked area, and eventually into both north stocks, as well as south. As was mentioned during yesterday's statements, we provided funds to Hopedale Inuit Community Government to catch char, in the Hopedale Region this summer, and this was in a direct effort again to reduce the pressure on the Nain stock. We are keenly interested in continuing these efforts and we're willing to engage with fishers as well as other residence of Nain, including elected officials, Torngat Fish Producers Co-op, Department of Fishing and Oceans, to look for alternatives to decrease the pressure on the Nain stock. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Are there any further "Returns to Oral Questions" this morning? If there are no further "Returns to Oral Questions," then we'll proceed to item six, "Oral Questions". There was a

"Return to Oral Question," and we'll recognize the Honourable First Minister.

MS. MITCHELL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, the Ordinary Member for Nain asked if they could have a look at the Housing Strategy, at the next Assembly Sitting, but it will be outside of the Assembly Sitting, similar what we did, I think, with a couple of other items. I'm willing to do the presentation that I did to the Senate Committee on Housing, as well as we'll have a PowerPoint presentation prepared on our Housing Strategy, and we'll probably do that in the same room that we have our *Inuttitut* classes in. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable First Minister. Are there any other "Returns to Oral Questions" scheduled for this morning? If not, we will proceed to item six, "Oral Questions". I recognize the AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker.

MR. DICKER:

Nakummek Uhatti. My question is to the Honourable Minister, Darryl Shiwak, for Lands and Resources. In the week past, there has been some activity going on out of Nain. We understand that some of your staff members, along with some geologists, are going into Strange Lake by helicopter. Could you update the Assembly on what is happening, or are they preparing for an environmental assessment call, or is it something else different? Nain Inuit are asking me questions and they are curious about it. Thank you.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk. In response, the Minister of Lands, Natural Resources, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

MR. D. SHIWAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess I'll address the second part of your question first, with regards to Strange Lake request, the environmental assessment. To our knowledge, we are not aware of an environmental assessment or a project being registered which would trigger an environmental assessment. It has not been registered with us, so that's a no on that one. With regards to our staff flying in a chopper, I believe, as I've said in my Minister Statement this morning, our NG staff and Memorial University were doing some work on the Labrador site of the Strange Lake area to see what may exist there, some preliminary work. It has nothing to do with what's happening with the project on Strange Lake and registering that project. I will follow up with staff to ensure that that is the correct information, but I believe that is, and there's no environmental assessment at this point. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EMDUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. Does the AngajukKâk have a supplementary? Thank you, AngajukKâk. I recognize Mr. Roy Blake, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville.

MR. BLAKE: *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to Minister, Department of Health and Social Development, Minister Flowers. As a follow-up from a previous sitting in November 2015, 8th Session, 3rd Sitting, I asked the Health and Social Development Minister, Minister Greg Flowers, if the rates for private accommodations under the NIHB Program, could be reviewed and increased. My question to him again

today, will we see an increase in the private accommodations *per diem*, which is currently, and has been set for a number of years at \$45.

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, and response, the Honourable Gregory Flowers, Minister of Health and Social Development.

MR. FLOWERS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville. Yes, we did a review, and I guess from our review, we looked at different options. Basically, we spent, I guess, for 2016, 2015, approximately half a million dollars, \$498,000 for private accommodations, based on \$45 per night. In order to increase that rate at 11 per cent or \$5, it would cost us approximately roughly \$550,000. An increase of 22 per cent, or \$10 a night, would probably be roughly \$110,000 a year. But, you know, I know that it's been a long time since there's been an increase and everything is more costly today. So basically, what we came up with is that we'll do a minimum increase of 11 per cent as of January the 1st, 2017, which basically will go from \$45 to \$50, and if we find additional funds from FAA dollars, that negotiation is ongoing, we will look at another, probably a little bit higher, increase, but right now, as of January the 1st, we will increase by 11.1 per cent. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. Does the Ordinary Member have a supplementary question? I recognize Mr. Blake for supplementary.

MR. BLAKE:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. Minister Flowers, how much did you and your department spend when it comes to beneficiaries staying at the Labrador Friendship Centre and hotels on the all and part of the province and other cities? *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Mr. Blake. In response, I recognize the Honourable Greg Flowers.

MR. FLOWERS:

If he's asking me how much we spent, Mr. Speaker, I don't have that number in front of me, but I can say this, that we have to get accommodations for our people, no matter where they have to travel, and sometimes it costs us more. And that is why, Mr. Speaker, we are above Health Canada's rates, which is a lot lower than ours at \$45 per night. And also we know that by increasing the rates, that hopefully, it's hard to get places in Goose Bay. We've been struggling with that ever since Muskrat Falls kind of got involved in taking up every, you know, every place there. So hopefully by increasing the rates and hopefully that, you know, this will at least help the people to accommodate our beneficiaries who travel; that, you know, this is giving them more incentive. And once, like I said, we can do another increase, hopefully that will take away from people having to stay in other, let's say, in hotels or whatever, and be more monies going back into the people who want to take advantage of taking in beneficiaries that need accommodation. So I guess my short answer to you, Roy, is that I don't have the numbers for that, and we do get a deal when we use hotels in the province. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. Does the Member have a second supplementary, Mr. Blake?

MR. BLAKE: *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. Minister Flowers, I understand the troubles you're having, and it relates to my question that I asked you is because you're paying people \$45 a night. If you go to Goose Bay and if somebody has to take you in, I can guarantee you, it costs more than \$45 just to feed them. So my question is how long will it be before we see another increase after January 1? You stated earlier as of January 1 we'll get one, then you said we'll review it again. So I'm asking for the answer for the second part. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member. In response, Honourable Greg Flowers.

MR. FLOWERS: You know, we're on a budget and we had to look for dollars somewhere else or take from another pot of money. You know, across the board, not only Nunatsiavut, but across the regions, we all go through this for non-insured health benefits, it's across the north. It's the same rates for here, this is Nunavut, but we are looking for other funding, and we put in, like I said earlier, we put in recommendation, our FFA dollars, to have an increase. And I absolutely believe you're right that we need an increase, and right now I can only work within my means, but we do have going to FAA dollars for an increase, and hopefully, you know, after that's reviewed, you know, we will be able to do the increase. But we'll probably have a better update for you in November, or if not, the FFA dollars, or negotiations ongoing. So right now, we do have an increase. I

guess we're on the right track. We just have to find the monies to be able to do it.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. I'd like to recognize the visitors who just joined us in the gallery. Among them is our representative in our district, our MHA, Mr. Randy Edmunds. I recognize the Member for the Canadian Constituency, Mr. Dan Pottle.

MR. POTTLE:

Nakummek Uhatti. My question is for the President of Nunatsiavut. Mr. President, in your address to the Assembly yesterday morning, you reported that the Ordinary Member for Rigolet has been appointed to the position of Nunatsiavut Treasurer and Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology, in addition to his current portfolios, Minister of Land and Natural Resources. Mr. President, in keeping with Nunatsiavut Government's concept of openness and transparency, can you please explain to this Assembly the procedural process that was undertaken to make the appointment, as it is the understanding of most Members of the Assembly, as per 5.5.1 of the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*, that the President, on the advice of the First Minister, shall appoint the Nunatsiavut Treasurer and other Members of the Nunatsiavut Executive Council, referred to as Ministers, from among the Ordinary Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly. And as per 5.5.2 of the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*, the First Minister must nominate a person for appointment. A Minister must not nominate a person for appointment as Minister without the agreement of the Assembly.

Nakummek Uhatti.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member for Canada. In response, the Honourable President, Mr. Johannes Lampe.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: *Nakummek Uhatti. (Speaks in Inuttitut).* Thank you, Ordinary Member for Canada-wide, St. John's, and thank you for the question. As the Assembly Members know, we, as the Nunatsiavut Government, hold general elections, and at those general elections, the government, between the First Minister and President, discuss appointments to positions within government. And the appointment of an Ordinary Member for Rigolet, Darryl Shiwak, to Nunatsiavut Treasurer and Minister of Finance and the IT, the appointment falls within the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*, and the order has been followed and so the Minister has been appointed to the position. *Nakummek Uhatti.*

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable President. Does the Member have a supplementary question? I recognize Mr. Pottle for a supplementary.

MR. POTTLE: *Nakummek*, Mr. President, for that short and brief answer. President Lampe, as per the Executive Order appointing a Nunatsiavut Treasurer and Minister of Finance and Human Resources and Information Technology, which was only provided to some Members of the Assembly after you made your announcement, the authority of this Executive Order is made as per Section 3.2.1, 5.5.1(c), and 5.5.1 of the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*. But after I consulted legal counsel to the Nunatsiavut Executive Council, I was referred to Section 5.8.7, which outlines the transfer and functions of a Nunatsiavut Minister, and 5.8.8, which outlines the procedure for transfer of ministerial functions. Thus why I

believe this Executive Order to be *ultra vires*: Beyond the scope or in excess of legal power or authority, or beyond one's legal power or authority. Simply put, Mr. President, the authority of this Executive Order and the procedures undertaken to execute the Executive Order goes against, I believe, our legislative process, because this Executive Order overrides the provisions of the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*. Therefore, on behalf of my honourable colleagues and non-executive Members of this Nunatsiavut Assembly, we ask, will you provide a written legal opinion on this matter before this house adjourns today. *Nakummek Uhatti*.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member for Canada. In response, the Honourable Johannes Lampe.

PRESIDENT LAMPE:

Nakummek UKâtik. (Speaks in Inuttitut). Thank you, Ordinary Member for Canada-wide, St. John's, and as I pointed out earlier, the Minister appointed to the Nunatsiavut Treasurer and Minister of Finance is an Ordinary Member of Rigolet. *Nakummek Uhatti*.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable President. Does the Member have a final supplementary? I recognize Mr. Pottle.

MR. POTTLE:

Nakummek Uhatti. Nakummek AngajukKâk Lampe. It's well understood that the Ordinary Member for Rigolet is an Ordinary Member, which only Ordinary Members of this honourable house can be appointed to ministerial positions. I take it from your again brief answer, that you're not willing to provide that legal opinion today. Mr. President, if you're

not willing to provide this Honourable House with a written legal opinion, I am asking you to rescind the Executive Order, and declare that Minister Shiwak assume the role of Acting Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology as per the former President, and the current First Minister decision that was made on February 16, 2016, until a full legislative process is put to the Nunatsiavut Assembly as per the provisions of our Supreme Inuit Law, the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*.
Nakummek Uhatti.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member. In response, the Honourable President.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: *Nakummek UKâtik*, and thank you for the question again, Ordinary Member for Canada-wide, St. John's and the answer is no. *Nakummek Uhatti.*

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable President. I recognize the Chairperson for NunaKâtiget, Mr. Gary Mitchell.

MR. MITCHELL: *Nakummek Uhatti.* My question is for Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, the Honourable Sean Lyall. You mentioned that the student program, KANGIDLUASUK Student Program was inactive this summer, and from what I understood, it was inactive because the price up in the base camp was not affordable, and they were charging too much money to take the youth program up there. Can you confirm that this was so?
Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Chairperson for NunaKâtiget. In response, the Honourable Sean Lyall.

MR. LYALL: *Nakummek*, thank you for your question, Mr. Gary Mitchell from NunaKatiget Corporation. I cannot answer that question, because the KANGIDLUASUK Student Program is an independent body with their own board and committee, and that question would have to be posed to that board or committee. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. Does the Chairperson have a supplementary? I recognize the Chairperson for a supplementary.

MR. MITCHELL: I have one regard to the follow-up. Does the student program that I just mentioned, access money from your department for travel assistance?
Nakummek.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Chairperson. In response, the Honourable Minister.

MR. LYALL: Again, Mr. Speaker, that question from my department directly, from my knowledge, no, they do not.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. Thank you, Chairperson. Are there any further oral questions this morning? Is there any Member who has yet to utilize an oral question who would like to? I recognize Mr. Joe Dicker, AngajukKâk for Nain.

MR. DICKER: Thank you, *Uhatti*. Posing my question, I guess, to Honourable President Lampe. In my opinion, or my understanding, the question put forward by the Honourable Member for Canadian Constituency was not answered on three parts. I'm a person that likes to follow procedure to the letter, and it was my understanding that when a Minister or an Ordinary Member is appointed, that this House would take a vote on that appointment and

consent to the appointment, and I understand clearly that this was not the case. So I'm looking for, a question, I guess, why was the Assembly not informed that, you know, an appointment was made so that the process could be then put to the Assembly for consensus to the appointment? I ask that with Mr. President. Thank you.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk. I recognize the Honourable President, Mr. Johannes Lampe.

MR. PRESIDENT: *Nakummek Uhatti. (Speaks in Inuttitut).* Thank you for the question, Ordinary Member for Nain, Joe Dicker. And again, as I pointed out earlier, the Nunatsiavut Government elects its officials, and once those elections have been done, appointments are made, and again, the appointments, you know, are discussed between the President and the First Minister. And so we have done the process that is required in the *Constitution*, and that is what the First Minister and the President have decided to do at this time. *Nakummek.*

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable President. Does the AngajukKâk have a supplementary question? I recognize the AngajukKâk for Nain.

MR. DICKER: *Nakummek UKâtik.* I guess that's a supplementary question I would ask that if this House could be provided with the proceedings on paper as to how this was taken place for our next sitting for discussion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk. I recognize the Honourable President, Johannes Lampe.

MR. PRESIDENT: *Nakummek UKâtik. (Speaks in Inuttitut),* Joe Dicker. Yes, the information can be provided, but the discussions again, I say, were between the President and the First Minister. *Nakummek Uhatti.*

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek,* Honourable President, AngajukKâk, I recognize for the final supplementary question.

MR. DICKER: *Nakummek Uhatti,* I just want to make it clear that I'm not against the appointment of the Human Resource, Technology Department. I have nothing against the individual. It's just the process of itself that I'm questioning. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS: AngajukKâk, please state the question outright, otherwise we will continue on. Do you have a question that you'd like to state outright for your supplementary?

MR. DICKER: No, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek,* AngajukKâk. I recognize the Member for Upper Lake Melville, Mr. Roy Blake.

MR. BLAKE: *Nakummek,* Mr. Speaker. My question is for Minister Flowers. Minister Flowers, I have received countless calls from beneficiaries regarding how the NIHB program decides what is covered and what is not in reference to families' members who have received health treatment away from their home communities, and where a member has taken a turn for the worse, with only one family member covered. My question, sir, is are you able to explain to beneficiaries how the program works, where we get our direction, where we get our funding, and why we have to follow

these guidelines. Individuals are led to believe that these particular answers come directly from the Nunatsiavut Government. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Mr. Blake. In response, the Honourable Greg Flowers.

MR. FLOWERS:

I thank you, Mr. Speaker. In regards to non-insured health benefits, non-insured health benefits are across the region of Canada for Aboriginal people. We all go by the same guidelines. Sometimes we make exceptions. Sometimes we try to, you know, do things kind of above and beyond what sometimes we need to do, but for the most part, Mr. Speaker, we try to follow guidelines, and yes, we do not determine when somebody goes to the hospital, or to a doctor, to a nurse, if they can have one or two escorts, but we do do if we know that one of our beneficiaries has some kind of illness that is terminal or something to that effect, or they need another escort brought out, we do provide that service. And also, Mr. Speaker, our Non-Insured Health Benefit Program, the information is in every office in Nunatsiavut and Upper Lake Melville in our DHSD offices, and also on Nunatsiavut website where they can get their information. And also, I mean, we have a great team, Mr. Speaker, that all you have to do is pick up the phone, or individuals, and I said this before in this House, pick up the phone and call our supports that we do have to ask these questions and they will certainly provide with any help that they have to, you know, encourage or to explain certain questions that's specific that some people might have. I hope that answers your question, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. Does the Member have a supplementary? Thank you, Ordinary Member Blake. Are there any further oral questions this morning? I recognize the...

MR. D. SHIWAK: Mr. Speaker, I would like to make a motion under 16.1, with the unanimous consent of the Assembly, to revisit recognize visitors in the gallery. It's my understanding, but I'd like the approval of the Assembly first. Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. The Minister is seeking unanimous consent of the Assembly to revert back to recognition of visitors. Does the Assembly provide consent? Are there any nays? If not, then for the information of the Assembly, the visitors that we do have are the staff of the CYFS, along with the Honourable Minister, Sherry Gambin-Walsh. We have with us Susan Walsh, who's the Assistant Deputy Minister. We have Jackie Waylon, Regional Director for Labrador, CYFS, Bruce Cooper, Deputy Minister, CYFS and with them, they have the Executive Assistant, Kelly White. Is there anything else that the Members around the table would like to add or recognize to our visitors? I recognize the Honourable Minister.

MR. D. SHIWAK: *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize the Member of the House of Assembly for Torngat Mountains, Randy Edmunds, and also to our visitors here this morning, welcome to the Nunatsiavut Assembly.
Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. I recognize the Honourable Gregory Flowers.

MR. FLOWERS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to recognize the Minister from the province, Sherry-Gambin Walsh. I haven't met her yet, but I'm looking forward to sitting down and having a conversation with her, and I can't see her. She's over there somewhere, but anyway, I'd just like to say welcome to Nunatsiavut and welcome to Hopedale, and hope we have a great conversation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. Is there any other Members wishing to recognize our visitors? We will continue on with the oral questions, and I believe that we left off with Mr. Roy Blake. Mr. Gary Mitchell, Chairperson for NunaKâtiget.

MR. MITCHELL: *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. I'd just like to welcome our visitors here this morning, and it's great to see them here and taking part in our Assembly and hope to have some meetings in the future and discuss whatever we need to discuss. My question this morning is for First Minister Kate Mitchell. You mentioned in your statement earlier, in answer to somebody's question, that you would have an updated Housing Strategy presentation done at the next sitting, of the Housing Strategy. I hope this is an updated strategy, not just a PowerPoint presentation that was the situation a few months ago, because things are moving on the housing, as you mentioned, the housing program, more funding. Will this be an updated strategy right up to date, like up to the minute when we have the November sitting? *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Chairperson for NunaKâtiget. In response, the Honourable First Minister, Ms. Kate Mitchell.

MS. MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you Chairperson for your question. Yes, it will be in an updated Housing Strategy, and that's what we said from the beginning, this is ongoing and as I mentioned yesterday, the last component of our Housing Strategy was our Housing Delivery Agency Assessment that we had done, and like I mentioned yesterday, we still didn't have time to analyse that yet, but we will. I can promise you that we will have an updated strategy as to what it is, because to us, the strategy is not complete, but we're working on it and all these different things that are going on now will be incorporated into that strategy. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable First Minister. Does the Chairperson have a supplementary question? *Nakummek*, Chairperson. 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 is for the First Minister. In previous years, we've had our communities have wood, with the help of NG, delivered to our communities, and my question is, will the same thing happen for this coming season? Thank you.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk for Hopedale. In response, the Honourable First Minister, Ms. Kate Mitchell.

MS. MITCHELL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you AngajukKâk from Hopedale for your question. Yes, we're definitely hoping that we will be able to get something arranged again this fall. Up until now, we had not, but I know there's been questions from our other communities as well, so hopefully we'll be able to get back to you very shortly. Thank you.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable First Minister. Does the AngajukKâk have a supplementary question? *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk. Are there any further oral questions? I recognize the AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Mr. Herb Jacque.

MR. JACQUE:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the First Minister, as well. Yesterday, in your statement, you indicated that there was \$15 million approved for affordable housing. Nothing was allocated for Makkovik, even though we are not in great need, just wondering if we would be considered. You said that there will be a study this coming winter. Am I correct in saying that all communities will be included? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk for Makkovik. The Honourable First Minister, Ms. Kate Mitchell.

MS. MITCHELL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, AngajukKâk for Makkovik for your question. Yes, if you notice in my statement yesterday, what I did say was that we would be doing a Needs Assessment in all our communities; Makkovik, Postville and Rigolet included, and I know what we had planned to do this year, and that if we have approval from the

Federal Government for the expenditure of the 4 million, we planned on picking up the rest of the repairs that Torngat Housing did not have the funding for this year, and for Makkovik, Makkovik was fortunate enough not to have any repairs that would have been left over that we had to pick up. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

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

MR. PAMAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess I will direct my question to Minister Darryl Shiwak, Honourable Darryl Shiwak Minister for Lands and Natural Resources. First, I thank you for the information that you provided this morning on the allowable catch in the three zones for commercial char fishery in the Nain area. I had some understanding that there was an allocation, but I didn't realize at the time, the large amounts for each of those zones. And certainly my concern yesterday was that the amount of char being harvested in one of those zones, and char not being harvested in any other zones. And certainly the information you provide allows for 32,000 metric tonne, and right now, we only caught 63 per cent of that this year. Those numbers over the last years has been increasing from 38 to 40, to 44,000, to 51,000 this year. My question to Minister Shiwak is, is there any baseline studies or data, surveys that would sustain such harvesting in Nain area, in particular, and also in the other zones? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Mr. Pamak. In response, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak, Minister of Lands and Natural Resources.

MR. D. SHIWAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for the question. I'm not aware of any current baseline data in any of those areas. I would have to check to see if there has been any historic data, what those numbers, DFO numbers or quotas are based on. I have to check it out. Certainly, we can check in to see if there's any plans due, any baseline data to ensure the sustainability of those quota, and there's something we can certainly check into. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. Does the Member have a supplementary question? *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member. Are there any further oral questions this morning? I recognize the Member for the Canadian Constituency, Mr. Dan Pottle.

MR. POTTLE: *Nakummek Uhatti*. My question again is for the President of Nunatsiavut. My first series of questions still leaves me somewhat dissatisfied and disillusioned. I asked Mr. President, is your rationale or reasoning for making the appointment for current Minister holding a second portfolio is because you or the First Minister do not have the confidence of a current Ordinary Member without portfolio to hold the position of Minister of Finance, HR and IT? *Nakummek Uhatti*.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member. In response, the Honourable Johannes Lampe.

MR. PRESIDENT:

Nakummek UKâtik. (Speaks in Inuttitut). I thank you, Ordinary Member for Canada, St. John's. I, as President, have confidence in all Elected Members of the Nunatsiavut Government, including Upper Lake Melville, Canada-wide, and I will not, you know, say that I do not have any confidence in Elected Members of the Nunatsiavut Government, whether they are appointed Ministers, Ministers, Ordinary Members or Chairpersons of the Nunatsiavut Government. *Nakummek UKâtik.*

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable President. Does the Member have a supplementary? Please, as well, keep in mind Standing Order 31, in that no argument, opinion or fact shall be stated, except so far as necessary to explain the question or in reply. I recognize the Member for the Canadian Constituency.

MR. POTTLE:

Nakummek Uhatti. Very briefly, I just want to state that this is not about me. I was in that position. I was taken out of that position. I accept that decision and I live with that decision, but I guess, the thing that I'm trying to get to the bottom of is, as the AngajukKâk for Nain had pointed out, I too am a stickler for process, and I want to ensure that I understand the process and that the process was followed. So I ask my supplementary question, and I expect it will probably be the same answer that you just give, is do you not have the confidence of this Assembly to vet a name an Ordinary Member to this House of Assembly for appointment to a ministerial portfolio? *Nakummek Uhatti.*

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member. That was a direct repetition. I'll give you a few moments to try to rephrase that supplementary question if you can.

MR. POTTLE: *Nakummek Uhatti*, before I do that, can you explain the repetitive nature of the question? My first question was relative to an Ordinary Member. The supplemental question is relative to this Honourable House.
Nakummek Uhatti.

MR. EDMUNDS: Member, they both write to confidence in the performance of the duties in my mind. But once more, as you've alluded to, this may lead to the same answer that you've received. I recognize the Honourable President to give a reply.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: *Nakummek UKâtik. (Speaks in Inuttitut).* And again, as I responded to the question earlier, Elected Members are appointed to portfolios which they are given after discussions happen between the President and the First Minister, and these appointments go to Ordinary Members, too, whichever communities that they serve. And again, the appointments go to the Ordinary Members, and the appointment that I spoke to yesterday at my report, went to an Ordinary Member for Rigolet, Darryl Shiwak, and Darryl had been acting as Minister of Finance, and so the appointment was made to that Minister as a full time Minister for the remaining of the term, unless otherwise, the Minister feels that they task is too great, and once, you know, we have realized that, we will then again look at appointments. Not just for the position of Nunatsiavut Treasurer or a Minister of Finance, but to any position that the

government ministers hold. And so again, the Minister appointed is an Ordinary Member for Rigolet, and so the appointment was made yesterday. *Nakummek Uhatti.*

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. Does the Member for the Canadian Constituency have a final supplementary?

MR. POTTLE: (*Speaks in Inuttitut*). I say I believe I exhausted my supplemental questions. *Nakummek.*

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member. I recognize the Member for Upper Lake Melville, Mr. Roy Blake.

MR. BLAKE: *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. I don't know if I'm allowed to do this or not, but someone will give me a point of order if I'm not. I want to make some clarification here, where the President mentioned Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville. I assure you, President Lampe, that I have no interest in being a Minister, and I want to make that crystal clear, sir. Thank you very much.

MR. EDMUNDS: Member, you don't have a direct question for any of the? Thank you, Member. Are there any further oral questions this morning? If there are no further oral questions, we will proceed on with item seven on your *Orders of the Day*, "Written Questions". Additionally, for the Ministers who have not answered the questions in the house, according to Standing Order 31.10, you do have seven calendar days to provide the response, file that with the Clerk, and then that will get distributed to the rest of the Assembly Members. Do we have any written questions this

morning? We will proceed to item eight, "Returns to Written Questions". There are no scheduled Returns today. Item nine, "Petitions". Are there any petitions? Item 10, "Responses to Petitions". There are not scheduled responses to petitions today. Item 11, there are no scheduled "Reports from Standing and Special Committees". On to item 12, "Tabling of Documents". I would like to recognize the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell.

MS. MITCHELL:

Honourable Speaker, I am pleased to table 2016-2017 Assembly Calendar.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable First Minister, the document will be numbered as tabled document 06-3(12). I'd like to recognize the Minister of the Department of Education, Economic Development the Honourable Patricia Kemuksigak.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. Honourable Speaker, I am pleased to table the 2015-16 Annual Report of the Department of Education, Economic Development. *Nakummek*.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. The document will be numbered as tabled document 07-3(12). There are no more documents to be tabled today? We will move on to item 13 on your *Orders of the Day*, "Notices of Motion". I would like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Canada, Mr. Dan Pottle, as a Member of the Rules and Procedures Committee.

MR. POTTLE:

Nakummek Uhatti. I give notice that on Thursday, September 22nd, I will move, seconded by the Ordinary Member for Rigolet, Mr. Darryl Shiwak,

that the Nunatsiavut Assembly establish a Special Committee on the 2016 Presidential Election Report, and further that the following be appointed to the Special Committee: Jack Shiwak, AngajukKâk Rigolet, Marjorie Flowers, AngajukKâk Hopedale, and Mark Gillette, legal counsel for Nunatsiavut Government. And furthermore, that the terms of reference of the Special Committee shall be a) to meet with the Nunatsiavut electoral officer and to review the report in its entirety, and b) to report to the Assembly at the Spring Session in 2017. *Nakummek Uhatti.*

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Mr. Pottle. There are no more Notices of Motions for today. We'll proceed to item 14, "Notices of Motion for the First Reading of Bills". There are no notices for the first reading of bills today. We'll proceed on to item 15, "Motions". Mr. Pottle, the Ordinary Member for Canada, I understand you wish to proceed with the motion which you've given notice to.

MR. POTTLE:

Nakummek Uhatti. I'm seeking unanimous consent to proceed with this motion today. *Nakummek.*

MR. EDMUNDS:

The Minister is seeking unanimous consent to proceed with the motion are relevant to the establishment of a Special Committee on the 2016 Presidential Election Report. Are there any nays? There are none, Mr. Pottle. Please proceed.

MR. POTTLE:

Nakummek Uhatti and Honourable Members of the House for consenting to proceed with this motion today. Whereas the Nunatsiavut Assembly has received a report from the Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer on the

conduct of the 2016 presidential election, and whereas the report contains a number of recommendations for changes, and whereas the report addresses issues on a number of recommendations, and whereas the Assembly can appoint a Special Committee to consider any matter referred to it by the Assembly, now therefore I move, seconded by the Ordinary Member for Rigolet, Mr. Darryl Shiwak, that the Nunatsiavut Assembly hereby establish a Special Committee on the 2016 Presidential Election Report, and further, that the following be appointed to the Special Committee, Jack Shiwak, AngajukKâk Rigolet, Marjorie Flowers, AngajukKâk for Hopedale, and Mark Gillette, legal counsel for the Nunatsiavut Government, and furthermore, that the terms of reference of the Special Committee shall be a) to meet with the Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer and to review the report in its entirety, and b) to report to the Assembly at the Spring Session in 2017. *Nakummek Uhatti.*

MR. EDMUNDS:

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

MR. POTTLE:

Very briefly, Mr. Speaker, this has become the standard, and as per the *Assembly Act*. The NEO within four months of the date of the election, I believe, has to report back to the Assembly, and it's been a convention that's been adopted. I think that a Special Committee of the House of Assembly be struck to review the report in its entirety as per past practices, so I ask Honourable Members of this House to support this motion. *Nakummek Uhatti.*

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Member for Canada. Is there any other Member who would like to speak to the motion? If no other Member wishes to speak, does the Ordinary Member for Canada wish to make final comments and close debate?

MR. POTTLE: *Nakummek Uhatti*, I have no final comments and I wish to close debate.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Mr. Pottle. That will conclude debate. All those in favour of the motion? All those opposed. The motion is carried. We'll proceed with item 16, "First Reading of Bills". There are no scheduled first reading of bills today. Item 17, "Second Reading of Bills". We have no second reading of bills. Item 18, "Assent to Bills". We have no assent to bills, today. Which brings us to our "Adjournment," item 19. I wish to thank the Ministers and all Members for their contributions, and I'll give special mention to the interpreters and translators, who again, are Rita Andersen and Augusta Irving. To our pages, who have joined us from Nain, and are diligently working away right now, Julia Pijogge and Craig Wyatt. Additionally, it was great to have Tristan Gear join us for our first sitting with him as IT support, and as always, we've had Robert Ford in the background as well. We now like to recognize the work of the OKâlaKatiget staff, Simone Kohlmeister and Johansi Tuglavina. And again, we thank Tabea Onalik for her work, and we wish her all the luck moving the interests of the Assembly forward. The Assembly is now adjourned, and the next session is scheduled for the week of November 21 through 25, and we'll have some updates on the flight shortly. Any further

questions around it can be directed to either myself or Tabea Onalik.

Thank you all.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Ullâkut Ilonnasi. I call to order the second day of sitting for the 12th Session of the Third Nunatsiavut Assembly. We'll start with item one, "Prayer." And I would like to ask President Johannes Lampe to say the opening prayer.

PRESIDENT LAMPE:

(Recites prayer).

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable President. On to item two, "Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery." As the Assembly may have noticed, we have a beautiful array of dolls now in our display cases. These were placed by Belinda Webb, Director of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. These were purchased from Herb Brown, who of course owns a craft shop in Goose Bay, and the tea dolls are made by Lydia Lucy, who's originally from Hopedale. Once more I'd like to welcome those in the gallery today, and thank them for their interest in the Assembly. Is there any Member wishing to recognize visitors in the public gallery today? I recognize the AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Ms. Marjorie Flowers.

MS. FLOWERS:

Thank you. I recognize today in the gallery, our elder, Sarah Aggek. I'm really pleased to see you here, Sarah.

MR. EDMUNDS:

I recognize Mr. Pottle, Ordinary Member for Canadian Constituency.

MR. POTTLE:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I, too, would like to recognize Elder Sarah Aggek. Sarah lived in St. John's for many years. We have a very close relationship with Sarah. She was always coming to visit us when we

worked, and when she lived in St. John's, and since we've come to Hopedale, Sarah always makes the effort to come and visit with us, knowing our tight schedules, and she comes for tea, and we sit down and we have good chats and catch up. So I'm very pleased to see you here, Sarah. *Nakummek*.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Mr. Pottle. Any other Member wishing to recognize visitors? I recognize Mr. Sean Lyall, Member for Nain.

MR. LYALL: I also would like to recognize Sarah Aggek and thank her for interest in the Nunatsiavut Assembly. *Nakummek*. Pleasure to have you.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Mr. Lyall. Any other Members wishing to do a recognition? Honourable President.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Sarah Aggek. (*Speaks in Inuttitut*). *Nakummek*, Sarah.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Mr. President. Any further recognitions? We'll proceed to item three on your *Orders for the Day*, "Ministers Statements". Do we have any Ministers Statements this morning? I recognize the Honourable Darryl Shiwak, Minister of Lands, Natural Resources, and Minister of Finance.

MR. D. SHIWAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, from the Department of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology, the Labrador North Radio and Microwave Upgrade Project, Mr. Speaker, due to delays in getting the funding agreements in place with ACOA and INAC, the original project timelines of having some communities upgraded during the fall of 2016, cannot be met. However, the project is still proceeding. The new

microwave equipment has been ordered by Bell Aliant, and they have begun receiving it. The updated plan is to install the new digital microwave equipment, allowing to network backbone before the end of this calendar year, which includes installing new microwave antennas on all the repeater sites between Happy Valley, Goose Bay and Nain. Barring any weather or technical delays, this is achievable. Mr. Speaker, the communities of Hopedale and Nain are located on a network backbone and, as such, will be the first to be upgraded once the network backbone is operational. The next phase will be to install new equipment in the remaining Inuit communities, Natuashish and Voisey's Bay mine site. Current estimates that this work can be completed, connecting all Nunatsiavut from Natuashish by the last spring of 2017. Summer Student Program. Mr. Speaker, the Nunatsiavut Government had another successful Summer Student Program. A total of 16 students were hired and placed in all communities and in the Upper Lake Melville area. The goal of the government is to provide meaningful relevant work experience, just doing in their field of study, in order to better the chances to obtain employment once they have completed their studies. As a government, we are able to avail these students to assist with programming, research and government operations. Mr. Speaker, Megan Dicker was employed with the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism as the *Inuttitut* language student assistant. During her time, she read many documents on language policies, barriers, revitalization and strategies. She also took advantage of the reading material offered

and learned about the history of Northern Labrador, and later applied this knowledge and shared with youth from the community and directed local tours at the Nunatsiavut Government office. She also sits with the Hebron Ambassador Program. Her long-term plan, Mr. Speaker, is to pursue studies in environmental science, and to return to Nunatsiavut to work with Parks Canada in the Torngat Mountain National Park.

Nakummek, to our students for outstanding work this summer, and to all of the supervisors of these students. Mr. Speaker, the OSR Capacity Report. We recently filed OSR Capacity Report for the year ended March 31, 2016, as well as amended reports for the years ended March 31st, 2012 and 2013. The payment under the *Loan Source Revenue Capacity Agreement* for 2017, 2018 fiscal year, will be \$1,247,000. These payments continue to grow each year and will have an impact on the Nunatsiavut Government Operation, as other sources of revenue, such as mining royalties decline. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, from the Lands and Natural Resources Department, the Environment Division, first of all, I would like to thank Mr. Tom Sheldon, our former Director of Environment, for his service and dedication to many of our very important files. Tom has taken a position with the Inuit Circumpolar Council. We congratulate Mr. Rodd Laing, who was the successful candidate to replace Tom as Director, and we look forward to Rodd's leadership in continuing to advance these files. Mr. Speaker, in partnership with many internal Nunatsiavut Government departments, we have continued to interact with the province of Newfoundland and

Labrador, and Nalcor to ensure that our four asks to "Make Muskrat Right" are met. The most urgent of these asks is the full clearing of the trees, vegetation, topsoil, as Nalcor has an authorization to begin the first stage of impoundment as of October 1st of this fall. A large team from the Nunatsiavut Government, including President Lampe, attended a scientific workshop in Goose Bay on August 4th. That included all three Aboriginal groups, the Province, Nalcor, scientists from Harvard University, Memorial University and various Federal Government staff. The Harvard Science on Methyl Mercury Impacts on Inuit was presented. On a different scenario, the clearing of the reservoir, and all participants in the workshop agreed with that science. A finalized report from the workshop should be completed soon, and we are waiting for the Province for a variety of action items related to full clearing, including our request that any flooding of the reservoir be delayed until full clearing takes place. We have asked the Province for a status update, and we have been told that a response is coming. In addition to this, I formerly appealed Minister Trimper's decision on the Nalcor's Human Health Risk Assessment Plan. Minister Trimper informed us that he has dismissed this appeal. We continue to consider options to "Make Muskrat Right". President Lampe has requested a meeting with the Premier ASAP to discuss this issue. Mr. Speaker, the division, along with the Non-Renewable Division and Secretariat, has been working on the development of a National Inuit Climate Change Report in partnership with ITK and ICC Canada, and the other three Inuit regions. This report

outlines Inuit priorities and recommendations for Canada's Climate Change Strategy for consideration by the First Ministers in early fall. This Inuit-specific report is in addition to the Federal Government's and Canadian Framework established at the First Minister meeting in Vancouver in March. The Federal Framework has four working groups, but Inuit do not have membership on any of these groups, however, we do receive updates from these working groups. The lack of membership in these groups is what created the need to develop a National Inuit Climate Change Report. Mr. Speaker, the Federal Government is currently reviewing the entirety of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* and the associated processes. As part of this process, they have established an expert panel of three individuals that take recommendations from an Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee consists of six Indigenous groups, six industry representatives and six scientists. The Environment Division has a seat on that working group, and we have been actively participating in discussion and review ensuring that the changes within CEAA reflect our own Nunatsiavut Environmental Assessment Process. And finally, Mr. Speaker, the Tundra Take Back Waste Management Program to clean up the dumps in Nunatsiavut is continuing for a second year, in partnership with Scout Environmental. The program aims to remove harmful fluids, materials from vehicles and appliances, while recycling the metal and other associated material and remove it all from the community. Last year, Nain and Hopedale dumps were cleaned up, and this year, the

communities of Postville, Makkovik and Rigolet will clean up their dumps. The program trains and employs local community members to conduct the work and looks to ensure long-term sustainability of this program in future years. Lands Division, Mr. Speaker. We have assisted on the project to complete a detailed GIS mapping of Postville, Makkovik and Rigolet in collaboration with Nunatsiavut Affairs and Stantec. There have been 24 Land Use Applications submitted in 2016, 20 cabinet applications, 2 for mineral expiration and related infrastructure, 1 for a trail and 1 for archaeological research. The lease for the Makkovik Harbour Floating Docks and Breakwater has been finalized and sent off to DFO for signing. The Nain Inuit Community Government consulted our department under new 10-year municipal plan and development regulations. We worked with Nunatsiavut Secretariat and submitted comments on this plan. Nunatsiavut Construction removed some equipment via barge from their abandoned quarry of Ten Mile Bay, and have told us they plan to continue removal of some equipment again next year. We will continue to pursue the remediation of sites on Labrador Inuit Land. And finally, Mr. Speaker, an unexploded military ordinance from World War II was discovered in the flat waters area outside of Rigolet at the end of August. The military detonated it without incident. Rigolet residents are concerned, since this is a popular spot for hunting, fishing and berry picking, and is located on the boundary to the proposed Mealy Mountain National Park. I have sent a letter to the Five Wing Goose Bay, requesting them to conduct an investigation to

determine the extent of the contamination in this area. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

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

MR. LYALL:

Nakummek Uhatti. I'd like to begin by, as the Minister has said, that a lot of projects that the department undertakes maybe could not be possible without the collaboration and the partnership and working together with the other departments, so I wanted to thank the other departments, as well, Department of Health and Social Development, the Department of Education and Economic Development, and Finance and Lands and Natural Resources, on some of the partnerships and delivering programs and services that the department undertakes. *Nakummek*. In regards to archaeology within the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, in late July, archaeological surveys were conducted in the Rigolet Region, in Gross Water Bay, Back Bay, the Narrows and Lake Melville. The work was a collaboration between the Nunatsiavut Government, the Smithsonian Institution and the Rigolet Inuit Community Government. The field crew included Jamie Brake from the Nunatsiavut Government, William Fitzhugh from Smithsonian Institute, Carolyn Wolfrey, a student at Northern Lights Academy, Patrick Jolicoeur, a student at University of Glasgow, Chelsea Slatton, a student at the American University, Cathy D'Agostino, a student at Memorial University, and Idioma Abagu, a student at the University of Chicago. The work resulted in the

documentation of approximately 30 archaeological sites, spanning more than 3,000 years of human history on this part of the coast. In late August, an extremely important complex of known archaeological sites in the Avayalik Islands, near the northern tip of Labrador, was visited to assess the condition in relation to climate change. There is particular concern for Avayalik 1, a large cold season Dorset site, with at least seven dwelling structures, frozen deposits and excellent organic preservation. It is considered one of the most significant Palaeoeskimo sites in the eastern Arctic, sub-Arctic, because of its perfect preservation. Major goals of the visit were to determine whether or not permafrost is melting at the site, and see if the site is being impacted by coastal erosion. The project was successful in terms of meeting all of its stated goals.

Unfortunately, however, it was determined during the visit that Iguvialuk 1 is being negatively affected by both permafrost melt and erosion, and this will need to be addressed very quickly, if the unusually rich record at the site is to be documented. A similar situation was noted at a smaller cold season Dorset settlement, which is rapidly eroding into the ocean, at Eclipse Harbour further south. This work was a collaboration between Bowdoin College and the Nunatsiavut Government. The field crew consisted of Susan Kaplan from Bowdoin College, Jamie Brake from the Nunatsiavut Government and Moira McCaffrey, Independent Researcher.

Archaeological activity in the Nain region began this past week, with a field trip to Kauk and to Satusoak Island, south of the community. A Daniel Rattle complex site, approximately 1500 years old, was recorded,

as well as numerous historic Inuit sites, including one previously undocumented early 20th Century winter house site. This work was undertaken by Nunatsiavut Government staff members, Jamie Brake and Michelle Davies. The plans are now being finalized for additional fieldwork in September and October in the Nain region, as well as in the communities of Hopedale and Postville. From June 30th to July 10th, we worked with Adventure Canada as their permit holding archaeologist to observe and evaluate how the Nunatsiavut Government's Cruise Ship Policy is being implemented when visiting archaeological sites in Nunatsiavut and to determine how to strengthen our policy to meet the demands of this growing industry. On July 12th to July 29th, we worked with Parks Canada archaeologist, John Higdon, in the Torngat Mountains National Park, to conduct archaeological assessments of the Ramah Bay Quarry, a national historic site. Parks Canada is planning to bring visitors into the quarry bowl, and Nunatsiavut Government archaeologists were invited to take part in the assessment to determine a route into the quarry bowl that will not impact archaeological resources. From July 30th to August 8th, I will reiterate the Hebron Family Archaeology Project had its first field season with John Jararuse and Jerry Tuglavina, who were chosen to take part in the research by the Hebron Selection Committee. Ruthie Lampe, from the Department of Health and Social Development, joined as a mental health worker. The location of over 40 houses were met at Hebron and the historical use of the rooms in the mission complex were met. The archaeology crew from Johannes Point assisted in aerial

mapping with the use of their unmanned aerial vehicle, the drone. Mr. Speaker, in relation to tourism in Nunatsiavut, our 2016 Nunatsiavut Guide went over well with tourists and our stakeholders, and we will be continuing to add content for the 2017 edition. Mr. Speaker, these initiatives, even though simple as they may be, and cost effective, are very effective. The Director of Tourism position was filled permanently on September 12th, 2016. We welcome Jill Larkham as our Director of Tourism. We are now in the process of filling our Visitor Experience Coordinator position. The tourism division supported a number of travel and trade and travel media visits, as well as some tour operators. Several film companies also visited the region. We will see new coverage of our communities, the Northern Ranger, Illusuak Cultural Centre, the Mealy Mountains, Torngat Mountains and Base Camp, and of course, Hebron, but also, Mr. Speaker, Nunatsiavut Region as a whole. In relation to Hebron, Mr. Speaker, our Hebron National Historic Site Restoration and Ambassador Program, opened July 5th, with the arrival of our heritage carpenters on Adventure Canada cruise ship, and ran until September 15th. The visitor numbers have grown since last year, and we will be soon working on the breakdown of guests and debriefs with the Hebron staff. On July 27th, in Hebron, Inuit youth from across the north, arrived with the Student on Ice Program. The students held a very beautiful and moving cultural event in the church as part of the announcement of the National Inuit Suicide Prevention Strategy. We are honoured that Hebron was chosen as a special place for truth and reconciliation, and we are

working on an interpretative plan to tell the deep history of the northern Labrador Inuit. Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, due to weather, we could not be at that event, but myself and President Lampe were rerouted to have the announcement in Kuujuaq in Nunavik. I would like to thank the town and people of Kuujuaq and Makkovik Corporation for hosting an event on short notice. The good work by our restoration team has inspired some visitors to donate funds to the project in Hebron. We received one donation from the Demoray family of Montreal for \$10,000, and other visitors have asked how they can assist in the project. We will develop a plan for donor investment. In regards to the Hopedale Provisions House, Mr. Speaker, our archaeology office will work closely and provide assistance with Two Parts Canada to ensure the heritage resources are protected, as well as the work is conducted and we can use the opportunity to learn more about the rich history of this site. Mr. Speaker, our Summer Student Program, again, went off very well this year. Our department was pleased to have two summer students, Megan Dicker and Patrick Webb, who assisted us in supporting Hebron in language and tourism initiatives. We also responded with other Nunatsiavut Government departments, as I mentioned earlier, in operating a student program at the base camp in partnership with Parks Canada. The kANGIDLUASUK Student Program is presenting inactive, and we need to ensure that it is revitalized and considerable funds are used to benefit Nunatsiavut youth. In regards to the heritage forum, Mr. Speaker, I would also like to thank the AngajukKâk from Makkovik, Herb

Jacque, the Makkovik Inuit Community Government, the White Elephant Museum volunteers, and many Makkovik and Postville community volunteers, for hosting the 2016 Nunatsiavut Heritage Forum from June 13th to the 17th. We also added a day in Postville and would like to thank AngajukKâk Diane Gear, and the Ordinary Member for Postville, and the Speaker of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, Honourable Tyler Edmunds. The forum is very critical in connecting our department with community and culture heritage groups. It is also a key contact time for our Traditions and Transition Research Project. At the forum, we are privileged to have Makkovik Elder, Bertie Winters, join us for a very enjoyable story telling session. Bertie Winters deserves special recognition as a true ambassador for the north coast as a great, wise and productive harvester, very connected to the sea and the land, and always full of passion, inspiration and humour. We pay tribute to Bertie Winters as one of our great elders, who is truly a legend. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

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 do an update on Economic Development Division. The division is aggressively leveraging its annual budget and program dollars to secure an additional \$1 million in federal funding. The funding will focus on programming related to Voisey's Bay underground expansion, and the Mealy Mountain National Park

development, Inuit Business Development Expansion, and Community Economic Development. The million dollar ask is divided between Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA), and Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC). The division has submitted a two-year proposal for 2016 - 2018 to ACOA in September, in the amount of \$764,615. The contract is structured by a 65/35 per cent basis. Our Economic Development Division will contribute \$267,615 to leverage \$497,000 of ACOA funding. Secondly, on June 30th, 2016, we submitted a proposal to Strategic Partnership Initiatives (SPI), a program offered under INAC. This application is for 500,000, and is still under review. A response is expected in late September, early October. Mr. Speaker, the division assisted five entities with business start-up inquiries. Between June the 5th to September 9th, 13 underground and 1 current operation packages were received from Vale, with our division submitting 28 business nominations, and confirming 4 qualified business entities, QBE's. To meet the needs of the entrepreneurial community in Nunatsiavut, we are formalizing our Business Plan Support Program. The program assists potential businesses' start-ups, with the cost of business plan development with a non-repayable \$5,000 up to 75 per cent of the cost contribution. We are working with Finance Department and legal counsel to formalize the application process, and we hope to relaunch this program in October. I will be attending an ITK sponsored Inuit Economic Development Corporation Summit, along with NGC and LICST trustees next week. There will be discussions on how the Inuit Regional

Development Corporations can partner together and grow in the larger Inuit Nunangat. Minister of INAC, the Honourable Carolyn Bennett, will be one of the guest speakers. Mr. Speaker, Industry Support. In the last four months, we have financially contributed upwards of 327,000 in business and community economic development initiatives, such as the restoration of the White Elephant Museum in Makkovik, 20,000; the interpretation upkeep of the Hopedale Moravian Mission; 25,120, capacity building and training of a new business owner, Rachel Edmunds of K&A Variety in Makkovik of 4,500; the operation of the Nain and Makkovik fish plants to support for the Torngat Fish Producers Co-operative and Community Freezer Program; combined total of 150,000; the launch of a pilot project in Hopedale for a small local char fishery to supply the Community Freezer, 4,500; the launch of a pilot whelk wrinkle fishery in Nain, 23,000, for tourism and kayak assessment of the Rigolet area, the Mealy Mountain National Park and Torngat Mountain National Park, at approximately 100,000. Mr. Speaker, the Status of Women Contract. Through our Status of Women contract, we've completed two best practice research missions; the first in Kuujuaq in late June with four participants, and the second in Rankin Inlet in mid-July with five participants. We are completing a Gender-Based Needs Assessment for early October that will inform our final contract report and recommendation on policy and programs to encourage female entrepreneurs in Nunatsiavut. Focus on Communications. We have launched two communications programs in September 2016 to promote

community awareness and access to our programs; a social media campaign and a division road show. The Economic Development Division is now visible to local audience via Facebook and local and business audience via Twitter. We encourage you to visit and promote both sites. Ongoing evaluation and content planning will allow for adaptation to meet client needs. The division road show will travel in Nunatsiavut from September 26th to the 29th, visiting our five Inuit communities. We've consulted with successful academic programs in Nunatsiavut to determine an effective engagement approach to encourage participation and attendance. That said, we will have a carnival theme with information booths from six funding agencies in our division. A schedule of community visits is available via social media. We are attempting to meet with the AngajukKâk prior to the event, to provide information and gauge their needs. Mr. Speaker, we had various staff activity over the summer months. We'd like to congratulate Brenda Jararuse for recently completing her probationary period. Your work on the Status of Women file is yielding valuable industry information to inform our program development. We offer our sincere congratulations to Heather Edmunds of Postville, who after successfully researching, developing and delivering our social media plan, is preparing to leave the office for a year of maternity leave, to start her family. We wish you the absolute best during this exciting time. The year replacement for this position will be advertised in late September, October. We thank Melville Williams for her contribution in the Procurement and Inuit Business Registry

functions, as a business development officer, and congratulate her on fully transitioning into the Business Manager position. The Procurement File has permanently transitioned back to our experienced and veteran, staffer, Molly Shiwak. And finally, pending approval of both ACOA and INAC contracts, the division is expecting two new positions; a compliance officer related to the Voisey's Bay project and Mealy Mountains development officer, bringing our staff complement to seven.

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

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. I just have a few more updates. Nunatsiavut Government was proud to be part of the release of the National Inuit Suicide Prevention Strategy in Kuujjuaq. Unfortunately, because of weather, I couldn't attend this event, but they got to Kuujjuaq. We originally planned to go to Hebron and, of course, we never got there, so I'd just like to say that I'm proud to be a part of this, and hopefully that all the Inuit regions will address suicide prevention and we'll have, hopefully, great discussions, great results. And I'd also like to thank Health Canada for committing \$9 million over the next three years in support of suicide prevention in the strategy. I'd just like to say we lose a lot of our young people to suicide and all across Canada, and it hurts when we see our own young people. It's very hard on the communities. It's very hard on people. It touches everyone. Everyone around this table

feels it. Everyone in these communities feels it, and I just hope that we can find a way, Mr. Speaker, to prevent suicide. And also, Mr. Speaker, I'd just like to add that most Inuit communities celebrated the National Suicide Prevention Day on September 10th, and "Take Back the Night" on September 16th, with a variety of activities, and a big thank you to all the organizers. Thank you for your dedication and your commitment to Nunatsiavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Are there any other Ministers Statements? We have reached the time limit for Ministers Statements at 35 minutes. Do we have the consent of the Assembly, Standing Order 16.1, to extend that time limit? Is there any nays? I recognize the Honourable First Minister, Ms. Kate Mitchell.

MS. MITCHELL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Okay, for this one, I'm not quite sure if I was supposed to do it here, but anyway, from September the 7th to the 9th, I had the honour of being invited to the CMHC Expert Round Table on Housing, and I wasn't there in my capacity as First Minister, but the I think it was really good for us to be able to have input into a National Housing Strategy. The conference was called, "Let's Talk Housing," and our whole purpose was to develop a National Housing Strategy, and the report is being compiled by the Conference Board of Canada, and it was to be taken to the stakeholders on the 19th of September, which was on Monday. And the report, what we heard, will be released on November 22nd, which is National Housing Day. Some of the things that we were asked to do, we were told to challenge the status quo and status CMHC.

We looked after programs and the challenges and what we could come up with as solutions to a lot of the housing issues, and we looked at the role of CMHC, the role that the Federal Government should be playing in housing, and we looked at the whole continuum, from homelessness to seniors housing. So I just wanted to make the Assembly aware that I think it's the, you know, it says a lot for the work that we've been doing on housing when we get invited to have input into our National Housing Strategy. And one of the other updates, I guess, is that we received word yesterday at lunchtime, that INAC has approved our proposal for housing that we submitted for this year, and how we plan to spend the 4 million, so I just want to make the Assembly aware of that. Thank you.

ASSEMBLY: [Applause].

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. That concludes Ministers Statements. Before we move on to item 4, I would like to take advantage of Standing Order 10.4 temporarily remove myself as the speaker, and ask that the Deputy Speaker come in to take the chair for the duration of the Members Statements. Thank you.

MS. FORD: Good morning. We're on item number four of the Standing Orders. Members Statements. Do we have any Members Statements? I'd like to recognize Sean Lyall, Ordinary Member for Nain.

MR. LYALL: *Nakummek*, Madam Speaker. I'd like to take this opportunity, Madam Speaker, to just comment on recent social media in regards to travel by elected officials, if may, Madam Speaker. It is my opinion that it is

imperative that elected officials in this new era of Inuit to Crown, Crown to Inuit relationship. For many years, we have been requesting input into decisions that have been made that formulated policy, that directly affected Labrador Inuit. Some people may think it's a benefit that elected officials travel, others may think it's a burden. Irregardless of those opinions, I think because those meetings have happened, we can all enjoy a lot of programs and services that we have never had, or had the opportunity to discuss with other governments, be it the Provincial Government or the Federal Government. I think it's imperative. I think it's our duty to meet with either Provincial Governments or the Federal Government, and other Inuit leaders across Canada and the world. If not, Madam Speaker, how are we supposed to address Labrador Inuit issues at those levels if we don't meet and discuss them? *Nakummek*, Madam Speaker.

MS. FORD:

Nakummek, Sean. The next Members Statement will come from Gary Mitchell, Chairman of NunaKâtiget.

MR. MITCHELL:

Nakummek, Madam Speaker. *Ullâkut Ilonnasi*. Sometimes we have to take time out to recognize people who might not get profile or recognition that they should be getting, because a lot of other heavy duty business that this government takes care of in all areas, but I'd just like to have a brief statement this morning recognizing a particular group. My statement today is just a brief one, but one that acknowledges the wonderful work that this group is doing in Happy Valley, Goose Bay area. I'm referring here to the DHSD staff at the DHSD Community Office on

Corte Real and Happy Valley. I have worked out of that office building for two years now and have witnessed the excellent work and commitment that this group has, and the caring service that they provide to the many beneficiaries. We use the programs that are offered here. Their tireless work is always carried out in a positive way, and they take everything in stride day after day. The various programs offered by DHSD are attended by many, and the people who come to this building to take part really appreciate having this place to come to, where they partake in various activities, whether it be crafts, games, or to enjoy the different meals provided to different groups. This place gives them a place to socialize amongst themselves, and keep that companionship with each other as they grow older. It gives the disabled people and people who need the living assistance an opportunity to come there and relax from the rest of the world. Funds that go into these programs are very well spent, and the DHSD team there work tirelessly to ensure that these people get attended to when they come to the building. NunaKâtiget sometimes donate food items from the Community Freezer for their meals, like berries, fish, moose, partridges or char. Kids programs are also well attended and they have lots of fun there. We witnessed some of their activities over time and they had a Summer Student Program.

Cameron Asivak was a summer student and he really enjoyed the time with the kids there this summer. These people certainly know how to cook a good meal, and there's always good smells coming from that kitchen. They prepare things for various functions, and everything

seems to be like a well-oiled machine when they get things going to prepare for the next event, whether it be a cultural event, Nuliajuk Night, a meal, games, sewing, positive connection and other special events. Aside from all the cooking and preparing of meals and preparing things for the various activities, they prepare brown bag lunches for people who may be in need of a meal. They also look after a small clothing room place there, where the clothing was donated, and people can come and choose from the selection of clothing that is stocked there. So with that, I wish to acknowledge and recognize Sharon Edmunds, Carla Blake, Kelly Jacobs, Tuttu Hunter, Heather Hopkins and Nurse Heather Burse and her team of home care workers. I'm sorry if I left out anybody in my names here. They are a wonderful team and I commend them for the work that they do there. *Nakummek*, Madam Speaker.

MS. FORD:

Thank you, Mr. Mitchell. I will now recognize the AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Herb Jacque.

MR. JACQUE:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I too, this morning, would like to acknowledge and recognize an individual, an Assembly Member, Gary Mitchell. Gary was nominated as a volunteer fundraiser and performer by Music Newfoundland and Labrador Award. Gary originates from our community, therefore, I'd like to recognize him and wish him well. Good luck in your opportunity. We are proud of you. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

ASSEMBLY: [Applause].

MS. FORD: Thank you, Mr. Jacque. I now recognize the Ordinary Member for Nain, Richard Pamak.

MR. PAMAK: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, we heard some great news yesterday as part of the Ministerial updates to this Assembly. We heard Minister Lyall speak of ongoing background work in advancing *Inuttitut* language. We heard Minister Kemuksigak speak of funding that is still available for students looking to wish to further their education. We heard from Minister Flowers and speaking to continue efforts with respect to fostering our children. And we also heard from Minister Shiwak, speaking on the very successful commercial fishery, both in the inshore and the offshore. Mostly, we heard from President Lampe and the First Minister speak of new housing initiatives that we'll address the needs of housing in Nunatsiavut. Madam Speaker, I am very pleased to see the efforts of the First Ministers Office in advocating further for housing dollars with the Federal and Provincial Governments have finally paid off. With the \$15 million from the Federal Government, with the additional 150 from Provincial Government, and hopefully we get more from them, and with a solid housing strategy, we will start to see some of the housing needs become reality. Keeping in mind, as well as I just mentioned of the additional funding, that this Assembly also approved, as part of our annual budget of \$10 million towards housing initiatives. President Lampe provided the breakdown of housing initiatives to be conducted this year, with the \$4 million from the Federal Government. I

won't read them out, but they were mentioned yesterday. Well, actually I will read them out, it's part of my statement. The plan is to provide 500,000 for geotechnical work and survey in Postville, Makkovik and Rigolet; \$1.8 million towards repairs for affordable warmth; 150,000 for energy security plan; \$1 million to go towards the site development for possible apartments in Nain and Hopedale; 200 on consultant fees, and 200k for a new home in Rigolet. All great initiatives, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, some of these initiatives are currently in our own budgets. I believe that we have to develop a plan to believe that we have a housing strategy, and without seeing a housing strategy, I do think that we are on the right track. I agree that we should maximize external funds, before using our own. I also believe that this Assembly approves funding in an annual budget to address the housing crisis, and we must maximize our own funding, as well as any external funding. Yesterday, Madam Speaker, we heard one of our auditors tell us that we are very healthy government, with solid financial assets, carried forward another large surplus, and with our approved budgets, the federal and provincial funding, I can see housing crisis begin to be addressed. Over the next three years we'll be administering or having a budget of \$25 million plus on a housing initiatives, and we look to the First Minister to provide this Assembly a copy of the Draft Housing Strategy, to get a complete understanding of what has been completed as part of that strategy to date and plans to implement the strategy in moving forward. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MS. FORD:

Nakummek, Mr. Pamak. I would now like to recognize Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Roy Blake.

MR. BLAKE:

Nakummek, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this time to thank my colleague, Minister Kemuksigak, for all her hard work that she put into our annual Meet and Greet barbeques this summer. These barbeques again were a huge success. Also at this time, I would like to thank all the volunteers who committed their time to assist during these events. Madam Speaker, the "Make Muskrat Right" rallies that were held in our community, Upper Lake Melville, were successful; the overwhelming support that we receive from concerned citizens, from not only Upper Lake Melville, but also the community of Rigolet, Nunatsiavut. Let's not forget Minister Shiwak, Minister Flowers and President Lampe, along with other levels of government, Innu nation, and the NunatuKavut. I would also like to thank you for your continued support. Also remembering the communities of Rigolet and Nain, Nunatsiavut for rallying and showing support for this tremendous environmental effect. Madam Speaker, the October 1st deadline is fast approaching. This is the day to do the flooding, and more needs to be done to support the beneficiaries that will be directly affected by this. As a government, we should be doing more as the issue of methyl mercury and for the health concerns of our people. There are also concerns regarding the Clay Bank at the North Spur, as it is a serious safety concern and should not be taken lightly. Madam Speaker, this morning I would also like to take the time to send my sincere condolences to the family and extended family

members of beneficiaries who have lost loved ones since my last sitting: Sarah Asivak, Edward Blake, Stephen Chaulk, Fred Buddy McLean, Harry Mitsuk, Lorne Winters, Susan Winters, Norman Gear, Ronnie Michelin, Clarence McLean, Regula Shule, David Michelin and just a day or so ago, Benigna Semigak. Also Madam Speaker, although the numbers are on a decline, there are still homeless beneficiaries in Upper Lake Melville area. We are patiently waiting for the word on when our local homeless shelter will open, as winter is fast approaching. Madam Speaker, I would like to wish Chairperson of Sinunivut Inuit Community Corporation, Trudy Mesher-Barkman, a speedy recovery, as she is unable to attend this sitting due to illness. I would also like to thank her for the direction this summer while visiting beneficiaries and their families in the community of Northwest River. Madam Speaker, I was invited to attend your Life Matters Suicide Conference, hosted by DHSD in Happy Valley. This was a one-day session with two sessions to follow. The speaker was Collin Baikie, mixed martial arts artist, from Northwest River, Labrador. The youth that participated seemed to enjoy his encouraging words and MMA demonstrations. I am looking forward to the other two days offered at a later date. I was also invited to participate in the FASD event that was held at Mealy Mountain Collegiate. There were 58 participants in attendance. This was the first time that DHSD community office was able to access the local high school. Due to unforeseen circumstances, I was unable to attend the Suicide Prevention Walk, and I would like to say hats off to organizers of this event. *Nakummek*, Madam Speaker.

MS. FORD: *Nakummek*, Mr. Blake. I would now like to recognize the Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency, Dan Pottle.

MR. POTTLE: *Nakummek*, Madam Speaker. On behalf of the Canadian Constituency Office and constituents residing the Constituency of Canada, Patricia Ford and I would like to extend our congratulations to Sarah Anala of Moncton, New Brunswick, formerly of Nain, who was recently elected to the Board of AnanuKatiget Tumingit, Regional Inuit Women's Association. Madam Speaker, Sarah was elected to the board to represent Canada during its elections, which were held this past spring. Both Patricia and I are certain that Sarah will make a significant contribution in helping AnanuKatiget Tumingit fulfil its mission and vision, as well as achieving its mandate and carrying out its objectives. Madam Speaker, we ask all Members of this Honourable House to join us in congratulating Sarah on her election to the board of AnanuKatiget Tumingit, and wish her well in her new role as Board Director. *Nakummek*, Madam Speaker.

MS. FORD: *Nakummek*, Mr. Pottle. I would now like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Postville, Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Madam Speaker. I guess two things right off the bat. I'd like to thank some of the flexibility in our Assembly Standing Orders for permitting me to speak at the table today. Second, I prefer sitting and talking now, so much compared to standing and talking, but I hope that you all bear with me this morning. My statement is less formal than I've delivered in the past, but it's something I felt I needed to share. It relates to what I believe is a basic desire in each of us, to want to know and

share in our language, and what can drive that desire forward; now whether that is sharing small phrases with your children and grandchildren, connecting with our parents, elders or any of our speakers. The remainder of my statement today will be attempted in our language, so I wanted to recognize the efforts, as well, as the Chairperson of NunaKâtiget yesterday, and encourage members to take advantage of this service moving forward, and I'll speak a little more to that later.

(Speaks in Inuttitut.)

ASSEMBLY: [Applause].

MS. FORD: Thank you, Tyler, very good job. I'd now like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Greg Flowers.

MR. FLOWERS: Thank you, Madam Speaker, and thank you, Tyler, for your dedication and, like all of us, hopefully someday, around this table we can all speak in *Inuttitut* fluently. I know it's probably too late for some of us, but if there's not, we can always learn and try. But I really encourage our young people, especially my children, my grandchildren to try and revive the language and it's really good to see someone like yourself doing such a wonderful job. In my Members Statement today, I'd just like to talk about a true Labrador man, who I got to know when I was a very young boy, and grew up just knowing Bert Winters all my life, and how dedicated he was to his family, to Labrador. He was a true Labradorian in my view. He worked hard, he fished, he hunted, he trapped. He was the kind of person that I always looked up to in my life, who was honest, hard-working, and never had a lot. Like back in his days, there wasn't a

lot for, you know, you had to go out and get. You had to live off the land. You had to work hard. You had to. And I think it might have been Richard or somebody said today that there's lots of services out there today. You know, but back in the day, when our elders grew up in our communities there wasn't a lot, but they made due and they became, you know, education wasn't everything. Education was part of it, but they became true investors to Nunatsiavut and to the people that we got the privilege to be hearing now today because of them. And I'd just like to say that these people, these elders, these people in our communities, we're losing them, like, on a yearly basis now. And we're losing a great knowledge, and I'd like for our young people to see this, because it's not always about what your government gives you or what you have to do. You have to take it yourself and work hard and try and make your lives good and better and improved by just doing your daily things and not always look to your government to say they're not doing enough for me, or what have you, you know. I think there's a lot of things out there that this government is doing, and I think Sean kind of mentioned that today. We have to sometimes travel, we have to go to meetings, we have to try to inspire, we have to try to work hard. And if your heart is in the right place you can do wonderful things like Bert. And not everybody, you know, I suppose he touched some people the wrong way too and that's good. In my view, you had to take the good with the bad but, if you are a believer in Labrador and Inuit, there's always good times with bad times, and there's a lot of hard times coming, but there's a lot of good that

we're doing in Nunatsiavut. And I'm just wanting to say that people should start taking pride in where they're from and believing in people just because you're not always seeing the results sometimes. You know, there's people around this table who are dedicated to the people of Labrador and Nunatsiavut, and I just wanted to say that, take inspiration from yourselves to believe that we can change if we want to change, and we can work hard. I mean, it was installed in our older generations and certainly can be installed in us. So I just wanted to take this little time. I lost a dear friend and I think that he's hardworking in the right place. He was a true Labrador Nunatsiavut person, so thank you, Madam Speaker.

MS. FORD:

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

MR. J. SHIWAK:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. First of all, I'd like to encourage Tyler to keep on doing what he's doing. You know, I had a phone call shortly after I got elected, and it happened to be Tyler's grandmother. And one of the things said, "Jack, we don't have anybody to speak for our people, the older people." She said, "Our Member is too young to know about us." So, but I think, Tyler, you're on the way to getting there. Today, Madam Speaker, I have a topic that's very near and dear to me, and that is, as I go around and talk to people, I find out that so many of our young children, I mean, really young children, are put in foster homes outside of Nunatsiavut and in many cases, outside of Labrador. And I thought, you know, this is not right. They're not learning their culture. They're not learning their heritage. But from personal experience of having a foster

child come into our own family, it's even worse. The restrictions, the regulations that's placed on foster parents is unreal. I said to myself if these children don't have a chance to practice their culture, their heritage, by being placed in someplace on the island, that's not too bad, because right here, in Nunatsiavut, foster parents had to get permission to teach and to show these foster children our cultural, our heritage, and our way of life. And I think that's wrong. Foster parents of a child from Nunatsiavut should learn these things. This is a part of heritage. This is a part of our culture. My home, Madam Speaker, has acted as a safe house for many years. We've taken in children, we've taken families. It could've run from a weekend, to weeks, to months. We even had one where we took some 25 years ago, and as far as we're concerned, that's still our child. There was no restrictions placed on anybody that came to our home. The things we had done, we didn't have to get permission from anybody to let this child go out on the land, go visit his grandparents, go stay with his grandparents. But, you know, when I found out some of the things that the foster parents of the child that came into our family had to go through, it broke my heart. I had my one biological children walk into my house, "Nan, Pop, I want this, I want that." I comfort and I was fine with that. But as they grow up with this foster child that is new in our family, you know, it really hurts to know that this little child will be different. He'll be different in a way that he has, or she has, to get permission to go to Nan's house, go to Pop's house, go have a sleepover with Nan and Pop, all these things. It

shouldn't be. This is not the way we do it. The rules, restrictions that we have right now are not conducive to the way of the Inuit lifestyle. I won't go on too much longer, but I'm sure a lot of you have seen this. You see this big billboard. "It Takes a Community to Raise a Child." It may be so, but Madam Speaker, it takes a family to give a child a new beginning. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

ASSEMBLY: [Applause].

MS. FORD: Thank you, Mr. Shiwak. Do we have any more Members Statements? I would like to recognize Patricia Kemuksigak, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK: *Nakummek*, Madam Speaker. I'd like to send condolences to the family and friends of Kenny Hope of Northwest River. He fought a long battle with cancer. I had the privilege to attend the FAST event, Suicide Prevention Walk and Take Back the Night Walk, and I want to thank all the people who planned and volunteered those events, and there was large turnouts for all three. I'd like to congratulate Gary Mitchell for his nomination for the prestigious award, and he's volunteered many, many years, in many capacities, performing for elders, right down to young people. I really want to thank Tyler and Gary for speaking in *Inuttitut* in the Assembly. I want to applaud you for that, and Tyler, I know your grandmother's very proud. The Mud Lake residents are very concerned about Muskrat Falls flooding and the methyl mercury and possibly, the dam breaking. It's a very big worry for them and they've been lobbying the Provincial Government to get an evacuation road out of the

community. I'm really glad to have the Ordinary Member, Roy Blake, back to work. I really missed him and we work really well as a team, so I wish you speedy recovery and *Nakummek*, Madam Speaker.

MS. FORD:

Nakummek, Ms. Kemuksigak. Are there any more Members Statements? If not, then I would like to recognize Johannes Lampe, President, to make final comments.

PRESIDENT LAMPE:

Nakummek UKâtik. (Speaks in Inuttitut). Madam Speaker, I just like to say that Labrador Inuit have come a long ways and taken many steps forward and sometimes, backwards, and talking about language policy where I learned *Inuttitut* has to, you know, look at how we can move forward in revitalizing *Inuttitut*. And I said that it would take 30 years to get *Inuttitut* back to a level that I believe that we can feel safe that we have *Inuttitut*. But over the last two days in the sitting, I feel that Gary and Tyler have, you know, moved it forward, and I believe that, you know, with their example and their leadership, you know, as role models to the Assembly, and to their Members in their communities, that *Inuttitut* will advance. *Nakummek Uhatti.*

MS. FORD:

Nakummek, Mr. Lampe. That ends our item four on the *Orders of the Day*, Members Statements. Right now we will take a 20-minute break.

(Recess)

MS. FORD:

We are formally now back in Assembly, so I'll hand the chair back to the speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Ms. Patricia Ford. We left prior to recess on item four, Members Statements. We will continue on with your *Orders of the Day* on item five, "Returns to Oral Questions". Yesterday, Mr. Gary Mitchell, Chairperson for NunaKâtiget, asked the Minister of Culture, Recreation, Tourism, the Honourable Sean Lyall, how beneficiaries from Upper Lake Melville can be included in programs that allow them to visit traditional lands north of Nunatsiavut, for example, the Torngat Base Camp. I'd like to recognize the Honourable Sean Lyall, Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, to provide a return to oral question.

MR. LYALL:

Nakummek Uhatti, and again, thank you for the question, which is one we know is important to all Labrador Inuit, both within the Land Claim Area, and outside in Lake Melville or the Canadian Constituency. Mr. Speaker, the desire and benefit of having beneficiaries go north into traditional homeland is very clearly understood, and we are always looking for opportunities, through projects to get as many people as possible on the land. With the promotion of the Torngat's and Hebron, by spectacular pictures and stories, and not only that, Mr. Speaker, the history, that's building that desire even more. We are pleased that we have been able to employ over 20 beneficiaries each summer at the Torngat Mountains Base Camp and Research Station, and Hebron, and this year, some of those employees came from Upper Lake Melville and the Canadian Constituency. We have also been successful in getting more Labrador Inuit on cruise ships, travelling the coast. We are also looking into ways in revitalizing Summer Student Programs to provide

even more opportunities for beneficiaries to travel north, for youth and elders. Mr. Speaker, the reality is the costs are high and we are looking for more external financial resources to help provide more opportunities. Mr. Speaker, we are also working with the Secretariat and Department of Education, to provide more film, articles, books on Northern Labrador Inuit story, for schools and programming. Mr. Speaker, we will be launching Carol Brice-Bennett's book on the Northernmost, later this fall. This is a great piece of research that provided the foundation for the Land Claim.

MEMBER: Point of order. [Indecipherable].

MR. LYALL: I'll leave that for a decision of the Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS: Please continue, Minister, with the response as a question, and just try to keep in mind that, as the Member alluded to, the statement should be limited to aspects related to the departments. You may continue on if you wish, Honourable Minister.

MR. LYALL: *Nakummek Uhatti*. In short, we agree with the need in our committee to working towards finding more ways to bring Inuit North and we'll keep this Assembly updated. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. I would also like to recognize that yesterday, the AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker, asked a question of the Minister of the Department of Education and Economic Development, the Honourable Patricia Kemuksigak, about the underground hiring protocol at Voisey's Bay. He wanted assurance that

the *Impacts Benefits Agreement* hiring protocol, that hiring the people closest to the resource was being respected. I'd like to recognize the Honourable Patricia Kemuksigak, the Minister of the Department of Education, to provide a return to the oral question.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I received the information that we'll be presenting from Deputy Minister McLean. The IBA Co-ordinator, Theresa Hollett, Deputy Minister McLean and Deputy Minister McNeil, are working very diligently to try to find the information required and to help rectify the situation. The IBA co-ordinator finally received the information on who applied for employment with Innu Municipal yesterday. Innu Municipal is a joint Innu Inuit municipal company that was QBE'd. Deputy Minister McNeil also requested information from Innu Municipal, but didn't receive any. There were 634 applicants who applied for the 60 plus jobs at Voisey's Bay, with the Innu Municipal. Ms. Hollett has started to analyse the names to see who were Nunatsiavut beneficiaries that applied. This will take a bit of time, and also, there has been some instances where beneficiaries applied, but Innu Municipal didn't receive their application, so that's being looked into. If people come forward to any of you with concerns that they applied for positions and didn't get a call or employment, please either contact Theresa Hollett directly, or ask them to contact her. We are striving to ensure the IBA is adhered to and followed, and it's a very big concern for both our departments. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Are there any further returns to oral questions this morning? I recognize the Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

MR. D. SHIWAK:

Sorry, thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yesterday, the Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Richard Pamak, asked about the char harvesting in the main bay area, and if there's other work that was done, or that area to see if fishing can be done in other areas. This is the response: Our commercial char allocation is broken down into license conditions, as follows: Now quotas are set for three areas. In other areas, the catches are monitored. In Okak, we had 31 metric tonnes, Nain 32 metric tonnes, and Voisey is 14 metric tonnes. Mr. Speaker, fishing is permitted for arctic char in the waters from Cape Rouge to Cape Chidley, inside of headland areas. Fishing is restricted to the bays and areas where there's no bycatch of salmon. We provide a map and **licence conditions** to the fishers. The conditions also state that the harvest of remaining years from Cape Rouge to Cape Chidley shall be closely monitored by Department of Fisheries and Oceans and Nunatsiavut Government. The commercial char fisher was 51,000 pounds, approximately 63 per cent of the allowable quota in the Nain area, and 500 pounds of char harvested in the Hopedale area. During the past several years, we have worked closely with the Torngat Fish Producers Co-op in processing, marketing, as well as alternative methods for harvesting char. Our research and alternative harvesting methods have two primary objectives; one being improve the quality and the other was ways of moving the fishing efforts out of the Nain stocked area, and eventually into both north stocks, as well as

south. As was mentioned during yesterday's statements, we provided funds to Hopedale Inuit Community Government to catch char, in the Hopedale Region this summer, and this was in a direct effort again to reduce the pressure on the Nain stock. We are keenly interested in continuing these efforts and we're willing to engage with fishers as well as other residence of Nain, including elected officials, Torngat Fish Producers Co-op, Department of Fishing and Oceans, to look for alternatives to decrease the pressure on the Nain stock. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Are there any further "Returns to Oral Questions" this morning? If there are no further "Returns to Oral Questions," then we'll proceed to item six, "Oral Questions". There was a "Return to Oral Question," and we'll recognize the Honourable First Minister.

MS. MITCHELL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, the Ordinary Member for Nain asked if they could have a look at the Housing Strategy, at the next Assembly Sitting, but it will be outside of the Assembly Sitting, similar what we did, I think, with a couple of other items. I'm willing to do the presentation that I did to the Senate Committee on Housing, as well as we'll have a PowerPoint presentation prepared on our Housing Strategy, and we'll probably do that in the same room that we have our *Inuttitut* classes in. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable First Minister. Are there any other "Returns to Oral Questions" scheduled for this morning? If not, we will proceed to

item six, "Oral Questions". I recognize the AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker.

MR. DICKER:

Nakummek Uhatti. My question is to the Honourable Minister, Darryl Shiwak, for Lands and Resources. In the week past, there has been some activity going on out of Nain. We understand that some of your staff members, along with some geologists, are going into Strange Lake by helicopter. Could you update the Assembly on what is happening, or are they preparing for an environmental assessment call, or is it something else different? Nain Inuit are asking me questions and they are curious about it. Thank you.

MR. EDMUNDS:

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

MR. D. SHIWAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess I'll address the second part of your question first, with regards to Strange Lake request, the environmental assessment. To our knowledge, we are not aware of an environmental assessment or a project being registered which would trigger an environmental assessment. It has not been registered with us, so that's a no on that one. With regards to our staff flying in a chopper, I believe, as I've said in my Minister Statement this morning, our NG staff and Memorial University were doing some work on the Labrador site of the Strange Lake area to see what may exist there, some preliminary work. It has nothing to do with what's happening with the project on Strange Lake and registering that project. I will follow up with staff to ensure that

that is the correct information, but I believe that is, and there's no environmental assessment at this point. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EMDUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Does the AngajukKâk have a supplementary? Thank you, AngajukKâk. I recognize Mr. Roy Blake, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville.

MR. BLAKE:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to Minister, Department of Health and Social Development, Minister Flowers. As a follow-up from a previous sitting in November 2015, 8th Session, 3rd Sitting, I asked the Health and Social Development Minister, Minister Greg Flowers, if the rates for private accommodations under the NIHB Program, could be reviewed and increased. My question to him again today, will we see an increase in the private accommodations *per diem*, which is currently, and has been set for a number of years at \$45.

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, and response, the Honourable Gregory Flowers, Minister of Health and Social Development.

MR. FLOWERS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville. Yes, we did a review, and I guess from our review, we looked at different options. Basically, we spent, I guess, for 2016, 2015, approximately half a million dollars, \$498,000 for private accommodations, based on \$45 per night. In order to increase that rate at 11 per cent or \$5, it would cost us approximately roughly \$550,000. An increase of 22 per cent, or \$10 a night, would probably be roughly

\$110,000 a year. But, you know, I know that it's been a long time since there's been an increase and everything is more costly today. So basically, what we came up with is that we'll do a minimum increase of 11 per cent as of January the 1st, 2017, which basically will go from \$45 to \$50, and if we find additional funds from FAA dollars, that negotiation is ongoing, we will look at another, probably a little bit higher, increase, but right now, as of January the 1st, we will increase by 11.1 per cent. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Does the Ordinary Member have a supplementary question? I recognize Mr. Blake for supplementary.

MR. BLAKE:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. Minister Flowers, how much did you and your department spend when it comes to beneficiaries staying at the Labrador Friendship Centre and hotels on the all and part of the province and other cities? *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Mr. Blake. In response, I recognize the Honourable Greg Flowers.

MR. FLOWERS:

If he's asking me how much we spent, Mr. Speaker, I don't have that number in front of me, but I can say this, that we have to get accommodations for our people, no matter where they have to travel, and sometimes it costs us more. And that is why, Mr. Speaker, we are above Health Canada's rates, which is a lot lower than ours at \$45 per night. And also we know that by increasing the rates, that hopefully, it's hard to get places in Goose Bay. We've been struggling with that ever

since Muskrat Falls kind of got involved in taking up every, you know, every place there. So hopefully by increasing the rates and hopefully that, you know, this will at least help the people to accommodate our beneficiaries who travel; that, you know, this is giving them more incentive. And once, like I said, we can do another increase, hopefully that will take away from people having to stay in other, let's say, in hotels or whatever, and be more monies going back into the people who want to take advantage of taking in beneficiaries that need accommodation. So I guess my short answer to you, Roy, is that I don't have the numbers for that, and we do get a deal when we use hotels in the province. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Does the Member have a second supplementary, Mr. Blake?

MR. BLAKE:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. Minister Flowers, I understand the troubles you're having, and it relates to my question that I asked you is because you're paying people \$45 a night. If you go to Goose Bay and if somebody has to take you in, I can guarantee you, it costs more than \$45 just to feed them. So my question is how long will it be before we see another increase after January 1? You stated earlier as of January 1 we'll get one, then you said we'll review it again. So I'm asking for the answer for the second part. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member. In response, Honourable Greg Flowers.

MR. FLOWERS:

You know, we're on a budget and we had to look for dollars somewhere else or take from another pot of money. You know, across the board, not only Nunatsiavut, but across the regions, we all go through this for non-insured health benefits, it's across the north. It's the same rates for here, this is Nunavut, but we are looking for other funding, and we put in, like I said earlier, we put in recommendation, our FFA dollars, to have an increase. And I absolutely believe you're right that we need an increase, and right now I can only work within my means, but we do have going to FAA dollars for an increase, and hopefully, you know, after that's reviewed, you know, we will be able to do the increase. But we'll probably have a better update for you in November, or if not, the FFA dollars, or negotiations ongoing. So right now, we do have an increase. I guess we're on the right track. We just have to find the monies to be able to do it.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. I'd like to recognize the visitors who just joined us in the gallery. Among them is our representative in our district, our MHA, Mr. Randy Edmunds. I recognize the Member for the Canadian Constituency, Mr. Dan Pottle.

MR. POTTLE:

Nakummek Uhatti. My question is for the President of Nunatsiavut. Mr. President, in your address to the Assembly yesterday morning, you reported that the Ordinary Member for Rigolet has been appointed to the position of Nunatsiavut Treasurer and Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology, in addition to his current portfolios, Minister of Land and Natural Resources. Mr. President, in

keeping with Nunatsiavut Government's concept of openness and transparency, can you please explain to this Assembly the procedural process that was undertaken to make the appointment, as it is the understanding of most Members of the Assembly, as per 5.5.1 of the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*, that the President, on the advice of the First Minister, shall appoint the Nunatsiavut Treasurer and other Members of the Nunatsiavut Executive Council, referred to as Ministers, from among the Ordinary Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly. And as per 5.5.2 of the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*, the First Minister must nominate a person for appointment. A Minister must not nominate a person for appointment as Minister without the agreement of the Assembly.

Nakummek Uhatti.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member for Canada. In response, the Honourable President, Mr. Johannes Lampe.

PRESIDENT LAMPE:

Nakummek Uhatti. (*Speaks in Inuttitut*). Thank you, Ordinary Member for Canada-wide, St. John's, and thank you for the question. As the Assembly Members know, we, as the Nunatsiavut Government, hold general elections, and at those general elections, the government, between the First Minister and President, discuss appointments to positions within government. And the appointment of an Ordinary Member for Rigolet, Darryl Shiwak, to Nunatsiavut Treasurer and Minister of Finance and the IT, the appointment falls within the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*, and the order has been followed and so the Minister has been appointed to the position. *Nakummek Uhatti.*

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable President. Does the Member have a supplementary question? I recognize Mr. Pottle for a supplementary.

MR. POTTLE:

Nakummek, Mr. President, for that short and brief answer. President Lampe, as per the Executive Order appointing a Nunatsiavut Treasurer and Minister of Finance and Human Resources and Information Technology, which was only provided to some Members of the Assembly after you made your announcement, the authority of this Executive Order is made as per Section 3.2.1, 5.5.1(c), and 5.5.1 of the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*. But after I consulted legal counsel to the Nunatsiavut Executive Council, I was referred to Section 5.8.7, which outlines the transfer and functions of a Nunatsiavut Minister, and 5.8.8, which outlines the procedure for transfer of ministerial functions. Thus why I believe this Executive Order to be *ultra vires*: Beyond the scope or in excess of legal power or authority, or beyond one's legal power or authority. Simply put, Mr. President, the authority of this Executive Order and the procedures undertaken to execute the Executive Order goes against, I believe, our legislative process, because this Executive Order overrides the provisions of the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*. Therefore, on behalf of my honourable colleagues and non-executive Members of this Nunatsiavut Assembly, we ask, will you provide a written legal opinion on this matter before this house adjourns today.

Nakummek Uhatti.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member for Canada. In response, the Honourable Johannes Lampe.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: *Nakummek UKâtik. (Speaks in Inuttitut).* Thank you, Ordinary Member for Canada-wide, St. John's, and as I pointed out earlier, the Minister appointed to the Nunatsiavut Treasurer and Minister of Finance is an Ordinary Member of Rigolet. *Nakummek Uhatti.*

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek,* Honourable President. Does the Member have a final supplementary? I recognize Mr. Pottle.

MR. POTTLE: *Nakummek Uhatti. Nakummek* AngajukKâk Lampe. It's well understood that the Ordinary Member for Rigolet is an Ordinary Member, which only Ordinary Members of this honourable house can be appointed to ministerial positions. I take it from your again brief answer, that you're not willing to provide that legal opinion today. Mr. President, if you're not willing to provide this Honourable House with a written legal opinion, I am asking you to rescind the Executive Order, and declare that Minister Shiwak assume the role of Acting Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology as per the former President, and the current First Minister decision that was made on February 16, 2016, until a full legislative process is put to the Nunatsiavut Assembly as per the provisions of our Supreme Inuit Law, the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*. *Nakummek Uhatti.*

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek,* Ordinary Member. In response, the Honourable President.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: *Nakummek UKâtik,* and thank you for the question again, Ordinary Member for Canada-wide, St. John's and the answer is no. *Nakummek Uhatti.*

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable President. I recognize the Chairperson for NunaKâtiget, Mr. Gary Mitchell.

MR. MITCHELL: *Nakummek Uhatti*. My question is for Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, the Honourable Sean Lyall. You mentioned that the student program, kANGIDLUASUK Student Program was inactive this summer, and from what I understood, it was inactive because the price up in the base camp was not affordable, and they were charging too much money to take the youth program up there. Can you confirm that this was so?
Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Chairperson for NunaKâtiget. In response, the Honourable Sean Lyall.

MR. LYALL: *Nakummek*, thank you for your question, Mr. Gary Mitchell from NunaKatiget Corporation. I cannot answer that question, because the kANGIDLUASUK Student Program is an independent body with their own board and committee, and that question would have to be posed to that board or committee. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. Does the Chairperson have a supplementary? I recognize the Chairperson for a supplementary.

MR. MITCHELL: I have one regard to the follow-up. Does the student program that I just mentioned, access money from your department for travel assistance?
Nakummek.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Chairperson. In response, the Honourable Minister.

MR. LYALL: Again, Mr. Speaker, that question from my department directly, from my knowledge, no, they do not.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. Thank you, Chairperson. Are there any further oral questions this morning? Is there any Member who has yet to utilize an oral question who would like to? I recognize Mr. Joe Dicker, AngajukKâk for Nain.

MR. DICKER: Thank you, *Uhatti*. Posing my question, I guess, to Honourable President Lampe. In my opinion, or my understanding, the question put forward by the Honourable Member for Canadian Constituency was not answered on three parts. I'm a person that likes to follow procedure to the letter, and it was my understanding that when a Minister or an Ordinary Member is appointed, that this House would take a vote on that appointment and consent to the appointment, and I understand clearly that this was not the case. So I'm looking for, a question, I guess, why was the Assembly not informed that, you know, an appointment was made so that the process could be then put to the Assembly for consensus to the appointment? I ask that with Mr. President. Thank you.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk. I recognize the Honourable President, Mr. Johannes Lampe.

MR. PRESIDENT: *Nakummek Uhatti. (Speaks in Inuttitut).* Thank you for the question, Ordinary Member for Nain, Joe Dicker. And again, as I pointed out earlier, the Nunatsiavut Government elects its officials, and once those elections have been done, appointments are made, and again, the

appointments, you know, are discussed between the President and the First Minister. And so we have done the process that is required in the *Constitution*, and that is what the First Minister and the President have decided to do at this time. *Nakummek*.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable President. Does the AngajukKâk have a supplementary question? I recognize the AngajukKâk for Nain.

MR. DICKER: *Nakummek UKâtik*. I guess that's a supplementary question I would ask that if this House could be provided with the proceedings on paper as to how this was taken place for our next sitting for discussion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk. I recognize the Honourable President, Johannes Lampe.

MR. PRESIDENT: *Nakummek UKâtik*. (*Speaks in Inuttitut*), Joe Dicker. Yes, the information can be provided, but the discussions again, I say, were between the President and the First Minister. *Nakummek Uhatti*.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable President, AngajukKâk, I recognize for the final supplementary question.

MR. DICKER: *Nakummek Uhatti*, I just want to make it clear that I'm not against the appointment of the Human Resource, Technology Department. I have nothing against the individual. It's just the process of itself that I'm questioning. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS: AngajukKâk, please state the question outright, otherwise we will continue on. Do you have a question that you'd like to state outright for your supplementary?

MR. DICKER: No, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk. I recognize the Member for Upper Lake Melville, Mr. Roy Blake.

MR. BLAKE: *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. My question is for Minister Flowers. Minister Flowers, I have received countless calls from beneficiaries regarding how the NIHB program decides what is covered and what is not in reference to families' members who have received health treatment away from their home communities, and where a member has taken a turn for the worse, with only one family member covered. My question, sir, is are you able to explain to beneficiaries how the program works, where we get our direction, where we get our funding, and why we have to follow these guidelines. Individuals are led to believe that these particular answers come directly from the Nunatsiavut Government. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Mr. Blake. In response, the Honourable Greg Flowers.

MR. FLOWERS: I thank you, Mr. Speaker. In regards to non-insured health benefits, non-insured health benefits are across the region of Canada for Aboriginal people. We all go by the same guidelines. Sometimes we make exceptions. Sometimes we try to, you know, do things kind of above and beyond what sometimes we need to do, but for the most part, Mr.

Speaker, we try to follow guidelines, and yes, we do not determine when somebody goes to the hospital, or to a doctor, to a nurse, if they can have one or two escorts, but we do do if we know that one of our beneficiaries has some kind of illness that is terminal or something to that effect, or they need another escort brought out, we do provide that service. And also, Mr. Speaker, our Non-Insured Health Benefit Program, the information is in every office in Nunatsiavut and Upper Lake Melville in our DHSD offices, and also on Nunatsiavut website where they can get their information. And also, I mean, we have a great team, Mr. Speaker, that all you have to do is pick up the phone, or individuals, and I said this before in this House, pick up the phone and call our supports that we do have to ask these questions and they will certainly provide with any help that they have to, you know, encourage or to explain certain questions that's specific that some people might have. I hope that answers your question, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Does the Member have a supplementary? Thank you, Ordinary Member Blake. Are there any further oral questions this morning? I recognize the...

MR. D. SHIWAK:

Mr. Speaker, I would like to make a motion under 16.1, with the unanimous consent of the Assembly, to revisit recognize visitors in the gallery. It's my understanding, but I'd like the approval of the Assembly first. Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. The Minister is seeking unanimous consent of the Assembly to revert back to recognition of visitors. Does

the Assembly provide consent? Are there any nays? If not, then for the information of the Assembly, the visitors that we do have are the staff of the CYFS, along with the Honourable Minister, Sherry Gambin-Walsh. We have with us Susan Walsh, who's the Assistant Deputy Minister. We have Jackie Waylon, Regional Director for Labrador, CYFS, Bruce Cooper, Deputy Minister, CYFS and with them, they have the Executive Assistant, Kelly White. Is there anything else that the Members around the table would like to add or recognize to our visitors? I recognize the Honourable Minister.

MR. D. SHIWAK:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize the Member of the House of Assembly for Torngat Mountains, Randy Edmunds, and also to our visitors here this morning, welcome to the Nunatsiavut Assembly.
Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. I recognize the Honourable Gregory Flowers.

MR. FLOWERS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to recognize the Minister from the province, Sherry-Gambin Walsh. I haven't met her yet, but I'm looking forward to sitting down and having a conversation with her, and I can't see her. She's over there somewhere, but anyway, I'd just like to say welcome to Nunatsiavut and welcome to Hopedale, and hope we have a great conversation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Is there any other Members wishing to recognize our visitors? We will continue on with the oral questions,

and I believe that we left off with Mr. Roy Blake. Mr. Gary Mitchell, Chairperson for NunaKâtiget.

MR. MITCHELL:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I'd just like to welcome our visitors here this morning, and it's great to see them here and taking part in our Assembly and hope to have some meetings in the future and discuss whatever we need to discuss. My question this morning is for First Minister Kate Mitchell. You mentioned in your statement earlier, in answer to somebody's question, that you would have an updated Housing Strategy presentation done at the next sitting, of the Housing Strategy. I hope this is an updated strategy, not just a PowerPoint presentation that was the situation a few months ago, because things are moving on the housing, as you mentioned, the housing program, more funding. Will this be an updated strategy right up to date, like up to the minute when we have the November sitting? *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Chairperson for NunaKâtiget. In response, the Honourable First Minister, Ms. Kate Mitchell.

MS. MITCHELL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you Chairperson for your question. Yes, it will be in an updated Housing Strategy, and that's what we said from the beginning, this is ongoing and as I mentioned yesterday, the last component of our Housing Strategy was our Housing Delivery Agency Assessment that we had done, and like I mentioned yesterday, we still didn't have time to analyse that yet, but we will. I can promise you that we will have an updated strategy as to what it is, because to us, the

strategy is not complete, but we're working on it and all these different things that are going on now will be incorporated into that strategy.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable First Minister. Does the Chairperson have a supplementary question? *Nakummek*, Chairperson. 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 is for the First Minister. In previous years, we've had our communities have wood, with the help of NG, delivered to our communities, and my question is, will the same thing happen for this coming season? Thank you.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk for Hopedale. In response, the Honourable First Minister, Ms. Kate Mitchell.

MS. MITCHELL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you AngajukKâk from Hopedale for your question. Yes, we're definitely hoping that we will be able to get something arranged again this fall. Up until now, we had not, but I know there's been questions from our other communities as well, so hopefully we'll be able to get back to you very shortly. Thank you.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable First Minister. Does the AngajukKâk have a supplementary question? *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk. Are there any further oral questions? I recognize the AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Mr. Herb Jacque.

MR. JACQUE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the First Minister, as well. Yesterday, in your statement, you indicated that there was \$15 million approved for affordable housing. Nothing was allocated for Makkovik, even though we are not in great need, just wondering if we would be considered. You said that there will be a study this coming winter. Am I correct in saying that all communities will be included? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk for Makkovik. The Honourable First Minister, Ms. Kate Mitchell.

MS. MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, AngajukKâk for Makkovik for your question. Yes, if you notice in my statement yesterday, what I did say was that we would be doing a Needs Assessment in all our communities; Makkovik, Postville and Rigolet included, and I know what we had planned to do this year, and that if we have approval from the Federal Government for the expenditure of the 4 million, we planned on picking up the rest of the repairs that Torngat Housing did not have the funding for this year, and for Makkovik, Makkovik was fortunate enough not to have any repairs that would have been left over that we had to pick up. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

MR. PAMAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess I will direct my question to Minister Darryl Shiwak, Honourable Darryl Shiwak Minister for Lands and Natural Resources. First, I thank you for the information that you provided this morning on the allowable catch in the three zones for commercial char fishery in the Nain area. I had some understanding that there was an allocation, but I didn't realize at the time, the large amounts for each of those zones. And certainly my concern yesterday was that the amount of char being harvested in one of those zones, and char not being harvested in any other zones. And certainly the information you provide allows for 32,000 metric tonne, and right now, we only caught 63 per cent of that this year. Those numbers over the last years has been increasing from 38 to 40, to 44,000, to 51,000 this year. My question to Minister Shiwak is, is there any baseline studies or data, surveys that would sustain such harvesting in Nain area, in particular, and also in the other zones? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Mr. Pamak. In response, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak, Minister of Lands and Natural Resources.

MR. D. SHIWAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for the question. I'm not aware of any current baseline data in any of those areas. I would have to check to see if there has been any historic data, what those numbers, DFO numbers or quotas are based on. I have to check it out. Certainly, we can check in to see if there's any plans due, any baseline data to ensure the sustainability of those quota, and there's something we can certainly check into. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. Does the Member have a supplementary question? *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member. Are there any further oral questions this morning? I recognize the Member for the Canadian Constituency, Mr. Dan Pottle.

MR. POTTLE: *Nakummek Uhatti*. My question again is for the President of Nunatsiavut. My first series of questions still leaves me somewhat dissatisfied and disillusioned. I asked Mr. President, is your rationale or reasoning for making the appointment for current Minister holding a second portfolio is because you or the First Minister do not have the confidence of a current Ordinary Member without portfolio to hold the position of Minister of Finance, HR and IT? *Nakummek Uhatti*.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member. In response, the Honourable Johannes Lampe.

MR. PRESIDENT: *Nakummek UKâtik*. (*Speaks in Inuttitut*). I thank you, Ordinary Member for Canada, St. John's. I, as President, have confidence in all Elected Members of the Nunatsiavut Government, including Upper Lake Melville, Canada-wide, and I will not, you know, say that I do not have any confidence in Elected Members of the Nunatsiavut Government, whether they are appointed Ministers, Ministers, Ordinary Members or Chairpersons of the Nunatsiavut Government. *Nakummek UKâtik*.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable President. Does the Member have a supplementary? Please, as well, keep in mind Standing Order 31, in that no argument, opinion or fact shall be stated, except so far as necessary to

explain the question or in reply. I recognize the Member for the Canadian Constituency.

MR. POTTLE:

Nakummek Uhatti. Very briefly, I just want to state that this is not about me. I was in that position. I was taken out of that position. I accept that decision and I live with that decision, but I guess, the thing that I'm trying to get to the bottom of is, as the AngajukKâk for Nain had pointed out, I too am a stickler for process, and I want to ensure that I understand the process and that the process was followed. So I ask my supplementary question, and I expect it will probably be the same answer that you just give, is do you not have the confidence of this Assembly to vet a name an Ordinary Member to this House of Assembly for appointment to a ministerial portfolio? *Nakummek Uhatti.*

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member. That was a direct repetition. I'll give you a few moments to try to rephrase that supplementary question if you can.

MR. POTTLE:

Nakummek Uhatti, before I do that, can you explain the repetitive nature of the question? My first question was relative to an Ordinary Member. The supplemental question is relative to this Honourable House.
Nakummek Uhatti.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Member, they both write to confidence in the performance of the duties in my mind. But once more, as you've alluded to, this may lead to the same answer that you've received. I recognize the Honourable President to give a reply.

PRESIDENT LAMPE:

Nakummek UKâtik. (Speaks in Inuttitut). And again, as I responded to the question earlier, Elected Members are appointed to portfolios which they are given after discussions happen between the President and the First Minister, and these appointments go to Ordinary Members, too, whichever communities that they serve. And again, the appointments go to the Ordinary Members, and the appointment that I spoke to yesterday at my report, went to an Ordinary Member for Rigolet, Darryl Shiwak, and Darryl had been acting as Minister of Finance, and so the appointment was made to that Minister as a full time Minister for the remaining of the term, unless otherwise, the Minister feels that they task is too great, and once, you know, we have realized that, we will then again look at appointments. Not just for the position of Nunatsiavut Treasurer or a Minister of Finance, but to any position that the government ministers hold. And so again, the Minister appointed is an Ordinary Member for Rigolet, and so the appointment was made yesterday. *Nakummek Uhatti.*

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Does the Member for the Canadian Constituency have a final supplementary?

MR. POTTLE:

(Speaks in Inuttitut). I say I believe I exhausted my supplemental questions. *Nakummek.*

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member. I recognize the Member for Upper Lake Melville, Mr. Roy Blake.

MR. BLAKE:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I don't know if I'm allowed to do this or not, but someone will give me a point of order if I'm not. I want to make some clarification here, where the President mentioned Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville. I assure you, President Lampe, that I have no interest in being a Minister, and I want to make that crystal clear, sir. Thank you very much.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Member, you don't have a direct question for any of the? Thank you, Member. Are there any further oral questions this morning? If there are no further oral questions, we will proceed on with item seven on your *Orders of the Day*, "Written Questions". Additionally, for the Ministers who have not answered the questions in the house, according to Standing Order 31.10, you do have seven calendar days to provide the response, file that with the Clerk, and then that will get distributed to the rest of the Assembly Members. Do we have any written questions this morning? We will proceed to item eight, "Returns to Written Questions". There are no scheduled Returns today. Item nine, "Petitions". Are there any petitions? Item 10, "Responses to Petitions". There are not scheduled responses to petitions today. Item 11, there are no scheduled "Reports from Standing and Special Committees". On to item 12, "Tabling of Documents". I would like to recognize the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell.

MS. MITCHELL:

Honourable Speaker, I am pleased to table 2016-2017 Assembly Calendar.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable First Minister, the document will be numbered as tabled document 06-3(12). I'd like to recognize the Minister of the Department of Education, Economic Development the Honourable Patricia Kemuksigak.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK: *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. Honourable Speaker, I am pleased to table the 2015-16 Annual Report of the Department of Education, Economic Development. *Nakummek*.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. The document will be numbered as tabled document 07-3(12). There are no more documents to be tabled today? We will move on to item 13 on your *Orders of the Day*, "Notices of Motion". I would like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Canada, Mr. Dan Pottle, as a Member of the Rules and Procedures Committee.

MR. POTTLE: *Nakummek Uhatti*. I give notice that on Thursday, September 22nd, I will move, seconded by the Ordinary Member for Rigolet, Mr. Darryl Shiwak, that the Nunatsiavut Assembly establish a Special Committee on the 2016 Presidential Election Report, and further that the following be appointed to the Special Committee: Jack Shiwak, AngajukKâk Rigolet, Marjorie Flowers, AngajukKâk Hopedale, and Mark Gillette, legal counsel for Nunatsiavut Government. And furthermore, that the terms of reference of the Special Committee shall be a) to meet with the Nunatsiavut electoral officer and to review the report in its entirety, and b) to report to the Assembly at the Spring Session in 2017. *Nakummek Uhatti*.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Mr. Pottle. There are no more Notices of Motions for today. We'll proceed to item 14, "Notices of Motion for the First Reading of Bills". There are no notices for the first reading of bills today. We'll proceed on to item 15, "Motions". Mr. Pottle, the Ordinary Member for Canada, I understand you wish to proceed with the motion which you've given notice to.

MR. POTTLE: *Nakummek Uhatti*. I'm seeking unanimous consent to proceed with this motion today. *Nakummek*.

MR. EDMUNDS: The Minister is seeking unanimous consent to proceed with the motion are relevant to the establishment of a Special Committee on the 2016 Presidential Election Report. Are there any nays? There are none, Mr. Pottle. Please proceed.

MR. POTTLE: *Nakummek Uhatti* and Honourable Members of the House for consenting to proceed with this motion today. Whereas the Nunatsiavut Assembly has received a report from the Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer on the conduct of the 2016 presidential election, and whereas the report contains a number of recommendations for changes, and whereas the report addresses issues on a number of recommendations, and whereas the Assembly can appoint a Special Committee to consider any matter referred to it by the Assembly, now therefore I move, seconded by the Ordinary Member for Rigolet, Mr. Darryl Shiwak, that the Nunatsiavut Assembly hereby establish a Special Committee on the 2016 Presidential Election Report, and further, that the following be appointed to the Special Committee, Jack Shiwak, AngajukKâk Rigolet, Marjorie Flowers,

AngajukKâk for Hopedale, and Mark Gillette, legal counsel for the Nunatsiavut Government, and furthermore, that the terms of reference of the Special Committee shall be a) to meet with the Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer and to review the report in its entirety, and b) to report to the Assembly at the Spring Session in 2017. *Nakummek Uhatti.*

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Mr. Pottle. The motion is in order. Mr. Pottle, would you like to speak to the motion?

MR. POTTLE: Very briefly, Mr. Speaker, this has become the standard, and as per the *Assembly Act*. The NEO within four months of the date of the election, I believe, has to report back to the Assembly, and it's been a convention that's been adopted. I think that a Special Committee of the House of Assembly be struck to review the report in its entirety as per past practices, so I ask Honourable Members of this House to support this motion. *Nakummek Uhatti.*

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Member for Canada. Is there any other Member who would like to speak to the motion? If no other Member wishes to speak, does the Ordinary Member for Canada wish to make final comments and close debate?

MR. POTTLE: *Nakummek Uhatti*, I have no final comments and I wish to close debate.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Mr. Pottle. That will conclude debate. All those in favour of the motion? All those opposed. The motion is carried. We'll proceed with item 16, "First Reading of Bills". There are no scheduled first reading of bills today. Item 17, "Second Reading of Bills". We have no second

reading of bills. Item 18, "Assent to Bills". We have no assent to bills, today. Which brings us to our "Adjournment," item 19. I wish to thank the Ministers and all Members for their contributions, and I'll give special mention to the interpreters and translators, who again, are Rita Andersen and Augusta Irving. To our pages, who have joined us from Nain, and are diligently working away right now, Julia Pijogge and Craig Wyatt. Additionally, it was great to have Tristan Gear join us for our first sitting with him as IT support, and as always, we've had Robert Ford in the background as well. We now like to recognize the work of the OKâlaKatiget staff, Simone Kohlmeister and Johansi Tuglavina. And again, we thank Tabea Onalik for her work, and we wish her all the luck moving the interests of the Assembly forward. The Assembly is now adjourned, and the next session is scheduled for the week of November 21 through 25, and we'll have some updates on the flight shortly. Any further questions can be directed to either myself or Tabea Onalik. Thank you all.