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**PARLIAMENTARY REPORT**

**September 19, 2017**

**In Attendance:**

**Speaker of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, Ordinary Member for Postville, Honorable Edward Blake-Rudkowski**

**President of Nunatsiavut, Honorable Johannes Lampe**

**First Minister, Ordinary Member for Makkovik, Honorable Kate Mitchell**

**Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Ordinary Member for Rigolet, Honorable Darryl Shiwak**

**Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology, Ordinary Member for Postville, Honorable Tyler Edmunds**

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

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

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

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

**Ordinary Member for Nain, Jim Lyall**

**AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Marjorie Flowers**

**AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Herb Jacque**

**AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Jack Shiwak**

**AngajukKâk for Nain, Julius Dicker**

**AngajukKâk for Postville, Diane Gear**

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

**Chair for Sivunivut, Mr. Derek Montague**

**Director of Legal Services, Loretta Michelin**

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

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

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

**Deputy Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Belinda Webb**

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

**Clerk of the Assembly, Mary Sillett**

**Absent:**

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

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

**The Nunatsiavut Assembly proceedings were recorded in Inuktitut and English.**

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**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** And ask the AngajukKâk from Hopedale, Ms. Marjorie Flowers, to say the opening prayer.

**MS. FLOWERS:** (Recites Prayer).

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek*, Ms. Flowers. I will now call upon the President of Nunatsiavut, the Honourable Johannes Lampe, to administer the Oaths of Office to Sivunivut Inuit Corporation, Mr. Derek Montague.

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** *Nakummek, UKatti*. I will now call upon the Member Elect, Mr. Derek Montague, the Chair of the Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation, to approach the podium as I administer the Members Oath of Office. In the presence of everyone assembled here and in full realization of the high calling I assume as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly and that the power entrusted to me are for the benefit of the Labrador Inuit.

**MR. MONTAGUE:** ...everyone assembled here and in full realization of the high calling I assume as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly and the powers entrusted to me are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit I, Derek Montague, solemnly affirm that I will be faithful to the Inuit and to Nunatsiavut and will obey, respect and uphold the *Labrador Inuit*

*Constitution* and all Inuit laws. And I solemnly promise to fulfill my responsibilities as a leader and to perform my functions as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly to the best of my ability.

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** So help me, God.

**MR. MONTAGUE:** So help me, God.

**ASSEMBLY:** [Applause].

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** On behalf of the Assembly, I would like to offer my congratulations to Mr. Derek Montague as the Chair of the Sivunivut Inuit Corporation and as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly. I think I can speak for everyone when I say we all look forward to working with you, Derek. I'd like to recognize the President of Nunatsiavut, the Honourable Johannes Lampe to make his opening address.

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** *Nakummek, UKatti. (Speaks in Inuttitut).* As the Assembly is aware, Mr. Speaker, this past February the Inuit Nunangat Declaration on Inuit-Crown Partnership was signed by Inuit leaders and the Prime Minister. Inuit Members of the Partnership Committee are ITK and, therefore, Inuit Land Claims Settlement Regions. ICC Canada Pauktuutit at a National Inuit Youth Council are observers to the partnership. In May the Government of Canada and Inuit-elected representatives met to pursue a shared commitment to renew the Inuit-Crown relationship. Advance shared priorities between Inuit and Canada and tackle the unique social, cultural, economic and environmental issues that Inuit face every day. Since the signing of the Inuit Nunangat Declaration and forming of the

Inuit-Crown Partnership Committee, the Government of Canada and Inuit have been working together to establish detailed work plans on shared priority items. The Inuit Crown Partnership Committee will meet again in Inuit Nain late next week when the ITC holds its annual general meeting. I look forward to welcoming my counterparts from other parts of Inuit Nunangat, along with the Honourable Carolyn Bennett, Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs. The Honourable Ginette Petitpas Taylor, Minister of Health, the Honourable Jane Philpott, Minister of Indigenous Services, the Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change and the Honourable Jean-Yves Duclos, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development. We will build on a May meeting to advance priority areas for future investment ensuring Inuit Nunangat is properly reflected in Canada's Arctic Policy framework and taking concrete actions to address the housing shortage and overcrowded housing across Inuit Nunangat, as well as revitalizing, maintaining and promoting language. Mr. Speaker, we were disappointed to learn recently that a key commitment to help mitigate downstream methyl mercury impacts from the Muskrat Falls Project is not being honoured. When Newfoundland and Labrador Premier Dwight Ball met with us last October he committed to lowering water levels in the Muskrat Falls reservoir and bring the river back to a natural flow in the spring so that mitigation measures could be taken to reduce the production of methyl mercury. While some water was released around the third week of June at our insistence, it was later

suspended. We inquired as to why and were informed there were serious concerns over potential landslides in the reservoir. The Premier provided us with all of the information to back up these concerns and even went so far as to arrange a meeting with Essence 11, the company contracted to oversee the Muskrat Falls Project to provide an overview of the risks. As you know, Mr. Speaker, we issued a media release calling on the Premier to publically state why the commitment has not been honoured. All efforts must be made to protect the health, culture, and way of life of our people. That has always been our position. It was the basis of our "Make Muskrat Right" campaign. We must continue to insist that this commitment be honoured. We're told that water levels have to be raised to 25 metres from the current 20.3 metres by November 1 to install an ice boom to protect the integrity of the project during the winter months. We're also told that once the level is raised to this height that they will not be lowered. This is deeply concerning, and we feel that the levels should not increase until the independent Expert Advisory Committee is in a position to make informed recommendations that are taken seriously and acted upon by the Province and Nalcor. I'm sure there will be more on this in the days and weeks ahead, and we endeavour to inform the Assembly of any developments as they arise.

*Nakummek, UKatti.*

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek,* Honourable President. Now we're onto item four. I'd like to welcome those in the gallery today and thank them for their interest in

the Assembly. Any Member wishing to recognize visitors in the public gallery today? I recognize the Ordinary Member for Nain.

**MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd just like to welcome Jay Edmunds, I guess. Jay joined the administration team of Nunatsiavut as planner, I believe, under the Secretariat's Office, and certainly it's great to see all around to come back to work for us. So I'd like to welcome Jay to the Nunatsiavut Assembly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Welcome, Jay. Speaker recognizes Honourable Member Edmunds.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

Mr. Speaker, I'd like to take this opportunity to recognize Tom Edmunds, my grandfather, in the Visitor's Gallery this morning. It's very nice to have him here. I know that, you know, he knows the importance of these meetings and how my grandmother would travel quite frequently to them and, you know, the next closest thing to her witnessing it is him being there, and I'm very happy that he could participate in the gallery today and *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Welcome, Mr. Edmunds. Are there any other – Speaker recognizes AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Marjorie Flowers.

**MS. FLOWERS:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to recognize our Town Manager, Ketura Abel. Today, Ketura, unfortunately, is leaving us and her last day work is Friday. So I wanted to recognize her and to acknowledge all the work that she has done for our town and to say that she will be missed greatly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.



**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Thank you for your service, Ms. Abel. Are there any other visitors we want to recognize at this point? Ms. Patricia Ford, the Honourable Member for Canada, and the Deputy Speaker have been properly excused from attending this sitting. The President, the Honourable Johannes Lampe, has properly excused the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, the Honourable Jim Lyall, and the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell, from attending this sitting. Please join me in congratulating Dawn Rose Winters who has accepted the offer for full-time permanent position of the Secretary/Receptionist. Your performance has been commendable and we look forward to having you work with us. For the information of today's Assembly as well we are continuing the Rotating Page Program and we are joined today by two beneficiaries from the Nunatsiavut community of Rigolet, John Palliser and McKenzie-Palliser Flowers. Thank you both for coming and for the assistance you've provided thus far and for the assistance you're going to give us for the next day and into tomorrow. Thank you for coming. The interpreters and translators for today are William Barbour from Nain and Boas Kairtok from Hopedale. Welcome back to you both again. Robert Ford is here from IT. As well we'd like to recognize the OK staff, Christina Lampe and Johansi Tuglavina. If there are any questions around travel and logistics, please see the Assistant to the Clerk, Tabea Onalik. As we begin our fall session, we have the pleasure of introducing and recognizing the art additions of Mike Paterson of Paterson Woodworking Limited in Upper Amherst Cove, Newfoundland, who completed the

Speaker's Chair, which I'm currently sitting on, the table, the podium, the foot stool and the art desk. A Kullik which was made by William or Willie Hunter of Hopedale, the first Inuk gavel by Jason Jacque of Postville. The second Inuk gavel by Dinah Anderson, originally from Makkovik. The podium by Piercy Boase of Hopedale. The Labrador Tea Doll exhibit which we see over there by Lydia Lucy who is originally from Hopedale and now living in Happy Valley Goose Bay. Also the undergraduates of the IBED, the Inuit Bachelor of Education Program, presented the Nunatsiavut Government with the wall hanging which was a visual representation of the Inuit Core Laws of Relationship, and it is hung in the Assembly chamber as a constant reminder of those values of consensus building, communal respect which includes being open and inclusive and being welcoming and caring for all things. We'd like to thank the undergraduates collectively and individually for this invaluable gift. *Nakummek*, Cheryl Allan, Miranda Anderson, Doris Boase, Jenny Rose Campbell, Alisha Dicker, Tracey Doherty, Alanna Edmunds, Felicia Edmunds, Julia Flowers, Joanna Jacque, Jodie Lyall, Catherine Mitsuk, Roxanne Nochasak, Vanessa Pamak, Frank Russell and Dr. Sylvia Moore, who's the instructor. As we saw this summer with the cruise ships, people from all walks of life and all parts of the world visit the Nunatsiavut Assembly building, and as they walk through this building and come to this chamber, they will see the master art work of all primarily beneficiaries, but in the art work as well as the written work. Our culture will be showcased to them and we say *Nakummek* to you all.

I would like to welcome those in the gallery today and thank them for their interest in the Nunatsiavut Assembly. So with that we move onto item five, "Minister Statements." Are there any minister statements? Speaker recognizes the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

**MR. D. SHIWAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, an update from the Fisheries Division. The 2JN Snowcrab Fishery produced good results this summer and the full quota was landed in the processing plant in Makkovik. The competitive Greenland Halibut Fishery opened on August 1st of this year. NG-designated fishers participated in the competitive fishery then proceeded into our communal Greenland halibut quota. We anticipate to land our quota of 181 metric tonnes this season, and this fishery is still ongoing. The shrimp fishery in both SFA4 and 5 are going well. To date approximately 60 percent of the quota has been landed into Charlottetown for processing. Arctic char landings for this reason were very disappointing, Mr. Speaker. The landings were relatively low and the Nain plant processed 29,354 pounds of char. The English River Counting Fence will be in operation until the first week of October, and Atlantic salmon are returning to the river in good numbers. As of August 27th 600 salmon were counted. For English River to meet 100 percent conservation limits, a total of 400 salmon returns are required. We are pleased to see that English River is again meeting its conservation requirement. The domestic fishery in LISA and ULM had them close on August 31st, and information collected from the log book returns will be

provided to DFO Science for analysis in the coming months. Mr. Speaker, Wildlife. The moose hunting season for the 2017-2018 open on September 15th and will be in effect until March 31st. Beneficiaries can apply for a licence at the Nunatsiavut Government offices in LISA and Ulam, and names are selected through the draw system, and licenses can be held up to 14 days. We have 29 licences available for beneficiary draw, and 10 are available to the Community Freezers for a total of 39 licences. Mr. Speaker, the aerial survey of the Davis Strait Polar Bear sub population is now underway and will soon be completed. Our wildlife manager, Mr. Jim Goudie, flew in the portion between basecamp and George River. Next year the same aerial survey will be completed again. By the third year of the survey which is 2019 a new population estimate for the Davis Strait sub population will be identified. Nunatsiavut, Nunavik and Nunavut Inuit all harvest polar bears from the sub population and are sharing the survey costs along with other partners. Mr. Speaker, Impact Benefit Agreements. The Voisey's Bay underground mine expansion is currently on hold. Vale is conducting a global 60-day review of their operations due to the down turn in base metal prices. As a result, two contracts for the underground expansion have been delayed. We are hoping to have a better update or a further update and review in the very near future. Torngat Mountain Parks Co-Management Board had a face-to-face meeting from July 30th to August 6th with discussions on Torngat Caribou Herd, research programs, hiking dorm locations and economic summit plan for Kuujjuaq in February. Minister

McKenna arrived on August 2nd and met with the C & B that evening. One of the main messages the C & B had for the Minister was regarding caribou and decisions being made without consultation with Inuit. The next face-to-face meeting is scheduled for Kuujuaq in February. Mr. Speaker, the Mealy Mountain National Park IBA has been signed. NG's Co-Management Board Members are Derek Pottle and Vicky Allen. An orientation meeting was held in Happy Valley with Parks Canada, Judy Rowell, Teresa Baikie, Jillian Larkham on July 18th, 2017. The Inuit Parks both have their appointees in place, and the only position left to be filled is Chairperson. The Chairperson has to be agreed by all parties, all three parties, and hopefully there will be a face-to-face meeting in November at a location to be determined. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Minister Shiwak. Speaker now recognizes Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology, the Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek, Uhatti.* Mr. Speaker, today the auditors for Nunatsiavut Government, Deloitte, will be presenting the Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2017. These Financial Statements will include the transactions of the Nunatsiavut Government, the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust* and the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Implementation Trust*. Mr. Speaker, these Financial Statements are one tool for the Assembly to use in determining the government's accountability for our resources, our obligations and the financial affairs in which we are entrusted. The Statement of Financial

Position reflects the net financial assets or the net financial debt position. 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 on 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 Net Financial Assets represents the extent that revenue was sufficient to meet the cost of goods and services acquired during an accounting period. The government was able to increase this position, further indicating the sustainability of the government. *Uhatti*. The second indicator of financial performance is the accumulated surplus or accumulated deficit position, never affects our ability to provide future services. An accumulated surplus is that amount by which all assets, financial and non-financial, exceed liabilities accumulated over time. The Nunatsiavut Government has an accumulated surplus of over 450 million, a very healthy position, Mr. Speaker. The fact that we do have the net resources, both financial and physical, which can be used to provide future services to our beneficiaries. On the Statement of Operations, the third financial indicator to note is the annual surplus or deficit. Surplus is different than cash in the bank account, and it also includes non-cash transactions. Mr. Speaker, the annual surplus or deficit shows whether the revenue is raised in the year or sufficient to cover the costs 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 to provide services to our beneficiaries.

It's worth noting that government grew its revenues this fiscal year over the year by 30 million. The main drivers of this growth were annual increase in the funding under the fiscal financing agreement, due to inflation and population. Approximately 30 million increase in the amount of actual income received from the investments particularly with the two *Trusts*, receipt of additional personal income tax as the Canada Revenue Agency completed their audits for the 2013 and 2014 years and an increase in funds received for specific programs and projects. *Uhatti*.

The Statement of Re-measurement Gains and Losses reflects the change in accumulated surplus that is attributable to fair value changes in the government's investments. During the current fiscal year there is a decrease in the market value of the investments of 12½ million from the previous year. As we're all aware, the global economy suffered during the prior year with decreases seen in the price of oil and other commodities, political uncertainty due to Brexit, elections here, in the United States, Germany and France, which these impacts were reflected upon the global markets. This is an unrealized loss and is only reflected in actual cash if the investments were withdrawn at that time. There was a realized loss of 7.9 million due to the *Settlement and Implementation Trusts* terminating a global equity investment manager due to poor performance. That being said, Mr. Speaker, this statement also reflects that over time these investments have a positive gain in market value of 41 million. The Statement of Cash Flow provides information on the

liquidity and accountability of the use of our revenues. The government had a decrease in its cash resources due to the acquisition of capital assets and investments. The government still remains in a healthy financial position with 33 million in cash. Mr. Speaker, a fourth positive financial indicator. Reflected in the Financial Statements for the current year is a re-statement due to a change in the investment in the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust*, a technical issue that will be further explained by the auditors today. As Treasurer, I'm pleased with the overall financial position of the Nunatsiavut Government, Mr. Speaker. 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. With that being said, *Uhatti*, I can confidently state that the future of our government is secure.

*Nakummek.*

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Minister Edmunds. Speaker recognizes the Minister of Education and Economic Development, the Honourable Patricia Kemuksigak.

**MS. KEMUKSIGAK:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. At the present time I will be presenting on the Nunatsiavut Affairs Report on behalf of First Minister Kate Mitchell. Implementation. The Implementation Committee is scheduled to meet in Goose Bay on the week of November 6th. The Implementation Committee will review with the Board Chairs and Executive Director of Secretariat the first draft of the Board's 2018-2019 Budget and Work Plans. Included in the agenda is a discussion on the Nunatsiavut



Government request to amend the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement* to allow beneficiaries resident in Upper Lake Melville to harvest migratory birds within the Schedule E area. Also included in the agenda is the request from Canada to amend Chapter 1 of LILCA to replace the Dispute Resolution Board with a new Dispute Resolution Mechanism System. The NEC has appointed Isabella Pain and Toby Anderson as the Nunatsiavut Government negotiators to negotiate amendments to Chapter 12 and Chapter 21. Work and negotiation continue on the content of renewed implementation plan for LILCA and a draft submission is prepared for the implementation plan renewal negotiators.

Mr. Speaker, Membership. The enrollment of beneficiaries process is ongoing and all vacancies of the membership committees have been filled. Since June Ashley Edmunds resigned as the Registrar due to her family's decision to relocate from Nain to St. John's, and Janelle Barber resigned as Filing Clerk to accept other employment. We advertised for a Registrar position and the successful candidate is Sheila Agnatok. Sheila was the Membership Clerk. Therefore, we are currently advertising for the positions of Membership Clerk and Filing Clerk. A Membership Workshop will be held sometime after these two positions are filled and the new employees are settled into their new positions.

Mr. Speaker, Public Property. Staff Housing. The mini home at 23 Sandbags Road in Nain was sold to Joey Angnatok and is removed from the site. We have ordered a three-bedroom energy efficient replacement mini-home and it is expected to deliver to Nain before the end of the first

week of October. When it arrives in Nain we will have a contractor deliver it onsite, place on appropriate foundation and install the electrical and water and sewer hookups. We have completed some annual maintenance required for some of our mini homes in Nain and Hopedale. DHSD Building in Hopedale. We have completed the purchase and sale of the required property in Hopedale for construction of the new proposed DHSD Building. A contract to demolish the old buildings onsite and cleanup the entire site has been awarded to Nunatsiavut Construction. When this work is completed we will have Neil Parrott do the new survey of the site and a firm to complete an environmental soil contamination assessment. We expect this to be done in the fall. A contract for the building design construction tendering and project management has been awarded to Atsanik Consulting Limited. We expect that the design and tendering to be completed by May, 2018 and a construction contract awarded in order that the contractor have materials onsite when navigation season opens in June, 2018. Illusuak. Progress continues on the interior construction and the electrical and mechanical installation. Site meetings and conference calls have been held with the consultants and contractors regarding recommended changes made to the interior design. Consultants to the exhibit and changes to the kitchen café and gift shop areas. The work is commencing as agreed by Nunatsiavut Government consultants and contractors, and all is on schedule for the completion of the building this fall. However, the exhibits will not be completed until sometime in 2018. Prototype Six-plex in Nain. Budgell's

Equipment is making progress on the prototype as scheduled. Bert Philips who is the consultant recommended by CMHC to complete the blower door testing and other monitoring tests on the building during construction has completed his first visit and inspection. Bert was pleased with the quality of work and the inspection went well. The building is expected to be completed in January, 2018. Mr. Speaker, Multiplexes in Nain and Hopedale. The Nunatsiavut Government is constructing two six-unit complexes for supportive living; one to be constructed in Hopedale and one in Nain. The contract for the six-plex in Hopedale was awarded to BERA Construction, and the contract for the same amount of complex in Nain was awarded to Nunatsiavut Construction and the site work in Hopedale is now being completed. Unfortunately, the site for the complex in Nain was not recommended by the civil engineer we contracted to assess the property. So the site had to be abandoned. We are still continuing to consult with interested property owners to purchase property which is large enough to accommodate this six-unit complex which has acceptable soil conditions for the building. Housing. Housing continues to take the majority of our time within Nunatsiavut Affairs. Kate continues to be involved in Aboriginal housing issues at the regional and national level and to promote adequate housing funding for Nunatsiavut. Housing Repairs. A contract to complete the assessment of 52 homes for which avocations were accepted by Nunatsiavut Government to be included in a 2017-2018 Home Repair Program was awarded to Atsanik Consulting Limited.

All 52 homes were assessed and a final report submitted to NG in August. The Selection Committee reviewed the report and recommended the 2017-2018 home repair list from TRHA. In reviewing all the information it was noted that 10 of the homes on our list had already been accepted for repairs this year by TRHA. Therefore we dropped those from our list. The final decision was that NG would accept repairs to 42 homes as follows: Nain, 7. Hopedale, 14. Makkovik, 8. Postville, 2 and Rigolet, 12. Some of these repairs are extensive. However, the assessment report was very useful in that they provided a cost estimate for each home. We have issued a RFP for this home repair work and tender closes September 28th. All work to be completed by March 31st, 2018. Mr. Speaker, Nunatsiavut Housing Strategy. The Nunatsiavut Housing Strategy is still a draft, but the process is ongoing. The housing working group met in August and we discussed in detail the final component required to complete the draft strategy. As a result of that meeting Veryan Haysom is tasked with completing the final draft of the Nunatsiavut Government Housing Strategy for consideration by Nunatsiavut Executive Council. Veryan has completed a draft and the Housing Working Group is reviewing the final version which will be submitted to the NEC for consideration during their meeting in October. If approved by the NEC, Nunatsiavut Housing Strategy will be tabled with the Assembly in the November sitting. Transportation. Marine Transportation. The shipping deadline for guaranteed delivered freight to Nunatsiavut is October 31st. Freight can be shipped after that date, but delivery is not guaranteed, as

it will be subject to weather condition and space available. The Province does not plan to issue an RFP for a new vessel at this time. Instead they told us that they will develop a five-year infrastructure plan for Nunatsiavut communities. An engineer and diving team was to begin visiting the communities as soon as the ice was gone. This team wants to review the wharves, determine what needs to be done with respect to wharf repair and replacement, dredging of the bottom and offloading ramps for containers. The team was also to determine what type and size of freight holding facilities and storage space for containers and other freight and equipment are required. The team was to meet with the Inuit Community Governments and Nunatsiavut Government representatives in each community to discuss the community views on what may be required. We are not aware of any engineers having done this assessment in the communities. We have asked why this is not being done, but we did not have an answer to date. The First Minister intends to meet with the Minister as early as possible to discuss the plans for 2018 Marine Service and Infrastructure Repairs. Nain Airstrip. We are still lobbying Canada and the Province for funding to construct their proposed new airstrip in Nain. Canada still maintains that this is a priority. However, they require a proposal from the Newfoundland and Labrador Government for a cost sharing funding arrangement. Newfoundland and Labrador Government states that although they considered the new proposed Nain strip a priority, the Province has no funds to contribute towards this proposed project. We are continuing

discussions with Canada to determine if funds could be made available in the 2018-2019 Budget. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Minister Kemuksigak. Thank you for presenting on behalf of the Honourable Kate Mitchell who is previously properly excused from today's sitting. Do you wish to say anything on behalf of your own Department this morning.

**MS. KEMUKSIGAK:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to go after the Minister of Health and Social Development.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

As you will. I call upon the Honourable Greg Flowers, Minister of Health and Social Development.

**MR. FLOWERS:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good morning. As most of you are aware, that my Department has had ongoing concerns with the delivery of Child Welfare Services within our communities, including the number of children that are leaving our communities for foster placements, specifically in the Roddington area. On May 5th we met with the Premier Minister of CSSD and senior officials to address our concerns. Several requests has been made and some commitments were made including funds for two social work positions to recruit and retain foster families. Also there is a joint working group on policy and change. We have been meeting regular in working towards these goals. Also in July the Premier committed to the Innu judicial review on their specific issues within CSSD. We were then contacted to see if we were interested in a similar process. So the NAC met, provided us with direction and we met with the Premier

and senior officials with CSSD on July 14th. We stated that we would like to engage in a review of child welfare related to Inuit children, which would be led by the child youth advocate office under the guidance of an independent person. Since that time we have worked with CYA to deliver terms of reference and a list of potential independent consultants to lead this process. This should be finalized by the end of September. Also, Mr. Speaker, as most people are aware and a lot of people heard in the media around our daycares. We have experienced challenges, Mr. Speaker, within Nunatsiavut recruiting daycare operators, and at the end of August we were at risk of not having three daycares open. We have worked very hard to find solutions, and as of this week we have plans to operate all daycares in Nunatsiavut. The biggest issue was recruiting operators in dealing with child care services and the process of monitoring regulations in order to overcome the issues. We have worked with the Province to put in place, a process whereby the provincial inspectors will interact with their Regional Childcare Co-ordinator, Jenny Lyall, and not the daycare operators. She will work with the staff around any concerns that arise. We have also created an administrative assistant with the Nain daycare operated to provide assistance to her to lessen her workload. In the long-term we are working with the Department of Education and Economic Development to provide ECE1 and ECE2 within Nunatsiavut in the very near future. Mr. Speaker, like you are aware, we are having a lot of people moving on through different job opportunities, and we hopefully want to rectify that by, you know, getting more people

out in the workforce around daycare operators. Also, Mr. Speaker, our senior survey is currently be implemented in the communities of Nain and Hopedale. We have contracted Ina Shiwak of Rigolet Inuit Community Government. She has interviewers in place in each community and has provided the necessary training. All interested seniors in the communities age 55 are encouraged to participate. I see a lot of seniors, too, Mr. Speaker, around this Assembly table, so I hope they participate in the senior survey, including Patricia. Just joking. We're also engaged individuals from Nain, Hopedale are currently placed in accommodations with the personal care and type homes, seniors apartments in Happy Valley Goose Bay. Then, Mr. Speaker, we also will engage people from the other three communities as we move forward. The data will be analyzed as soon as it is available and the findings presented back to the communities and shared with the Nunatsiavut Assembly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Thank you, Minister Flowers. And I'll call upon the Minister of Education and Economic Development again, the Honourable Patricia Kemuksigak.

**MS. KEMUKSIGAK:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. This morning I'll present on the Economic Division Report for July to September, 2017. Mr. Speaker, Federal Funding Contracts. We have formally reviewed the 2015-2017 Service Canada Virtual Portal Program in Nain. Service Canada has provided feedback on our recommendations and we are negotiating expanding options for other communities. While this review process continues the current program has been extended until December 31st, 2017. Business



Development. The Division has registered three Inuit businesses to be added to our registry with four additional application requests to be reviewed. The assistance was provided to 29 business support clients between June and September. Eight underground packages and 11 regular site operations were received from Vale with our Division submitting 29 business nominations in 10 companies met prequalification requirements. And, as Minister Shiwak mentioned, there is presently a review at Vale for the underground. So some of the underground mining packages has been put on hold for the time being. Mr. Speaker,

Community Development. We have continued the Hopedale Char Community Freezer Program this year with very limited catch. The program will be reviewed during the winter with the Hopedale Inuit Community Government to determine program revisions and an earlier launch in 2018-2019. We will be hosting a business summit in Nain from November 27th to December 1st. The focus of the event is starting and diversifying businesses. Details on the schedule and sessions are being confirmed. Further details will be provided in the coming weeks. We are working in partnership with DHSD to support the Gordon Foundation Hackathon on Food Security in Nain October 25th and 26th. This sector directly impacts community development and economic opportunities in the region. This event will gather government officials, policy makers, harvesters and others from across the Canadian North and expects to produce recommendations for policy revisions at the Federal Government to increase relevance and functionality of policies around

food security. Mr. Speaker, on a very positive note, during July and August the Division initiated, with support from Youth Ventures Newfoundland and Labrador, an innovative ice cream cart entrepreneurial ship program, Igloo Treats, in all our five Nunatsiavut communities. The program was structured as a semi incubator-type model. Our staff provided the hands-on support and guidance by travelling to each community, selecting the entrepreneur, working with them to create their business plan, run the business and clue up their operations. The program included seven youth operators aging 12 to 14, operating over a four-week period which generated \$3,466.60 in revenue and \$2,174.20 in direct profit to the youth entrepreneurs. Ice cream cart program produced five key deliverables. (1) Provided youth exposure to operating a business. (2) Provided a service to the community. (3) Created a direct local economic impact to youth. (4) Created interest in entrepreneurial ship at an early age and (5) Demonstrated shop local support for businesses for supply purchases and (6) Create community support for entrepreneurs. We'd like to congratulate our newest youth entrepreneurs for showing the confidence to go through the selection and planning process, the pre-service required to operate the business during long hours and demonstrating a flair for customer service. The following: Tristan Denniston and Samantha Saksagiak of Nain, Isiah Pamak of Hopedale, Lucas Lane of Makkokvik, Allyson Gear of Postville, Brianna Wolfrey and Samantha Williams of Rigolet. We'd like to thank the Inuit Community Governments and community DHSD offices for their

support. The program was an outstanding success. We are evaluating the program and determining our approach to leverage this momentum and engage youth during the upcoming winter and summer seasons. Mr. Speaker, Staffing and Training. We are undergoing a seasonal turnover in staff and the hiring process for our Mealy Mountains Business Development Officer, which will begin in October. I'd like to thank Candace Elson and Mary Binky Anderson for their contributions during the summer season, and I would like to welcome Heather Edmunds as she returns from maternity leave to her Business Development Officer position. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Minister Kemuksigak. I believe that concludes our minister statements for today. As I have mentioned previously, the Honourable Jim Lyall has been properly excused by President Lampe. He's dealing with a personal situation. So onto item six, "Member Statements." Are there any member statements for today? Speaker recognizes the AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Marjorie Flowers.

**MS. FLOWERS:**

*Nakummek*, *Uhatti*. Mr. Speaker, this morning I would like to give a brief overview of summer activities. We've had several staff turnovers at HICG since our last Assembly Sitting. The recreation manager resigned her position and left in July. There's been a huge void in running the Nanuk Centre since her departure and she's missed a great deal. HICG would like to thank Catherine Shears for her dedication and commitment as Recreation Manager and wish her well in her future endeavours. Due to financial constraints, HICG has been directed by its counsel to withhold

advertising this position. The Community Youth Network position was filled. However, the worker received an acceptance letter for college and she resigned in August. We thank Cindy Aggek for her work and wish her well in her studies at CONA in Happy Valley Goose Bay. Our Town Manager has submitted her resignation and will be finishing work as of this Friday, September 22nd, 2017. Hopedale Inuit Community Government will thoroughly miss Miss Ketura Abel's expertise as she was a faithful, dedicated and knowledgeable employee for 10 years. Her position was posted, however, we did not receive any applicants, therefore, her position has been re-posted. I'm pleased to say we are making progress with our finances and hopefully by November, 2017 we will have all the Financial Statements up to date. Capital Works Projects. A consultant was hired to complete, to perform an in-depth assessment and analysis of the sewer system with the objective to identify problem areas and to propose financially responsible reliable solutions. Under the same project, Alfonzo's Group completed a cleaning program, a video inspection of the sewer system was made to identify any defects in the system such as sags and broken pipes and joint issues. Because this project has been only just completed, we're still waiting for the report of the findings. We're currently awaiting tender on another capital works project, the Water System Freeze Prevention Upgrades. This funding was approved from the New Building Canada Fund, the 910 Project through Municipal Affairs. Although we are pleased with the funding, it is very frustrating working with the Provincial Government. My fear is that the

contractor will not have time to complete the work before the cold weather sets in. AMEC Foster Wheeler has just completed a desktop study of water supply assessment. The second phase was completed in late August which consisted of collection of water samples from two ponds about one kilometre and more current water supplies. The full report will be completed and handed to us by October, 2017. The Char Fishery Project, as Minister Kemuksigak pointed out, we posted bids for fishers to catch and deliver 3,000 pounds of char to Community Freezer. Unfortunately, we ended up with only a hundred and thirty-six pounds of char for the season. I believe if we are to make this project work, we have to advertise earlier and look at other options to harvest the char. We're very thankful to Nunatsiavut Group of Companies for supplying wood to our community this year. To date we have received three containers of wood which has been distributed to the community members. A new playground and upgrades to the old playground are in the early changes of commencement. We are consulting with a playground consultant to ensure that the playgrounds are up to *Code*. And funding for this project was made possible through the Gas Tax Fund. Launch Way Upgrade. We're looking at one more quote to begin upgrading the launch way. Hopefully we can have this project finished before the cold weather sets in. Cruise ships. We welcome three cruise ships to our town in July. All three cruise ships arrived within the same week, so it was a very busy time for those who participated in the events. As always, we gave our guests some good Hopedale hospitality and much

positive feedback was received. The Rhubarb Festival Committee put off a great week of activities this summer. I believe the highlight was the cardboard boat race, and we were pleased that a participant from the Canada C3 Ship could join us in the race. It was the grand finale of their time spent in Hopedale. In closing, Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend our thanks to Lisa Rankin and her team of archaeologists from MUN who worked 10 weeks on the Agvitok Project. This project was requested by HICG with the support of Tradition and Transition's Research Partnership between Memorial University and Nunatsiavut Government. The project had several aims. To locate, excavate and learn more about original Inuit settlement of Agvitok, which underlies the present Hopedale community and other nearby sites. It also was to communicate their findings to the community and use research to facilitate knowledge transfer between youth and elders in Hopedale and to undertake a ground penetrating radar survey of the Moravian Cemetery in order to identify locations of all grades enabling the community to properly mark and care for the cemetery. Here ends my member statement. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Flowers. Speaker now recognizes the Chairman of NunaKâtiget Inuit Community Corporation, Mr. Gary Mitchell.

**MR. MITCHELL:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker, and welcome to your new role as Chair and Speaker, and I hope I won't give you any problems this morning, I make it a smooth ride. My statement today is just a brief report on NunaKâtiget Corporation activities since I last addressed the Assembly back in March, as I didn't attend the June sitting due to a family matter. It's pretty much

business as usual at NunaKâtiget Corporation with the Community Freezer Program being our main activity. At the present time we are carrying salmon, char, cod filets, blueberries, red berries, strawberries, corn and peas. We are presently buying fresh blueberries from local berry pickers and we hope to get a good lot this year because it's a good year for berries. We're expecting to get an order of corn codfish brought in later this month. We had a successful salmon fishery whereby we filled all hundred and fifty salmon tags that were contributed to us by the Nunatsiavut Government Department of Lands and Natural Resources, and we thank them for the contribution of the hundred and fifty salmon tags. Just recently we're fortunate enough to receive a moose licence from the Province to harvest the moose in the Grand Lake area and hope we can get that one harvested before too long. We also hope to get another moose from Nunatsiavut Government later this fall. We are continuing our farm project again this year and working in partnership with Nature Best Farms to harvest crisp produce for the beneficiaries to use to Community Freezer. We'll be delivering a fall package to each of the households and, if funds allow, we'll also plan to deliver a small Christmas package as well of fresh produce. We are hoping to try and offer a snowshoe making course again this year and see how much interest there is out there if we can get enough participants for it. We had to cancel the course last winter because people were having work commitments and family responsibilities and there wasn't enough interest to put off the course. Hopefully we'll get around to doing one

this year, though. We'll again be offering some sort of sewing course. No decision made yet on what type. We did offer a moose hide slipper making course last spring which worked out well. We'd like to do these kind of courses because it keeps people in line with their culture and they can do things and can keep the tradition going, sewing and snowshoe making, things like that. Last winter there was some discussion by our Board and representatives from other organizations in the Upper Lake Melville area to research the possibilities of setting up our own local radio station in the Upper Lake Melville area. We held a meeting with Dr. Tom Gordon from Traditions and Transition partnership, Ivan Kempke from Grenfell College and Fred Campbell. The letter was sent to the NEC on this matter and, in the reply from the NEC, we were basically told they did not support NunaKâtiget Corporation in its intention in its bid to apply to the CRTC for a community radio station in Upper Lake Melville area. The main reason being that one of our bylaws states that we are prohibited from running a deficit, and I assume that taken on the responsibility of running a radio station may use up our funds due to the uncertain financial things revolving around such a project. We have accepted that decision of the NEC, however, I'd like to make a few comments on the paragraph that was in the letter that we received from the NEC indicating that they didn't support our bid for the radio station. One of the paragraphs reads, "Additionally, the OK Society Ltd. has a mandate to provide a regional Inuit communications service to the north coast and Upper Lake Melville Region of Labrador. This Board of



Directors has an Inuk representative from Happy Valley Goose Bay Northwest River and as well as the Nunatsiavut Government. Given this, it is possible that a licence application from your corporation might be seen as duplicating the services of the OK Society Ltd." I like to comment on that because, with all due respect, the OkâlaKatiget Society does a good job of programming and reaching out to the people in Labrador who can hear the signal there. The reason why we wanted to have our own local radio station is because we like to feel connected to each other. Dr. Tom Gordon met with me previous to this meeting we had last winter and we talked about trying to promote our culture and traditions, and we thought a radio station, the media, was a good way of bringing people together. We thought having our own local radio station in Upper Lake Melville area would provide that connection aside from OkâlaKatiget programming community committee. We can do our own interviews, our own music, talk to people in the community about things, talk to Ministers that come through Happy Valley Goose Bay which we don't see that often at our office and find out what's going on and get updates from the Nunatsiavut Government to benefit the beneficiaries in the Upper Lake Melville area. We thought a radio station would do that for us, but we accept the fact that as a corporation we can't apply for it, but we certainly encourage any committee in the Upper Lake Melville to pursue this because we'd still like to have our own. I don't think we just should be told that somebody else will look after you. We'd like to have our radio station and do our own programming. I think we deserve that

this day and age, you know. Anyway, getting onto the thing. When the community of Mud Lake was impacted by flooding last spring NunaKâtiget Corporation chipped in, in a small way providing some food trays to the people who were shuffling in the bed and breakfast. We also donated and delivered 15 cases of water to the community of Mud Lake. I'd like thank Ordinary Member Roy Blake for the use of his boat and helping us to take the water over and Glen Bird and helped us with the load that day, and I think Honourable Member Roy was involved in different trips of Mud Lake with water. And last, but not least, we'll be having our AGM October 3rd and we would like all beneficiaries, Happy Valley Goose Bay and Mud Lake to attend. At the AGM, also, we'll be celebrating the 10th Anniversary of our Community Freezer. We feel this is a tremendous milestone and that has provided well for the past 10 years to our seniors and disabled persons in the area, and we very much appreciate the support of everyone who has made contributions to keep the Community Freezer going. All board members, past and present, should be commended for playing a large role in maintaining and supporting the Community Freezer Program. I'd also like to commend the late Max Winters who has past Chairperson and Assembly Member for his significant role in helping to set up this valuable asset, and to Jenny Effer-Elson for her role in keeping the program going in her capacity as Chairperson and Assembly Member. And I'd like to thank Ordinary Members Roy Blake and Patricia Kemuksigak for their support in helping to keep the program going. We work together well on things like

that. We certainly aim to keep this valuable program running as long as we can to give our seniors a little taste of traditional healthy foods as part of their tradition and culture. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Thank you for your statement, Chairperson Mitchell. The Chair now recognizes the AngajukKâk from Makkovik, Mr. Herb Jacque.

**MR. JACQUE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. *Ullâkut Ilonnasi*. First of all, recently we were saddened to have lost three of our residents' loved ones in our community. We would like to send sincere condolences to the families of the late Carol Dyson, Eric Anderson and Clara Ford. Also sincere condolences to all of the other communities within Nunatsiavut and the Canadian Constituency who have lost loved ones. When all communities lose a loved one, we all feel and we are all affected. We also would like to recognize one of our seniors who reside in the long-term care facility in Happy Valley Goose Bay. Muriel Anderson, she celebrated her 100th birthday on the 2nd of September, and we wish her all the best. A huge thank you to the Recreation Department and volunteers for another successful trout festival within our community. It was our 27th, and it occurred from August 8th to the 12th, and we had a tremendous time. Congratulations to Germaine Anderson in her new position as Community Development Officer and Kyle Gear in his new position as Municipal Maintenance Assistant. We welcome them both and wish them all the best. Thanks to all the volunteers for their hard work and efforts in welcoming two cruise ships in our community this summer. It was very successful. We had a great, grand time. Thanks to Torngat Fish

Producers Co-op. We are grateful for another successful fishing season, along with NG's support, Mr. Shiwak, which brought employment to our community and they are still in operation. Budgell's Construction was the successful contractor for work on our dock and break water ridge is now ongoing and our spillway repairs which will commence next season. It was too late this year because of the temperatures. A warm welcome back to our teachers for another school year and the best of luck to all students that have returned including all PSSP students. Welcome two new teachers to our communities; Alicia Mercer and Jeremy Kutch and Susannah Jararuse in filling the position as *Inuttitut* Curriculum Development replacing Sophie Tuglavina, who just recently retired in June. We appreciate the repairs that will occur this fall for our local residents to their homes from two repair programs from Torngat Regional Housing Association and NG, and for the employment for our local residents. We extend a warm welcome to all students, coaches attending that fall sports week in Makkovik starting this weekend from September 21st to the 23rd. We wish them well. Last, but not least, our First Minister's not here today. It's her birthday. We wish her a very Happy Birthday and many more, and we wish her a very speedy recovery. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Thank you, AngajukKâk Jacque. Speaker now recognizes the Chairperson of the Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation, Mr. Derek Montague.

**MR. MONTAGUE:**

Thank you. Since this is my first time speaking, if I do go over time, I will not be offended if there is a point of order. And since I did miss last

meeting, I do have a lot to report on. As you all know, we do have a very popular Community Freezer which is very busy throughout the week. We supply salmon, cod, moose and on top of that we're hoping to get berries, and we also got a community garden which will soon be harvested so people can have fresh vegetables. In terms of new programming, since I got on board, I'm happy to say that over the summer due to a lot of requests from seniors in our community, we started a program where we send somebody out to help seniors and those with physical disabilities with yard work, and we were able to mow the lawns and do a bit of weed care for those who feel that it's getting a bit difficult to do that type of labour or chores, and it was kind of a pilot project to get ready for the winter when we expect to be in demand when snow shovelling comes so I'm happy to say that news is getting around town that we're offering that service and we got some funding put aside to continue that into the winter. Many years ago Sivunivut was able to obtain several musical instruments that has kind of been sitting on the shelf for a while. I'm happy to say that about a week or two ago Mina Campbell came forward and offered herself to be an instructor and we have started guitar lessons. And that we have now a full slate. All vacancies has been filled for guitar lessons in the community. We are hoping in the future to start accordion lessons, fiddle, and we also have traditional drums, and we will soon be looking, hopefully, if the funding allows, to have those lessons going on in the future. This coming Sunday we are funding, in partnership with the local Department of Health and

Social Development, a harvest fair festival which will have games, prizes for largest potato, largest carrot, weirdest vegetable people have hauled up out of their gardens this fall and they'll also get a chance to throw pies in my face as well. I did not come up with that idea. That was DHSD.

And I'd like to applaud the ladies who worked at our Department of Health and Social Development. Year around they are great at coming up with these type of community events and they get a very large turnout, and we really enjoy working with them. Due to careful budgeting, we expect to have a very busy fall and, luckily, this is the time of year in Northwest River when our beneficiaries are really seem to be amped up to learn new skills and try new things. We haven't made final decisions yet, but we are considering quilting courses, sealskin making such as vests, snowshoe making. We're even looking, due to demand, to even a purchase a community canoe which can be accessed by beneficiaries.

There are a lot of canoe races in Central Labrador right now. It's very hard to come by a two-person canoe, and we think we might have the funding to even provide that for the community and, thankfully, the Labrador Heritage Society has been willing to offer us warehouse space to store that. So and one last thing that I'd like to touch upon is way back in May there was a meeting held in Happy Valley Goose Bay. Roy was there, I believe. Patricia was there. It was when the NEC met, and it really opened my eyes. There was a lot of frustration expressed over membership issues and people not feeling secure with their Nunatsiavut memberships, and frustration that some of their family members have

lost memberships or have lost their appeals. And the last thing that I would like to say is that in Northwest River that frustration exists too with a lot of people and a lot of families, and now that I'm part of this Assembly, I hope that we can all look at that issue surrounding memberships and how we might be able to strengthen it. Thank you.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Thank you, Chairperson Montague. And if you could do me the courtesy of letting me know when that pie throwing event's going to be, I might make a stop down for that one. The Chair now recognizes the AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Mr. Jack Shiwak.

**MR. J. SHIWAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I see you have a bigger desk so it moved me a bit further away from mic. But I won't take too much time this morning. I'd just like to first extend my condolences on behalf of the community of Rigolet to all those who have lost loved ones since we last sat and, you know, it's sad when you hear some of these older people going aside because they take so much information with them, and it does add to our knowledge of a way of life that used to be. This morning I'd like to commend CBDC and the partnership with the Department of Education and Economic Development that we have right there, for the Youth Ventures Program that went on this summer. From all accounts, I hear it was a really positive program that went ahead. I know, since this has happened, I've been told that there are young people sitting down trying to write business plans and bringing them into the office in Rigolet and say, hey, this is my business plan. Do you think it will work? So, you know, you have installed into our younger generation the opportunities

and showed them that, you know, it can work, and I think that's very important. Just to stay with this topic, you know, I hope that, you know, your departments, CBDC, whoever can help, will all join together and push these projects forward because at the end of the day we're all getting older. I know I am, anyway. I feel it every day. These are the people who's going to eventually build our communities. These are the people who's going to say whether these communities survive. And without their help, their knowledge, their interest and the interest we've shown them today in building these communities, you know, many of these communities are not going to survive because, you know, when you look at a community like mine, you know, those who work leave the community to work. We want to bring them back, and I think this is one way of bringing them back. So, you know, I'd just like to once again commend Minister Kemuksigak and her department and CBDC on a very well-run project. Thank you very much.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Thank you, AngajukKâk Shiwak. The Chair now recognizes Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Mr. Roy Blake.

**MR. BLAKE:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. *Ullâkut Ilonnasi*. Mr. Speaker, this morning I would like to take the time to congratulate a youth from Happy Valley Goose Bay, Victoria Burden, a Nunatsiavut beneficiary who had the opportunity to travel to Toronto in August of this year. Mr. Speaker, she competed in the Miss Canada Globe Productions Pageant. From the time Victoria was accepted as a finalist, she devoted her time to fundraise and collect donations from local businesses in Happy Valley Goose Bay in



preparation for the pageant, including a return air fare for herself and her mother as this young lady is only 14 years old. Mr. Speaker, Victoria proudly brought home the regional title of Miss Teen Atlantic Canada Globe and was also awarded the honorary national title of Miss Teen Canada Charity. Victoria will be representing Canada in the Dominican Republic at this Miss Teen Beauty International Pageant in the spring of 2018. Just a bit of a background of Victoria, her parents are Glen and Anna Burden. She comes from a family of six. She does a lot of volunteering in our community. Also, Mr. Speaker, she attends the Mealy Mountain Collegiate in Upper Lake Melville, and I want to commend Victoria and wish her all the best in her future endeavours, also good luck in the Dominican Republic in the upcoming pageant. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Thank you, Ordinary Member Blake. The Chair now recognizes Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Richard Pamak.

**MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good morning, everyone. Mr. Speaker, as you may know, our community has been hit hard by a number of deaths recently as our community is grieving the loss of eight members of our community since the last sitting of this Assembly. Although our community is in shock and struggling, our community remains strong. Families are feeling the comfort knowing that individuals, groups, businesses, the whole community comes out together to assist them in time of need. Mr. Speaker, when Nain struggle our community always seems to find a way to help grieving families. I want to take this time to

thank the countless individuals, Nain Care, businesses such as Northern Hanes, the Department of Health and Social Development for having walk-in clinics for those needing support services, Air Borealis, and others that find a way to contribute where they can. And I understand that Ullapisait will be looking to organize something for the community in the near future. Deepest condolences going out to the families of the late Julius Ikkusek, Mary Murphy, Christian Lampe, Robbie Anderson, Bill Denniston, Karrie Mister Obed, James Ittulak or Kohlmeister and Pauline Saksagiak. Mr. Speaker, our community can and is a very busy community with so much happening more and more every year. Nain was once a quiet, slow-paced little town. Now the town bustles with activity. This summer Nain has seen two cruise ships, the Canada C3, celebrating Canada 150, Canadian Forces Operation Nanuk, new construction of apartments and homes, just to name a few. Mr. Speaker, I just want to take the time to highlight some very positive things that has happened, or is happening, in our community, and today I want to share some of the personal achievements and will certainly follow up with more tomorrow. Mr. Speaker, two of our youth, Megan Dicker and Jonathan Lidd were chosen to attend the Indigenous Youth Leadership Adventure Nukmak that took youth from all across Canada to travel to Halifax then on to France to participate in a leadership development and skills building experience. Truly an amazing experience for them both. I also want to say that Megan also participated in a unique opportunity to perform in *Inuttitut* with the Shallaway Youth Choir in Ottawa. Mr.

Speaker, highlight. Runner from Nain. The first athlete to win medal for Newfoundland and Labrador for Nunatsiavut at the North American Indigenous Games in Toronto. Jeremy Hall won bronze in the 3K cross country final. An amazing accomplishment for Nunatsiavut from one of our athletes. Mr. Speaker, not only did he win one, but he won two bronze medals. Another in the under 16 1,200-metre sprint.

Congratulations, Jeremy. The community of Nain and Nunatsiavut is so proud of you. This year two students from Nain took part in the 2017 Arctic Expedition sponsored by the Students on Ice. That took more than 100 youth around the world on a trip across the Arctic with aspiring scientists, elders, educators, artists, musicians and so on in an opportunity to acquire first-hand knowledge and insight into the dynamic change of climate change. A great experience for both Julian Dicker and Star Webb. I'd also like to take this time to thank Department of Education and Economic Development for help sponsoring two of our youth to attend Students on Ice Program. Mr. Speaker, it is so great to see many programs for youth available to them to gain experience and to be able to travel the world. There are many programs being offered for youth today like this, and at the community level as well, compared to when I was young. We've always said that the youth is our future and, with programs like this, we do see the youth advancing and becoming more educated and that youth will one day lead us. Youth like the ones I've mentioned here today will one day lead us. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Thank you, Ordinary Member Pamak. Speaker now recognizes the AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker.

**MR. DICKER:**

*Nakummek, Uhatti.* I'd like to thank Honourable Ordinary Member for making my report a lot shorter. You mentioned a few things that I had written down here. My first thank you, I guess, Mr. Speaker, is to the Nunatsiavut Group of Companies for their donation of wood once again this year. They've been coming earlier this year and that's a blessing because we have now been able to stock wood for the elders and the disabled as they get ready for the cold or fall. It's been a cold summer, and the fall seems like it's going to be a cold one too. So thank you to NGC. We expect to have 90 cords delivered, Mr. Speaker. They're not all in Nain yet. We expect our last load on the Astron at our next trip to Goose Bay. And I'd like also to recognize the volunteers that are delivering the wood. Without them, it's not possible because as Inuit Community Governments know our funding is low and we are short-staffed. *Nakummek* to the Nunatsiavut Government and the House for dealing quickly at the last sitting with sand quarry. Everything is in order and we're running smoothly, and thank you for that. We've had the pleasure of posting the National Youth Summit early in August and that was taking place at the Youth Centre in Nain, at the Jerry Sillett Community Centre, I should say. And also later on this month, as Honourable President Johannes Lampe mentioned, we will be hosting the ITK and the ICC delegation as they arrive in Nain next week. We welcome them as AngajukKâk and speaking to them about our issues we have in

our community. Last month or early July we had an assessment done at our Nain Husky Centre by a company called Lat 49. And we needed that assessment to show us what needs to be repaired and how our Husky Centre is going to be need to be updated, I guess, for the next, at least, 5 to 10 years because with the funding that we need for a new arena, we don't expect that money to come about for that long. It's going to take lots of time and effort to raise the money. The report says that in three stages there's a lot of work that needs to be done. Unfortunately, because of the condition of the building itself and the recommendations because of health and safety to the employees and to the community members, we have to shut down the Husky Centre for at least this fall. It is possible that we will get funding, and we are hopeful that we can get that done this fall before the ice season starts, but that's still up in the air as we are as a community government now in the process of seeking that funding. But I'm sure that will come through. The contract for the Charles Lake Interconnection through the community has been awarded to NCI, the Nunatsiavut Construction Inc., and that's on schedule. The changeover should be completed by the end of this month if not early October and we should be finally hooked up to Charles Lake. That's overdue since 2012. However, the Nain subdivision development is delayed once again. There was some issues around the bidding process, or the tender bidding process, and is now before a court judge to make a ruling on which way to go. There was some mistakes made in the proceedings with regards to our side as Inuit Community Government

and on the other side to the bidder. So rather than taking the possibility of being sued or going to court or getting sued, we brought our issue before a judge to make the ruling for us. And that should take at least a month, we expect, and because of that long process, our construction season for the fall is out the window. There may be a possibility that the contract may be awarded, but because of the construction season, it's only top layer of the land that will be escalated this year, that there will be no development for houses. I'll update the Assembly at our next meeting and possibly be updating the AngajukKâat at our next Joint Management Committee in Makkovik. I believe it was in Postville. As Richard mentioned, in closing, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to recognize the community members of my own community of Nain. As Richard said, we were struggling, but we'll get through it. With all the network of support organizations, both government and local, and all the volunteers pitching in, the Nain Community has not faltered, but grown stronger. And I can tell you that from all the love and compassion that everyone drew from that this time of relief we will get through it, and I'd like to thank the community for that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That's my report.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Thank you, AngajukKâk Dicker. Are there any other statements from people who want to make a statement? The Chair recognizes the AngajukKâk for Postville, Diane Gear.

**MS. GEAR:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Unlike Nain, our community has been relatively quiet this past summer with not too much on the go. First of all, I'd like to say to the athletes taking part in the upcoming sports meet – this is to

be held in Makkovik this week – I'd like to wish them all good luck in whatever sport they're participating in, renew old friendships and make new ones. Play fair and have fun. We had a few breakdowns at our pump house over the summer. We're still waiting for some parts to come in. These parts have been ordered ever since early August. We started having problems at our pump house in July, and the last we heard was yesterday. It was stuck in Customs because it had to be ordered from England, so it's been almost a month trying to get to Postville. So hopefully by the 28th of September is the date that we're looking at now to get these repairs done. It's cost our town a lot of money, you know, over time because we have to have somebody going and turning the pumps on, then go back in again another couple of hours and turn them off. So it's been a really cost to our community, something we didn't have in our budget either. We're also waiting on contractors to come into and do some work at our water intake. Our water intake is a bit short in where the water falls and rises sometimes and, you know, it can cause problems. So we're having somebody come in and do an extension at our intake. Hopefully that will be done soon. Contract has been awarded, but we're not sure when they'll be in. Maybe within two weeks. We're also looking at some staff changes within the coming weeks within our PICG. Pauline Manak, our Recreation Director, she's leaving and, also, Christopher Brennan, our Assistant Town Clerk, he's also leaving. We want to wish them all the best in their future endeavours and say a big thank you for everything they've done to our

community. We also want to say thank you to Ruth Jacque. Ruth is our Tourism Development Officer. She's done a lot over the past couple of years to promote tourism in our community, so a big thank you going out to her. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Thank you, AngajukKâk Gear. One of the things that I did in preparation for this sitting – as you all know, I'm new to this Assembly and new to this position – one of the things that I did to prepare myself for today's events and the events of tomorrow was to review CD's in the proceedings of previous Assemblies. I thought it was important for myself to get a handle on the decorum, procedures and protocols. In reviewing those proceedings, I can say with absolute certainty and clarity that my predecessor, the Honourable Tyler Edmunds, did a very commendable job of maintaining a neutral and impartial balance in his role of Speaker. I recognize, based upon the performance of my predecessors, including Mr. Edmunds, the absolute importance of maintaining that appearance and maintain that optics of absolute impartiality. It would be impossible for the Speaker to perform his duties and to adjudicate over disputes, conflicts, disagreements if that appearance of impartiality was in any way impinged upon. That being said, I'm here today with two hats. I'm here as Speaker of this Assembly, but I'm also here as the Ordinary Member for Canada. With current circumstances, it is only myself who represents the approximate 30 percent of our beneficiary who live within the constituency of Canada. My personal belief is that it's important for the activities of our constituency to be reflected into the record here today



and for me to be able to give a report as Ordinary Member to this Assembly. I understand and recognize that there has never been practice, a consistent practice, I should say, of the Speaker making a member statement within the confines of these Assembly walls. That being said, there is provision in the Standing Orders for that to happen. I will read out to you Standing Order 16-1, and it reads, "The Assembly may waive any Standing Order, procedure, practice, custom or precedent by unanimous consent." What I'm requesting is that the Assembly provide their unanimous consent such that I can appoint the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Mr. Roy Blake, as a temporary Speaker such that I can a member statement on behalf of the constituency of Canada today. Is there anybody within this Assembly who does not grant consent to me doing so? Hearing nothing, I take that consent as unanimous. Mr. Roy Blake, can you come and assume the Speaker's chair, please.

**MR. BLAKE:**

Thank you. I would like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Canada, Mr. Edward Rudkowski, for his member statement.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. It's been a very busy summer in the Constituency of Canada. We've had the benefit of having quite a few events within my area which are extremely well attended by beneficiaries from all over Nunatsiavut and from Upper Lake Melville. We had – see as the new guy, you always get something wrong. We had the North American Indigenous Games, and I had the pleasure of attending those games and catching some of the volleyball action. I was par there with a

contingent from ITK and some other local Inuit organizations, and it was with great pride we got to watch some of the volleyball and the badminton activities. I can say with absolute certainty that our athletes did extremely well, and I was proud to be there as a represent of Nunatsiavut Government, and I believe there was a genuine appreciation from our participants that they had someone from NG come and cheer them on. In the same vein, I also had the absolute honour of attending the World Dwarf Games which we had one of our beneficiaries from Rigolet, Brooklyn Wolfrey, was attended those games, and she played on, I believe, six or seven different teams. Anything from volleyball to floor hockey, she was there, along with Charlotte and David Wolfrey and, again, it was a pleasure to be able to witness those first-hand. The appreciation that came from our beneficiaries who were in attendance was genuine, and it was a real treat for me personally, and I think it was important that our government be seen to be supporting our beneficiaries when they're outside the Land Claims Area. Quite recently I also helped Mr. Jim Igloliorte arrange a meeting of residential school survivors in Ottawa. We set that up and we had our beneficiaries, survivors of the residential school experience, attend and get an update on what's happening with the federal apology. So that was quite interesting. As you may or may not be aware, I'm mid-point right now in a tour of Eastern Canada so I left in my clunker van from Toronto some days ago, made my way to Goose Bay with stops along the way, flew here to Hopedale and, from here, I will conduct constituency events in

Cartwright where we have approximately 80 beneficiaries. St. Anthony, where again we have a clump of beneficiaries concentrated in along the northern part of the Northern Peninsula. From there to Halifax where we have a constituency event in Halifax, and from then onto Ottawa where we have a constituency event in Ottawa. As many of you are probably aware, our constituency population in Ottawa is reasonably healthy, as it is for all Inuit groups from across Canada. For whatever reason there seems to be quite a few Inuit who move south and relocate to Ottawa. So it's been a busy, busy time for the Canadian Constituency. We continue to reach out and to engage our beneficiaries, many of whom have not felt engaged and not felt a part of NG for quite some time. That being said there is, in my perception, a genuine sentiment and regard for people who have left Nunatsiavut for whatever reason and however long ago. There's a genuine perception that they want to stay connected and they want to stay in touch. You know, I think Ordinary Member Pamak mentioned the passing of Karrie Obed. I didn't know Mr. Obed personally, but I can tell you, and I made mention of this to several people here already over the past day or so, was that the passing of that individual was felt as far away as Toronto, and I can feel, again, even in the absence of me having a personal relationship with Mr. Obed, he clearly left a mark that was felt nationwide, and I will be continuing to expand our efforts to engage our beneficiaries. Deputy Speaker Pat Ford, and Ordinary Member Pat Ford continues to be off with sick leave, and it's my aspiration that she can rejoin our fold sometime later on this year.

That's yet to be determined, but I just wanted to bring everyone up to speed on what we're doing in Canada. Approximately 30 percent of our beneficiaries here, and we're doing work, I think, which needs to be done and which people, hopefully even back here, feel the benefit of. And one thing I would like to leave with everyone around this room is that if people are travelling and they're coming through our area, come by, stop by our office. We have a very tiny office as President Lampe has seen first-hand, but we have a beautiful building where we're relocated in a beautiful building. We're trying to let people know that we're there as a support mechanism for people passing through and, hopefully, people will take advantage of that. Thank you.

**MR. BLAKE:**

Thank you. I now return the Speaker's Chair to the Speaker, the Honourable Edward Blake-Rudkowski.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Looking at the clock, let's take a 10-minute recess for everyone to attend to their individual needs.

(Recess)

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Welcome back from break. I'm going to call very briefly upon the AngajukKâk from Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker. Joe has a correction for us. Thank you, Joe.

**MR. DICKER:**

Thank you. *oKalitik*. I mention *oKalitik*, sir, because it is the right term that you use for your position. I've noticed that around the table when you are address in our own age you have been addressed as *oKatti*. *oKatti* means translator, and *oKalitik* is speaker. So I'd like to make that

point known, that when the Honourable members in this building are speaking in the *Inuttitut* language, which is the language of the Nunatsiavut Government, that they address you as *oKalitik*, not as *oKatti*. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

And, thank you, AngajukKâk Dicker, for bringing that to our attention. As you know, the auditors are in town. I'm seeking unanimous consent to change the *Orders of the Day*. So with your consent, with the consent of everyone here in the Assembly, I want to proceed to item number 15. To hear from the auditors. Do I have unanimous consent to change the *Orders of the Day* to allow the auditors to go next? I recognize the Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Richard Pamak.

**MR. PAMAK:**

I guess before we proceed, Mr. Speaker, that it's my understanding that, you know, Standing Orders, they are set and that we follow the Standing Orders. I don't really see any options, first, in Standing Orders to waive any sections to jump around on the Standing Orders. If there is, please enlighten me.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

I think what comes into play is Standing Order 16(1) which I just referenced previous to our break and, again, just for the sake of clarity, Ordinary Member Pamak, I'll re-read Standing Order 16(1) which states, "The Assembly may waive any Standing Order procedure, practice, custom or precedent by unanimous consent." And that's the vehicle by which we would amend the *Orders of the Day*. So there is provision in the Standing Orders to make that adjustment. Do you have anything further to ask, Ordinary Member Pamak?

**MR. PAMAK:**

Yes, Mr. Speaker. I guess it just needs clarity on Standing Order 24 then. So all items on the *Orders of the Day* shall be taken up according to their precedents on the order paper. I guess, just a misunderstanding of Standing Order 16(1), (2) as well. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

I appreciate the point that you're making, Ordinary Member Pamak. But again 16(1) allows us to waive that Standing Order given, if we have the unanimous consent of the Assembly. So that's why I referenced Standing Order 16(1). Again, so there is a provision within the Standing Orders to allow us to amend the *Orders of the Day*. All that is barring us from proceeding is unanimous consent. So I will say it again. Do I have unanimous consent to change these *Orders of the Day*? Any opposed? We shall move to item 15 and amend the Standing Order to item number 15 on the *Orders of the Day*. Given the newness of my position, I apologize, but I should have referenced move to item number 14. I apologize for that. So again I will ask the same question. Do I have unanimous consent to move to item number 14, I should say, and to make item number 14 the next *Order of the Day*, which is the Tabling of Documents. I recognize Mr. Richard Pamak, the Ordinary Member for Nain.

**MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If I may be permitted to ask a question as to why we're jumping around on the *Orders of the Day* and waiving certain sections. Maybe if you can give us the explanation to the Assembly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Well, the last move from item 15 was entirely my error and, to all, I apologize for that. I should have asked for unanimous consent to item 14, and I beg your pardon for that misstep but, as you know, Ordinary Member Pamak, we have the auditors in town. We're trying to accommodate their schedule as best we can, and that's why I'm asking for the consent of the Assembly to move to item 14, to accommodate the auditors who are here. And, as my Clerk so rightly pointed out, the item 14 would allow us the tabling of the documents which has to occur before we actually discuss it. I ask again, is there anybody who does not grant consent to move to item 14? I recognize Gary Mitchell.

**MR. MITCHELL:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

I apologize. I recognize the Chairperson.

**MR. MITCHELL:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On my *Orders of the Day* there's two number 14's, so is one of them supposed to be 15 because it's a type error. Do you have a type error, two 14's there?

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Just for clarity. Thank you for your question. Just for clarity, there was a typo in the *Orders of the Day*. Specifically I'm referring to, Speaker, item 14, Tabling of Documents. That's the item 14 I'm referring to and, again, I apologize for the confusion that the typo has created. But thank you for your keen eye, Chairperson Mitchell. Are there any other questions? I move on to item number 14, "Tabling of Documents." The Speaker would like to recognize the Nunatsiavut Treasurer, the Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek, oKalitik.* I am pleased to table the Consolidated Financial Statements of the Nunatsiavut Government for the year ended March 31, 2017 and the Report on the Audited Annual Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended March 31st, 2017. *Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.*

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek, Honourable Minister Edmunds.* The documents will be numbered as tabled document 01-316 and tabled document 02-316. I will again like to recognize the Nunatsiavut Treasurer, the Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek.* Again, Honourable Speaker, I am pleased to table the Section 111 Report as required under the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act.* *Nakummek.*

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek, Honourable Minister Edmunds.* The document will be numbered as tabled document 03-316. I'd like to recognize the Minister of Education and Economic Development, the Honourable Patricia Kemuksigak.

**MS. KEMUKSIGAK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of the First Minister, in her absence I would like to table the Nunatsiavut Election Officer Report for the bi-election for Nain and also for Canadian Constituency.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek, Honourable Minister Kemuksigak.* The document will be numbered as tabled document 04-316. I'd like to recognize the President of Nunatsiavut, the Honourable Johannes Lampe.



**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. I would like to table the Nunatsiavut Assembly calendar 2018. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Honourable President. The document will be numbered as tabled document 05-316. Are there any more documents to be tabled? If not, we can move onto item, item number 15, I apologize. I'm having problems with numbers today. Item 15 on our *Orders of the Day*. Honourable Member from Nain, Mr. Pamak.

**MR. PAMAK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You did seek consent from the Assembly to move to item 14. I think that was quite clear. Are you now looking for consent to move onto other items after 14? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** In retrospect I should have asked for item 14 and sequentially after that, but it was my oversight and I apologize again to all. So I will be asking for unanimous consent. So I will be asking to move onto items 15 and, since we have covered item 14, I will be asking for consent to move onto items 15 and subsequent to that item 16 to change the *Orders of the Day* so that we can deal with item 15 and 16 sequentially at this time. Do I have consent from all to move onto item 15? Seeing no objections, I take that as a consent. Item 15, "Notices of Motion". I'd like to recognize the Nunatsiavut Treasurer, the Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek, oKalitik*. I give notice that on Wednesday, September 20th, I will move, seconded by the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak that tabled document 01-3(16) and tabled document 02-3(16) be referred to the Committee of the Whole for

discussion with witnesses from Deloitte LLP and the Nunatsiavut comptroller, Ms. Rexanne Crawford. Mr. Speaker, I will be seeking unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 37(1) so that we can deal with this motion today under item 17, "Motions".

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Thank you, Honourable Minister Edmunds. There are no more notices of motion today. Onto item 16, "Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills." There are no notices of motions for the first reading of bills today. Onto item 17, "Motions". Minister Edmunds, I understand that you wish to proceed with the motion you gave notice to earlier.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Speaker. Yes, *oKalitik*. I am seeking unanimous consent to proceed with my motion that the Consolidated Financial Statements of the Nunatsiavut Government for the year ended March 31, 2017 and the Report on the Audited Annual Consolidated Financial Statements for year ended March 31, 2017, go into the Committee of the Whole for consideration with the appropriate witnesses.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Minister Edmunds is seeking unanimous consent to proceed with his motion today. Are all participants in the Assembly consenting? I'm noting there are no nays. Mr. Minister, please proceed.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Speaker and Members. Whereas the Consolidated Financial Statements of the Nunatsiavut Government for the year ended March 31, 2017 and the Report on the Audited Annual Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2017 have been tabled in our Assembly, and whereas the Assembly should

consider these documents within the Committee of the Whole with witnesses from the auditors and the comptroller. Now, therefore, I move, seconded by the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak, that tabled document 01-3(16) and tabled document 02-3(16) be referred to the Committee of the Whole for consideration with witnesses from Deloitte LLP and comptroller of the Nunatsiavut Government, Ms. Rexanne Crawford.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

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

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. Just quickly, and I wanted to say that, of course, this is a process that we go through each year. It's a great opportunity for our Members to consider the statements in the Committee of the Whole where we have a bit more freedom to answer any questions. Great opportunity to learn a few extra things from the auditors and to look at this report in great detail. And that the Assembly should approve this motion so that we can proceed with the consideration of these documents.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Does anyone else wish to speak to the motion? Sorry, my apologies. Go ahead. Please state the motion, Minister Edmunds.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. I thought I had already read the motion.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

So, as I understand it, we are now in Committee of the Whole. Did you wish to bring the auditors in?

**MR. EDMUNDS:** Just quickly, Mr. Speaker. I had read my motion. I think that – no, I did provide my comments on the actual motion. I know you asked if any other Member comments on that particular motion. I believe that's where we were within this stage of the motion. And, Mr. Speaker, you know, should no other Member comment on this motion then we proceed with my opportunity to conclude debate.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** We are now in Committee of the Whole and I invite the auditor to address the Assembly. I overlooked?

**MR. MONTAGUE:** Yeah, you asked for comments on the motion, correct, Mr. Speaker? Could I just please ask the Minister to repeat the motion. I had a hard time hearing it. My apologies.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** The speaker recognizes the Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek, oKalitik.* And apologies to the Chairperson. Again, I will read the motion that we have for consideration and it reads, Whereas the Consolidated Financial Statements of the Nunatsiavut Government for the year ended March 31, 2017, and the Report of the Audited annual Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2017, have been tabled within our Assembly, and whereas the Assembly should consider these documents in Committee of the Whole with witnesses from the auditors and the comptroller, Ms. Rexanne Crawford. Now, therefore, I move, seconded by the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak, that tabled document 01-3(16) and tabled document 02-3(16) be referred to Committee of the Whole

for consideration with witnesses from Deloitte LLP and the comptroller of the Nunatsiavut Government. *Nakummek* Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Mr. Minister, the motion is in order. Honourable Member, would you like to speak to the motion?

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*. Mr. Speaker, again, as I've stated earlier, you know, this is standard procedure for the Assembly. We should proceed to the Committee of the Whole so that we can have a detailed discussion with the auditors.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Does anybody else wish to speak to the motion? So I'm seeking unanimous consent to move to the Committee of the Whole. Mr. Richard Pamak. The Speaker recognizes Mr. Richard Pamak, Ordinary Member for Nain. Oh, sorry. Are you voting or you're giving your consent, Ordinary Member?

**MR. PAMAK:**

Yes, Mr. Speaker. I raised my hand to agree to go into Committee of the Whole, not to ask a question. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

My bad. My apologies. Hearing no nays, we're now in Committee of the Whole and I invite the auditors to address the Assembly. We're now in Committee of the Whole so the auditors may proceed.

**MS. TAYLOR:**

Thank you. My name is Lori Taylor and I'm a senior manager with Deloitte, and this is Paul Janes, and he's a partner with Deloitte. I'm going to start by going through the Report to the Nunatsiavut Assembly. It's the one with the circle on the front page.

**MS. CRAWFORD:**

It's the document with the circle and a tree, and I think in your binder it's printed in colourful, so the tree has pink leaves on it.

**MS. TAYLOR:**

Does everyone have the document? I'm going to start on page 1 called, "Our Audit Explained". So I won't go through every single part of this document, but I'll highlight the key things I think you should be aware of. So the first thing we'll talk about is materiality. Materiality is essentially a concept which looks at errors in Financial Statements. So the thought is that if there were errors in your statements greater than materiality then it would affect the decisions of the users of the statements so they would no longer be able to rely upon the statement. For the current year our materiality was based on total revenues, and that's consistent with the prior year, and we had a materiality level of 1.35 million. Our audit fees were consistent with our engagement letter, and our significant risks will be discussed on page 5. Turning to page 2. In terms of status and outstanding matters, we've issued our Financial Statements with an Audit Report date of August 15th, 2017 as they were approved by the Nunatsiavut Executive Council. Uncorrected Errors. We ask that all errors greater than 5 percent of materiality be corrected. So in the current year we asked that anything greater than 67,500 be corrected. There were no uncorrected errors in this year's Financial Statements. There were, however, several re-statements, and what that means is a correction of 2016 figures, and Paul will go through those when he discusses the statements as it's easier to understand. Going Concern. Going concern looks at the ability of the government to operate into the

next fiscal year. We have no issues to note. The government is in an extremely healthy position, and what we look at there is that the government has a positive accumulated surplus and annual surplus of 50 million, net financial assets and positive cash flows from operations. These are all very strong financial indicators. In terms of uncorrected disclosure misstatements, there were several and we'll look at those when we get to Appendix 2. Turning to page 3, in terms of fraud risk, based on our limited procedures, we did not identify any areas of fraud. We can confirm that we are independent from the Nunatsiavut Government. For significant accounting practices, judgments and estimates, they're disclosed in Note 2 to the Financial Statements. The thing to note here is that they are consistent with that of the prior year and, based on our testing, free from management bias. So to conclude, there have been no restrictions placed on the scope of our audit. Rexanne and her team were very forthcoming with information and answered any questions we had. We were given full, complete access to the accounting records, and we issued an unmodified Audit Report which is the cleanest and best Audit Report you could have. Does anyone have any questions before I turn to significant audit risks? Okay. Turning to page 5. We identified two significant audit risks for the Nunatsiavut Government in the current year. The first is the management override of controls. This is an audit risk that is common to any audit file and what it looks at is management's ability to override an internal control and essentially manipulate the Financial Statements and the accounting

records. Our response to that risk was that we discussed fraud with management and the Nunatsiavut Executive Council. We tested a sample of journal entries and we looked at supporting documentation and made sure journal entries had appropriate approval. We looked at any significant, unusual transactions. There were none to note, and we looked at judgments to determine whether they had any indication of bias. Based on our audit evidence, there were no material misstatements. The second significant audit risk is personal expense claims. So we look at personal expense claims to make sure they only include business expenses. How we tested that was that we selected a sample of expense claims and looked at the supporting documentation to ensure the expenses were of a business nature and we ensured they were properly approved before they were paid, and we are satisfied that based on our sample, the expense claims were for business purposes only. Turning to page 6. Other Reportable Matters. For the most part the conclusions on this page are consistent with previous years. So in terms of significant difficulties encountered in performing the audit, there were none. There were no disagreements with management. There were no consultations with other accountants, and that's important because if management were looking to other auditors for accounting opinions then it could be perceived they're shopping around for an opinion that suits their needs. There was no instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations, and there were no subsequent post balance sheet events. Consistent with the prior year, this is a group



audit meaning there's a bunch of entities that are consolidated into one. In terms of your investment with *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust*, there are two entities which we are not the auditors of, but we are able to perform the appropriate procedures to still opine on Nunatsiavut Government as a whole. Page 7 is just our independence letter, Appendix 1. I won't go through in detail but, essentially, it just confirms our independence from Nunatsiavut Government. Page 9, Appendix 2, is the summary of disclosure items passed. So there were three disclosure deficiencies, financial instruments, sensitivity analysis, comparison of actual and budgeted results, and disclosure of segmented information. I'm not going to go through the accounting jargon unless someone has a question. The key thing to note is that their omission is not material to the Financial Statements as users do not look to these disclosures to make decisions. Does anyone have any questions?

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

The Chair recognizes AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker.

**MR. DICKER:**

Thank you, *oKalitik*. Deloitte is doing the audit for NG. I'm an AngajukKâk for Nain Inuit Community Government, Deloitte also does our audits. Are you the same group that's doing audits because we, as Inuit Community Government, pay Deloitte. You know, we get a bill from your company and could you explain why that is? And it costs a lot of money.

**MS. CRAWFORD:**

So, Joe, today we're talking about the consolidated audit of the Nunatsiavut Government, and the Inuit Community Governments do not form part of Nunatsiavut Government in this entity that we're presenting the statements on. You're self-government in your own right. So things

that are related to your operations are funded by your operations which would include the audit fees and, as you recall, under the *Constitution*, there is only one auditor for all of Nunatsiavut which includes the Inuit Community Governments, Inuit Community Corporations and the Nunatsiavut Government. So when each Inuit Community Government or Inuit Community Corporation is required to have an audit, you have to pay for your audit from your operating dollars. So it's not paid for under the Nunatsiavut Government's mandate or our operational dollars, and the fees that are disclosed in the report that Lori just went through are purely only the fees that relate to Nunatsiavut Government and the two *Trusts* that are consolidated together to become that consolidated Nunatsiavut Government Financial Statement.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Are there any other questions of the auditors?

**MR. JANES:**

So as no further questions right now, we'll go through the actual Consolidated Financial Statements. I think it's the document in your package that was before the document we just looked at, and the front page will look like this. That's it. Everybody find it okay? Yes? So I'm going to start on page 2 of that document which the title of the page will be, "Independent Auditor's Report." So, as Lori noted, we have issued a clean audit opinion and unmodified Audit Report. I won't read this in detail, but basically to say that we've opined on the Financial Statements and we've given a clean audit opinion on those Financial Statements. The last paragraph talks about another matter which draws attention to Note 2 because, as Lori mentioned, we did restate the Financial Statements for

a few issues this year and I will go through those in detail. But, besides that, the report is identical to what you would have seen in prior years. So begin on page 3, which is the consolidated statement of operations and accumulated surplus. This statement identifies the revenues and expenditures of the government for the year ended March 31, 2017 and the comparative column has been restated, as I mentioned, and I'll point those points out when we get to those, for 2016. So I'll walk through some line items here on the statement and discuss some of the changes and what's caused the change year over year. Feel free if you have any questions or need some clarification, stop me as I'm going. So the first revenue line item there is interest and investment income of almost 5 million in 2017 compared to 21.8 million in the prior year. So it's a significant increase which just is a result of the performance of the investments that you do have and also the fact that there was an \$8 million realized gain on some of the investments in the current year that is included in that number and there wouldn't have been a similar comparative number in the prior year. So it's just really a result of the performance of the investment portfolios, so the investments that you have, which include the investments in the two *Trusts* as well. Fiscal financing agreement revenue is 48.6 million in the current year compared to 45 last year. The one item really driving the increase there would be some additional money that was provided for housing in the federal budget in the current year which was recognized in 2017, and I understand there's some more to come in the following year. Personal

income tax revenue is 7.8 million versus 5.9 million in the current, and you may remember, those who've sat in the past, that the personal income tax funds are revenue that you receive from Canada Revenue Agency for personal income taxes that are paid within Nunatsiavut. They do in the past and they continue to do audit. They audit some of the information that they would receive to ensure that they're providing you the right amount of funding under the personal income tax that they receive, and there were two audits for 2013 and 2014 completed during the year that we audited for 2017, which saw you receive an additional \$4 million in that personal income tax revenue, and that's really the increase that you see there. It's normally 3.8 million that you receive from them in standard payments, and once they finish their audits, they pass on the additional funds, so in the current year that's what driving that increase. The other line items that you see there from revenue perspective, most of it is from various funding sources and really depends upon the funding that you're able to secure and the different projects that are happening within Nunatsiavut during the year, and no one real item driving the increase or decrease in those line items. I'll draw attention to the last revenue line item which is the share of loss or gain from affiliated business entities, which is how we account for the ownership in the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust*. So in the current year they had a loss which was driven by a couple of extraordinary items out of the ordinary items for the current year of \$7.8 million compared to an income of 400,000 in the prior year.

**MR RUDKOWSKI:** Could you expand on the extraordinary items?

**MS. CRAWFORD:** The *Capital Strategy Trust* always comes once a year to present on their annual report in the activities of the year. So while it has been picked up as an item on our Financial Statements, this is really a question what you have is for the trustees and, to my understanding, they're trying to schedule for November sitting to come and do a presentation, and that's the time to ask those questions.

**MR. JANES:** So that gets us to a total revenue in the current year of 126 million compared to 92 in the prior year. So just to go through some of the expenditure line items in the bottom half of the page.

**MR. MONTAGUE:** Could I just draw your attention to something that I found a bit surprising and, forgive me, this is my first Assembly sitting and first time going over these audits, but the Vale Newfoundland and Labrador Ltd., so that's the all the money that we get from Voisey's Bay's correct, or am I misinterpreting that line?

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Just before you proceed, we are in Committee of the Whole, but I would ask that people just raise their hand so I can properly recognize them before we speak. Thank you.

**MS. CRAWFORD:** The Vale Newfoundland and Labrador money we get directly from Vale to the Nunatsiavut Government is for certain items that the Nunatsiavut Government provides like our environmental monitors and some research fund. The money you're referring to that would come, there's two streams of money we get from the Voisey's Bay project; one is under 7.5 of the

*Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement*, our mining royalties, that is in other grants and contributions, and the money is very, very nominal, and we spoke about it in the Assembly in the past. Due to the way of the calculation of mining and mineral rights tax and the ability to include depreciation on new assets that the amount we used to get from mining royalties has been significantly reduced. The other flow of funds from the Voisey's Bay under our *Inuit Benefit Impacts Agreement* flows to the *Tasiujatsaok Trust*, and that would not be reflected in these Financial Statements. They don't get consolidated in.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Sorry, my apologies. I just have that, purely procedural, I have to ask how long you anticipate being. The only reason I'm asking is we have the hotel member what time we'll be by for lunch. That's the only reason I'm asking. And you're under no time pressure from anybody here in the Assembly, by the way.

**MR. JANES:**

Okay. So just to go through some of the line items underneath the heading, "Expenditures". I'll highlight a couple of items there. So salaries, employee benefits, obviously, is a large expenditure item of nothing in particular driving the increase in the current year, only just operations of the government. Fiscal Financing Agreement expenditures are up almost \$3½ million, and it's really in conjunction with the additional funds I mentioned for housing on the revenue side. You also saw that increase in expenditures as well. The Department of Health and Social Development NIHB Program is 10.1 million in the current year, 8.9 in the prior year and, really, that expense is driven by usage of the program. So you saw an

increase in those expenditures in the current year, but nothing you can point to kind of say what's driving that increase besides usage and a conveyor year to year. Professional fees went from 5.2 million to 6.4. The main thing driving that increase is I think there's a program which saw some microwave towers installed within Nunatsiavut and the fees related to some of those expenditures. The amortization of deferred expenditures is exactly the same. That amount stays the same each year. And, really, the remainder of the other expenditures here, there's not one overriding factor or item to draw your attention to as to the increase and decrease besides the normal operations of the government. So most of those expense line items for the remainder of that page and the top of the next page are fairly stable year over year.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

The Chair recognizes Ordinary Member for Nain, Richard Pamak.

**MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess looking at the revenue for fiscal finance agreement, I'm not understanding that the \$4 million that we received from the Federal Government for housing initiatives went in as part of that as income, and certainly it would be registered under expenses, what we spent to date on housing up to the period of March 31st. Can you tell me of the \$18 million how much of the \$4 million revenue that was spent on housing initiatives up to that date?

**MS. CRAWFORD:**

Thank you, Richard. I don't have that answer readily available, and the auditors wouldn't probably have the breakdown exactly on-hand, but we can get that information to you. I'll go through my records and pull out the information for you.

**MR. JANES:** So just to finish off on expenditures, you'll note on page 4 that the total expenses for the year were approximately 76 million compared to 69 million in the prior year, leaving you with an annual surplus of 50,309,238 compared to the 23 million, or almost 24 million annual surplus in the prior year. This gives you an accumulated surplus for the year of 488 million compared to 433 million in the prior year. So, as Lori mentioned, it's a very positive position to be in, have a large accumulated surplus for the government of 488 million. Turning to page 5.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** The Chair recognizes Chairperson Mitchell.

**MR. MITCHELL:** I'm not sure if I'm jumping ahead here, but in expenditures you mentioned a number of places were Note 18. Can I ask a question on Note 18 at this point in time? Okay. Note 18, this is the related party transactions and – okay, I'm sorry about that because I was looking at the Air Labrador and I think this is 2016 audit. So I was jumping ahead of myself and wondering why there were no more transactions related to Air Labrador, but the transition only happened in 2017, right?

**MR. JANES:** Yeah, that's correct. The transaction that I think you're referring to happened after this Financial Statement cut-off date, which was March 31st, 2017. So you'll see a different sort of change in the 2018 Financial Statements. So to bring you through some highlights of page 5, which is your consolidated statement of financial position, this statement highlights the assets and the liabilities of the government as at March 31st, 2017, obviously with comparatives for 2016. So your cash and cash equivalents is at 33 million as of March 31st compared to just over 46



million in 2016. No one factor driving that change. There is a statement of cash flows which highlights the dollar value change year over year and where all those changes came from, and I'll get to that in a minute and highlight the different items there. From an accounts receivable perspective you had 5.7 million in 2017, 4.2 last year. Nothing driving that difference, only a timing of when cash was actually received from your funders, and so there's nothing significant there. Short term investments went from 60 million to 66 million, which is just a result of you purchasing more investments and some gains in value as well year over year. The restricted investments is 407 million in the current year, 365 in the prior year. This is a result of the income and some of the investment income that we previously mentioned which you noted on the statement of financial position coupled with some decreases in value from unrealized losses as well. An unrealized loss would mean that there's a loss in market value and something that you hold, but you haven't sold it yet. So you actually haven't recognized – the loss hasn't actually come to you from a cash flow perspective, but if you were to have sold those investments at that date and time, you would have recognized the loss. So the way we account for the investments is at a market value. So it's based on the traded market value of the investments. Therefore, you'll see fluctuations in those investment values year over year depending on what happens with the markets. The next line item is due from *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust*. This is a new item in the current year and one of the items we mentioned was restated. So just note that there is an item there for

\$2 million and we've restated and set an amount there for the prior year of 1.5 million as well. The reason why we restated those numbers has to do with an interpretation of the Canadian Tax Law as well as the *Trust Indenture*, but mostly tax law, where we had one interpretation in the past. We, as Deloitte, revisited that interpretation in the current year and decided that we had taken an incorrect position on that particular tax law in the past, so we brought it to management of the *Trust* as well as the trustees' attention as well as Rexanne and decided that we had to restate the Financial Statements for that number. So it does create a receivable from the *Trust* and we had discussed what that means with the trustees and management as well as NG and they're working through what that means in the future and to date for that value, but it was an item that we incorrectly posted in the prior year and have corrected in these Financial Statements.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

The Speaker recognizes the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Mr. Darryl Shiwak.

**MR. D. SHIWAK:**

Yes, thank you. I think this is for Rexanne, but can you explain what that receivable is, or why that receivable exists from the *Trust*?

**MS. CRAWFORD:**

So I'm going to get some help from Paul, if I'm not clear enough. My understanding is the way the *Capital Strategy Trust* is designed, Nunatsiavut Government is the only beneficiary for the *Trust* and so, therefore, any income that that *Trust* would have earned for tax purposes has been allocated to Nunatsiavut Government and is due to be paid to us. So this interpretation and the issue is only identified to my attention in the

summertime and the trustees have begun discussions and understanding and what all this means and so, you know, as we move forward, and we have a better grasp of the understanding what it means and how this is going to actually work for the receivable, we will definitely be bringing that information back to the Assembly. But it is – I think it was only August month that, you know, I became aware of this change and restatement.

**MR. D. SHIWAK:**

Okay. Thank you.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Ordinary Member Pamak. Just a point of order. You're entitled, of course, to a second question, but only after all other individuals or Members of the Assembly had a chance to ask their first question. So, before I recognize you I will ask are there any other questions before I give Mr. Pamak his second question? Mr. Pamak, you may proceed.

**MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm just trying to get an understanding. Under liabilities you have five items there listed. I can certainly understand loans and severance pay to be considered liability. Can you help me define why a deferred revenue would be considered a liability?

**MR. JANES:**

So deferred revenue is, essentially, if I can talk to it from a cash flow perspective is cash that you would have received from your funders, but due to, essentially, the accounting rules, you have not been able to recognize that amount as revenue in your statement of operations. So it's recognized as a liability because of the fact that you have the cash, but you haven't necessarily done everything that you need to in order to earn that

cash and recognize it as revenue. So if you are ever to have to pay it back to the funder – so, say, there was a time period on when you had to use the funds by \*\*\*(problem with recording).

**MS. CRAWFORD:**

Richard, if I can further explain. So deferred revenue, and I'll use a real example, is we often put proposals into the *Tasiujatsaok Trust* for delivery of a certain program or a certain initiative, and if we haven't completed that initiative, or we haven't fulfilled what we said we were going to do on proposal, we can't recognize it as revenue until we have that matching of the expenditures, and it is always a liability because if we don't do what we say we're going to do in the proposal, we will have to send the money back. And so, as you see in the breakdown, there's some funds under fiscal financing agreement which is specific to health programming under the Health Canada provision. There's *T Trust* money of 1.6 million. All those are driven by proposals. Some of it relates to Illusuak, and then there are a number of other proposals, Personal income tax, we've got it in deferred revenue that comes from an audit from several years ago where they remitted 3 million to us, but the audit said we were only supposed to have 2.7. We're still holding the cash until the audits are completed, and at that time we'll be paying it back to Canada. And so we've held it here because it may come back that we do not have to owe it when all these audits are completed. So that's the premise of a deferred revenue and why it is a liability.

**MR. JANES:**

Thank you. So the last item under financial assets there is the investments that modify the equity which is a value within the *Labrador Inuit Capital*

*Strategy Trust*. And as I mentioned under the revenue and expenditures when we're going through that, there is a large loss in the current year, which the other side of that is bringing down the value in that investment of the *Trust*. On the liability side, the accounts payable and accrued liabilities is fairly stable year over year as well as demand loans, and all regular payments for that loan were made as per the terms of the loan. Deferred revenue has decreased minimally 300,000 and, as just discussed, there's a further breakdown of that amount in Note 6, which highlights some of the different sources of the deferred revenue. Accrued severance pay is fairly stable year over year. The note payable is 12.7 million in the current versus 16.5. That's just the regular repayment of the note that is due under the terms of the note with INAC so that that is further described in Note 8. It gets down to a total liability position of 36 million versus almost 40 in the prior year and a net financial asset position of 479 million versus 446 in the prior year. Now the net financial asset position is essentially, for this case, it's a straight math exercise of financial assets less liabilities, but is an indication of the financial health of the government and indicates that there is far in excess more assets available to the entity than the liabilities that you do have. The non-financial assets. So the first item there is tangible capital assets and, as you can see, increased almost \$6 million in the prior year. This is a combination of capital asset purchases or new capital assets that you purchased during the current year offset by some amortization charges as well. Amortization is the charge that hits – it's an accounting term, but it's the charge that hits your expenditures for,

essentially, the use or the devaluation of your assets over time. And the main thing driving the capital assets increase in the current year was the amounts expended on the cultural centre in Nain. Deferred expenditures land claims, this went down by \$3 million. That amount continues to go down by the same amount each year so, roughly, just over \$3 million and will do so until you get to zero, and it's essentially just a write down of the expenses that were incurred during the land claims process, which will continue to go down until the value gets down to zero, essentially. So it gets you down to total net non-financial assets of \$50 million and accumulated surplus, as I mentioned previously, of 529 million in total. So the next page is the consolidated statement of re-measurement gains and losses, page 6. This statement captures, from an accounting perspective, the different gains and losses, unrealized gains and losses on your investments and tracks it basically over time. So cumulative from the day you buy your first investment till the end when you sell your last investment. And, essentially, at the beginning of the year you had \$61.8 million in unrealized gains in those investments. In the current year there were unrealized losses of 12 million. You had a realized gain of almost 8 million on one of your investments, which left you with 41 million in the current year of unrealized gains to date which, essentially, is your portfolio has gained \$41 million in value since you started the portfolio current date till March 31st date, 2017. Page 7 is another required statement on accounting rules of your changes in net financial assets. So, as I mentioned, you have 400 and almost 79 million in financial assets at the

end of March 31st, 2017, and this statement shows you the different increases and decreases in those net financial assets for the year. So I won't go through it in detail, but just to tell you the purpose of the statement. Page 8 is your consolidated statement of cash flows. As I mentioned, when we were looking at the statement of financial position, you started out the year with 46.5 million in cash and ended the year with 33 million, just over 33 million in cash. And this statement shows you the various different uses and sources of cash during the year. So it starts by looking at your operating transactions. It talks about the capital transactions, which is normally just your acquisition of capital assets, any financing transactions that you had and then the investments, the movements in the investments as well, are highlighted as well. Page 9 is the beginning of the notes to the consolidated statements. I will quickly just flip the pages here of the notes. They are very, very similar to the disclosures in the past. As Lori mentioned, there were three minor items that we deemed to be disclosure deficiencies. Everything else that's required to be disclosed in your statements under the accounting rules are here. Note 1 on page 9 is exactly the same as in the prior year, and it's just a description of the entity. I will highlight Note 2 and spend a few seconds describing that at the top of page 10, which is, as I mentioned, there were three items that we restated in your Financial Statements in the current year and as a requirement under the accounting rules to whenever an item in the prior year is restated we have to detail it here in a note. So the three items, one of which I already spoke about was the receivable from the

*Capital Strategy Trust*. There was also another item within the *Capital Strategy Trust* which saw an increase in the income and the value of the *Trust* go up in 2016 due to an accounting error within the *Trust* as well. And then the third item affected the different categories of accumulated surplus that you have which is detailed in Note 12, I think it is. Note 11, sorry, highlights the different items within accumulated surplus. So there's just various categories that you have for your accumulated surplus within your Financial Statements. It was brought to our attention through some reconciliations that Rexanne and I were looking at that we made just a misallocation paper error really, a journal entry, with regards to classifying some of the accumulated surplus between internally restricted, which means that there's a set purpose for those amounts before it, and just your regular accumulated surplus. The amount was about three and a half million dollars and, again, it was just an oversight in a classification of the accumulated surplus accounts and, usually because we look at it from a total basis, it was missed in our review of the numbers last year. So you'll see those changes to Note 11. The total accumulated surplus didn't change in any way. It's really just an allocation between two different buckets, which are highlighted in Note 11. Okay. Note 3 are the accounting policies of the government highlighted there. Again, no changes to the accounting policies that you follow from last year so I won't go through those in detail. Page 13 is the end of Note 3, and then Note 4 is the LICST equity value which we've talked about. Note 5 just gives you further detail about the accounts receivable and, again, we talked about



the change there. It's just a timing issue. Note 6 Rexanne referred to earlier in our details of the deferred revenue. So this just breaks down by funder, really, with the categories of the different funding that you have that make up the \$12 million in deferred revenue that you have. Next page, page 14, highlights the terms of the demand loan. As I mentioned, all payments were made for the terms of the demand loan in the current year, as well as the note payable with INAC. That's there as well and shows the future repayments. Note 9 is no different than in the prior year and just lays out the detail of the two *Trusts* that are included in the consolidated statements. Top of page 15 highlights your capital assets and the different categories of capital assets that make up the total of \$40 million that we talked about as well as highlights the fact that there were items in buildings related to the cultural centre, and it's not ready for use yet so, therefore, we haven't started to amortize or expense that amount. Note 11 is the breakdown I was just referring to when we were discussing Note 2 and the internally restricted change there from the prior year but, really, just highlights the different amounts of accumulated surplus that you have, as well as the bottom table in that note highlights the different items that you have internally restricted and we'll tie it to the \$40 million number up above in the table at the middle of the page. Top of page 16, just Note 12 just provides a further breakdown of other income coming from the statement of operations, and Note 13 is a required disclosure. Just gives more information of a breakdown of one of the items that's on the statement of cash flows. Note 14 highlights the commitments that you

have for the next few years with regards to leases that you hold, and so it's a required disclosure. Note 15, which is a couple of pages long, again is a very detailed note, but is a required disclosure under the accounting rules and highlights the different financial instruments and risk factors that the government has in any mitigation factors that you take. That brings us to page 18, Note 16 talks about contingencies which the wording of that note is identical to the prior year. Note 17, again, required disclosure around the contributions to the defined contribution pension plan that you have and the amount that was contributed in the current year. And the last note on page 19 is related party transactions which again is a required accounting disclosure and highlights the transactions that you would have had with any organizations that are considered to be related parties to the government. Any further questions?

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

If there are no further questions, I'd like to thank the auditors for coming by today and sharing their insight and wisdom and knowledge with us, and to Rexanne, as well, for helping us out and informing us. With that it's 12:30. Our staff is anxiously looking for their lunch, and I want to grant them their wish so, with that, we'll adjourn for lunch, come back in at 1:45. (Recess).

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Welcome back from lunch, everybody. I want to call the afternoon session to order and, before we start in earnest, I just want to make some points of clarification. So we had some changes to the *Orders of the Day*, so I just want to reiterate what the afternoon's procedures will be. We're going to pick up at item 7 on the *Orders of the Day*, "Return to Oral

Questions." We'll go from 7 to item 13 inclusive. After completing number 13 we'll jump to number 18 and then go 18 to 21 inclusive. Again that's the change in the order the *Orders of the Day* were dealt with. So I'm seeking unanimous consent to proceed in that fashion. Do I have any nays? Then we'll proceed with item number 7. Item 7, "Returns to Oral Questions." Question from Richard Pamak, Ordinary Member for Nain. When he asked the First Minister Kate Mitchell, who, unfortunately, is not here today. Kate Mitchell had provided an update for the Minister of Health and Social Development, the Honourable Gregory Flowers, about his commitment that his department will be conducting a feasibility study with the community of Nain to see what kind of seniors' complex was needed. Mr. Pamak wanted to know what the status of his commitment was. The response from Mr. Flowers. The process has taken longer than expected, but we did not simply want to have folks complete a paper survey but rather hold focus groups, have individuals see visuals so they can make an informed decision, etcetera. Below is an update in point form. The contract details time and discussion is underway with the Rigolet Digital Media Storytelling Lab, the Lab, and once we have a sense of timelines we can finalize the contract with RICG. Some of the individuals who will be working as community surveyors have been in conversation with INEZ to establish interest and availability. Their PowerPoint and printing materials which include photos of potential options are ready to roll and will be used as focus group aids and as part of the interview process as contracted.

Beneficiary lists for both communities have to be reviewed for those 55 and older to ensure that people are still in the community and living. This will be completed during surveyor training with community contracted surveyors. The survey itself is in final draft version. It will be sent in paper format and distributed to community surveyors once the timelines are set and training is complete for the survey administration.

Anticipated timeline depends on surveyor and co-ordinate availability, but we are anticipating to have a lot of work in place and ready for administration within this month, and that concludes the response.

Second question. Mr. Roy Blake, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, asked the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell, who had provided an update for the Minister of Health and Social Development, the Honourable Gregory Flowers, the following question. The question is as follows: A non-beneficiary patient from his constituency has to medevac'd to St. John's for medical reasons. His wife is a beneficiary.

The patient had issues on medical travel-related expenses, and Mr. Blake was wondering if DHSD could clarify the NIHB rules on patient escort-related eligible medical expenses. The response for the Minister is as follows: Non-insured health benefits are available to beneficiaries. In order to access medical travel benefits, you must be a beneficiary of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement*. Any beneficiary approved for an escort can choose their own escort, beneficiary or non-beneficiary. However, a non-beneficiary is not eligible for an escort under our program, even if her escort is a beneficiary. There is a provincial medical

assistance program available to non-beneficiaries, and that concludes the response from the Minister. Question 3, Marjorie Flowers, AngajukKâk for Hopedale, asked the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell, who had provided an update for the Minister of Health and Social Development, the Honourable Gregory Flowers with the following question. The results for the food security survey showed that there are serious issues with the lack of food security in Nain and in Hopedale. What will be done to address the lack of food security issues? The response from the Minister is as follows: The Regional Food Security Co-ordinator was hired in mid-January, 2017, and since this time has been finalizing the result with the research team and co-ordinating the communication to all communities and externally to the broader audiences. The return of results wrapped up at the end of May of 2017. The end of March a proposal was submitted to the *T Trust* for the implementation for a community food centre model which will be a phased approach scheduled to begin in Nain and then we'll out to Hopedale and other Nunatsiavut communities. The model will address many food insecurity issues and will be tailored to each community's needs. This concept is dependent upon funding. In addition, plans are underway to pilot an eight-week food initiative in Nain over the summer. Finally, we are in the initial planning phases of developing a Food Security Strategy for Nunatsiavut. In the meantime, the Regional Food Security Strategy for Nunatsiavut. In the meantime the Regional Food Security Co-ordinator is working to support local community food security

communities. Onto item number eight in the *Orders of the Day*. Are there any oral questions? Chair recognizes Chairperson of the Sivunivut Community Corporation, Mr. Derek Montague.

**MR. MONTAGUE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just a point of order. Do I direct my question to you or the Minister? To the Minister. Okay. The Honourable Minister of Education and Economic Development. I understand that recently for post-secondary students who live in the Nunatsiavut area, that an extra trip home is now being provided for those that are living away from home to attend post-secondary. I have been asked by at least one constituency member in Northwest River, will this sooner or later be provided to all beneficiaries who are going to post-secondary, this extra trip? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

The Honourable Minister Kemuksigak.

**MS. KEMUKSIGAK:**

Thank you, Chairperson Montague, and thank you, Mr. Speaker. The reason we put in the incentive for the extra trip home was we reviewed all the people who were taking post-secondary education and what region they were from, and Canada was exceeding the number of seats allocated for their region, Upper Lake Melville was pretty even, but the numbers in Nunatsiavut was very low. So we were asked by Nunatsiavut Executive Council to look at incentives for increasing the number of students in Nunatsiavut. So we had many meetings and discussions as a Department, and we came with several recommendations and the Nunatsiavut Executive Council approved the extra trip home on scheduled breaks for people in Nunatsiavut and also extra freight costs

because it's very expensive for shipping items on the plane when you're going to school. Those incentives were put in place to try to even out and increase the numbers of students for Nunatsiavut as they were lower than the other two regions. However, we did put in one incentive that was for all students which were to cover supplies and equipment that is needed for the program, and this is put in place for a certain time period to see if we can increase the numbers in Nunatsiavut. We don't have a problem in the other regions, but we did have a problem in Nunatsiavut. Thank you.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Thank you, Minister Kemuksigak. Any supplementary questions? Mr. Montague?

**MR. MONTAGUE:** No supplementary questions at this time, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Chair recognizes the AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker.

**MR. DICKER:** *Nakummek, oKalitik.* My question is to Honourable Minister of Lands and Resources, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak. You mentioned this morning in your report that there was a low harvest of char for the fish plant. And each year for the past two years, anyway, there had been an allocation of about 13,000 pounds of frozen char for the community for the Community Freezers. My question to you, sir, is with that low harvest of char, will there be any char available for the Community Freezers this coming season? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Honourable Minister Shiwak.

**MR. D. SHIWAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you for the question. You're absolutely right. We did have, as I said in the statement this morning, about 29,000 pounds of Arctic char. Each year the Department of Education and Economic Development funds some of that char to go into the Community Freezers, and it was averaging about 13,000, as you said in your question, and I think what we, because of the low numbers, what was identified was that the 40 percent of that to this point was available to the Community Freezers. As well, the Department did contact, and AngajukKâk Flowers did mention in her statement that it was a bit late, but the Department contacted the Town of Hopedale to try to get 3,000 extra pounds for the Community Freezer here. Unfortunately, that did not work out as well. So we're in both cases down on the amount of Arctic char going into the Community Freezers. That char will be going into Community Freezers but, unfortunately, at this time I cannot tell you how much per Community Freezers that each Community Freezer will get, but we'll be sure to divide it up and look at ways to improve the situation in the future years. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Thank you, Minister Shiwak. Are there any supplementary questions, AngajukKâk Dicker? Speaker recognizes Chairperson of NunaKâtiget Community Corporation, Gary Mitchell.

**MR. MITCHELL:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. My question's for the Honourable Minister of Education and Economic Development. With the recent news that the Voisey's Bay underground was put on hold for now, the operations for construction, and there's been training dollars coming down from Ottawa



for training people for those positions for the construction, what's happening to those training dollars now that the project is presently on hold? *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** The Honourable Patricia Kemuksigak, Minister.

**MS. KEMUKSIGAK:** Thank you, Chairperson Mitchell. Unfortunately, I'm not on the Board and they had a board meeting last week. So I will need to consult with Roberta Baikie Anderson and Deputy Minister McNeil to find out what the outcome was at the meeting, but I do understand, and there have been some people funded for schooling through the LAMP Program, but I'm not sure to what extent, or if they've implemented the underground training, but I will take it under advisement and get back to you tomorrow. Thank you.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Thank you, Minister Kemuksigak. Chairperson Mitchell, if you have a supplementary question.

**MR. MITCHELL:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. I'm not sure if you mentioned there, but I'd just like to ask with the programs that was supposed to start in September, so are some of these students now in training for some of those positions that was leaning towards the Voisey's Bay underground, like, are they in college now? *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Thank you, Chairperson, Mitchell. Minister Kemuksigak.

**MS. KEMUKSIGAK:** Thank you. Yes, there are some students that are presently being funded through LAMP. I'm not sure in what areas, but I understood from talking to Keith Jacque, the Executive Director, that they were pinpointing positions that they would need for underground development, and I'll try to find out

the numbers of students they funded and when they're going to start some big training. Thank you. Further, Voisey's Bay have identified some specific training that they will need for underground, and they've been in consultation with LAMP about the training. Some can be done on site in Voisey's Bay and some have to be done offsite, so they've been in consultation.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Thank you, Minister Kemuksigak. Chairperson Mitchell, do you have any further supplementary questions? Speaker recognizes Richard Pamak, Ordinary Member for Nain.

**MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to direct my question to Honourable Greg Flowers, Minister of Department of Health and Social Development. First I want to say that, you know, I was very pleased to know that the seniors' survey is actually happening, finally happening. Now after three years of advocating, certainly it was really good news for me. I did have one concern that was brought forward to me from my constituents and regarding surveying the seniors at the facilities currently in seniors care in Goose Bay or personal care. Can you tell, me while I understand from this morning that you said you were going to survey those seniors and also other communities as well, but will the results of the survey with the seniors in care now and elsewhere be a part of this process, or would it be a separate process altogether? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Thank you, Ordinary Member Pamak. Speaker recognizes the Minister of Health and Social Development, Mr. Greg Flowers.

**MR. FLOWERS:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess the short answer for the Ordinary Member from Nain is that people in long-term care or in special care needs will not be surveyed only because this survey is geared more to the kind of facility that we can put in Nunatsiavut, and a long-term program that would need special needs or special circumstances would not be part of this surveys, more for seniors that are in the communities now and are living in our apartments sort of thing in Goose Bay or Upper Lake Melville that would be able to come home to stay, like, apartment dwellings or of that nature, not people that would be in long-term care units. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Thank you, Minister Flowers. Mr. Pamak, do you have a supplementary question? Speaker recognizes Mr. Roy Blake, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville.

**MR. BLAKE:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Department of Health and Social Development, Mr. Greg Flowers. Sir, in response to your answer from my question in the June sitting, I just got an answer that there is a medical provincial assistance program available that a non-beneficiary who has a spouse of a beneficiary that they can avail, sir, can you tell me the name of this program? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Thank you, Ordinary Member Blake. Mr. Flowers.

**MR. FLOWERS:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm not quite sure the name of them, but I can certainly – it's through the province, Roy. It's another, I guess, another

avenue that people can go through. So I can certainly find that answer and give it to you tomorrow. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Thank you, Minister Flowers. Ordinary Member Blake, do you have a supplementary question?

**MR. BLAKE:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Flowers, would this program that's available, would this be similar to MCP, or is it MCP?

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Thank you, Ordinary Member Blake. Mr. Flowers.

**MR. FLOWERS:** Again, Mr. Speaker, I would certainly get back to the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville with the full details of that.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Thank you, Minister Flowers. Mr. Blake, do you have anything further to add? Are there any other oral questions? Speaker recognizes AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Marjorie Flowers.

**MS. FLOWERS:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the First Minister. May I still ask the question since she's not here so?

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Just give me one second on that one. You can have your question recorded here today, AngajukKâk Flowers, and we can send it onto a Minister, if she's not – I don't know if there's one of the other Ministers who is prepared to try to take on that question. My suggestion, AngajukKâk Flowers, to say your question and perhaps one of the Ministers can chime in with an answer if it's within their scope of knowledge.

**MS. FLOWERS:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In listening to the First Minister's report this morning, I've heard that there is supposed to be an assessment done for the transportation infrastructure of the docks and facilities. To date, that

has not happened. My question is will anyone from our government act on our behalf to find out why they are not here? This is the fall, and if there's any work that should be done then it should be noted now. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Thank you, AngajukKâk Flowers. Are there any Ministers present who are of sufficient knowledge to respond to AngajukKâk Flower's question? I'm noting the absence of lots of shaking heads. I think we have to refer that one to Minister Kate Mitchell herself. I don't think there's anyone in the chamber today who's capable of answering your question. Chair recognizes Mr. Jack Shiwak, AngajukKâk for Rigolet.

**MR. J. SHIWAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think probably the Honourable President, I'll put this question to. For some years now, ever since Nunatsiavut come into being, I've been working with a lot of legislation that governs the way, you know, we run things and do things. I've also read quite a bit of the *Constitution* as well as the *Land Claims Agreement* itself. I often wonder and I know there's provisions in there for, I think the President should probably appoint an Inuit court judge to deal with problems. And I think some of the problems we have today is, you know, we are being judged, if you want to say that, by other courts and not above our own. I don't know if they really understand our culture or who we are. And I'm just wondering, like, I know the provision is there. I'm wondering if there's any consideration to being given to setting up some sort of a justice system even if it's just the judicial system. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Thank you, AngajukKâk Shiwak. Chair recognizes the Honourable Johannes Lampe, President of Nunatsiavut.

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. Yes, a question by AngajukKâk for Rigolet would be directed to First Minister as this is under First Minister's file, and then just to say while we have been meeting with the Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador, we have discussed ways about how we can work better with, you know, the province and how the justice system can better understand and build a better relationship with the Labrador Inuit, and so the Premier has said that he will make sure that the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador do give their staff a cultural orientation, and I believe that this is in line with the Inuit court justice system. I'm sure that the First Minister will – or can better answer this question. *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Rigolet, for that question. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Thank you, President Lampe. AngajukKâk Shiwak, thank you. Are there any other oral questions for today? Hearing nothing, no other questions, I'll return to AngajukKâk Joe Dicker.

**MR. DICKER:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is my second question of the day. I understand I had no more. My question is directed to the Honourable Minister of Education and Economic Development, Patricia Kemuksigak. Just to go a little bit farther from what the Honourable Chairperson from Lake Melville referred to, the underground construction of Voisey's Bay and the monies that are being released and, as you know, I've been an advocate for the IBA protocol. First closest to the source, and also I think that in this question I'm going to ask you, Ms. Kemuksigak, is there are

employees in Voisey's Bay now that want to go underground. Are they going to be considered to get training for that? Then the first part of my question, I guess, is the IBA protocol being called? Is being followed? I understand we have a co-ordinator that was recently hired out of Nain where is our office to? You know, I haven't heard anything in my community about that since they hired, you know, that position. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Thank you, AngajukKâk Dicker. Chair recognizes Minister of Education and Economic Development, Patricia Kemuksigak.

**MS. KEMUKSIGAK:**

Some of the question might be better directed at Minister of Lands and Natural Resources as the IBA Co-ordinator falls under his jurisdiction, however, from conversations with Vale, they did say that they would train people already in Voisey's Bay before they would train others so that they have the opportunity to go underground when they start going underground. And the person you're referencing that was hired was hired under the LATP Project and she's an Employment Counsellor for Inuit in Nunatsiavut based in Nain, and I can check to see where her office is. I'm assuming it's in the same place as the former education employment officer which was in the old LIDC building, but I will check with Keith Jacque, the Executive Director of LATP, and get back to you tomorrow.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Thank you, Minister Kemuksigak. Chair recognizes the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Mr. Darryl Shiwak. And with your consent, AngajukKâk Dicker, I'm going to redirect your question in the direction of this minister. Thank you.

**MR. D. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And to your question with regards to the IBA, whether that will be implemented. Yes, of course, this definitely has to be implemented, and I think what you're referring to is the adjacency within the IBA. That has to be implemented the way it's written in the IBA. For underground is once that 60-day review is complete, that IBA continues from the above ground operations that we have going on today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Thank you, Honourable Minister Shiwak. AngajukKâk Dicker, do you have a supplementary question?

**MR. DICKER:** No, Mr. Speaker. I had no further question.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Thank you, AngajukKâk Dicker. Chair recognizes Roy Blake, Honourable Member for Upper Lake Melville.

**MR. BLAKE:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to First Minister Kate Mitchell but, in her absence, can Minister Shiwak answer this question? Are there any updates concerning the migratory spring bird harvest situation? *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Thank you, Ordinary Member Blake. Honourable Minister Shiwak, are you okay with taking on that question? Chair recognizes Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Darryl Shiwak.

**MR. D. SHIWAK:** Yeah, thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I assume, Mr. President, I can speak for First Minister Mitchell. As Minister Kemuksigak said in her statement this morning with regard to the migratory 12E, it's going to the Implementation Committee and there's going to be discussion. I do know further to that,



and I think the Minister said at the last sitting, that there's a requirement for the Federal Government to take this to the other Aboriginal groups, the Inuit NunatuKavut to make them aware of the intent of Nunatsiavut Government to make an amendment or request an amendment to the land claims with regards to this issue. And I know that they are aware of the issue and the Federal Government did take it to them and I know that it's back into the Federal Government process for them to bring that forward and try to get that done. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Thank you, Honourable Minister Shiwak. Ordinary Member Blake, do you have a supplementary question for the Minister? Thank you, Ordinary Member Blake. Chair recognizes Mr. Derek Montague, Chairperson of the Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation.

**MR. MONTAGUE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For my second question just a bit of a preamble here – I certainly don't mean to step on the toes of my colleague, Gary Mitchell, but I had to jump on board of his concerns that he mentioned today about the radio station idea. When I first got elected I met with Gary and we had preliminary discussions about the radio station and I was quite excited about the idea. In my former career as a journalist I can say that in the Upper Lake Melville area there's so much news, history, stories, it can't hardly all be covered by a couple of news outlets, and I thought an extra radio station in that area, especially one geared towards our beneficiaries, would be extremely beneficial and...

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Pardon the interruption, Chairperson Montague, but can we have this in the form of a question?

**MR. MONTAGUE:** Just a bit of a preamble. Sorry about that.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** And just so in the form of a question and you just identify who you would like the question responded to.

**MR. MONTAGUE:** Okay. I believe this should be directed towards President Lampe. If there is a way to show that owning and/or operating a radio station would not cause a deficit, could this issue be reconsidered in the near future, Mr. President?

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Thank you, Chairperson Montague. Honourable Johannes Lampe.

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for the question, Chair of Sivunivut, and the NEC did speak to the issue where Chair of NunaKâtiget did ask those questions about getting a radio station for Upper Lake Melville, and we did reply to that question which the Chair of NunaKâtiget posed to NEC. And in response to the Chair of NunaKâtiget I received an email from the Chair of NunaKâtiget that he was satisfied with the answers that were given in letter form and that I feel that response was sufficient for the Chair of NunaKâtiget. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Thank you, Honourable President Lampe. Chairperson Montague, do you have a supplementary question?

**MR. MONTAGUE:** Not at this time.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Thank you. Are there any other questions? Speaker recognizes Chairperson Gary Mitchell.

**MR. MITCHELL:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to President Lampe. Just a short little brief preamble. I get a lot of my news and updates from

Facebook and Twitter and we get a lot of stuff on there. I tried to get as much news as I can. Just recently on September 15th, the Honourable Chris Mitchelmore visited Nunatsiavut and Nain and there was a nice picture of President Lampe and Honourable Chris Mitchelmore and Honourable Jim Lyall, Minister of Culture and Tourism. And Mr. Mitchelmore's comment was I had a productive dialogue on economic development, tourism and culture initiatives in which we can collaborate and partner as governments. My question to President Lampe is can we know what kind of dialogue happened to create economic development and culture and tourism initiatives because, as a representative of beneficiaries in Upper Lake Melville area, I'd like to know what things were discussed that will benefit us. Communication's always been my beef, so I'd like to keep communication going in regard to Mr. Mitchelmore's visit and what was actually discussed. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Thank you, Chairperson Mitchell. Speaker recognizes the Honourable Johannes Lampe.

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for the question, Chair of NunaKâtiget, and just recently the Minister of Tourism, Chris Mitchelmore, like you say, came to Nain and certainly wanted to find out more from Nunatsiavut Government of what could help or how the Provincial Department could do to support Nunatsiavut Government in how we can either progress or move forward issues that are related to economic development within Nunatsiavut, and one of the things that we did talk about, and a lot of other things that we talked about were not directly

related to his department, but we talked about the Nain Airstrip or the, you know, would become a driver and how tourism could move forward and Illusuak and, Mr. Speaker, I could certainly provide the Chair of NunaKâtiget information on what it is that we discussed with the Provincial Minister of Tourism, Chris Mitchelmore. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Thank you, President Lampe. Chairperson Mitchell, do you have a supplementary question?

**MR. MITCHELL:** No, Mr. Speaker, no more questions.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Thank you, Chairperson Mitchell. Are there any other questions? Speaker recognizes AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Marjorie Flowers.

**MS. FLOWERS:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My second question for today is for Honourable Tyler Edmunds, Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Technology. Can you give us, the ICG, an update on where the NG is with the fiscal financing agreement? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Thank you, AngajukKâk Flowers. Speaker recognizes Honourable Tyler Edmunds, Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek, oKalitik.* *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk for Hopedale. In terms of the fiscal financing agreement negotiations, the health mandate has been submitted to the Federal Government. Basically we're waiting on a response back on that portion. It has been some time since we've heard back with respect to that, well over a year. And the rest of the fiscal financing agreement mandate is being worked on internally and, as the

AngajukKâk maybe alluded to, the Department is reaching out to the ICG's and related departments to try to pull together this mandate and get it finalized. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Thank you, Minister Edmunds. AngajukKâk Flowers, do you have a supplementary question for the Minister? Thank you, AngajukKâk Flowers. Any other questions before we move on? No other oral questions. That being said, we'll move onto item number 8 on our *Orders of the Day*, "Written Questions." Are there any written questions? No written questions for today? We'll move onto to item 10, "Returns to Written Questions." There are no returns to written questions today. Onto item number 11 on *Orders of the Day*, "Petitions." Are there any petitions? No petitions. We'll move onto item 12, "Responses to Petitions." There are no responses today. Onto item 13 on the *Orders of the Day*, "Reports of Standing and Special Committees." Are there any reports of standing and special committees today? Hearing none, as previously mentioned, we'll move onto item 18 which is where we ended off our morning session, "First Reading of Bills." We're moving so fast I lost my place. Item 18, "First Reading of Bills." There are no reading of bills today. Item 19, "Second Reading of Bills." Similarly, there are no second reading of bills today. Item 20, "Assent to Bills." There are no assent to bills today, and onto item 21, "Adjournment." We went through the afternoon session with lightning pace so here we are. It's 2:30 in the afternoon. The Assembly is now adjourned until 9:00 a.m. tomorrow morning, Wednesday, September 20th, 2017.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Ullâkut Ilonnasi.* I'd like to ask the AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Julius Dicker, to say the opening prayer.

**MR. DICKER:** (Recites Prayer).

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek,* Mr. Dicker. And before we move onto formal proceedings, I just want to extend my apologies to one of our support staff, Mr. Tuglavina, who I misidentified Johansi, which I understand now is your nickname, and I apologize. So thank you, Johannes Tuglavina, for being here, and again my apologies for making a mistake you're your name. Onto item two, "Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery." I'd like to welcome those in the gallery today and thank them for their interest in the Assembly. Are there any Members here wishing to welcome guests? Seeing no new guests, we'll move onto item three. Item three, "Ministers Statements." Are there any minister statements this morning? Chair recognizes the Honourable Darryl Shiwak, Minister of Lands and Natural Resources.

**MR. D. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I'll continue my minister statement from yesterday with the Non-Renewable Resources Division. Mr. Speaker, as the Assembly has been aware through periodic updates from the Department, mineral exploration within Nunatsiavut has been slow for the past number of years. The decline in exploration activity within our region has been attributed to stagnant commodity prices in volatile global markets. This slowdown in Nunatsiavut has happened across most mining jurisdictions around the world. However, Mr. Speaker, I'm finally pleased to report that this summer there was an increase in exploration

activity across our Land Claim Region. In total, the Non-Renewable Resource Division reviewed and approved seven exploration applications, including three from new companies into our region. Although each of these programs is proposing early stage activity, it is encouraging that companies are once again interested in exploring in our territory and engaging with our businesses and hopefully hiring community members to help run their programs. The Non-Renewable Resource Division has a mandate to help companies get introduced to our region and to make sure that their activities are done in the way that decreases environmental impacts as much as possible while promoting the use of Inuit service providers, local businesses and Inuit employment. Although it's important to be cautiously optimistic about the summer's upswing, we hope that these companies come close with finding our next major resource project. Mr. Speaker, a lot of progress has also been made by the Non-Renewable Resource Division on advancing the idea of Nunatsiavut's Marine Plan. With the help of two summer employees out of Nain, the Division was able to develop a Community Engagement Strategy, get trained on how to collect traditional knowledge in ways that will help guide the content of the Marine Plan and conduct community sessions in Nain, Hopedale and Rigolet. Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, bad weather prevented the group from presenting the idea in Makkovik and Postville, however, the plan is to conduct the information sessions in those communities later this month or early October. So far the communities have responded very positively to the concept of

Nunatsiavut Government asserting more control and management over the marine zone, and there has been a huge interest in people sharing their knowledge of the ocean environment. And, finally, Mr. Speaker, our Director of Non-Renewable Resources, Mr. Harry Borlase, is leaving Nunatsiavut Government, and we would like to thank Harry for his work that he has done to advance the Division files over the last number of years. We wish him well in his future endeavours, and at the same time we're very pleased to welcome Mr. Claude Sheppard, our Director of Non-Renewable Resources. As you all know, Claude is formerly from Postville, and he's a Labrador Inuk, and he's Harry's replacement. Claude started working out of the Nain Office this week, and we are very, very pleased to have him as part of our team. The Environment Division continues to ensure that Nunatsiavut's view and comments are being represented at the federal view of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*, the *Fisheries Act* and the *Navigational Waters Act*, and National Energy Board. This has resulted in many meetings with responsible agencies and associated federal departments, and work continues to ensure that core three principles of free prior and informed consent, self-determination and reconciliation are meaningfully incorporated into the revised legislation. And, as Minister, I also met with Minister McKenna last month to raise our concerns that the environmental review discussion paper did not reflect the comments and suggestions we put forward by our team, in both written correspondence and in face-to-face meetings. Mr. Speaker, after many months of delay,



the Independent Expert Advisory Committee has been established and knowledge experts have been appointed to the committee to make decisions on potential mitigation measures to reduce the impact of methyl mercury on the eco system and Indigenous people. Their work has already begun, and the Environment Division will continue to interact with this group to ensure all work is communicated effectively to Nunatsiavut beneficiaries. The IEAC has established an office in Happy Valley Goose Bay. The independent science and traditional knowledge experts held a face-to-face meeting early this month, and the Oversight Committee is meeting face-to-face this week. We look forward to seeing recommendations from this committee that were to provide ways to address the impacts from methyl mercury. The Environment Division continues to provide input on the housing working group and the associated housing implementation planning. Through this group key monitoring initiatives for buildings in Nunatsiavut are being discussed and planned, including the monitoring for the sustainable community six-plex that is currently being constructed in Nain. Mr. Speaker, the National Inuit Climate Change Strategy is currently being developed with the intention to be finalized and released by December, 2017. The NICCS is being written. Instruction to have high level priorities and goals with the intention that each region develop its own Regional Climate Change Strategy that would fit with the NICCS. The reason for this is that the diversity between regions and to ensure that each region has the ability to set its own specific priorities and goals. Our Environment Division will

lead the work to develop a Nunatsiavut Government Climate Change Strategy. A large portion of this work is already complete to our involvement in development of the Inuit Priorities for Canada's Climate Change Strategy Workshop and Report and direct involvement in the National Inuit Climate Change Strategy. We are working with INAC to secure funding for a Climate Change Co-ordinator position in Nunatsiavut to assist us in ensuring our goals and our priorities are achieved.

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Minister Shiwak. Speaker now recognizes the Minister of Education and Economic Development, the Honourable Patricia Kemuksigak.

**MS. KEMUKSIGAK:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. Today I will give an education update. The 2016-2017 academic year ended with 30 students graduating from their programs. Many students have provided us with pictures, and we have put them on our graduate album on our Facebook page. The graduates include 17 from Canada, 9 from Upper Lake Melville and 4 from Nunatsiavut. At cut-off time for funding for the 2017-2018 academic year we had 124 new applicants; 71 full-time and 24 part-time. We expected to have a long list of applicants that will be turned down for funding. However, at the start of the school year we had a hundred and thirty-five full-time and 43 part-time students registered for study. Over the course of the summer 72 applicants and continuing students withdrew their application for funding. This is the highest turnover rate we have seen in this time period. Current student stats show Canada has 58 full-time and

15 part-time students. Upper Lake Melville has 42 full-time and 13 part-time students, and Nunatsiavut has 35 full-time and 15 part-time students. Most of the students from Canada are approved for one year only funding as their seat allocations is much higher than the region is entitled to. All applicants received to date have been processed. We have lost one of our Inuit Bachelor of Education students due to a family illness. It is possible she may be able to return for the winter semester and can make up the deficit courses with an on-campus term. All the other students are back into the program in their final year of class studies. An active search is ongoing for another instructor for the LITP Language Instructor as she resigned her position in August. Temporary arrangements are now in place to ensure the students do not lose valuable class instruction time, and I would like to thank Minister Lyall for working on this getting temporary people in place. Thank you. Jill Barrett just returned last week from maternity leave. Jill is our Secretary/Receptionist. Wallace Chaulk was filling in for her and Wallace plans to continue with further studies starting in the winter of 2018. Hashtag Inuk Book. Jessica Winters has been chosen to illustrate the book. She has just three paintings left to submit and we are then ready for layout and translation. Student on Ice 2017 Arctic Expedition. Veronica Flowers of Hopedale and Erica Jacque of Postville are back from their amazing journey. The final report from Students on Ice was received two weeks ago and was sent to the Assembly Members. Nunatsiavut Math Project. Awaiting final report and will forward when

received. From feedback from students in Makkovik, it was very well received. The Needs Base Study on the Post-Secondary Student Support Program and Inuit Pathways Funding Programs is nearing completion. The draft report has been received, however, it is under review by our staff as there are some edits and clarification required. *Inuvut PiusituKavullu*, our people and our culture, Inuit Society and Culture course, after two successful years being piloted in the schools in Nunatsiavut we are pleased that the course will be offered again in the upcoming academic year. Due to student numbers it is not known yet by our Department which Nunatsiavut schools will offer the course. But it does look like the offering will expand to Mealy Mountain Collegiate in Goose Bay, Lake Melville School, Northwest River and Bay Side Academy in Port Hope Simpson. The student resource textbook is in the final stages of review and we hope to go to print this fall. Due to the success of the Summer Literacy Camp held in Nain last year, we were able to expand the camps this past summer to be offered in Nain and Hopedale. Both camps ran simultaneously in July and provided employment to local people as well as providing an opportunity for students aged 5 to 12 to combat summer literacy language loss. The camps were a huge success. This year we were approached by Students on Ice Foundation for funding to support one student to attend the 4th International Marine Protected Areas Congress in Chile. After considering all our Students on Ice alumni, Jessica Winters of Makkovik was selected and is currently in Chile. Jessica is a student at Munn, is in her third year of the Bachelor of Science

program majoring in biology. Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee. The AEAC was created in 2014 by the Province to act as an advisory committee and work in a collaborative environment to evaluate and make recommendations to the Minister regarding aboriginal content within the curriculum established by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. Jodie Lane sits on that committee for Nunatsiavut Government. Four graphic novels were developed for schools across the Province. The Healer, Mary Webb, the Hunt an Innu Story, the Soldier, John Shiwak, the Golden Robe Mikak. Jodie reviewed the Golden Robe Mikak and suggested some minor dialect changes, but with internet problems they may have not received them. She was never given The Soldier, John Shiwak, to review, which was a bit of a problem for us. Inuit Pathways. For 2017-2018 only Nunatsiavut Government Assets Program received a one-time only 9 percent increase in our consolidated revenue funds. This total was \$127,060 that will be invested into program delivery during the fiscal year. Under the First Nations Inuit Childcare Initiative, Allocation of Assets, DHSD was given an opportunity to apply for one-time additional funds for 2017-2018. Additional funds were approved for this year only of \$606,261 to be spent on professional development, cultural programming and repairs and renovations. Inuit Pathways has 39 new students starting long-term development training in September with 22 of these from Nunatsiavut. Asset is currently operating in an extension year and there has been no

word yet as to what was happening post assets awaiting word of another extension year or a successor program. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Minister Kemuksigak. Are there any other statements from Ministers? Speaker recognizes the Minister for Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology, the Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek, oKalitik.* Mr. Speaker, since the last sitting there have been major improvements in the connectivity within Nunatsiavut. The Phase one of the Labrador North Digital Microwave Overbilled Project is nearing completion. All communities included in this project, unfortunately, with the exception of Makkovik, have been upgraded to the new backbone. All equipment for Makkovik has been installed, but due to technical issues with the new equipment, the date for the new upgrade is now set for the end of this month. The second deliverable as part of Phase 1, is the installation of fibre optic cables in the Inuit communities between Bell Aliant's local infrastructure and the Nunatsiavut Government offices. This will allow our offices to obtain band width above what is offered by the current DSL circuits that we utilize currently. It will mean more efficient connections for staff needing to access remote applications and databases and allow staff to partake in desktop videoconferencing when required. Mr. Speaker, equipment is in Nunatsiavut for this deliverable and installation is expected to begin before the shipping season ends. Since the last sitting of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, Mr. Speaker, there has been a second phase added to the Labrador North Digital Microwave Overbilled Project. The plan under Phase 2 is to further enhance the

overall bandwidth by increasing the channels between Nain and Double Mere and replacing existing radios in Makkovik and Rigolet, as well as adding capacity in Postville. There will also be an expansion of the fibre optic rollout beginning under Phase 1 to include the nursing stations, schools, and other government offices, the Provincial and Federal Offices, that is. It must be noted that the rollout of fibre to government agencies and departments will not allow for fibre op speeds as we are still limited by the microwave backbone, but it will permit those offices and institutions to access reliable two-way high speed communications for Telehealth and enhanced distance education, in particular. *oKalitik*. This phase is dependent on securing approximately \$2 million worth of funding. The Nunatsiavut Government has partnered with Bell Aliant. Will be providing a total of \$200,000 or 10 percent of the project, and we have submitted proposals to federal departments. There's been a positive response on those fronts on those funding requests and we expect to have all funding decisions received later this fall. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Minister Edmunds. Are there any other minister statements this morning? Hearing none, we'll move onto item number four, "Member Statements." Are there any members who wish to make a statement this morning? Speaker recognizes the AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Ms. Marjorie Flowers.

**MS. FLOWERS:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. This morning, on behalf of Hopedale Inuit Community Government, I'd like to extend my sincere condolences,

thoughts and prayers to the families in Nunatsiavut and Upper Lake Melville who have lost loved ones since our last sitting. Our towns are small and when we lose one person many stories and history go with them. I'd like to acknowledge for Hopedale, the families of Wilson Gear and Gus and Lena Semigak, who have lost loved ones. Gus and Lena has been through a tremendous ordeal as they were going to Nain for their brother-in-law's funeral and their daughter passed away the night before, so we were asking everyone to keep them in their thoughts and prayers. I would really like to acknowledge the elder from our town we lost suddenly in August. The man's name is Wilson Gear. Wilson's home was Adlatok Bay, and he would often say that he would be rather up the bay than in Hopedale. He was the kind of man who everyone loved, and I can only describe him as being gentle, humble and kind, full of humour, and he had a way with words like no other. His passing was a shock to the community and it has left a huge void. Our people are strong, resilient people, Mr. Speaker, and in the face of death the community pulls together to help each other, and for that I am grateful. This morning, on a brighter note, I would like to welcome two new teachers to ACMS school. Ms. Kelli King will be teaching grade one and Mr. Johnny Young is the grade nine teacher. We wish them a great year. This is also the time of year for fall sports meet, so I would like to congratulate the athletes who were chosen to go and a big shout out to all ACMS athletes. These types of events have lifelong memories. Thank you to all the coaches and chaperones who give up their time and thank you to Makkovik for being



the host for this year's event. I would also like to mention that something that I forgot in my member statement yesterday with the activities, and that is that the antenna that transmits the local radio station and OKâlaKatiget Radio was inspected this summer and due to a high wave of emissions, it was deemed it necessary for the antennae to be moved to another location. It took me many, many, many weeks working with Bell Aliant to finally get the work order accepted. However, that work order will not be completed until October the 16th and, in the meantime, the transmitter was turned off, thus we are without local radio here, which is a huge loss to our community. In closing, I want to thank Minister Greg Flowers for all the help and expertise that he's given me over the year. He's a really big help and I think that we work pretty good together, even though sometimes, like, I tell him what to do. So thank you, Greg, for your expertise and all your help. I think that's what a government is all about, is that we work in a partnership and I really appreciate your help. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Ms. Flowers. Speaker recognizes Chairperson for Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation, Mr. Derek Montague.

**MR. MONTAGUE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just wanted to take this moment to expand upon my statement at the end of what I said yesterday about the issues and the frustrations concerning memberships in Northwest River and the Upper Lake Melville region. While we all know that independent committees are responsible for deciding who becomes Nunatsiavut beneficiaries, which I agree with, elected officials should never have

direct influence on such a process. I believe that, as elected officials, we are responsible for asking questions about the systematic weaknesses that exist. And when it comes to who becomes a beneficiary, who loses membership, right now with the people that I represent there is a lot of frustration. There is a lot of anger. A lot of bitterness. People who have lost memberships. People who have had family members who have lost memberships. People who fear that they or a child might somebody lost membership, and I feel like it's my responsibility to speak out on this. The rules and the laws that guide memberships are set out in the *Constitution* which, of course, makes it very difficult for me to stand up here today and suggest that I have any answers. Right now I don't because, like I said, when we deal with matters of the *Constitution*, it makes it very hard to make changes, and that's what a *Constitution* is for. It is the over-arching document that guides what we do on a day-to-day basis and here at the Assembly. However, that does not make change impossible just because it is difficult. And that's what I wanted to say. I believe that, as elected officials, we are here to make decisions and to make recommendations, and sometimes those are not easy. Sometimes the process is hard, and I hope that we can take the first step by having discussion and debate on this topic during my tenure with the Nunatsiavut Government, and that's what I'd like to see, discussion and debate and, hopefully, that will lead to some answers. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Chairperson Montague. Speaker recognizes the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Mr. Roy Blake.

**MR. BLAKE:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, this past summer, our annual Meet and Greet barbecue in Upper Lake Melville was a success again this year. I would like to thank all who volunteered and, of course, the beneficiaries who took the time to come out and enjoy some interacting time with Minister Kemuksigak and myself. Also, Mr. Speaker, we would like to thank you, sir, for not only attending our barbecue in Mud Lake, but also for being the cook. Mr. Speaker, at this time I would like to send sincere condolences to the families and extended family members on the passing of the following: Robert Best, Harriett Anderson, Nigel Saunders, Willie Suarak, Buck Mucko, Gillard Baikie, Maurice Beaulac, and Mark Best. Also, Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the beneficiaries of Upper Lake Melville and myself, we wish to extend condolences to the people of Nain, Nunatsiavut, who have lost loved ones in the recent weeks. Mr. Speaker, I continue to do beneficiary visits. Along with Minister Kemuksigak, we try to visit long-term in a hospital as often as possible and, time permitting, we do so as well as home visits. We feel that it's very important to interact with our constituents. Mr. Speaker, I would like to discuss the topic of homelessness that is in our community. This particular situation concerns a young, single father with two children. He is unable to qualify for subsidized housing as he has made too much money last year. When you go to housing units, well, Melville Native Housing and Newfoundland and Labrador Housing, they always base it on

the year before income. Right now he's on EI. He don't qualify for housing because of the amount of money that he made last year, and he can't afford an apartment in Goose Bay right now because he's on EI. So he's fallen into this crack. Sir, I emailed Lisa Dempster of this situation and her reply was that she's aware of the situation. Sir, I just wanted to bring the light to this, and I am sure there are many others in similar situations. These young families are falling through the cracks of our Newfoundland Government. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Blake. Speaker recognizes the Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Richard Pamak.

**MR. PAMAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I spoke briefly yesterday around individual treatments with respect to our youth. I mentioned that I envied the many programs available today for youth. As an elected official over the years, I've heard through many meetings, gatherings, symposiums, that youth and seniors should be given priority for programs and services. I highlighted just a few yesterday of what is available to youth with much more being out there. There are many programs available for youth and, Mr. Speaker, in my opinion, very little offered or is available for seniors. I was very pleased to hear and, believe me, I was very pleased. I was one of the happiest guys knowing that the Nunatsiavut Government is now undertaking a senior survey to assess the need for a senior facility in Nunatsiavut. A very big step ahead, but only a small piece of the pie in seeing this become a reality. As an elected official, I remember a day prior to the ratification of the *Labrador Inuit*

*Land Claims Agreement.* One senior's home then was identified as a priority for Labrador Inuit. And it was said we didn't have the funds, nor in a position to offer those services as it was the responsibility of other governments. But if this agreement is settled, then we will have access to more funds, be in a position to take down programs and services from the Federal or Provincial Governments. Mr. Speaker, we heard yesterday from the auditors that the Nunatsiavut Government is an, and I quote, "an extremely healthy government financially" with nearly a half a billion in assets. Operated with an annual surplus of \$50 million in 2016- 2017. Not to mention, to my understanding, we still have access to 2.5 million from the *Tasiujatsaok Trust*. We have \$15 million, \$11 million for the next couple years, and also we have additional \$11 million of our own internal funds for housing initiatives for this fiscal year only. Today, Mr. Speaker, we cannot say that NG does not have the funds or the ability to take down programs and services. The *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement* allow us to create legislation, to take down programs and services, and it also provides us with healthy financial resources today to offer those programs and services. I know that there are more ingredients required to make that pie for seniors' facility to become a reality. But we now have the main ingredients to start a process where this government can govern one of their own services. Mr. Speaker, I stand here and I bring forward seniors home because it's a passion for me. It's a passion for my community, and I think it's a passion that all elected officials bring forward as much as they can for their respective

communities. Certainly I will be pursuing any avenue I can to making that vision of a seniors home become a reality in my community. I eagerly await the results of the senior survey. And I really hope that is certainly a part of a housing strategy which will be forthcoming to this Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, I believe we have the means and can make this become a reality. Mr. Speaker, I also had the pleasure and the privilege this summer to charter participants to Hebron under the Hebron Family Archaeology Project. The Hebron Archaeology Project is a four-year project in partnership with Cultural, Recreation and Tourism and Memorial University through Traditions and Transitions. A project that works towards increasing our understanding of life in Hebron through archaeological and archival research, as well as an ongoing series of community consultations and interviews with people from Hebron and their decedents. The project involves compiling oral family histories to complement and inform the archeological testing, or providing the means for families to return home to Hebron to share their stories, participate in archaeology and to heal. Mr. Speaker, if you can only see the expression on the participants' faces when arriving into Hebron, home or homeland of their parents. Finally to get home once again want to see where their parents grew up. Understand how they live. During this trip I shared what I can of my knowledge and places and the stories with participants while heading up there, and they shared their knowledge of what they gained with me on the way back. An amazing project. Not only for research, Mr. Speaker, but more to connect Hebron relocatees and/or

their descendants back to their homeland. I just want to take this time to say thank you to Michelle Davis of the Archaeological Department of CRT for giving that honour of being a part of this year's project. All around here should take the time to hear their stories and to give any support in making this project a long-term program in getting as many people back home as possible. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Pamak. Speaker recognizes Chairperson of NunaKâtiget Inuit Community Corporation, Mr. Gary Mitchell.

**MR. MITCHELL:**

*Nakummek, oKalitik. Ullâkut Ilonnasi.* First of all, like other members I'd like to offer my sincere condolences to all the people that passed on in Nunatsiavut and Upper Lake Melville, wherever, people that we grew up with, people that was our friends, family, and so many people impacted by their passing that it's unbelievable that in a short time how many people we lose and how close and dear they were to our hearts. I'd especially like to recognize a person I had the pleasure of knowing over the years, Karrie Obed from Nain, and I think it's because of music circles that I respected Mr. Obed and in what he was doing in the community. He's worked with music and keeping culture alive with the language. I first met Karrie on a personal basis a number of years ago and we had come here in Makkovik and invited Nain Choir and Brass Band to come to the community. And it was a very moving experience to have the Nain Choir and Brass Band come in the part of our Moravian Church hundred year celebrations in Makkovik in 1996. Karrie has been very influential at bringing, reviving the brass band along with Dr. Tom Gordon and, of

course, Nain has always had a big profile there for music and the brass band, and the last time I met Karrie was in St. John's last fall when we attended the Inuit Studies Conference played at the Inuit Music Festival there. From one of our concerts Jennifer and I went and played at the concert. But one of the highlights for me of that concert was when Jennifer and I played along with Karrie and Joan and Harry Dicker and sang some of Labrador songs that was a beautiful thing for me. And it's circulated on social media on video, so I remember Karrie for that. I'd also like to mention Eric Anderson Makkovik who I had the pleasure of working with for a number of years. Eric and I worked close together along with Herb was there at the time as well, and Eric was really passionate about his work. He liked to help his people. He worked with DFO and he learned a lot of things. He was a wealth of knowledge and he had a good working relationship with the fishermen in the community, and he brought them together, and we certainly miss Eric and his work for all the things he did with his work in the community. To get onto my statement, as you're all aware, the Muskrat Falls Project has certainly been the focus of a lot of attention and much discussion is centred around the project, especially if you live in the Upper Lake Melville area. We started the "Make Muskrat Right" campaign and local people got involved to put pressure on the Provincial Government and Nalcor to take measures to mitigate the problems that this project would cause and to try to come to terms on ways to minimize the damage, the effects of the waters downstream and the dam site, which that would cause.



Well, as it turns out, things have gone beyond "Make Muskrat Right," but I'm not going to harp on these activities. These days there's so much information being passed around and facts can get pretty construed pretty quickly when it hits the social media. There are times that I, and I'm sure it happens to other Assembly Members as well, we take the brunt of criticism as we are the front line there, and people want to know what is being done by their government to deal with the issues surrounding the project that will impact their lives and environment. Anyway, I will get to my point. With so much information being tossed around and news releases coming out and bits of information from the Provincial Government and Nalcor, I believe it is time for us to recap all that is happening and put out an updated news release from our government to inform the beneficiaries of what the current situation is with regard to the Muskrat Falls Project and the issues surrounding it. For instance, I was led to believe that the water levels in the dam were to be raised 25 metres. I may be corrected if I'm wrong, but in a conversation yesterday I was told that they're already 22.5 metres raised in the dam. I'm not going to talk too much about the things at the dam, but these are the kind of things we need to know. We need to know where we are with the testing for methyl mercury, and I just want to make a reference here to Minister Shiwak's statement this morning where some of these things that he mentioned I put in my statement, so I didn't want to change my statement this morning because I never had time. So this is another important factor in communication that we

asked before to have ministers statements before we come here so we'll know what they're going to be talking about so we don't duplicate our things in other statements, and this certainly happened this morning because some of the things I'm saying here Minister Shiwak had already told the Assembly what's happening from his Department about the Expert Advisory Committee and methyl mercury testing. These are the kind of things we need to know. We need to know where we are with methyl mercury when water was released earlier this summer. Was there any testing done? What about the independent Expert Advisory Committee that was formed. Have they met? When do they meet again? Will they hold public meetings? All those things we need to be told to the people to have good communication and to bring everyone up to scratch on the current situation. We started the campaign. We brought people together and then we need to keep them informed on where we are with this. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**ASSEMBLY:** [Applause].

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek*, Chairperson Mitchell. Speaker recognizes the AngajukKâk from Rigolet, Mr. Jack Shiwak.

**MR. J. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question in my mind and I don't think there's one single answer to it, but I know this information's come across my desk. The legalization of cannabis, July, 2018. And, you know, with the problems we have, I sit on our alcohol and drug committee, and it's quite clear we have a problem in our communities, alcohol abuse, drug abuse, people being able to put food on the table, the abuse of our

seniors, employment. I think employment is probably up there with everything else as I know a lot of the major companies now, they do drug testing. Once marijuana becomes legal, will be a drug that prohibits you from getting employment, or does set out change, because marijuana is now legal. These are the questions I have. I haven't had any answers. I think we need to start talking about this. It's going to affect our communities. Whether we like it or not, it's going to have an effect on our communities. As I already stated it's going to affect putting food on the table. It's going to affect our seniors. It's going to affect where we get employed, how we get employed, if, if it comes down to that. And once it comes into being is who's going to enforce all this? Is it going to put over onto the municipalities to enforce? Is it going to be put on municipalities to regulate? I think as communities, we need answers, we need help to decipher all this information. As my brother told me not long ago, he said, we're going to have one heck of a party July the 1st, 2018 because we're all going to get high. So, you know. But I don't think that's the intention but, you know, we have to start talking about these things, you know. We have to tackle these issues of how our communities can still grow and not step back because people are just not going to be able to afford this. I don't know what an ounce or a gram of marijuana is going to cost when it's legalized, but people are still going to look for that extra, the extra that's going to be sold on the underground market. So I think it's going to create a problem, but I think if we don't

talk about it we'll never solve the problem or never make our people aware of it. So thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Shiwak. Are there any other member statements for this morning? Chair recognizes the Ordinary Member for Postville, Mr. Tyler Edmunds.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. Just quickly, you know, on behalf of community, all share in the sentiments expressed by the Member for Nain yesterday and thanking the Department of Education and Economic Development for their Scholarship C Program with the Students on Ice Expedition as has been spoken to this morning in the minister's report. I'm sure you've each had the opportunity to look over the overall Students on Ice report and within there is a contained a letter from Eric Jacque of my community and, if you haven't had the opportunity to read through it, and I strongly encourage that you do. It's a very touching, moving letter and it truly illustrates the effectiveness of this program, and I just really wanted to recognize the Department for continuing this valuable program. Mr. Speaker, Postville's running group is preparing for its annual 5-kilometre walk and run event. We're in our fourth year. We typically have at least 20 participants coming out to join us. I really wanted to recognize the volunteers who make our event possible, particularly the help of the DHSD team, and we're scheduling the date for October 28th. We're optimistic that the weather's going to be conducive to running at that time but, if anything, hopefully the chill will make everyone's time a bit faster. I'd also like to join our AngajukKâk, Ms.

Diane Gear, in recognizing the work of our Community Economic Development Officer, Ms. Ruth Jacque, during this 2017 operating season for the Northern Ranger. As my colleague can attest to the authentic Labrador food tasting experience, has been a tremendous hit with all those who pass through our community to continue onto the rest of our beautiful region and, just again, quickly, Mr. Speaker, along with many of my other colleagues, I just wanted to wish athletes all the best in Makkovik this upcoming week. The sports meet is a very important event for our region and, again, just best of luck to all the athletes. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Edmunds. Are there any other statements from Members this morning? Hearing none, we'll move onto item five of the *Orders of the Day*,

"Return to Oral Questions." Speaker recognizes the Minister for Education and Economic Development, the Honourable Patricia Kemuksigak, to respond to questions posed yesterday by the Chairperson of the NunaKâtiget Corporation, Mr. Gary Mitchell, and the AngajukKâk of Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker, about what will happen to the training dollars that were intended for the underground project of Vale and also about the Nain staff who was hired. Minister Kemuksigak.

**MS. KEMUKSIGAK:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. In response to the two questions posed to me yesterday about the details of the LATP training dollars with respect to the underground training in Voisey's Bay, and for the training that's going to be happening, at the present time it's primarily short-term training like

safety training, but we also have about 12 to 14 students started in the college program, such as heavy equipment operator, mechanics, etcetera. The underground training, which is the primary focus is still waiting for Vale review to be completed. They will also continue with community sessions later in the fall and also focus on getting staff in place. The new councillor hired in Nain is Janelle Barbour. She is located in the same office building as before, in that old LIDC building. She is currently in Goose Bay now doing councillor training, and will be travelling back home to Nain on Saturday and back in her office on Monday. With the question that was related to existing Vale employees on site in Voisey's Bay and if they'll have an opportunity for underground training, this is the response I received. The intent is certainly that existing site employees will have opportunities to be selected for underground training as they are valuable employees. Vale will have to manage the numbers over time as Vale still needs to sustain the current open pit operations as well. But definitely Vale's intention and wish is that a number of the existing employees will make the transition to underground through the LATP programming. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Minister Kemuksigak. Speaker recognizes the Minister of the Department of Health and Social Development, the Honourable Greg Flowers.

**MR. FLOWERS:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yesterday Roy Blake asked me a question on the province medical program, what it was called and how do we access it? The name of the program is the Medical Transportation Assistant

Program, MTAP, and it's administered by the Provincial Government, and also for your information I do have forms now at my computer if you certainly need them, or for anyone else. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Minister Flowers. There are no more returns today and we're onto item number six, "Oral Questions." Are there any oral questions? Speaker recognizes Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Mr. Roy Blake.

**MR. BLAKE:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Mr. Darryl Shiwak. Sir, on September 7 in Mud Lake and Happy Valley Goose Bay there were two meetings respectively on the flood situation that happened in May. These were preliminary findings by Professor Linden-Schmidt. Mr. Shiwak, the beneficiaries, as well as myself, sir, would like to know why you, nor any of your staff, attended these very important meetings.  
*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Blake. Speaker recognizes the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

**MR. D. SHIWAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you to Ordinary Member Blake for the very important question. I guess to start off, as you're aware and the Assembly's aware, Nunatsiavut Government has been focused on the methyl mercury issue and how to mitigate those issues. And one of the things that has been taking up a lot of our time during the summer has been understanding why that water level hasn't been coming down in the

reservoir. And I think within the Department we just assumed that the preliminary report that you reference with regards to the flooding would give the appropriate answers to the community of Mud Lake on why the flooding happened and that they would do the job. That's no excuse why we weren't there. And having said that, we think it's important to understand what the report says about the methyl mercury and if there are any impacts of methyl mercury downstream. So the Department will be looking at that report from that view. But to address your question why we weren't there, it was a matter of us being preoccupied with the other issues with regards to the methyl mercury and assuming that the report would do its job in explaining what the flooding does. But we will look at the report for any methyl mercury, see if there's any methyl mercury issues there. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Minister Shiwak. Ordinary Member Blake, do you have a supplementary question?

**MR. BLAKE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Mr. Shiwak. You stated that you and your Department will look at the report from Dr. Linden-Schmidt and the preliminary findings. Will you and your Department have your findings as well?

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Blake. Honourable Minister Shiwak.

**MR. D. SHIWAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And all I can commit to at the time is to I haven't seen the report myself, but the Department will look at the report from the methyl mercury point of view and understand what that



means and what that says and then get back to the community, if need be, on those findings. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek*, Minister Shiwak. Ordinary Member Blake, do you wish to exercise your right to a final supplementary question?

**MR. BLAKE:** No, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Speaker recognizes Mr. Herb Jacque, AngajukKâk for Makkovik.

**MR. JACQUE:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question this morning is also for the Minister of Lands and Resources, Mr. Darryl Shiwak. Yesterday you mentioned in your statement there was moose licences for our communities. My question is will the hunt occur or the harvest occur again in the Gros Morne this year? If so, how much and will other hunters or beneficiary hunters be given the opportunity to participate in the hunt? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Thank you, AngajukKâk Jacque. Speaker recognizes the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

**MR. D. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you for the question. Yes, we are planning a hunt again this year for Gros Morne. I believe we're scheduled to be out there in the week of October 23rd. As for plans for who's hunting, again, this year we believe that it'll be internal hunters again this year. There has been no consideration to bringing new hunters. But that's certainly something I can bring back to the Department and make suggestion or ask them what that would mean logistically if we were to

do that, but something I will bring back and ask the Department. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Minister Shiwak. AngajukKâk Jacque, do you have a supplementary question? Thank you. Speaker recognizes the AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker.

**MR. DICKER:**

*Nakummek, oKalitik.* My question is to the Honourable Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Darryl Shiwak. Mr. Shiwak, in your report this morning you mentioned the gathering of traditional knowledge around the marine wildlife. I think it's called Nunatukavut . I attended one of the reports that was held in Nain, and I was quite impressed with how the report was presented and how much information they had gathered, but my concern is that this was a project for the past summer in looking at the information that they were gathering which is very important to Nunatsiavut and the area of Nain and north, all the marine wildlife, the fish that go into the rivers, the animals that use those rivers in salt water. My question to you, sir, is with such important knowledge being gathered, will that project continue to be going on, and is it going to be considered to be a project that's continued, I guess, on a more consistent funding basis because we have areas Nain and north that have never been looked at, and I think that information that's there now and the process that's starting it, I don't want the initial, you know, going ahead and the excitement that it's creating, especially around people around Nain to participate in that project and the importance of that project. I guess my question is will that continue to be a project that the

Nunatsiavut Government is going to continue on a regular basis? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Dicker. Speaker recognizes the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

**MR. D. SHIWAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for the question. But we, too, as a Department, feel that it's an extremely important initiative. Right now the plan for us is to finish. As I said, in my statement this morning, the community consultations have not concluded in all the communities. We have Postville and Makkovik to finish. The plan right now is to finish those consultations as we want to get input from all communities and all those interested before we bring the recommendations forward on what the communities actually think of this project, and I'm very happy to hear that you think it's such an important project. And, like I said, we do too, but we want to make sure that we have all input first before we decide what to do with it next and to ensure that we have support from, not only the communities, but from our own government and from the other levels of government as well. But it's something that we're certainly hoping that we can move ahead in in future years and establish a very important and good Nunatsiavut Marine plan. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Minister Shiwak. AngajukKâk Dicker, do you have a supplementary question?

**MR. DICKER:**

Thank you, *oKalitik*. Thank you, Minister Shiwak, for your response. Just one last comment, I guess, or point that I want to make is that, you know,

I believe that the information that's been gathered now with this project Imupavut is going to rationalize the need that's not there which is the monitoring of that vast area north of Nain. Right now we only have one conservation officer to do that. And rarely does that conservation officer get an opportunity to do his patrol because of numbers and the expense, I guess, but I think that this information here gathered will rationalize the need for more persons such as the conservation officer to be hired so that we know we are protecting our homeland in a manner that is...

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** AngajukKâk Dicker...

**MR. DICKER:** ...reasonable.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** ...do you have a — I apologize. Do you have a question for the Minister?

**MR. DICKER:** Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question to you, Mr. Shiwak, is that will the Department of Lands and Resources consider hiring more personnel to guard our homeland in the future because of this information being gathered.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Dicker. Speaker recognizes Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

**MR. D. SHIWAK:** Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker, and again very important is — I think it's very obvious that you attended the community consultation session. I think the idea of Imupavut, one of the ideas in that whole plan was the idea of guardians, like you're talking about. That's a very important part of the plan, is to have more people other than our conservation officers looking to our marine areas and being our own guardians of that area. It's a very

important part of it, but I again have to say that we haven't got to that point. It's a very important part of the plan, but we have to make sure that we complete the community consultations first and then ensure that we have the support going ahead, but it is very important. I'm glad you brought it up. It is a very important part of the plan. So, thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Minister Shiwak. AngajukKâk Dicker, do you have a final supplementary question? Speaker recognizes the Chairperson of NunaKâtiget Inuit Community Corporation, Mr. Gary Mitchell.

**MR. MITCHELL:**

*Nakummek, oKalitik*. I raised this before in the Assembly here, and my question is going to be directed to President Lampe who, I believe, is sitting in for Minister Lyall, Minister of Culture and Tourism. We've created a national park up in Torngat, but as I mentioned last year in previous statement, we created something that a lot of us are not going to see unless you're from a cruise ship, Students on Ice, or you work there or you have special privilege to go there. My question is this. Has there been any talks of any company providing a ship whereby people from Nunatsiavut, or anywhere in Labrador, or maybe Newfoundland, can go up the coast and see the park and have drop-offs in different communities like some kind of passenger boat. Have there been any discussions with any companies that might be interested in doing this because I believe that people should be getting to see their park that's been created by us. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek*, Chairman Mitchell. Speaker recognizes the President of Nunatsiavut, the Honourable Johannes Lampe.

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Chair of NunaKâtiget, for the question. The Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism have been meeting with various groups and departments of the province and Canada, and I myself have not been engaged in discussions about tour ships coming through Nunatsiavut and the Torngat Mountains National Park, but I certainly will bring this question to the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism and have that answer forwarded to you.

*Nakummek*. Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek*, President Lampe. Chairperson Mitchell, do you have a supplementary question? Speaker recognizes the Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Richard Pamak.

**MR. PAMAK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to forward my question to Honourable President Lampe in the absence of Honourable Kate Mitchell, First Minister, and Minister responsible for implementation of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement*. As I stated in my member statement, you know, the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement* gave us the ability to create legislation to take down services and programs from other governments. Can you tell me if there has been any discussions internally within NEC where the Nunatsiavut Government can start looking at taking down some of these programs and services and to deliver for our beneficiaries. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Thank you, Ordinary Member Pamak. Speaker recognizes the President of Nunatsiavut, the Honourable Johannes Lampe.

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker, and, thank you, Ordinary Member for Nain for the question. And again I would have to talk to the First Minister to have the question answered, and I certainly will have the question forwarded to the First Minister. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek*, President Lampe. Are there any other member's questions this morning? I don't believe the question was answered, so I don't believe there's a basis to issue a supplementary question when President Lampe already opined that he was unable to provide the response. Speaker recognizes Ordinary Member Pamak.

**MR. PAMAK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, it was a question asked to the President to see if there were discussions with NEC. I can't see why this question had to be referred to the First Minister. I'm asking the President if these discussions are happening at NEC. If First Minister was here, I would have asked her. I have seen no reason why that this should be deferred to our next Assembly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Thank you, Ordinary Member Pamak. The Speaker and President Lampe did indicate that he was unable to provide a response and I have to accept that as gospel and, based upon that, I will not provide a supplementary question at this point. Are there any other questions this morning? Speaker recognizes the AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Marjorie Flowers.

**MS. FLOWERS:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. My question this morning is for the Minister of Health and Social Development, Greg Flowers. With the Food Security Co-ordinator for Nunatsiavut, and based on the information that came out of the food survey in our last sitting, that was tabled, I would like to know what is being done to deal with the food security issue for Hopedale besides what our local food security committee is doing. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Thank you, AngajukKâk Flowers. Speaker recognizes the Minister of Health and Social Development, the Honourable Greg Flowers.

**MR. FLOWERS:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I think thank you, AngajukKâk Flowers. After all the praises, now you want to ask me a hard question. No, seriously. There is a lot of ongoing issues or things happening with food security, not only in Hopedale but in Nunatsiavut. And just recently we have received quite a sum of money the *Tasiujatsaok Trust*, an amount of \$250,000, that will be, you know, will be looked at ways of doing food security in all of Nunatsiavut. So right now we, some of the plans are that we're going to have a big meeting coming up in Nain on October the 25th to discuss some of this, and there will be representatives from all of Nunatsiavut to that meeting. So right now I guess it's kind of early for me to say exactly what's going to come out of that so as all discussions are, but it is on the radar for all of the communities in Nunatsiavut to, you know, have some kind of a better program than exists today. So I wanted to make in the next Assembly as part of my Member statements, have more information to be able to do and, say, bring more things back to the



Assembly. But we are working on all the communities in Nunatsiavut and hopefully at the next Assembly I'll have a better answer for you that you asked specifically for Hopedale of. By then I will know exactly what will be provided for the community of Hopedale. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Minister Flowers. The AngajukKâk for Hopedale, do you have a supplementary question?

**MS. FLOWERS:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Some words of clarification. You said there's a conference going on in Nain in October, I believe, and did I hear you say that there will be representation from the other communities as well? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Flowers. Speaker recognizes the Minister of Health and Social Development, Honourable Greg Flowers.

**MR. FLOWERS:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That is correct. The HSD, our Department and Economic Development will be a part of this and also across the north. We will be bringing people from across the north from different regions to, I guess, look at all the regions and look at all of it. And specifically we will certainly be talking about in Nunatsiavut. I mean, we all know what the food securities are in our communities. I mean, as representatives for our communities, we see the issues and see the problems, but we are, you know, we are working with our co-ordinator. We are working with different organizations to try and get, you know, trying to get this, I guess, handled in a more appropriate way to actually start seeing the

things that you asked brought back into the communities. Thank you,  
Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek*, Minister Flowers. AngajukKâk Flowers, do you have a final supplementary question? Speaker recognizes AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Marjorie Flowers.

**MS. FLOWERS:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This conference seems like it's a very important one, and my question is because of the importance, will the Inuit Community Governments be involved with the conference as well?  
Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Flowers. Speaker recognizes the Minister of Health and Social Development, Honourable Greg Flowers.

**MR. FLOWERS:** Mr. Speaker, can she repeat the question? I didn't have my ear piece in and I didn't actually hear the question.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** AngajukKâk Flowers, can you accommodate Minister Flowers. Thank you.

**MS. FLOWERS:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question was with teleconference of this sort, will the Inuit Community Governments be involved with the conference as well?

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Flowers. Speaker recognizes Minister of Health and Social Development, Mr. Greg Flowers.

**MR. FLOWERS:** Mr. Speaker, I don't see any reason why we can't engage the AngajukKâat of the communities. Certainly they are the front lines of the communities, so I certainly will ask and request that the AngajukKâat, if they choose to be there, could also attend. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek*, Minister Flowers. Are there any other member questions this morning? Speaker recognizes the Chairperson of the Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation, Mr. Derek Montague.

**MR. MONTAGUE:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to Minister Shiwak. There has been a lot of talk at the Assembly and in the media about water levels with the Muskrat Falls Project. One thing, and I apologize if this is information that's already been sent out that I might have missed, but I was wondering if you can please give us an updated, Minister Shiwak, on the Province's commitment to vegetation removal and where that currently stands and if that part of the agreement is being upheld. Thank you.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek*, Chairperson Montague. Speaker recognizes the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

**MR. D. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. With regard to the commitments that were made and lowering of the water levels to ensure that vegetation, soils and trees, that will have impact on methyl mercury downstream being removed from the reservoir, as you know, we've been in the media the last little while saying to the Premier that he needed to explain why the water levels have not dropped below 20.3 metres to ensure that those mitigation measures can be in place. Those areas are not being cleared because the water level is not below that level. They have indicated they've cleared some trees around what I believe is Edward's Island. I'm not quite sure where that's to. They plan to remove those trees from that area. What they intend to do, they are looking at other ways, they

say, of removing other amounts of soils through various ways. We've never been given a proper indication of how they're going to do that. They've also said that this is an issue that they want to bring to the IEAC for recommendations on how to do that. As you know, and everybody around this room knows, we're running out of time this fall to ensure those mitigation measures are in place. So as for commitments being met, those commitments of removing soils, the current situation, what we understand they've removed a few trees around Edward's Island and maybe some other places. IEAC has yet to make recommendations on other areas to be cleared for soil and vegetation. And, like I said, we've never been given a yes or no on what else they plan to do while the IEAC is making their recommendations. That's the extent of our knowledge of what they've done. Like I say, we're not very happy. Our view as a government, and President Lampe has expressed it as well, is the commitment that was made to lower the water level back down to where it was to natural levels so those mitigation measures could take place, that hasn't happened and so now we've asked the Premier to explain why that is not happening, and it's up to them to explain what they intend to do about mitigation for methyl mercury downstream. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Minister Shiwak. Do you have a supplementary question, Chairperson Montague? Speaker recognizes the Chairperson of the Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation, Mr. Derek Montague.

**MR. MONTAGUE:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just one follow-up question, Minister Shiwak. Any timeline on when the next set of recommendations is expected to be presented?

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek*, Chairperson Montague. Speaker recognizes the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

**MR. D. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I assume you're referring to the recommendation from the experts at the IEAC to the Oversight Committee. What we understand is they met last week, experts from the scientific community, medical community, as well as our own traditional knowledge people, met last week to make those recommendations to the Oversight Committee, and we understand that they are meeting this week. So hopefully we'll hear from them soon, and I have to make it very clear that the Oversight Committee has its own communications people in place so that they will be communicating that out to the public. But certainly we will make sure that we take your questions seriously, ensure that those questions are addressed, whether it's through the Premier's Office or through IEAC, but it's very important questions and they need to be addressed now. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek*, Minister Shiwak. Does the Chairperson for Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation wish to ask a final supplementary?

**MR. MONTAGUE:** Not at this time.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Thank you, Chairperson Montague. Speaker recognizes the AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Mr. Herb Jacque.

**MR. JACQUE:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and again my question is for the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Mr. Shiwak. One of our fishers asked me to ask you about – it's related to the fishery regarding core licences – are there any additional core licences available? If not, are there any plans for extension, and how would they apply? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Thank you, AngajukKâk Jacque. Speaker recognizes the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

**MR. D. SHIWAK:** Just for clarification, Mr. Speaker, and thank you for the question. Are you referring to quota allocations, or are you referring to the fishers getting core status?

**MR. JACQUE:** Fishers....

**MR. D. SHIWAK:** I'd have to check on the process for that and provide an answer back to the Member on that. I don't have that off the top of my head, so that's something I'll have to check in and get back to the Member. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Thank you, Minister Shiwak. I think we'll take a 15-minute break. Mr. Blake, have you had your first question this morning, I believe?

**MR. BLAKE:** I had my first.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Yes, before we go into a second round of questions, I propose a 15-minute break. We'll come back and do our second round of questions after our short recess. So I see the clock at roughly 10:30. We'll come back in at 10:45. Thank you.

(Recess)

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

He has been asked to field questions on behalf of the First Minister and on behalf of Jim Lyall, I believe, as well, if my memory serves me correctly. Anyway, it has been brought to my attention that President Lampe has not had an opportunity to be properly briefed in those two portfolios prior to his arrival here at Assembly. So it's a bit unfair that there is an expectation placed upon President Lampe that he'd be able to respond to all questions. What I would ask is that any questions that are directed to President Lampe on behalf of First Minister Mitchell, or on behalf of Minister of CRT, Mr. Jim Lyall, Johannes, if you, President Lampe, if you can adjudicate yourself whether or not you're able to provide a response, and if you can't provide a response then there is no expectation placed upon you that you're briefed on those files and we will refer those questions to the next Assembly sitting. Okay. As I said back onto item two, "Oral Questions." Are there any more oral questions from Members this morning? Chair recognizes the Chairperson of the OKâlaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation, Mr. Gary Mitchell.

**MR. MITCHELL:**

*Nakummek, oKalitik.* My question this morning is for President Lampe with his recent meeting with Honourable Chris Mitchelmore from Provincial Government, and I asked a question regarding what topics took place in their meeting. I would like to ask President Lampe if he has any further information on this meeting and what was discussed in their recent meeting in Nain. *Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.*

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek, Chairperson Mitchell.* Speaker recognizes the President of Nunatsiavut, the Honourable Johannes Lampe.

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. I can answer this question, and I thank the Chair of NunaKâtiget for asking the question. And about our meeting with the Provincial Minister, Chris Mitchelmore, with respect to economic development and tourism, Chris Mitchelmore said that he was interested to have this information provided for the beneficiaries in Upper Lake Melville, and that some of the issues that we discussed were the Nain Airstrip, as I mentioned yesterday and Illusuak. An update on that meeting on September 13, 2017, and the meeting was set up at the request of Minister Mitchelmore and parliamentary secretary, Randy Edmunds. And the issue is that we discussed where Minister Mitchelmore wanted to visit Nunatsiavut to ensure he had a real sense of the area when he was discussing issues around tourism in the Province, and he advised that the Department is responsible for tourism, innovation and culture. They have money available in their Department through various programs including Innovate Newfoundland and Labrador, Cultural Economic Development Fund. This provides funding for community events in the Province from \$500 to \$2,000. They, as the original development fund, which is a leveraged fund, and he also advised that there may be more funds. And the Province is expecting that the tourism will provide \$16 billion to the provincial economy by 2020. Nunatsiavut Government identified the following issues which needed to be addressed as they impact economic development, tourism, and health and social development. (1) Nunatsiavut Tourism Strategy. Our 2014 Nunatsiavut Tourism Strategy was developed to align with the Provincial



Government's destination development plans and focus on strong partnerships with community and our provincial partners. We are currently finalizing a more detailed implementation plan to bring to the NEC, and the implementation plan focuses on building capacity, more training opportunities and linkages within the Nunatsiavut Government to grow tourism at the pace that our communities want. (2) Provincial Product Development Strategy. With the launch of the Product Development Strategy we were happy to see Indigenous tourism highlighted and will continue to work closely with the Provincial Government to grow Indigenous tourism. We have an excellent working relationship with Carol-Ann Gillard, Director of Sector Diversification. (3) Aboriginal Tourism Association of Canada. Our Director of Tourism, Jillian Larkham, is the Aboriginal Tourism Association of Tourism Board Member for the Province. Aligning with the Atlantic Growth Strategy, there is opportunity to develop an Aboriginal Atlantic Chapter that would feed into attack as well as funds to investigate something provincially. We are excited for this opportunity and moving forward will be sure to keep our partners informed. (4) The Torngat. The Torngat had a successful season with many important visitors. Our season this year ran from July 22 to August 26. We welcomed Minister McKenna, President of ITK, Natan Obed, as well as a group of international tour operators through Destination Canada from John View, Maple Tours and other major companies. The CEO of Parks Canada, Mr. Daniel Watson, also visited during this time. Our Tourism Division is a small but dedicated group

who are committed to working with community stakeholders, funding partners and provincial partners to grow tourism. (5) The Nain Airstrip. Nunatsiavut Government has been working on this issue for a number of years. A new airstrip is needed for public health and safety and tourism and economic development. (6) Passenger and Freight Vessel and the Community Dock Infrastructure. This is an essential service which impacts health, safety, cost of living, tourism and economic development. The province needs to put in place a process to have a new vessel for the north coast. Mr. Speaker, this meeting lasted for one hour and thirty minutes and finished with a tour of English Rock with the Provincial Minister, Chris Mitchelmore. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, President Lampe. Does the Chairperson of NunaKâtiget Community Corporation have a supplementary question?

**MR. MITCHELL:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. No, I don't, but I'd like to thank President Lampe for the very comprehensive answer. Thank you.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Speaker recognizes the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Mr. Roy Blake.

**MR. BLAKE:**

*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Minister Darryl Shiwak. Mr. Shiwak, if Nalcor don't reduce the water levels to where they are supposed to be in order to clear vegetation to reduce the methyl mercury levels in our river, sir, what will Nunatsiavut Government do to ensure that this clearing will be done? *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Blake. Speaker recognizes the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

**MR. D. SHIWAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you for the very difficult question on a very difficult issue. As you're all aware, and I said it previously, the position of Nunatsiavut Government is always with the health and the welfare of people living downstream in the Land Claims Area from this Muskrat Falls Project and for us the commitment that were made last fall (1) Is to set up the IEAC, which they are very pleased that it is set up, it is very important and (2) The next important one is the release of that water to its natural levels, which is about 17 metres and, to be clear, last winter that water went up to a maximum height of about 22.5 metres. The water started to release, and it's true that when President Lampe went to the Premier, it went down to 20.3 metres. After that the engineers within Nalcor started to see slumping and, apparently, through this whole time there was knowledge that this slumping issue could be a risk to the project and to public. We were having meetings on this over the summer and it's true that we were informed that this may be an issue. It was very late in the summer when we were informed that the water cannot be lowered any further. The Premier did go out of his way to try to ensure that we understood the issue. Having said that, there's nobody within Nunatsiavut Government with the engineering background or the engineering to understand this issue further. It's been explained in a presentation to us. But at the end of the day, it is not our duty to explain why a commitment that was made by the Premier to the

Indigenous groups last fall, it is not our duty to explain why that cannot happen, a very, very important commitment. Our commitment from our side, was the health and well-being of Inuit downstream. Our commitment that we agreed to was that water would go back to natural levels. It's up to the Premier, up to Nalcor, to explain why that cannot happen, why it cannot go back down to those natural levels. What is the risk? It's not up to Inuit to explain that. We have made that very clear, and that is the reason why we had asked the Premier to explain that to the public this week. It's up to them to explain that. If those levels do not go down to the level where they are supposed to be, (1) The Premier has to explain why that cannot happen, why that commitment cannot be made. (2) If it is true indeed what he says in the media, that he has referred this to the IEAC, well, hopefully the IEAC is looking at that issue and will make recommendations on the issue of lowering to the levels where they have to be. Because, like, again, we believe in this IEAC because it is run by experts of both traditional knowledge and in the scientific community. So they have to make that recommendation. So we'll wait to see if they are indeed making those recommendations, and another very important issue that people need to be aware of, and we asked the Premier to explain, is we were told in a conclusion from SNC Laval in and to Nalcor, once it hits 25 metres – and that will happen to put the boom in place this fall begin to happen at November 1st – once it hits 25 metres that water's not coming back down for another mitigation measures. That is a conclusion because of this risk of landslides. People

need to understand that. Again, that's not something for us to explain. I believe that issue is going to the IEAC to make recommendations if that can happen, or if that cannot happen because, again, it's very important that the IEAC make those recommendations. They have the scientific knowledge. They have the traditional knowledge to be able to make those recommendations. It's very important that it go there. But, for us, we just wanted the Premier to explain that. It's not up to us as Inuit to have to defend why that commitment cannot be met because, again, it's engineers from Nalcor, from SNC Laval in, who are making these recommendations. It's not up to us to defend it or explain it. We don't have the expertise to do so and we have never made a commitment to do so. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Minister Shiwak. Ordinary Member Blake, do you have a supplementary question for the Minister?

**MR. BLAKE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I can just write this down for a second so I won't forget. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Shiwak, can the Nunatsiavut Government put pressure on Nalcor to make sure that these commitments are being met? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Blake. Speaker recognizes the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

**MR. D. SHIWAK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and, to be clear, the commitments that we made were with the Provincial Government with the Premier. And under the guidance and under the leadership of President Lampe, we have been

putting the pressure on to make those sure those commitments are being met. That's why we are extremely frustrated with this whole lowering of the water issue. Them telling us that that cannot happen because of these risks to either work for us or public safety is something that we cannot defend or explain. They have to do that. We have been putting on the pressure. We have been putting pressure on the Premier and Nalcor to say, look, explain this. Explain to the public why this cannot happen because it was, if you remember quite clearly, it was a commitment that was made, and I don't know, and I can't speak for anybody else. I don't know if those commitments would have been agreed to if that commitment wasn't there. So it's a very important commitment. Again, it's something we cannot explain. They have to do it. And, again, I go back to the IEAC, why it's so important that they look at these issues. They are independent. They are run by experts, and they are represented of the three Indigenous groups, so it's very important, but we have been putting that pressure on. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Thank you, Honourable Minister Shiwak. Ordinary Member Blake, do you wish to exercise your right to a final supplementary question? Speaker recognizes the AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker.

**MR. DICKER:**

*Nakummek, oKalitik.* I guess I know the issues around Muskrat Falls and what Nunatsiavut Government is doing with regards to what happens downstream, but I believe that the commitment that was made was made to three leaders. My question to Mr. President Lampe is, have you consulted with the other two leaders to see what they think about it?

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Thank you, AngajukKâk Dicker. Speaker recognizes the President of Nunatsiavut, the Honourable Johannes Lampe.

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker, and, thank you, AngajukKâk for Nain for the question, and yes, we are engaged with the two other Indigenous leaders, Nunutukavut and Innu Nation, and so we have put out information regarding risks on the health, culture and way of life of Labrador Inuit, and so we have looked for support from the other Indigenous leaders in groups, but we, as Nunatsiavut Government, sometimes have, you know, found challenges in getting the support that we need from the Indigenous leaders of the Nunutukavut and Innu Nation. And certainly this issue is very challenging, but we will not change our position. Our position remains the same. That we will look at, you know, health risks, cultural way of life downstream of the Muskrat Falls reservoir. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek*, President Lampe. Does the AngajukKâk for Nain have a supplementary question?

**MR. DICKER:** No, Mr. Speaker, I do not have a question. I just had a comment, but it's not a question, so I remain satisfied with his answer.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Speaker recognizes the Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Richard Pamak.

**MR. PAMAK:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to forward my question to Honourable Greg Flowers, Minister for Department of Health and Social Development. As we all are aware, that the Department of Health and Social Development offers us supportive living service in co-operation

with the Provincial Government in Nain, Hopedale and Upper Lake Melville, and I'm not sure if you're aware or not of a waiting list for Nain and that a need has been expressed for additional units. Can you tell me if your Department is willing to look into the needs and forward any findings to the Provincial Government for additional units for Nain?

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Pamak. Speaker recognizes the Minister of Health and Social Development, the Honourable Greg Flowers.

**MR. FLOWERS:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Ordinary Member for Nain for your question. I guess I'd have to go back a little to 2014-2015 when we took on this portfolio, back when the Newman supportive living units closed in Happy Valley Goose Bay and the Province asked us to take the lead and take over some of this. And one of the things that – I was just new with the Minister at that time – suggested to NEC and my Deputy Minister that if we're going to take on supportive living units in Upper Lake Melville, I wanted to see supportive living units in Hopedale and Nain, and we got that commitment, Mr. Speaker, from the Province, and as of today we have a supportive living unit in Nain and one in Hopedale, and also in Happy Valley Goose Bay that we run through the Province, that Ordinary Member from Nain has alluded to. But to get to his question, Mr. Speaker, I didn't have any formal request from my Department or from Nunatsiavut to look at putting any more units in any other community or in Nain or Hopedale at this time so, you know, if there's a need there, we certainly would, you know, engage in that process



because I know as the Minister of Health that, especially in Nain and Hopedale, we have – in Upper Lake Melville too, we have a lot of people and I think Mr. Blake alluded to that this morning – I think it was Mr. Blake – homeless and people in need. So, Mr. Speaker, if that comes forward directly to my Department, I certainly would engage in any discussions and see what the needs are and go from there. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Minister Flowers. Ordinary Member Pamak, do you have a supplementary question? Speaker recognizes the AngajukKâk for Postville, Ms. Diane Gear.

**MS. GEAR:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the First Minister, Honourable Kate Mitchell, although she's not here today, and this comes from one of my constituents, and it's regarding housing repairs. They want to know what criteria was used to in deciding on housing repairs, and why 2015 income was used, and if it applied to all applicants. I know I probably won't get an answer here today, but thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Thank you, AngajukKâk Gear. As I said in my preamble, President Lampe was not briefed by the First Minister on her portfolio, so it places an unrealistic and unfair expectation upon President Lampe that he be asked to respond to questions that he was not properly prepared for. So, anyway, President Lampe, I will leave it up to you to decide if you want to field the question, or if you prefer to pass it off for future consideration, with all due respect to the question that was being asked.

**PRESIDENT LAMPE:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. And, again, I have not been briefed on this issue so I cannot provide an answer to the AngajukKâk for Postville.  
*Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek*, President Lampe. Just for clarity, that question was directed to the First Minister and will be recorded as such in Hansard. Again, providing there's no response, I will not provide a supplementary opportunity, but thank you for your question, AngajukKâk Gear. Are there any other questions this morning? Hearing none, we'll proceed to item number seven, "Written Questions." Are there any written questions? Hearing none, onto item eight, "Returns to Written Questions." There are no returns today. Onto item nine, "Petitions." Are there any petitions? Hearing none, we're onto item 10, "Responses to Petitions." There will be no responses today. Onto item number 11 on the *Orders of the Day*, "Reports of Standing and Special Committees." I do not believe we have any reports today. Onto item 12 of the *Orders of the Day*, "Tabling of Documents." I'd like to recognize the Minister of Education and Economic Development, the Honourable Patricia Kemuksigak.

**MS. KEMUKSIGAK:** *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. Honourable Speaker, I am pleased to table the Annual Report of the Department of Education and Economic Development for 2016-2017. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** *Nakummek*, Minister Kemuksigak. The document will be numbered as tabled document 06-3616. Are there any more documents to be tabled? Hearing none, we'll move onto item 13 in the *Orders of the Day*, "Notices

of Motion." I'd like to recognize the Nunatsiavut Treasurer, the Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek, oKalitik.* Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Thursday, September 21st, 2017, I will move, seconded by the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak, that the Nunatsiavut Assembly accept the Consolidated Financial Statements and the Report of the Auditors, Deloitte LLP, for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2017 and, Mr. Speaker, I will be seeking unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 37(1) so that we can proceed with this motion today under 17, "Motions." *Nakummek.* Correction, Your Honour, item 15, "Motions.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Do we have unanimous consent? My apologies.

**MR. JACQUE:**

Correction. You said Thursday, September 21st, it's Wednesday, September 22nd, I'm sorry, September the 20th.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

Thank you for the sharp eye of the AngajukKâk for Makkovik. Thank you, Minister Jacque. For whatever reason we always have confusion when it comes to Honourable Minister Edmunds, but anyway we'll – everything else is smooth sailing, I must say. Thank you, Honourable Minister. There will be no more notices of motions today. Onto item 14, "Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills." There are no notices for the first reading of bills today. Onto item 15, "Motions." Minister Edmunds, I understand you wish to proceed with the motion you gave notice to earlier.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Honourable Speaker. Yes, I'm seeking unanimous consent to proceed with my motion today in accepting the Consolidated Financial Statements of the Nunatsiavut Government for the year ended March 31, 2017 and the Report on the Audited Annual Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2017. *Nakummek, oKalitik.*

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:** Honourable Minister Edmunds is seeking unanimous consent to proceed with his motion today. Are there any nays? Hearing none, Mr. Minister, please proceed.

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Honourable Speaker and Members of the Assembly. The motion reads: Whereas the Nunatsiavut Assembly has considered the Consolidated Financial Statements of the Nunatsiavut Government for the year ended March 31, 2017, and the Report on the Audited Annual Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2017. Be it resolved that the Nunatsiavut Government accept the Consolidated Financial Statements and the Report of the Auditors, Deloitte LLP, for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2017. *Nakummek*, Honourable Speaker.

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

**MR. EDMUNDS:** *Nakummek*, Honourable Speaker. I really don't have anything to add to it other than the fact that, you know, we've had our opportunity to go through the report in great detail and this is the opportunity for the Assembly, really, just to go on record stating that they have received that

presentation and that they are fine with the findings that were presented by the auditors. *Nakummek*, Honourable Speaker.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Minister Edmunds. Does anyone else wish to speak to the motion? If no other Members wish to speak, does the Minister wish to make final comments and close debate?

**MR. EDMUNDS:**

*Nakummek*, Honourable Speaker. I have no further comments and I wish to conclude debate. *Nakummek*.

**MR. RUDKOWSKI:**

*Nakummek*, Minister Edmunds. That concludes debate. All those in favour of the motion? All those opposed? The motion is carried. Thank you. We now move onto item number 16 in the *Orders of the Day*, "First Reading of Bills." There are no first reading of bills today. Onto item 17, "Second Reading of Bills." There are no second reading of bills today. Item number 18 on the *Orders of the Day*, "Assent to Bills." There are no assent to bills today. With that we wish to move onto 19 which is "Adjournment." Prior to our formal adjournment, I wish to thank the Ministers and Members for their contributions, and I give special mention to the interpreters and translators, William Barbour. Thank you, sir. And Boas Kairtok. To the pages, John Palliser. Thank you, John. And McKenzie, as well, thank you, McKenzie, and to Robert Ford from IT. Thank you, Robert, and recognize the OK staff, Christina Lampe, thank you, Christine, and Johannes Tuglavina. Thank you all and, of course, to Assistant of the Clerk, Tabea Onalik. Just for the information of the Assembly, yesterday I directed the Clerk of the Assembly to make some very preliminary and initial comments or initial explorations, I should say, in towards the

possibility of having these proceedings live streamed via video feed. As I understand it, we have some significant IT issues which may be standing in the way of doing that, but I look forward, the Assembly looks forward to working with the Minister of Finance and Information Technology and his staff to see what can be done to make this a possibility going forward. Again, we're very preliminary at this stage and we've just sent a very preliminary email, but I will be keeping you all briefed. I think it would be a great service to our beneficiaries who wish to view these proceedings on a video format, and my IT background being what it is, I can't opine on what is possible and what is not possible, and I can't opine on what the cost of doing such and something like that would be, but I think it's a worthwhile endeavour if, indeed, it does fall within the realm of what we can do technologically and what we can do financially. And, as I said, Minister Edmunds, I look forward to working with your department to see what can be done to make that a reality. This Assembly is now adjourned and the next session is scheduled for the week of November 20th to 24th, 2017. Thank you to you all.