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# PARLIAMENTARY REPORT

**SEPTEMBER 11-13th, 2012**

**Speaker: Patricia Ford**

**In Attendance:**

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

**President of Nunatsiavut, Honorable Sarah Leo**

**First Minister of Nunatsiavut Affairs, Acting Minister of Education and Economic Development, Ordinary Member for Rigolet, Honorable Darryl Shiwak**

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

**Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Ordinary Member for Postville, Glen Sheppard**

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

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

**Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Gary Mitchell**

**Ordinary Member for Nain, William Barbour**

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

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

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

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

**AngajukKâk for Nain, Anthony Andersen**

**AngajukKâk for Postville, Diane Gear**

**AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Herb Jacque**

**AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Wayne Piercy**

**AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Charlotte Wolfrey**

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

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

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

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

**Acting Director of Communications, Bert Pomeroy**

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

**Director of Legal Services, Loretta Michelin**

**Clerk of the Assembly, Mary Sillett**

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**MS. FORD:** Ullâsiavak Ullâk I would like to call to order, the sixth session of the second Nunatsiavut Assembly, first sitting in the fall of 2012. I will ask Sister Marjorie Flowers to say the opening prayer.

**MS FLOWERS:** Creator God, we thank you for this day and all that we have. As we come together, never be sad, blessing others daily. We ask for clear minds for people who represent each community. We ask for wisdom and for strength and for guidance. We thank you for protecting us on the journey here, and we just ask, Lord, that this will be a good week for everyone and may your spirit go here. We ask that you will bless those who are around us, and we ask that you keep all our loved ones safe from all harm, in Jesus name we pray, Amen.

**ASSEMBLY:** Amen.

**MS. FORD:** Thank you, Sister Marjorie. I would now like to recognize The Honourable First Minister.

**MR. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. As you all have known I've been the Acting Minister of Education, Technology and Development for the last several months, and as per the Constitution under the authority of the First Minister, I would like to nominate Gary Mitchell, the Ordinary Member for

Upper Lake Melville, for appointment to the Executive Council's Minister of Education, Technology and Development, to have approval of the Assembly to do so. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Is the Assembly in approval?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MS. FORD:** Then I would like to recognize the Honourable President for Oath of Office.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** Hi, Gary.

**MR. MITCHELL:** Hi.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** Repeat after me. I, Gary Mitchell.

**GARY MITCHELL:** I, Gary Mitchell.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** Swear, that I will...

**GARY MITCHELL:** Swear...

**PRESIDENT LEO:** ...that I will be faithful to Nunatsiavut...

**GARY MITCHELL:** ...solemnly affirm that I will be faithful Nunatsiavut.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** ...and the Inuit of Labrador and the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

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**PRESIDENT LEO:** I will obey, respect and uphold the Labrador Inuit Constitution.

**GARY MITCHELL:** I will obey, respect and uphold the Labrador Inuit Constitution.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** ...all Inuit laws and the Standing Orders of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

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**PRESIDENT LEO:** I will hold my office as Minister with honor and dignity.

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**PRESIDENT LEO:** I will be a true and faithful councilor to the President.

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**PRESIDENT LEO:** I will not divulge, directly or indirectly, any secret matter entrusted to me.

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**PRESIDENT LEO:** I will fulfill my responsibilities as a leader in accordance with all applicable standards and codes of conduct...

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**PRESIDENT LEO:** ...and I will perform my functions of my office conscientiously and to the best of my ability.

**GARY MITCHELL:** ...and I will perform the functions of my office conscientiously and to the best of my ability. So help me, God.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** Congratulations.

**GARY MITCHELL:** Thank you.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** Welcome to the Executive Council.

**GARY MITCHELL:** Thank you very much.

**ASSEMBLY:** (Applause)

**MS. FORD:** We will now go into the second item on our Orders of the Day, "Opening Address by the President". I would now like to recognize the President of Nunatsiavut, the Honourable Sarah Leo for our opening address.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. First off, I want to say congratulations to Minister Mitchell. We welcome you to the Executive Council and we look forward to a great working relationship. I'd like to carry on to say that I'm both humbled and privileged to stand before you here today as the first elected woman of Nunatsiavut, and to present you with my department's first Quarterly Report since I assumed office just a few months ago. As you know, Madame Speaker, my road to becoming President was not an easy one. For the first time in our short history as a government, our beneficiaries were asked to come and vote for a second time to determine who would have the actual honor of occupying the seat within the Assembly. I deeply appreciate the enormous faith and trust our beneficiaries have put into me, into the Agreement and into me to lead this government. I plan to use my background and skills and knowledge to enhance the decision making process of this government, and I look forward to working with all of the members, the staff, and the beneficiaries as we strive to improve the lives of our people and the health of our communities. I firmly believe that being a good leader begins with listening. It's about being open and accountable, reaching out to our people and listening to their concerns and helping them to find solutions. Madame Speaker, these are exciting times for Nunatsiavut, and I think we seen the start of that yesterday with our grand opening, which was a huge success. It was an awesome and, again, I say I was truly proud to be in Nunatsiavumuit yesterday and hats off to all of the organizers and the performers and the people of Hopedale who helped make this happen. We are proud of our past. It has helped us shape who we are today, as a people, and as a government. But now we have to start focusing on the future using the

wisdom of who have laid the groundwork for us, some of those that were mentioned yesterday and many, many more who were behind the scenes. And their pictures are displayed here, the leaders within our Assembly building. The decisions we make as elected officials will help shape the future that our children and our grandchildren deserve. It will take sacrifice, planning and hard work to create the future that we want and we need. As President, I intend to work to the best of my ability and with all the effort and energy I can muster. I will also need the support of all of the Assembly members here. We must strive to work together, reaffirm our commitment to Nunatsiavut, and to our beneficiaries of the Labrador Inuit Lands Claim Agreement, and to each other to build a better tomorrow. Madame Speaker, as elected officials, we must ensure that we are accountable to the people. We have often been criticized for not meeting enough to deal with the issues that are important to the people in our communities. Shortly after assuming office, Madame Speaker, I announced the Nunatsiavut Assembly would hold two extra sessions and meet longer this coming year. In the past, sessions were held in crowded rooms and often sittings were rushed. This new building, this beautiful building, Madame Speaker, provides a more appropriate atmosphere, and has all the necessary resources available to us as a government. I should note, Madame Speaker, that since assuming office, the Nunatsiavut Executive Council has held two face-to-face meetings as well as interim teleconferences, one in Nain and one in Rigolet. At those Executive Councils we also hosted open houses which allowed us to be more open and available to the beneficiaries in those communities. This will become common practice, as I feel it is important that the NEC visit all of our constituencies on a regular basis, and I know I have the support of the rest of the Executive Council on that. Last month, Madame Speaker, I had the opportunity to go to Nutak for the ceremony commemorating the formal apology made by the government of Newfoundland and Labrador to the residents who were relocated. It was a very moving experience. I got to listen to stories and memories of the relocatees, which will remain with me for a long time, and I want to thank the Minister of Culture, Tourism and Recreation and his department for making that happen. Before I conclude, Madame Speaker, I would like to provide the Assembly members with a quick update on where we are with respect to Fiscal Financing Agreement negotiations with the Government of Canada. This is probably one of the biggest files within my department. Given the current fiscal climate in Ottawa, negotiations have been difficult, particularly, with respect to the amount of funding to be provided for the Non-insured Health Benefits Program. The FFA, itself, is made up of a number of sections to date. Schedule A, which sets out which federal programs the Nunatsiavut Government will be administering, and Schedule B, which sets out the associated funding for the programs have been completed. There is one issue that is left to be worked out in the main body of the FFA. There will be details on this presentation to the Assembly later on in this week. As I indicated earlier, Madame Speaker, as elected officials, we have an opportunity to work together to achieve great outcomes for our people and our communities, and I look forward to working with each of you towards that end. Nakummek.

**MS. FORD:** Thank you....

**ASSEMBLY:** (Applause)

**MS. FORD:** Thank you, Madame President. Item three on our Orders of the Day, "Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery". For the information of the Assembly, the pages are Nancy Rose and Tabea

Onalik. The interpreters/translators are Wilson Jararuse and Rita Andersen. Andrew Hamel is the IT staff helping out for this Assembly. As well, we would like to recognize the OkâlaKatiget Society staff, Simone Kolmeister and Jodie Green. I'd like to recognize the public in the gallery and thank them for their interest. If there are any questions around travel and logistics, please see Hilda Hunter. I would like to advise the Assembly that Max Winters, the Chair of the NunaKatiget Corporation is unable to be here because of the medical injury. Please join me in wishing Mr. Winters a speedy recovery. On behalf of the Assembly, I'd like to welcome the Honourable Sarah Leo as the newly elected President of the Nunatsiavut Government and to note that she's also the first female President of our Government. Welcome, Sarah, and we support you in your new responsibilities. Also, congratulations to the Honourable Minister of Education, Gary Mitchell, on your new appointment. Any member wishing to recognize visitors? We'll move on to item four on the Orders of the Day, "Minister Statements". Are there any Minister statements? I'd like to recognize the Honourable Minister of Lands, the Honourable Glen Sheppard.

**MR. SHEPPARD:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I guess, first of all, I'd like to congratulate, officially, Mr. Gary Mitchell, to the Executive Council as Minister of Education and Economic Development. For those of us who know Gary, he's well known for his singing with his daughter, and many times I've played the CD or the cassette, whatever I had, Gary, and we welcome you aboard to join our team to further, I guess, help our government to work in a better way for our people as we move forward. Madame Speaker, I would like to update the Assembly on many files from the Department of Lands and Natural Resources. Before I get right into it, I guess, I'd like to remind the Assembly that due to the number of files in the department, again, I have broken up my Minister statement for two days rather than try to jam it into one. Madame Speaker, one of the key files of this division was to coordinate our involvement in the Land Use Planning Process and our review of the Draft Land Use Plan. The Regional Planning Authority submitted their final draft of the Land Use Plan to the Nunatsiavut Government and the Province for final approval in early April, 2012. On July the 4th, 2012, the Nunatsiavut Executive Council met in Nain to review the final draft. The Executive Council approved the final draft, subject to modifications in five areas. Minor changes were made to the wording in a couple of areas, the most substantial change was we revised the process for approving discretionary uses in the traditional use and general use designations. Our approval applies to the Labrador Inuit Land portion of the plan. The Province is responsible to approve the plan as it relates to LISA outside of the Labrador Inuit Land. The Province has not yet made a decision on the Land Use Plan. Provincial officials have recently contacted officials from my department requesting a meeting to discuss some concerns they have with the final draft. We hope that this meeting will occur next week. Madame Speaker, we are planning on introducing a draft Bill to officially adopt a plan and at the next sitting of the Assembly. Madame Speaker, I would like to update the Assembly on files from the Environment Division. Hopedale, Madame Speaker, we are working closely with the Hopedale Inuit Community Government, as well as residents of Hopedale, to ensure the residents of Hopedale have the same rights as all of other residents in this Province, the right to a safe and healthy environment, free from harmful contamination. We have done a lot of work in and with the community over the summer and, as always, are grateful for the substantial efforts of the Hopedale Inuit Community Government and their AngajukKâk. In the short term we are reviewing provincial remediation work done by the Province. At

the same time we are doing the Country Food sampling necessary to complete a Site-Specific Human Health Risk Assessment for community members. This Country Food Sampling Program is also increasing food security a little by helping stock the community freezer. The Province has committed \$6 million over a three-year period towards work in Hopedale. We know that this is not enough funding to get the job done. We will continue to work with and put pressure on the Province to commit to a full site cleanup to standards that are acceptable to the community. Madame Speaker, we have taken the lead on the first comprehensive research and monitoring program ever established for the Lake Melville. The two main goals of the Lake Melville Project are to establish baseline conditions for Inuit help, community well-being, eco system function and integrity and adjacent to the Estuary prior to the Lower Churchill development, if it is to be built. Two, to develop the science for monitoring the downstream effects of industrial activity on a sub-Arctic Estuary and coastal Inuit communities. In 2012-2013 we are focusing primarily on the field activities to address goal number one, while conducting the desktop research necessary. To tackle goal number two, we have taken a small investment from the Nunatsiavut Government and used it as leverage to access other sources of outside funding. To ensure we have the expertise in our project team to address these new research issues, we are partnering with experts from various fields, including oceanography, climate, modeling, mercury modeling and community health and subsistence harvesting. This will be in addition to the significant Inuit expertise component, will be engaged through the communities, themselves. Madame Speaker, in partnership with the IBA coordinator, we have also begun a review of the Voisey's Bay Project. The focus of this project is a 10-year review assessment and reflection on Voisey's Bay, from both a socio-economic and biophysical perspective. Specifically, it will allow us to better understand the local underground impacts of a major mine development in Nunatsiavut 10 years after construction began. We will reflect on the monitoring and indicators of change that have been used, identify long-term trends and impacts and identify gaps in our understanding, identify how to improve the science of monitoring, both Western and Inuit knowledge involved for future phases of this development, or other developments in Nunatsiavut. Conduct a critical evaluation and lessons learned from a Landmark Impacts and Benefits Agreement between the Inuit of Labrador and Vale, as well as the Voisey's Bay Environmental Management Agreement. Make broad recommendations that will inform future approaches to development, decision making in the region, especially potential mineral related developments. Madame Speaker, finally, through the implementation and outcome of this research program, we will renew the Voisey's Bay monitoring partnership in a meaningful way, as was envisioned at the outset of the Voisey's Bay Impacts and Benefits Agreement. Madame Speaker, Nunatsiavut is experienced some of the most significant climate change impacts in the country. Recent research in the region indicates a real awareness of climate change and perceptions of its impacts, ranging from reduced access to resources to damage community infrastructure. Recognizing the urgency to respond, the fiscal return from appropriately designed low maintenance infrastructure and the opportunities associated with community expansion and a change in climate. The Environment Division is working with many partners including the Joint Management Committee and the five Inuit communities to discuss the foundation of these issues across the region and ways forward. Through direction from the Joint Management Committee we will be working on Sustainable Communities Initiative, in partnership with each of the communities and other stakeholders over the next three to four years. Madame Speaker, this project is using a holistic approach to take stock of current community challenges and opportunities, and will put

into practice locally-developed tools, guides, strategies and policies that are adapted to the new climate and other realities of Nunatsiavut. In addition, the initiative is well aligned with Nunatsiavut Government's strategic plan as well as the Provincial Climate Change Action Plan 2011 and, in particular, the actions going forward for climate change adaptation in Northern Labrador. Madame Speaker, the Nain Research Centre continues to grow and we are looking for opportunities to continue to support the growth of appropriate research within Nain, as well as other communities. As is seen through the Lake Melville and Sustainable Communities Initiatives, we are trying to ensure research done within the Region has as many immediate, tangible benefits to our communities as possible. For example, through climate change research it became clear that residents of Nain supported the establishment of a community freezer to help with the food insecurity levels in the community in partnership with the Nain Inuit Community Government. The Nain Research Centre is able to operate a community freezer with outside sources of funding. This community freezer is helping reduce levels of food insecurity in the community. For example, over a three-month period from April to June, 2012, approximately 25 hundred pounds of Country Foods were provided to community members through the freezer. At the same time we are promoting inter-generational exchanges between youth and older generations, including elders, through a related youth outreach program. Through the research Centre, we hope to continue to build on community-oriented and programs such as these in the future. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Thank you Honourable Minister. Are there any other Minister statements? I'd like to recognize the Honourable Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek UKâtik, Thank you, Madame Speaker. As part of my Ministerial Statement I'll be providing a short update on the activities of the Department of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology, and in the interests of time, Madame Speaker, I will just give a brief update on the division of Finance and Human Resources today and tomorrow, at the next sitting, I will provide an update on the division of Information Technology. Prior to giving that update, Madame Speaker, I, too, would like to officially congratulate President Leo on her election to the office of President and I, too, look forward to working with President Leo over the next two years left in my tenure as Ordinary Member for the Constituency of Canada, as well as my role of Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology. I'd also like to extend my congratulations, Madame Speaker, to Minister Mitchell on his appointment to the portfolio of Education and Economic Development, and we certainly welcome him to the Executive Committee, and I'm sure he has a lot to offer and will bring a lot to the Executive Council. That being said, Madame Speaker, I'm pleased to present to the Assembly today an update on the division of Finance and Human Resources. The division of Finance, Madame Speaker, has been extremely busy over the last few months with our main focus on the preparation and completion of the audited financial statements and the finalization of reports to the funding agencies. We would like to thank, Madame Speaker, the finance staff and the members of the other departments for their dedication and commitment to helping us streamline this process. As per the update by President Leo on the Fiscal Financing Agreement, as we are all aware, Madame Speaker, we are negotiating with the Government of Canada for a new Fiscal Financing Agreement. We have reached agreement on the financial components of the FFA in early April. This, Madame Speaker, was a very difficult and time

consuming process, specifically, in regards to the amount of funding proposed for the Non-insured Health Benefits Program and to address the housing needs in Nunatsiavut. We have been finalizing the texts of the FFA and will be presenting it to the Assembly for their approval in the near future. Madame Speaker, currently, the Nunatsiavut Government does not have a financial policy manual. There are many practices, and some practices in place within the government. The Finance Division has begun the process of drafting a full financial policy manual. This manual, Madame Speaker, will cover a variety of areas and will use the Labrador Inuit Constitution and the Financial Administration Act as the basis for its authority. Madame Speaker, in April, the Executive Council approved the Capital Assets Accounting and Reporting Policy, as well as the Travel and Business Expense Policies related to the Financial Policy Manual. In August of this year, Madame Speaker, the Executive Council approved the Aircraft Chartering Policy. All policies are available on the intranet in English and in Inuttitut. Beneficiaries will be available, Madame Speaker, to avail of seats on charters, if they are so available for a cost of \$40 per trip or \$80 for a return trip. This is a priority list of usage of all available space that is outlined in the policy. We are currently, Madame Speaker, looking at using a Human Resources Management System as a program to link Human Resources with the Payroll Department, which we believe will achieve greater efficiency and less duplication of work. In an effort to provide financial information for the period ending July 31st, 2012, Madame Speaker, we have received the following sources of revenue as noted in the Budget Act 2012 for this fiscal year. In personal income tax we have budgeted \$3,200,000, and we have actually received to date, as of July 31st, \$900,048,897. Interest revenue, Madame Speaker, we budgeted \$845,000,027, and we have actually received to date, \$538,113,000. For the Goods and Service Tax we budgeted \$2,205,534, and to date we have actually received \$1,322,607. For the mining tax royalties we budgeted \$5,522,899, and to date we've actually received \$5,524,638. Rental revenue, Madame Speaker, we budgeted \$20,290, and to date we've actually received \$1,350. For the Fiscal Financing Agreement we budgeted \$39,910,104, and we've actually received to date \$16,444,076. Very briefly, Madame Speaker, within the Division of Human Resources, we have been extremely busy with job competitions due to new positions approved through the Budget Act 2012-13, as well as some turnover in the Nunatsiavut Civil Service. These positions varied from Information Technology Support positions to Mental Health and Addictions Coordinator, to Language Liaison Officers. The Nunatsiavut Government has had a successful summer program once again this year, Madame Speaker. A total of 18 students were hired in the various communities and placed within the various departments. The goal of the government is to provide meaningful, relevant work experience to students in their field of study, in order to better their chances to obtain employment once they have completed their studies. As a government, Madame Speaker, we are able to avail of these students to assist with programming, research and government operations. We would like to say thank you to the students for your hard work this summer, and we wish you best of luck with your studies in the upcoming year. Madame Speaker, we successfully completed the job competition process for the Human Resources Manager, and that position is one of two management positions, and this new position is currently located in Nain. As noted in the past, there had been recruitment issues in the hiring of management positions within the government. The Director of Human Resources position has been vacant since January, 2011 with the duties re-assigned to other positions in the division, namely, to the Deputy Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology. After a number of competitions, the government still did not have any suitable candidates to fulfill that position of

director, and after much consideration we made a decision to hire a second Human Resource Manager to alleviate the workload and to assist with moving projects further forward within the division. And we'd like to welcome Krista Parsons to the new position as Manager of Human Resources and, as I just stated, Krista is now working from our office in Nain. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. I'd just like to remind the Ministers that the Standing Orders allows 35 minutes for Minister statements. We have 15 minutes left. Are there any other Minister statements? I'd like to recognize the Honourable Minister of Health.

**MS. KEMUKSIGAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I, too, would like to congratulate President Leo on her election, and also Minister of Education, Economic Development, Gary Mitchell, on his appointment. I'm going to just do a quick update on the Department of Health and Social Development. As our department is very large, today I'm just going to talk about two major training programs that we had over the past year. Madame Speaker, the first program was the Inuit Inter-generational Trauma and Addictions Healing Certificate Program that had a graduation in July, 2012. Twenty-two participants graduated from the Inuit Inter-generational Trauma and Addictions Healing Certificate Program on July 6th, 2012. DHSD was in partnership with the Justice Institute of British Columbia and Dr. Joseph Solanto to develop Inuit-specific modules. So there were 12 weeks of training delivered from September, 2011 to July, 2012. The program is based on core competencies that the Nunatsiavut Government has identified for Mental Health and Addictions programming in Inuit communities. The purpose of this training is to integrate traditional Inuit knowledge and healing practices with modern approaches to counseling. The balance of ancient wisdom and modern science was guided by the presence of eight elders and a cultural advisor throughout the program as the role of teachers, advisors, guides and support workers. Madame Speaker, the program consists of 12 modules, one week in duration and over a period of 10 months from September, 2011 to June, 2012. The majority of the people trained were DHSD staff members, and the remaining participants were individuals who had experience in helping roles and interests in further skill development. Example, Health Canada, Provincial Department of Justice; Child Youth and Family Services. By extending this training to individuals outside the, DHSD, we are increasing community capacity, partnerships and supporting individuals and families with a common understanding of intergenerational trauma and social issues within our communities. Funding from this training was received from the Tasiujatsoak Trust, the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador Health and Community Services, the Federal Government, Health Canada and Nunatsiavut Government. Madame Speaker, I'd like now to give a quick update on a project that we started this summer. It's called The Nain Youth Safe House. A safe place for kids was started by the Department of Health and Social Development with assistance and partnership from the Division of Youth, Elders and Recreation. Funding was provided by the DHSD and Illapisiat and the location was at the Nain Daycare Centre. Heather Angnatok of the Department of Youth, Elders and Recreation, and Danielle Baikie, DHSD summer student who's also a social work student, worked together to deliver the 30-day pilot program which ran from August the 3rd to September 1st. Before the program began, community organizations were invited for an information sharing session to explain the purpose of the safe house. The safe space was created to provide a safe place for children and youth to sleep when it was required. Madame Speaker, the safe house for kids had a total of nine staff and one casual calling staff. The safe place was

open from 10:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. seven days a week. Youth were provided snacks, juice, mats, sleeping bags and pillows. Staff members were encouraged to let the youth know that it was a quiet place, and it was not a place for fun time, it was a place for sleep. There were a total of 16 children and youth who utilized the service in that month, ranging from the age 7 to 18. Several of the children, youth, stayed in the safe house space more than one night. The Student Coordinator, Danielle, has completed a list of recommendations which we will be reviewing. One main recommendation is that the safe space be available for the full summer next year and perhaps throughout the year. The safe space was pulled together fairly quickly this summer in response to an identified need, and it appears to have been successful. If we are able to have a similar space open next year, we will have more time for planning, orientation, staffing, etcetera. Madame Speaker, the community health workers completed a training program in June. DHSD staff members from each of the seven communities, six community health workers and one team leader have successfully completed an intensive module training program. It's called the Chronic Disease Prevention Training Program and it was delivered by Yellowquill College. The program consisted of six week long training modules, which were delivered from October, 2011 to June, 2012. The funding to support the training came from Health Canada's First Nations Inuit Health Branch. The information learned and skills acquired will be incorporated into programs delivered within each community. They covered Introduction to Chronic Disease, Chronic Disease over the Life Span, Chronic Disease of the Respiratory System, Chronic Disease of the Muscular Skeletal System, Cancer and Mental Health. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. That is our time for today on Ministers statements. We're going to move to item number five, Member Statements. It shall be limited to one statement per day by any member to one matter. Shall not exceed five minutes. So do we have any Member statements. Okay, I'd like to recognize the Honourable Gary Mitchell.

**MR. MITCHELL:** First of all I'd like to welcome President Leo to our Assembly. I'd like to thank the Assembly members, for accepting me as the Minister of Education, Economic Development. I will use whatever knowledge and energy I have to help this department, and contribute wherever I can to help us all and thank you very much again for the opportunity to do so. I have raised this issue before in a previous sitting of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, however; the problem is not gone away, and so, I will raise it again. The concern that I have, which is felt by a number of beneficiaries in the Upper Lake Melville area, is the lack of affordable housing, and Senior's needs. In the Nunatsiavut Government Constitution on Housing, Section 2.4.28 it reads, "Every Labrador Inuk has the right to have access to adequate housing, and every Labrador Inuk has a responsibility to provide for his or her housing needs in accordance with his or her own means, and a responsibility to care for and to maintain housing that is provided to him or her by an institution of Labrador Inuit Government or that is funded by or through an institution of Labrador Inuit Government". What exactly this section of the Constitution means I'm not sure. Like a number of Sections/Clauses in the Constitution, clarification is required on some points so we may fully understand and interpret what it actually means. Having said that, and to add reinforcement to that section I will quote a section from the Land Claims Agreement, related to Nunatsiavut Government Programs and Services Outside Labrador Inuit Lands. Section 17.16.1 in the Land Claims Agreement reads "The Nunatsiavut Government may provide education, health, and social,

family, youth and children's programs and services to, and operate facilities and institutions for Inuit Resident in NL outside Labrador Inuit Lands and the Inuit Communities, subject to Laws of General Application". So, my interpretation of that is you don't have to reside in the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area to have the right to have access to adequate housing, and the Nunatsiavut Government may provide facilities and institutions outside of LISA. This section should apply to Beneficiaries in the Upper Lake Melville area, where there's presently no housing being provided or funded by an institution of the Labrador Inuit Government. So, if Beneficiaries have the right to have access to adequate housing, who is going to provide for them? So, are there any programs that can provide some assistance? Maybe we should look at trying to procure a few housing units under the umbrella of the Inuit Community Corporations in North West River and Happy Valley-Goose Bay, or partner with the Melville Native Housing Association. Incidentally, I am presently serving on this Board as Vice-Chair. So what defines adequate housing, to me adequate housing is somewhere where one can be comfortable, with enough space for each member of the household who may be living there? This is not the case in the Upper Lake Melville area, where there's a lack of proper and affordable and safe housing. I know of families who were evicted from their apartments, and move in with relatives, as contractors were willing to pay higher rental fees, and therefore renting the apartments. The shortage of housing is becoming more apparent than ever as development increases in the area. As this problem increases so does the health and well-being of some Beneficiaries. This same problem also exists for seniors who may need Nursing Homes, or long-term health care which in some cases, cannot be provided to them on a daily basis. For the past 7 or 8 months I have been Chairperson of the Paddon Home Action Committee, and have been lobbying with the Provincial Government, Combined Councils and Labrador-Grenfell Health to look at the situation with long-term health care and seniors needs. I should add that I just stepped down from the Paddon Home Committee, due to work commitments and other responsibilities, however; I am presently sitting on two other Boards, the Ikajuttiget Board (administers Trust Fund monies), and the Melville Native Housing Association. With regard to the issue of the Paddon Home I have had a number of meetings, wrote letters and e-mails, however; it seems that there has been no progress made, into getting a commitment from Provincial Government on the Paddon Home, or the Pine Lodge, and improvements to long-term health care for Nunatsiavut Beneficiaries. I understand that there has been some funding budgeted for Seniors Accommodations in Nunatsiavut, however; I feel that we need to look at the situation in the Upper Lake Melville area, and get a good picture of the situation with regard to assessing the needs for affordable housing and seniors needs. Section 17.16.1 states the Nunatsiavut Government may provide facilities and institutions for Inuit residents outside of Labrador Inuit Lands. This to me means that the Nunatsiavut Government can provide some assistance for seniors care through some sort of institution, maybe like the Paddon Home, and it's right there in the land Claims Agreement. I, as a Member for Upper Lake Melville, feel that our government should work more closely with maybe the Labrador Friendship Centre on this issue, and see where we can offer some support for the Beneficiaries of the Upper Lake Melville area, who may be in dire need of receiving some assistance. I feel that we need more dialogue with both the Provincial and Federal Governments to try to access funding programs for people who have fallen through the cracks. I would recommend that a Housing Development Worker position be created to be a support worker for people with housing needs, and conduct a Needs Assessment for Nunatsiavut Beneficiaries living in the Upper Lake Melville area. This kind of information is what the Province and Health authorities have been talking about, during the

meetings I have had with them, but no one has offered to take a lead role in this matter. Maybe the Nunatsiavut Government should work with Labrador Grenfell Health to conduct some kind of survey, and get a clearer picture of the situation, to make life a little easier for some of our Beneficiaries. Nakummek Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Thank you to the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Gary Mitchell. I'd like to remind that a Minister may make a statement in accordance with the Standing Orders, but the statements must not relate to his or her responsibilities as a Minister. So now I would like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Canada, Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. I'll keep my statement very brief. Even though, Madame Speaker today is a day of mourning, I would think, Madame Speaker. This is the 11th anniversary on the attacks on the World Trade Centre in the City of New York. Many beneficiaries residing in Canada, Madame Speaker, and many beneficiaries residing within Upper Lake Melville and the five constituencies within Nunatsiavut, I think, Madame Speaker, were some way touched and moved by the events of September 11th, 2001. I think it's appropriate to say, Madame Speaker, that we may have all knew someone who had been affected in some way, shape or form by that disastrous day 11 years ago. I'd ask every member of this Assembly and every beneficiary to take some time to reflect on those events, Madame Speaker, of 11 years ago, and to reflect upon the violence that we, too, live within this very day within our own communities and our constituencies. I think we should take some time to reflect and take some time to do whatever we can, Madame Speaker, in some way, big or small, to ensure that issues of violence are addressed so that the world and regions like Nunatsiavut don't have to be impacted by global issues and issues that we are faced with on a daily basis. So on that, Madame Speaker, I close my statement again by asking each Assembly member to reflect upon that day and to reflect upon the current situations that we are currently living with, and to do our utmost to ensure that one day our society will be free of violence no matter where we live. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Nakummek, Mr. Pottle. I would now like to recognize the AngajukKâk from Makkovik.

**MR. JACQUE:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. My statement today is quite brief. I've been asked by Inuit Committee Government of Makkovik to extend and welcome new teachers and RCMP Officers to our community, and to wish the teachers and students of John Christian Erhardt, a successful and prosperous New Year in their school year, wish them luck throughout their studies, all post-secondary students as well, from near and far would like to wish them good luck. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Thank you, Mr. Jacque. I would now like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Susan Nochasak.

**MS. NOCHASAK:** Nakummek UKâtik, Thank you, Madame Speaker. Good morning, Assembly members. I'd first like to congratulate President Leo. I'd first like to congratulate President Leo on her success in the election, also, Gary Mitchell, on your appointment as Minister of Education Economic Development. I look forward to working with you both. As Ordinary Member for community of Hopedale, I would like to report to you all on some of the activities that we have going on, or have

completed over the past few months. As you may have already noticed in our community we have a lot going on. Hopedale has continued to work with the clean up on the PCB's this summer. The project has a long way to go, but we can say that we are off to a great start. We have visiting construction companies in our community as well working on the new subdivisions, crushing stone, building and remodeling of the Newfoundland Labrador housing. Our community looks to improve on tourism industry as well. The past few months the Agvituk Society has worked very hard and very closely with the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. We have managed to support a summer student for the museum along with a training tour guide to host passengers on the Northern Ranger, as well as two cruise ships coming into the port this summer. We have also acquired funds by proposals to the International Grenfell Association and the Community Economic Development Fund to redo the walkway and complex, as well as graveyards, to improve the visitor experience in our community. With that, we also have a consulting team working with us on an adaptive re-use plan of the complex. We are nearing completion on this plan and we are very excited. This past weekend myself, along with three other individuals, attended a heritage symposium in Battle Harbor. The symposium has had a very educational affect, and it was very informative for the four of us attending this symposium. During the two days there we had met very many new contacts, learned many different ways of turning our community into more of a tourism attraction and, most of all, we had all learned that there are different ways of looking for funding for our projects in our community. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Thank you, Ms. Nochasak. I would now like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Wayne Piercy.

**MR. PIERCY:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. In June, July and August of last year we started a dietary service for our community of Hopedale, and site-specific for Hopedale dealing with the cleanup for PCBs. Out of the whole community we had a hundred and ninety-eight people that came forward and agreed, and we set up a list of Country Food sources that everybody ate locations where they came from, and the amounts that they would eat during the year, during the season. So with that being done we had that complete by the end of July and we forwarded it to the province sometime in early August of last year. So from that point on, we thought we were ahead of the game. It came back to us some time in October that Stantec that's doing the work for the province came back to the table and said that they were behind in the sampling process. So we assumed that they were ahead, and assumptions were wrong. So in that whole time I think we could have had all the sampling done on our behalf, or with the help from the community members, and they didn't step up to the plate. So this year we came back at the community with no results of the amounts of PCBs in our Country Foods that we get from the Hopedale area, especially within the inner harbor now that we know that we have trouble within the inner harbor. Few residents has been jigging rock cods and making pitsik and siva from these rock cods for numerous years. So the province is dragging their heels. They came to the table with a letter not too long ago requesting that there's something going on with the functionality of the stakeholder committee that we have. But if you look at our side of the table, Hopedale Inuit Community Government, Nunatsiavut Government, along with Tom Sheldon and his department, ESG from Ontario that's helping us sort through this mess, they're dealing with the samples and showed us how to take the samples, and we had two people on now for maybe a month and a half collecting the samples. We

had, like I say, we had at least 300 samples so far to date, and the season is coming in now for Arctic hare and some seals. We had trouble getting some seals there this summer and it's usually scarce anyway now until the fall. But, like I say, from my point of view where I sit on a stakeholder committee, I think I need some help from Nunatsiavut as a whole, stating that we would like to have Hopedale cleaned up as any other place in the province. If the province has committed \$6 million over three years and we, basically, set our sights on the PCB cleanup to get the contaminated soil out of the ground in Hopedale, and this is the second year now that there's a few bags, we must be over 300 bags up there now with PCB contaminated soil, this still being stuck while they're in Hopedale, and to date there's no confirmation of when the PCB contaminated soil will be sent out to an incinerator outside the province. So I request, on behalf of Hopedale, to help me make a stronger voice, I'm sorry again, to make a stronger voice so that the province do take us seriously, just for the well-being and the health of us, our elders and our future children that's planning to live here in Hopedale. If you look around town we've got no industry here. Our main, like I said before, our main industry here now is the NG offices that we have around town. We don't have any fishing. We don't have anything that we could do here in town, so we're stuck. So with that being said, like I say, I hope that the Executive Council will have something to say to the Hopedale Inuit Community Government in order for us to get Hopedale cleaned up. Like I say, it's just PCBs right now that they're concentrating on. We still have a lot of debris in several dump places in and around Hopedale and there's no commitment from the province on funding after the \$6 million is used. So thank you. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Thank you, Mr. Piercy. Are there any more Member statements? I'd like to call on the AngajukKâk for Nain, Tony Andersen.

**MR. ANDERSEN:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I would, first of all, like to welcome Sarah Leo and to extend congratulations to her on behalf of the Nain Inuit Community Government. A special place in our hearts, Madame Speaker, as another first for the Honourable President was to be elected as the first AngajukKâk of the Nain Inuit Community Government just about six or seven years ago. Also congratulations to Minister Mitchell. Madame Speaker, him and I go back a few years, and as the Minister of Lands referred to, alluded to, I know that he has a fine set of lungs and I'm sure that, you know, he's going to make a lot of long-winded statements. So if that's what makes a good Minister then I'm sure that he'll live up to that expectation. Madame Speaker, I wanted to speak a little bit today about the current or lack of there with the passenger service, the marine passenger service. We all know that the, the Northern Ranger broke down again. Looks like this time for an extended period of time and not only for my community, but I'm sure for all of the other four Nunatsiavut communities as well. This is having great impact that is felt in the communities. For us, we see it as that a lot of, and let me use this words, a lot of poor people use that transportation because it's cheaper. A lot of people travel by that boat so that they can do a little bit of shopping in Upper Lake Melville area, where there is, I should say, where there still is inexpensive goods and food as compared to Nunatsiavut. And it is this time of the year, late August, September, that residents from my community and others, I'm sure, as well, take advantage of that still fairly inexpensive marine service to do some shopping for the winter months ahead. So far we have heard only rumors whirling and twirling out there from all levels of government, including Nunatsiavut Government who's been almost totally silent, and I think that we

need to address that as a government, and to ensure that there is an alternate means found, somehow, or some reduction in air travel and air freight so that our people can prepare for the winter. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Thank you, Mr. Andersen. Are there any other Member statements? I'd like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Charlotte Wolfrey.

**MS. WOLFREY:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. In the essence of saving time I'm just going to save my statement for tomorrow, but I would like to take the opportunity, too, to congratulate President Leo on behalf of the residents in my community and Rigolet Inuit Community Government, and to Minister Mitchell. Congratulations. Yes I'll save my statement for tomorrow in the essence of saving time. Nakummek.

**MS. FORD:** Thank you, Ms. Wolfrey. Are there any more Member statements today? If not, then we're going to take a 20-minute break.

(Recess)

**MS. FORD:** We'll continue with our Orders of the Day. The next item on our orders of the day is, "Returns to Oral Questions". There are no returns today as this is the first day. When we come to item number seven, "Oral Questions," one question and two supplementary questions by each member. Are there any oral questions today? I'd like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Charlotte Wolfrey.

**MS. WOLFREY:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. My question is to the First Minister. I just want to know in relation to what my colleague was talking about, the Northern Ranger, has there been any contact with the Provincial Government or CAI Nunatsiavut Marine to find out what a replacement vessel is going to be and how long it's going to take to get the vessel or anything like that? I'm just wondering, have you had any contact and, if so, what are the results of that contact. Thank you.

**MS. FORD:** The Honourable First Minister.

**MR. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker, and thank you for the question. Yes, we have been in contact with CAI Marine regarding a new vessel. We have not been given any indication how long it's going to take to find a new vessel. We are aware that they've searched throughout Canada, and that they found that there's no vessel available in Canada to meet the needs. But they are continuing to search and, again, we have no timeframe of when that will be done. I assume that now they'll have to go international to find a vessel. We also know that CAI Marine has put two options to the Provincial Government with regards to a passenger service and a freight service to take care of the situation. Whether in the meantime, where they're trying to find a vessel to using charters and taking care of the load of freight and the passengers that want to travel at this time of year, and, as far as we know, CAI Marine has not received a response from the Province on those options. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Thank you. Are there any more oral questions? I'd like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Makkovik.

**MR. JACQUE:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Finance. At the March 2012 Assembly meeting, Minister Pottle mentioned that they're working with Air Labrador and Nunatsiavut Group of Companies as to whether they can help provide a service or a banking service to the communities of Nunatsiavut. What is the status of these consultations, and when can we see a plan in place addressing banking and cash shortages in our communities? Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** The Honourable Minister of Finance.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. Thank you to the AngajukKâk for Makkovik for your question. I certainly will have to take your question under advisement, AngajukKâk for Makkovik. I have not had a detailed briefing on where we're to on that issue with respect to the possibility of working with the Inuit Community Government for banking services in your respective community. So I'll have a consultation, AngajukKâk for Makkovik, with my departmental staff while we're here in Hopedale today, and I'll return to your question tomorrow. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Thank you. Any more oral questions? I'd like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Susan Nochasak.

**MS. NOCHASAK:** I thank you, Madame Speaker. If I may ask a supplementary question on the question AngajukKâk for Makkovik had raised. The reason I ask for a supplementary question is because I want to ask on the same topic, but I have my own question and we're only allowed one question per session.

**MS. FORD:** Who's your question directed to?

**MS. NOCHASAK:** Minister of Finance.

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

**MS. NOCHASAK:** My question is also on the banking situation that we have ongoing. I would like to ask the Minister of Finance in regards to an update on the banking concern that we also have for our community. We have raised this in the last session as well during the last Assembly while we are in Nain, and I've asked for email updates, and I'd just like to know, as well, what the situation is on the pilot project for the banking situation in our community.

**MS. FORD:** Minister of Finance.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. Again, I'd reiterate my answer that I gave to the AngajukKâk for Makkovik. I have not had since we met in March, Ordinary Member for Hopedale, an update on where we're to on that issue, and I certainly will return to that question tomorrow as I committed to the AngajukKâk for Makkovik on that. But just to, I guess, respond to the notion that there is a pilot project being considered and underway, that is news to me, so I have no information on it. I can't respond to that issue of a pilot project being established for banking services in the community of Hopedale. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Thank you. Any more questions? I'd like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Wayne Piercy.

**MR. PIERCY:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I'm not sure who to direct my question to because it involves justice so who? The First Minister. Oh, thank you, Minister Shiwak. It's been very in the open lately that there have been a few crimes that have been going on within our communities, and justice has not been served. You see a lot of them getting a slap on the wrist and nothing's happening, so I am assuming that our MHA for Torngat Mountains, Randy Edmunds' been speaking to my colleagues on this side of the table, as well, trying to seek some assistance in trying to talk to the court system to deliver swifter sentences, or justice served to people that is going through the court systems and they're repetitive. So I am not sure if there's anything we can do as an Assembly, or as the Executive Council, but it's like everybody's saying if you go around each, like, it must be in each and every community now that there's people going around and justice is not being served. Thank you.

**MS. FORD:** The Honourable First Minister.

**MR. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. And I'm not sure what the question is, but I'll address the issue. We are aware of the letter that the MHA Randy Edmunds had been sent to Chief Justice regarding the issue that you're talking about. We're aware of the issue. Our plan as the Executive Council, we discussed it last night, we plan to discuss it again, but we're developing the proper briefing notes as well. I have a request put in for a meeting with Minister Felix Collins with the Province to discuss the issue as well. So what we're doing, we're actually going through the process of developing NG's position on the issue, and doing our homework, and after we have the meeting with Minister Collins we will come back and update the Assembly on where we're at, but, yes, we are aware of it, and we're addressing it within the NEC. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

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

**MS. NOCHASAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Health. I would like to know why a program so important as the Language Nest in our community is being offered only two days a week this year and an issue so important as our language, and having been offered to the very beginning to our youngest of our beneficiaries. Being offered two days a week is nowhere near enough for our language to strive and continue. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** The Honourable Minister of Health.

**MS. KEMUKSIGAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. With the present legislation with the Province in relation to child care, the maximum number of children under two that can be in care is three, and there were six children that registered for the Language Nest program. So, to be fair, they thought they would divide the children up so each child gets two and a half days a week in the language nest as the number was larger than we have jurisdiction to run a program. So that was the fairest way they felt to run the program, was to that all six children could access the program and it will be two and a half days a week. Unfortunately, that's the best we could do under the circumstances. Thank you.

**MS. FORD:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. I would now like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Charlotte Wolfrey.

**MS. WOLFREY:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources. My question is with regards to something that you talked about this morning about an evaluation of the Impacts and Benefits Agreement, a 10-year evaluation. I'd like to know who's actually going to be doing that evaluation? Will it be independent, and will beneficiaries get a chance to, especially the ones that are working in Voisey's Bay, will they get a chance to be able to voice their opinions? Because, if you remember the strike, there were lots of issue around the IBA, and I think it's still perceived around our communities that the IBA isn't working so much as it could for the benefit of our beneficiaries with only so few people that are working in there from the communities. I know there are a large number of beneficiaries and there are a lot of them are from, or live outside of the community. So I'm just wondering is it an independent evaluation and who's going to do it? Thank you.

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

**MR. SHEPPARD:** Thank you, Madame Speaker, and thank you, AngajukKâk from Rigolet for the question. The department, itself, had some fairly detailed discussion on the Voisey's Bay issue and the 10-year review. It's my understanding, as Minister, that there will be involvement from beneficiaries within Nunatsiavut communities. It's a possibility that there will be individuals, beneficiaries, in each community taking part in the review. To get further into the technical side of it, Madame Speaker, I would rather consult with my department further on the 10-year review on the Voisey's Bay issue and get back to the AngajukKâk of Rigolet before we leave Hopedale. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. Before we continue with our oral questions, I would like to ask the Assembly if we can agree to have lunch brought in as we're on a time limit with the auditors here today. Do the Assembly agree to have lunch brought in today?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MS. FORD:** Okay. We'll continue now with oral questions, and I will recognize the AngajukKâk for Nain, Tony Andersen.

**MR. ANDERSEN:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I'm going to direct my question as it's an education question, but I'm going to direct it to the Minister of Finance who was, for some time, Acting Minister of Education. Oh, apologies, Madame Speaker. I'll direct my question to the First Minister. Madame Speaker, over a year ago, I asked a question on post-secondary funding, the levels of post-secondary funding and if there were changes that could be made to, in my own mind, that would make it more fair to some families, low-income families, especially. And the response I got at that time, which was over 12 months ago, was that there would be a review of the post-secondary program, a review on evaluation. It was current; it was supposed to be done in the very near future. I would say that some 14 months have passed, Madame Speaker, and my question to the former Acting Minister of Education, is has that review and evaluation been done because I noticed that this fall there have been no changes whatsoever to the structure of the post-secondary funding or the support funding.

**MS. FORD:** The Honourable First Minister.

**MR. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker, and thank you to AngajukKâk from Nain for the question. The review has not been completed, but I will check with the department with the Deputy Minister to see when that review is going to take place when it's due to be completed. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Thank you. Any more oral questions? I'd like to recognize the AngajukKâk from Makkovik, Herb Jacque.

**MR. JACQUE:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. My question also is for the First Minister. With winter just around the corner, seniors in my community are wondering if they will be provided with firewood again this year. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** The Honourable First Minister.

**MR. SHIWAK:** I believe last year the firewood for the seniors was provided by NGC, Nunatsiavut Group of Companies, and they brought wood into the communities. We are in the process of meeting with NGC to explore what they're willing to do this year, and to also get another wood project that may be able to be done in Postville, but again that's still in the discussion. So I would check with the department and see if anything is updated. Check with NGC to see if I can get an answer for the AngajukKâk from Makkovik. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Thank you. I'd now, now like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Nain, William Barbour.

**MR. BARBOUR:** Nakummek UKâlatik. My question will be to the Minister of Finance. I think this will be my third time asking the question of where the trustees, two trustees reporting to the Assembly in the spring of 2011, and one of the things that may have been under consideration at the time was to replace the two political appointments on the Trust, being the Minister of Finance and the President. The two examples that were used at the time in those reports were that one was NTI Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated, and another was an Indian Band in Alberta. Once they removed the political appointments, harder business decisions were made, and my question to the Minister is this. Has there been any consideration or discussion on the issue of non-political appointments or business-oriented appointments for the two political appointees now? Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** The Honourable Minister of Finance.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. And, Nakummek, to the Ordinary Member for Nain for the question. And I don't mean to sound like a broken record, Mr. Barbour, and I don't mean to skirt around the issue. That I had written a memo to the trustees in late March, early April of this year for that to be considered. Because of some scheduling issues with myself and the meeting with the trustees in April, that issue did not get brought to the table and there has been no decision-making process on that, but I plan to, this fall, we should be meeting in early to mid-October for the trust, and I certainly will bring this issue back to the trustees. As the Ordinary Member for Nain could appreciate, I'm sure,

the past President, Jim Lyall, was, was involved in this discussion as well. Mr. Lyall is no longer with us, so I'll have to brief the new President, Sarah Leo, on the issue and, and bring her up to date on that as well, and we'll have that discussion when the trustees meet again in early to mid-October, and I will report back to the Assembly, hopefully, on that Mr. Barbour at our next sitting of the Assembly during the week of October 24th to the 28th. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Thank you. Are there any more oral questions? I'd like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Makkovik, Denise Lane.

**MS. LANE:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources. As you know, our plant is closed for the summer, and we never really had a set quota for turbot. Is your department doing anything to work with DFO to see if we can get something set for next year because it was all up in, like, arms, all summer, like, we didn't know how much turbot we could catch and there was still crab left in the water. Like, is your department doing anything to ensure that this don't happen for the next season? Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Honourable Minister of Lands and Natural Resources.

**MR. SHEPPARD:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. And, thank you, to the Ordinary Member for Makkovik for the question and it's a good question. Yes, we are doing something as a department for 2013 commercial fishing season. As of May the 28th, 29th, myself and departmental staff met with Keith Ashfield in Ottawa. We felt that the meeting at the time was successful, not successful for us to be totally satisfied. However, we left Ottawa feeling that we did accomplish something while in Ottawa. It was only a matter of a couple of weeks ago or less that I've received a letter from DFO, in particular, signed by Keith Ashfield that we will be entitled to 200 metric tons of communal turbot quota for the 2013 commercial fishing season next year. So, to answer your question, yes, we are doing something and we have a communal quota of 200 metric ton. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**ASSEMBLY:** (Applause)

**MS. FORD:** Supplementary from the Ordinary Member from Makkovik.

**MS. LANE:** Thank you, Madame Speaker, and thank you, Minister Sheppard. One part you never touched on was the crab because there's a lot of crab left in the water, and there is a lot of fishermen who had the licences and forfeited whatever they said it was hard to get. Is there anything that you can tell me that if next year, if a fishermen forfeits crab in the water, can it be given to another one to get the rest of the quota? Thank you, Madame Speaker.

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

**MR. SHEPPARD:** Thank you, Madame Speaker, and thank you to the Ordinary Member for Makkovik. That's another good question. Presently, at the time we will not know what the management system in place, what would be in place for a management system for crab for the commercial crab fishing season next year? Crab, presently, is more difficult to deal with than turbot. We all know the state of the crab. You know, fishers put double the amount of money, effort, into harvesting crab this

season, as opposed to other years. Last year was a sign and the year prior to that was a sign that crab was starting to go downhill. Right now the department did, in the past month, request to the DFO that we'd have a so-called test fishery up until September the 30th with what was left of the remaining crab quota in the water. However, DFO sort of denied our requested, but added in the letter of response that they would be prepared to extend the season. Now, in saying that, it's a real difficulty to get fishers to go out and that is existing fishers who held designations for crab to go back out to harvest crab due to the hardship of trying to harvest crab this past year. So we are on top of the crab and through the winter we will be working closely with DFO to come up with a management plan for the 2013 commercial fishing season of crab. In saying that, I'm going to say, as Minister of the department, all information that I have that the commercial crab fishing is not looking good for the 2013 fishing season right now. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. Any more questions? Then we'll go to the next item on the agenda, which is, "Written Questions". In the Standing Orders under item, Written Questions, written questions may be asked of the President and Ministers. A question which would likely to require a detailed or complex answer, or which would not reasonably be assumed be within the present knowledge of the Minister should be posed as a written question. All written questions shall be filed with the clerk who shall endorse the date of filing and provide copies to all members. So are there any written questions today? No written questions today. Item number nine, "Returns to Written Questions". No returns today. Number 10, "Petitions". Are there any petitions? No petitions today. "Responses to Petitions"? No responses to petitions today. Under, "Reports of Standing and Special Committees," I understand there are no reports. We're going to "Tabling of Documents". I recognize the Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology, the Honourable Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. I'd like to table in today's sitting of the Assembly, the Consolidated Financial Statements for the Nunatsiavut Government for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 2012. I would also like to table, Madame Speaker, the Financial Statements for the Labrador Inuit Land Claim Implementation Trust. I'd also like to table, Madame Speaker, the Financial Statements for the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust, and I'd also like to table, Madame Speaker, a final document which is a Memorandum from the current trustees of the Implementation Trust, Sharon Pevie and Mike Flatters for the Assembly to consider appointments to replace the current trustees and we'll be dealing with that matter, I believe, later on this morning, Madame Speaker. Thank you.

**MS. FORD:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. I would now like to recognize the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, the Honourable Glen Sheppard.

**MR. SHEPPARD:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. Madame Speaker, I wish to table a document to the Nunatsiavut Assembly from JF Fur Farms Limited dated September the 5th, 2012, and a letter dated September the 11th, 2012, from myself to the Assembly granting my consent and request it to be considered at this sitting. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Thank you, Minister. These documents will be tabled. In accordance with the Section 5(7) of the Nunatsiavut Election Act, I wish to table the report to the Nunatsiavut Assembly on the

presidential elections of May 1, 2012, and the run-off election of June 11, 2012 from the Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer dated July 23, 2012. That is this document. I would now like to recognize the First Minister, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

**MR. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I wish to table the Memorandum of Agreement made as of the 20th day of April, 2012 which sets out certain minutes of Labrador Inuit Lands Claim Agreement. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Thank you, First Minister. This document will be tabled. I would now like to recognize the Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. Sorry for the delay. I had some point of clarification on the Orders of the Day that I needed to have some clarity on before we proceed. Madame Speaker, again, I may be out of order here and I stand to be corrected, but I'm seeking unanimous consent, Madame Speaker, from the Assembly to deviate away from our Standing Orders so that we may have the Assembly convene as the Committee of the Whole so that we can have the auditors present the consolidated financial statements for the year ending March 31st, 2012. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Thank you. The Minister is seeking unanimous consent to convene into a Committee of the Whole. Are there any nays? We will now convene as a Committee of the Whole with the witnesses. I would just like to inform the members that once we have concluded this item, we will return to the orders of the, orders of the day with item 14, "Notices of Motion". Now we will invite the witnesses to come into our Committee as a Whole. We'll take a 10-minute break.

(Recess)

**MS. FORD:** Okay. We are now in a Committee of the Whole to hear from Paul Janes and Lori Taylor. Rexanne Crawford is also here so you guys can go ahead and start.

**MR. JANES:** Thank you and thanks for having us here today to present our year end communication on your consolidated audited financial statements for the Nunatsiavut Government. I'll first go through the document that I think everybody should have called, titled, "Year End Communication," and then I will go through the financial statements as well after I go through this document. Feel free to stop me at any time, if you have questions along the way I'll be happy to try and answer them. So to begin the year end communication document, I'll ask you to turn to page one, titled, "Audit Scope and Findings". So under Audit Strategy and Scope, we go through a audit planning process at the beginning of every audit in consultation with management as well, to plan our audit process, develop what we believe the risks of the audit are and then our response and our testing and procedures of those risks. "Materiality". Materiality is the magnitude of misstatements including omissions in the consolidated financial statements that individually or in aggregate could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of the financial statement users. Judgments about materiality are made in the light of surrounding circumstances and are affected by our perception of the information, needs of the financial statements users, and by the size or nature of a misstatement or a combination of both. We are responsible for providing reasonable assurance that your consolidated financial statements as a whole

are free from material misstatement. The consolidated materiality that we use in the current year was 725,000 and in the prior year it was 750,000. Our "Audit Risks". The significant risks that we determined joined the audit planning process and you had to I guess, keep in mind that these risks are for the consolidated audit which include all the accounts of the Nunatsiavut Government and those of the Implementation Trusts, the Settlement Trusts and the Inuit Capital Strategy Trusts. So these risks could be for the government or some of those other entities, and when I get into the risks in more detail, I'll highlight to you what entities we felt these were risks for and so that the significant risks we identified were financial statement presentation and disclosure, unusual transactions and managing estimates, revenue recognition, general ledger and adjusting journal entries, related party receivables, segregation of duties, personal expense claims. Sir?

**MR. POTTLE:** I'm going to ask you just to speak a little bit slower, please.

**MR. JANES:** Sure.

**MR. POTTLE:** For all translations purposes and the Assembly, they may not be following you, by speaking a little slower.

**MR. JANES:** My, my apologies. So those risks, I will get into in more detail further on in the presentation, but I just wanted to highlight up front what those risks were. Significant difficulties encountered in performing the audit. There were no difficulties in performing our audits and our audits went as planned. Audit Results. In accordance with the Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, our audit is designed to enable us to express an opinion on the fairness of the presentation of the Nunatsiavut Government's annual consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with the Canadian public sector accounting standards. Turning to page two, Changes to the Audit Plan. We confirm that there were no amendments to the audit scope or approach as communicated in our engagement letter and as we went through in our planning process. Internal Control over Financial Reporting. We complete a substantive based audit for the Nunatsiavut Government. We do gain an understanding of the controls within the organization, but we don't necessarily test all of those internal controls, and we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we concluded to be material weaknesses during the course of our audit. Fraud and Illegal Acts. Based on the procedures we performed, we did not become aware of any illegal acts or fraudulent activities with respect to the Government during the year. Significant Events. There were also no significant events that we identified during the course of our audit. Significant Accounting Policies. Your accounting policies that the government follows are set out in Note 2 to your financial statements. So I won't go through those in detail. If you have any questions, I'm happy to answer. But during the course of our audit, we would discuss the accounting policies, any changes year over year with management, make sure they're appropriate and consistent, and we did not find any accounting policies that you follow that were not in accordance with Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards. Management Judgment and Accounting Estimates. As part of any set of financial statements, accounting estimates are a part of those. So we would discuss with management, the estimation process, how they go through those estimates, how they determine any changes year over year, and as part of our audit process, and during that process nothing came to light to cause us any concern that the estimation process was wrong, or

could cause us concern. Audit Adjustments and Uncorrected Misstatements. Part of our responsibilities are to bring to those charged with governance of the organization any misstatements that we find during the course of our audit, and then we would discuss those management, obviously, as well, and come to an agreement with management, whether or not we adjust or don't adjust certain items that might come to light during the course of our audit. Highlighted here on page two are two items that we discovered through discussions with management, and during the course of our audit procedures. But through those discussions we decided not to adjust as we did not feel they had a material impact on the financial statements. Those two amounts are, first of all, a prepaid licensing software amount that was expensed in 2012, but could have been treated as a prepaid expense there that you would see the benefit through 2013. And, as well, Mineral Tax Revenue from 2011 that was recorded in 2012 as the amount was not known to management to be forthcoming, but was received in 2012 but related to 2011. Again, we didn't feel these amounts were material and did not adjust them as part of the audit process. Turning to the top of page three. Adjusted and Unadjusted Disclosure Deficiencies. So there was an unadjusted disclosure deficiency that we noted during the course of our audit, and it pertains to the disclosure of budgeted information in your consolidated financial statements and there is a requirement under public sector accounting standards that you do disclose the budgeted revenues and expenditures in your financial statements. However, due to the fact that you present a consolidated financial statement which has many entities in that, it's very difficult to provide that information in the consolidated form and, therefore we have discussed that with management and decided that you would not include that in your information as some of it is not actually easily available either. So and, again, it's a disclosure that we don't feel causes a material problem to your financial statements so we are accepting of that fact that that disclosure's not made. Disagreements with Management. We did not encounter any disagreements with management during the course of our audit. Consultation with Other Accountants. Management has informed us that the government has not consulted with other accountants about auditing our accounting matters. We would only bring that to your attention it's a requirement for us to bring it to your attention if there was an outside consultation because it could be seen as management looking for a different opinion on a matter that maybe we disagreed with, but there wasn't of anything of that nature during the last year. Legal and Regulatory Compliance. Management is responsible for ensuring the government's operations are conducted in accordance with the laws and regulations applicable to the government in the jurisdictions in which it operates. The auditor is not and cannot be held responsible for preventing non-compliance. However, we do have discussions with management to make sure that they're not aware of any non-compliance or if they are aware, what the effects of that are. However, we do not identify through our procedures or those discussions, any instance of non-compliance of laws and regulations by the government. Post Balance Sheet Events. We're not aware of any post balance sheet events that have occurred that would require financial statement disclosure or adjustments to your financial statements. No restrictions have been placed on the scope of our audit in performing the audit. We were given full and complete access to the accounting records, supporting documentation and other information. We have issued a qualified audit report, which I'll go through shortly, on the consolidated financial statements of the government for the year ended March 31st, 2012. From an independent's perspective where, obviously, we're required to disclose to you any matters that could cause us concerns around independence. However, we do not have any of those and confirmed to the Assembly that we are independent of the government and in

the course of our procedures and our audits. Turning to page four, just highlight in more detail some of the significant risks that we went through during the audit process. From a financial statement disclosure and presentation, the risk being incomplete or misleading financial statement disclosure. So we would have reviewed with the management, all significant accounting policies and disclosures and obtained supporting documentation for those, and we are satisfied with the presentation of the consolidated financial statements and all material quantitative and qualitative disclosures have been properly included. Unusual Transactions. The risk being completeness of accrued liabilities. We reviewed significant estimates in supporting assumptions with management. We ensure proper disclosure in the financial statements and we tested cut-off of accounts payable and accrued liabilities to ensure they were complete, and we conclude that these estimates are appropriately disclosed in the notes of the consolidated financial statements. Turning to the top of page five. Unusual Transactions and Management Estimates, again, in this case, the risk being evaluation of a receivable from the government to Newfoundland and Labrador. This amount is specifically related to the audit we performed for CAI Nunatsiavut Marine. So we reviewed all supporting agreements concerning the transaction. We tested the subsequent receipts to ensure receivables valued accurately and we ensured proper disclosure in the consolidated statements. We concluded that the receivable from the government of Newfoundland and Labrador is appropriately recorded and disclosed in the notes of the financial statements. Next risk, again, Unusual Transaction. The management estimate being actually, the dividend payable to the shareholders of CAI Nunatsiavut Marine Inc. And, again, obviously, this is a risk that we had joined the audit of CAI, which is consolidated into your accounts. We reviewed all supporting documents concerning the transaction. Reviewed significant estimates and supporting assumptions with management, recalculated the dividend and concluded that management's estimates around the dividend and the amount recorded was appropriate. Revenue Recognition. This is a risk that's pretty general to most audits and make sure that revenue is properly recognized in the financial statements. And in your case the vast majority of the revenue is able to be confirmed to a third party, as being government funders. So we do go through that process and satisfy that the revenue recorded is proper and valued appropriately. General Ledger and Adjusting Journal Entries. Again, this is a very standard risk in most audits, and we would test a sample of journal entries to make sure that it's supported by appropriate documentation and did not find any instances of non-compliance of those policies. Related Party Receivables. Generally, this risk comes from the group the audit of the Inuit Capital Strategy Trust. We would review with management the collectability of those receivables and make sure that they're properly recorded and concluded that the rate of party receivables reported in the financial statements are accurately valued. Segregation of Duties. Again, a pretty standard risk for most audits and we would review internal controls with management to make sure that were adequate segregation of duties in all the operations and did not find any concerns during the course of our discussions or testing. Personal Expense Claims. Was another risk that we identified and again we would review a sample of those reports. We don't do a hundred percent verification, but, obviously, we would review a sample of expense reports submitted and make sure that they're in accordance with policy and that properly recorded in the statements and we, we did not find any issues of non-compliance in that testing. Turning to page seven, Significant Accounting Practices. Again, as I mentioned already, you follow Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards. And those policies that you select and follow are outlined and disclosed in Note 2 to your financial statements. And, as I

mentioned, there are, obviously, many estimates that go into accounting for the government's account, and some of the estimates that we focus on, are included there, collectability of receivables, economic laws of capital assets, income taxes, provisions, valuation of inventory, depreciation of tangible capital assets and valuation of investments. Again, some of these are specific just to records of the government and some of those would be specific to the operations of the Inuit Capital Strategy Trust and the entities underneath that trust. Just quickly to the Appendix One where we've included a letter of recommendation, and we've highlighted one recommendation for management, and in discussions with management we realized that this is not a recommendation that needs immediate attention or draws us any type of significant concern, but one that we put forward. In fact, that there is a contingency liability reserve on your financial statements in accordance with your laws and regulations, but there's not a restricted cash to support that. However, that being said, if you look at the statement of financial position of the government, there is a significant cash balance and that's why it doesn't cause us significant concern, because we realize that there is cash and other assets there to cover that balance. But nonetheless we bring forward the recommendation. And Appendix Two, I won't go through in detail, but it is our independence letter, which is a required communication that we, as your auditors, had to put forward to let the members of the Assembly know that we are independent of the organization and, obviously, if we weren't, we would have to bring that forward to your attention. That's it for our Year End Communication document. Any questions, I'm happy to try and answer and I will try to take you through the consolidated financial statements now. I'll start on page two of the financial statements, which is titled, "Independent Auditors Report". So this is our audit report on the financial statements. The first number of paragraphs on page two is all of our standard wording of any audit report, and highlights out what the management's responsibility is versus what the auditor's responsibility is. Turning to page three, you'll notice that there's a paragraph called, "Basis for Qualified Opinion," and the qualified opinion reads as follow: The recording of a share of earnings or loss from Weibstone and Tunnit partnership have not been recorded in the investments at equity as at December 31st, 2011, or statement of operations for the year ended December 31st, 2011, as records were not available for these entities at the date of our report. So as the paragraph indicates, the records are not available for those entities, but in discussions with management, I guess, they're of the opinion and we have no reason to question it, that those entities are dormant. It's just the fact that the records, we can't prove one hundred percent that the records, that the companies are dormant and therefore we had to put this qualification in. But it doesn't cause us significant concern. If it did, this paragraph would read quite differently, to let you know that, but I guess I just want to explain why that paragraph sits there in the audit report.

**MS. CRAWFORD:** The translators are asking you to slow down a bit.

**MR. JANES:** Sorry. So, again, on the qualified opinion, it doesn't cause us significant concern that they are there. It's to best of our knowledge that those entities are dormant and we start, I guess, discussions with management on how we eliminate that paragraph and go through any type of legal process that may need to happen to eliminate those entities so that therefore we can eliminate the qualification opinion from the statements.

**MR. MITCHELL:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. In this paragraph here it says that records were not available, does it mean that they're not available, or there are records? You know for sure there are no records, or they're not available?

**MR. JANES:** Yeah. So just to, I guess, to clarify. Through discussions with management, it doesn't appear that there are records, and there doesn't appear that the entity is operating and, I guess we could change the wording or play with the wording a little, but it, to the best of our knowledge and to the best of management's knowledge, we can't prove that the entity operated, and hasn't operated in a long period of time. So we feel that the entities are dormant, but we can't prove that the entities were or were not operating, but to the best of our knowledge, again, and to the best of management's knowledge, it appears that those entities haven't operated in quite some time. And I guess, just to add, the reason why they still sit there as part of our audit process and you see these in your audit opinion is that there hasn't been a legal process to wind them up or close them down to make sure 100 percent that they don't exist.

**MR. POTTLE:** Sorry, to interrupt, Paul, but there may be some confusion for Assembly members regarding where we're to in the financial statements. In your binder the financial statements appear before the communication report, so there may be people flipping back and forth looking for where were to in that. We're currently on the consolidated financial statements of the report, which, in your binder, come first as opposed to the second document in there. So I just wanted to make that clear, if people are wondering where we're to.

**MR. JANES:** I guess with that in mind, does anybody need me to go over anything I spoke about on the report, or are we okay to move forward? Okay. So I'm going to go through some of the major, I guess, changes year over year that you'll see when you're comparing your financial statements and the balances thereof and what the causes of those changes are, for your information. And, again, if any questions, feel free to stop me as I go. So page four of your consolidated statement is your Statement of Financial Position. So just to highlight some of the major variances year over year, your cash and cash equivalence balance in 2011 was \$53 million, in 2012 is \$78 million. The large majority of that increase has to do with cash received within the Implementation and Settlement Trusts that still sits in cash accounts at the end of their fiscal year. Accounts receivable went up from almost \$11 million in 2011 to \$19 million in 2012. The large majority of this variance has to do with mining royalties that were receivable at year end, but the cash had not been received as well as I believe some funding from the Government of Canada around the NIHB Program. Your portfolio investments went from 15 million to 25.4 million in 2012, and this \$10 million increase was the result of a purchase of a bond, \$10 million bond that the government made with, I believe, the Bank of Montreal. The next significant variance here that I'll mention is the due from Government in Newfoundland and Labrador, which is \$2 million, and I spoke to this earlier. This balance resides within the Inuit Capital Strategy Trust Group of Companies, more specifically, CAI Nunatsiavut Marine. There's more information disclosed in Note 6, but essentially represents a receivable from the government that had to be put forth as bonding under the terms of the contracts regarding the contracts that CAI Nunatsiavut Marine had with the government in Newfoundland and Labrador, and that money would be returned to the entity on completion of the contracts, satisfactory completion of the contracts, as further details are disclosed in

Note 6. Looking at the liability section of the balance sheet, the majority of the change that happened year over year is normal course of business being the significant pay down in bank indebtedness. The note payable that you see halfway down the page that changed from 33 million to 30 is the payable that you have with the federal government and details are disclosed in Note 12, but is being repaid upon the terms and conditions within that note payable, and was repaid by just a little over 3 million in the current year. The payable to the Tasiujatsoak Trust, went from 8.5 million to 12.5 million and the reason for this \$4 million increase is that the trust loaned funds to the Inuit Capital Strategy Trust Group of Companies to help fund the bond payable that you will see in the receivable up above from government in Newfoundland for the CAI Nunatsiavut Marine contracts and, obviously, that would be repaid upon repayment from the Government of Newfoundland. And then the only other balance that changed significantly, I guess, would be the demand loans balance which, again, the details are in Note 10 to the financial statements, and this was as a result of activities within, again, the Inuit Capital Strategy Trust Group of Companies and, specifically, CAI Nunatsiavut Marine. The Tangible Capital Asset Balance went up significantly by \$5 million. Obviously, there's a little bit of a decrease there due to amortization of those assets. But the significant increase is due to the amount of construction that you had on a couple of different buildings, and the one which I assume we're sitting in today. The defer expenditures land claims went down by \$3 million and this is the standard. This balance will decrease over time by approximately \$3 million every year and this balance relates to expenditures that we had during the land claims negotiation process. Turning to page five for your Consolidated Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus. This statement highlights the various sources of revenue and expenditures that the government had on a consolidated basis for the year. Just to highlight some of the significant changes for you, the fiscal financing amounts went up by close to \$5 million. The sales balance there, you see the third line down, went from 7.6 to almost 16 million. The majority of the increase in here has to do with CAI Nunatsiavut Marine as well as revenues that came from the TSI partnership during the course of the year as well. We saw increased activity. Most of the other revenue balances that you see there are fairly consistent year over year. I'll highlight the second last line that's there under revenue being gain on sale of assets, which you can see was almost 13 million last year and is zero in the current year. And if you may remember those, you, who were here last year when we presented, we spent significant time highlighting that balance and discussing the nature of it. And it has to do with essentially an accounting transaction that, or entry that had to be done as part of the infrastructural park agreement, and the transactions that took place there and it was a one-time gain on sale of assets, so that balance won't be seen every year. You'll continue to have revenues and expenditures from that transaction, but there was a one-time gain that was recorded last year. From an expenditure perspective, again, the majority of the expenditures are very consistent year over year. The salaries and employee benefits amount has increased. Some of this is general increases in salaries and employee benefits, but the majority of the increase comes from the activity within the CAI Nunatsiavut Marine as well as TSI, which I mentioned up above was the reason for most of the sales increase as well. And there's a significant increase there in the materials and supplies balance which is about half way down the page underneath expenditures. It went from 1.2 million to 3.2 and the majority of that has to do with the increase in activity within the TSI partnership and your ownership there. The rest of the expenditures as I said are very consistent year over year. Highlighted at the bottom of page six that your annual surplus in the current year was \$16.7 million as compared to 20.6 last year, keeping in mind that,

20.6 last year had a one-time \$13 million gain in it as well as I just mentioned. So your overall accumulated surplus balance is represented in more detail in Note 17, but has a balance of \$311,660,000 and this represents, really, when you're looking at accumulated surplus represents the ability of an entity go forward to be able to help fund its activities, essentially, and meet its obligations, and I think, obviously, that, you know, that sizeable accumulated surplus shows that you're in a healthy financial position. Turning to page seven. The Statement of Change in Net Financial Assets highlights your ability to meet obligations that you are currently contracted under, whether it be debt or trade payables, expenditures that you have, contracts that that you've entered into, and if you didn't have sufficient assets to meet those liabilities and contingencies, then you would end up having a statement of changes in net debt rather than statement of financial assets. So this also shows that you do have enough assets to meet those obligations go forward and shows a position of financial health. Turning to, I guess, page eight is a statement of cash flows. Again, I won't go through this statement in details. If anybody has any specific questions, I'm happy to answer, but the statement of cash flows is really meant to show exactly what it says, is there are cash in and cash out of the organization. So every dollar of cash that would come in or come out would be accounted for under one of these headings on the statement, and would reconcile back to your cash balance that you have on the Statement of Financial Position on, on page four. Okay. Turning to the notes of the statement, I won't go through these in detail, but I will highlight some changes that may be there year over year for your consideration. Note 1 is the Nature of Operations, just highlights the aspects of the government and it has not changed from year over year. Note 2 which starts on page 10, as I mentioned earlier, is the summary of all the significant accounting policies that the government and its entity follow. Again, you follow the Canadian Public Accounting Standards as outlined by the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants, and these are the significant policies. There are no significant changes to these policies from last year. So I won't go through these in great detail, as I'm probably one of the only ones that will find them interesting. I will highlight that there on the bottom of page 13. It does talk about new accounting policies that are coming forth and there will be a change effective in April 1st, 2012 around some revenue recognition that will happen within the organization while working with management as to whether or not that will have a significant impact on your financial statements. Just turning to page 14, both Note 3 and Note 4 are very consistent from last year. They would have been in your financial statements last year and at Note 4 talks about an investment in finance lease which goes back to the infrastructure park transaction and shows how the lease would be received over the next five years at the bottom of the page. Note 5 again is very consistent from last year. Note 6 is new and talks about the balance that I mentioned is due from the government of Newfoundland and Labrador due to the contracts the government has with CAI Nunatsiavut Marine, and here in the note highlights all the details of that receivable. Note 7, sorry, on page 16 and highlights investments and advances that you have with entities that you don't 100 percent own. There is significant increase there and an accounts receivable, but that receivable is due to the CAI Nunatsiavut Marine entity which would not have existed last year. Bank indebtedness. It talks about an operating line of credit of \$4 million which does sit within the Nunatsiavut Group of Companies. It's not a line of credit that, that the government, itself, owns, but all the details of the line of credit and the repayment is there, but there is no amount at the end of March 31st, 2012 at the end of the year. There was no draw down on that bank indebtedness. Note 9 on page 17 highlights deferred revenue balances. These amounts are essentially cash that you've received from different

funding sources, but that you have not earned and have not brought into your revenues as to government yet. So the details are there and you can see that the total balance is fairly consistent year over year with just some changes in balances between different groupings. Note 10 highlights the demand loans that exist in your consolidated group. There is one new loan there which was within the Inuit Capital Strategy Trust Group of Companies during the year. Repayment terms are there for all the other loans and they've all been repaid as per the terms of the loan agreements. Page 19, again, is long term debt that the entity holds with various entities and, again, no new debt taken out during the year and all of it was repaid as per the terms of those debt agreements. Note 12 highlights the note payable that the government has with the federal government and the repayment terms of that debt. Again, it was all repaid as per the terms of the debt agreement. And you can see at the bottom of the note the expected repayment over the next few years of that note payable. Note 14 now on page 21, is the payable to the Tasiujatsoak Trust and, again, this amount, as I said, increased by \$4 million during the current year due to the funding that loans they provided to help with the amounts that needed to be put forward for the CAI Nunatsiavut Marine contracts. Note 15 and Note 16 are very similar from last year. Note 16 on page 22, again the significant increase there in the balance year over year would be under Buildings and Improvements due to the significant amount of construction that you've had over the past year. Turning to page 23, Note 17 highlights the various sources of your accumulated surplus. As I mentioned, the balance is over \$311 million now, and you can see a significant portion of that sits with both the Implementation and Settlement Trusts. And Note 18 is just further detail of the other grants and contributions line that sits on your statement of operations, which is page five and six. Just gives you more detail to the reader of the various sources of where that revenue is coming from. And you can see the mining royalty balances is a vast majority of that total. Note 19 now at top of page 24, sorry, is other income, and again this is just further detail of the balance that's on page four and five to give to the reader, and the balances are fairly consistent year over year. And Note 20 is highlighting again further detail of the information that's on the statement of cash flows. Note 21 is, Contingencies, and highlights any potential contingencies that the government could have in its operations. So these would be not things that are recorded as liabilities currently, but if some transaction or something happened, it could cause a liability to the organization so we're required to disclose that and those are there for your reading. Note 22 at the top of page 25 highlights any commitments that the organization has and most of this is for leases for rent for premises that you occupy. Note 23 is details that define contribution pension plan and Note 24 is a comparative figures note, which is a requirement that we're required to put in the financial statements if we change a disclosure from one year to the next, or how a number is broken down, and this highlights that in the past we would have had personal income tax revenue and Goods and Services Tax revenue combined together and in the current year we broke out the presentation of those balances. So just to highlight that that did take place. So that's it for the consolidated financial statements. Hopefully I went into sufficient detail. If anybody has a question, I'm happy to try and answer.

**MR. SHEPPARD:** Yes Paul, I know we've went through this as an Executive Council, but it was by telephone, something just sort of caught my eye and it might be very minor but, under Note 18, Other Grants and Contributions, could you give an example of what "Other" would mean?

**MR. JANES:** So the other amount could come from various sources and obviously, we can provide the detail of what that is, but for the most part it would be smaller balances that were received and it could be, and to keep in mind, that there's various entities, quite a number of entities that make up your consolidated financial statements. So for the most part, these would be amounts that we don't see as overly significant. Let's give you an example and I don't say that this is a real life example for you, but let's say you received \$50,000 from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, well, that \$50,000 will get lost in your total revenue numbers, but when we're trying to compile the financial statements as that 50,000 may not sit as a specific line item that's already there, then it would go under "Other," and not necessarily deem to be significant enough to break out by itself. So we could list all of them but, obviously, you could see that that list could get quite significant, and they could come, that 50,000 could come from Department of Health. It could come from, from some other department, or government department, or it could be funding that was received somewhere within the Group of Companies underneath the Inuit Capital Strategy Trust as well.

**MS. CRAWFORD:** Glen, some of the examples of smaller grants, contributions we received during the year was from Trent University, Laval University for some research projects. I think under the Department of Health we received some funds from - oh, the name was just on the top of my head. It, it's not NAHO but, you know, some of the other Aboriginal groups across the country. They'll reach out and get some grant money to run a specific, proposal-driven project.

**MS. FORD:** Anyone have any more questions? Are they finished? Oh, okay, go ahead, Dan. So is that it for? Then there's no more question. Then I'd like to thank you for coming. Yes?

**MR. POTTLE:** Thank you, Madame Chair. And I, too, would like to thank Paul and Lori and Deloitte & Touche for doing an outstanding job on our consolidated financial statements and our audits overall. As Assembly members can attest, longstanding members of the Assembly, anyway, we had always been way behind schedule on bringing our consolidated financial statements for presentation to the Assembly, and I think it's a testament to the work that's done within the department and consultation with our auditors that we're able to present the consolidated financial statements in a timely manner as outlined in our current legislation. On that, Madame Chair, Section 2(d) of the Financial Administration Act states that the Assembly must approve the audited financial statements as presented here today by Deloitte & Touche. Therefore, I'm asking the Assembly to approve and accept the audited financial statements as presented here today by our auditors from Deloitte & Touche.

**MS. FORD:** Okay. Thank you. So we're still in a Committee of the Whole. We'll bring that in when we come back into Assembly. So I think now that they're finished, we'll break for lunch first. Okay. We'll go back into Assembly, first, out of the Committee of the Whole and back into Assembly, and no, we're not breaking for lunch exactly yet so.

**MR. POTTLE:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. As per the Financial Administration Act, Madame Speaker, Section 2(d) states that the Assembly must approve the audited financial statements as presented by our current auditors. Therefore, Madame Speaker, I ask that the Assembly approve and

accept the audited financial statements as per presented by our auditors from Deloitte & Touche. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. Do the Assembly accept the reports?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MS. FORD:** Thank you. So that's it for now. Now we will break for lunch till one o'clock.

(Recess )

**MS. LANE:** Okay. I'm going to be sitting in for Pat and she'll be back later. So I'd like to call the House of Assembly open. The next on our agenda is Item 14, Notices of Motions. I recognize the Minister of Finance and Human Resources and Information Technology, the Honourable Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. Madame Speaker, I give notice that I will move, seconded by the First Minister, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak that the Assembly convene as a Committee of the Whole to make the appointments to the Implementation Trust. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MS. LANE:** Thank you, Minister Pottle. Do the Assembly agree to go in the Committee of a Whole?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MS. LANE:** Okay. We are in a Committee of a Whole. Go ahead, Dan.

**MR. POTTLE:** Just a Point of Order, Madame Speaker, if I may. Just for clarification purposes on the process. Are we breaking into a Committee of the Whole now or will we do that under Standing Order number 16? I just wanted clarity on that before we proceed. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MS. LANE:** I'm sorry. Thank you, Dan, for correcting me. Okay. Thank you, and now I'd like to recognize the Honourable Member for Nain, William Barbour.

**MR. BARBOUR:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. Madame Speaker, I give notice that on Wednesday, September 12th, I will move, seconded by the Ordinary Member for Makkovik and Deputy Speaker, Denise Lane, that the table document, 326 reports the Nunatsiavut Assembly on the Presidential election of May 1, 2012, and a run-off election of June 11th, 2012 from Nunatsiavut electoral officer dated July 23, be moved into Committee of the Whole for consideration. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MS. LANE:** Thank you, Mr. Barbour. I'd like to recognize the Honourable Member for Nain again, William Barbour.

**MR. BARBOUR:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. I give notice that on Wednesday, September 12th, I will move and seconded by the Ordinary Member and Deputy Speaker, Denise Lane, that Section 2, Part II, the third bullet on page 10 of the Elected Officials Policy be deleted and replaced with the following. Air travel is restricted to the ordinary member for Canada only. Non-air travel for all ordinary member, boats, skidoo, bus and taxis. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MS. LANE:** Thank you, Mr. Barbour. I'd like to recognize the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources.

**MR. SHEPPARD:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I give notice that on Wednesday, September 12th I move, seconded by the Honourable Dan Pottle, Minister of Finance, Information and Technology, and Human Resources that the Nunatsiavut Assembly hereby approves the issuance of a Land Use permit to the Makkovik Inuit Community Government for a portion of Labrador Inuit Land Parcel 19C, as identified on the attached map for a boardwalk trail. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MS. LANE:** Thank you, Minister Sheppard. Now I'd like to recognize the First Minister, Honourable Darryl Shiwak.

**MR. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I give notice that on Wednesday, September 12th I will move, seconded by the Honourable Glen Sheppard, Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, that the Nunatsiavut Assembly hereby consents to technical amendments to the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement, the map atlas and appendices and schedules to the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement, as recommended by the representatives of the parties under Memorandum of Agreement dated the 20th day of April, 2012. The Nunatsiavut Assembly hereby consents to the amendments referred to in Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 24 and 25 of the Memorandum of Agreement dated 20th day of April, 2012 being made retroactive to the effective date. Subject to paragraph two of this resolution, the technical amendments to the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement, the map atlas and appendices and schedules to the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement referred to in paragraph one of this resolution shall come into effect on the date on which the amendments have been consented to by Canada and the Province as provided in Section 2.16.2 of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement and for the Clerk of the Nunatsiavut Assembly is hereby directed to file and retain the Memorandum of Agreement dated the 20th day of April, 2012, and this resolution with the record of proceedings of the Assembly. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MS. LANE:** Thank you, Honourable Minister Shiwak. Okay. That is all the Notices of Motion. So we'll go on with item number 15, is "Notices of Motions for First Readings of Bills". I recognize the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Glen Sheppard.

**MR. SHEPPARD:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I give notice that on Wednesday, September the 12th, I move, seconded by the Honourable First Minister, Darryl Shiwak, I move first reading of Bill 2012-03, an Act to authorize the Nunatsiavut Government to issue a lease to JF Fur Farms Limited to operate a mink farm on Labrador Inuit Lands Parcel 15, map atlas sheet 88. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MS. LANE:** Thank you, Mr. Minister. Item 16, "Motions". I recognize the Minister of Finance, the Honourable Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. Madame Speaker, I seek unanimous consent of the Assembly to move my motion that I gave notice of earlier today concerning the trustees of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Implementation Trust matters to be referred to the Committee of the Whole. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MS. LANE:** Thank you. Members, the Minister is seeking unanimous consent to move his motion now. Are there any nays? There is none. Mr. Minister, proceed with your motion.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madame Chair. I believe we're now in the Committee of the Whole.

**MS. LANE:** Yes, I'm sorry, Mr. Minister. Yes, we are in a Committee of the Whole right now.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madame Chair. As per the trust deed of the Labrador Inuit Implementation Trust from time to time, the trustees will change. Then the Assembly, Madame Chair, is expected to make appointments for replacing current trustees and that's where we're to in this process now. Just to bring the members back to the issue at hand, I believe it was during the last sitting of the Assembly in the spring session of 2012, the Assembly directed the current trustees of the Implementation Trust to submit further names and biographies of individuals who the Assembly would be considered appointed as trustees of the Implementation Trust. As per the trust deed, Madame Chair, the trustees of the Labrador Inuit Implementation Trust is comprised of three trustees. These trustees, Madame Chair, must be one non-beneficiary trustee, one Nunatsiavut Government person, one beneficiary of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement, and one resident of the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area. That being said, again, Madame Chair, just for clarity's sake, it may seem from my description of the composition of the trust that there would be four trustees, but just for clarity's sake, there are only three trustees on this appointment. By way of example, one government person, and not to say that this is going to unfold in this manner, could be a resident of the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area. Okay? And then we would have to look at then one beneficiary to the Labrador Inuit Land Claim Agreement. I hope I've made myself clear on that point. So, therefore, Madame Chair, the current trustees of the Implementation Trust, Sharon Pevie and Mike Flatters have submitted the names for the Assembly to be considered for appointments to the trust. The one non-beneficiary trustee would be one of Mike Flatters, Ron Wallace and Harvey Sands. The one government person and we've only had one name put forth by the current trustees, would be Isabella Pain, and the remaining names would fulfill their criteria for the composition of a beneficiary to the Labrador Inuit Land Claim Agreement, and those names are Elizabeth Ford, Tiffany Flowers, Patty Pottle, Gary Baikie and the former President of Nunatsiavut, Jim Lyall. The trustees have submitted the names of these persons because they believe that they have the requisite interest and competence to set an asset mixed policy and monitor the work of the investment managers which, Madame Chair, is one of the most important functions of a trustee. They believe that the names submitted, these people can and work collaboratively as a team in carrying out the trustees. And these people have the ability to communicate with service providers and beneficiaries clearly and punctually. Therefore, I guess, Madame Chair, there will have to be three streams of voting here. One for the non-beneficiary, one for the government person and one for a beneficiary to the Land Claim Agreement. And, I guess, I don't know if it's my duty to call for the vote, or if that responsibility rests with the Chair. So I'd seek your direction on that, Madame Chair.

**MS. LANE:** We're still in a Committee of the Whole so I think we should discuss the nominations put forward first and then we'll go with the voting.

**MR. POTTLE:** Thank you, Madame Chair. I believe and I stand to be corrected on this, but has each of the Assembly members received the accompanying biographies for the names of the nominees?

**MS. LANE:** Yes.

**MR. POTTLE:** Okay. And I make the assumption that the individual Assembly members have read the biography so there's no need for me to read out the biographies associated with the names that were submitted. Okay. On that, Madame Chair, I'd ask the Assembly to conduct its first vote on one non-beneficiary trustee, and I guess we could do this by a show of hands as opposed to taking a vote by ballot. Okay. So the names again of the one non-beneficiary trustee, is Mike Flatters, Ron Wallace and Harvey Sands. All those in favor of Mike Flatters raise your hand? All those in favor of Ron Wallace, raise your hand? Just for the record, I think we should proceed with a show of hands for Ron Wallace. All in favor of Ron Wallace, please raise your hand? All those in favor of Harvey Sands, please raise your hand? Okay. The vote is and we have 15 voting members. The vote for the non-beneficiary goes to Mike Flatters who received 10 votes, Ron Wallace, who received four and Harvey Sands, who received 1. We have only received one name for nomination for the non-government person.

**MS. LANE:** Dan, just correction on the 15. I, while I'm in the speaker's chair, I cannot vote at this time, so it's 14.

**MR. POTTLE:** I didn't include you, Madame Chair. I think we have 15. One, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15.

**MS. LANE:** Yes, you're right. I'm sorry. I was thinking about Max Winters.

**MR. POTTLE:** Okay. Thank you, Madame Chair. Again, we only have one name submitted for consideration for trustee for a non-government person, and I don't know because I'm going to call for a vote anyway because, just because there's one name, I think the Assembly still has to approve that. We just can't, I think, have the person just appointed without the Assembly consent on that. So all those in favor of Isabella Pain for the non-government person, please raise your hand? Unanimous. Thank you.

**MS. LANE:** Dan, it's a government person, is it? Isn't it Isabella?

**MR. POTTLE:** Yes. One government person, Isabella Pain. The remaining names would fulfill the criteria for a beneficiary of the Labrador Inuit Land Claim Agreement and those again are Elizabeth Ford, Tiffany Flowers, Patty Pottle, Gary Baikie, and James Lyall. All those in favor of Elizabeth Ford, please raise your hand. All those in favor of Tiffany Flowers, please raise your hand. All those in favor of Patty Pottle, please raise your hand. All those in favor of Gary Baikie, please raise your hand. All those in favor of Jim Lyall, please raise your hand? Okay. Again, I'll ask for direction from the Chair. I think all that's required for the appointment is a majority of votes cast. Therefore, the number of votes cast for Elizabeth Ford was zero, Tiffany Flowers, three, Patty Pottle, seven, Gary Baikie, two, and Jim Lyall, two. So the, so the one beneficiary for the Labrador Inuit Land Claim Agreement to sit as a trustee of the Implementation Trust is Patty Pottle. Thank you, Madame Chair. I believe this concludes the work that we need to do as a Committee of the Whole. So I turn the table back to you.

**MS. LANE:** Okay. The Committee of the Whole. Once the decision is concluded and if there are three names are chosen, the speaker can indicate that there will be a formal motion introduced tomorrow to confirm the successor trustees. Okay. There's going to be a motion tomorrow to confirm the trustees. Next on the agenda is Item 17....

**MR. POTTLE:** Just, again, before we convene as the Assembly, I just wanted clarification from the Chair and the Clerk. I believe while we're sitting as a Committee of the Whole, we do have the authority to approve the appointments as voted on today, and I'm not sure whether or not we need to come back tomorrow in the house to put a formal resolution to make the appointments. I just want some clarity on that. Thank you.

**MS. LANE:** Okay. When we're in a Committee of the Whole, we cannot make motions. We have to be in the Assembly, so we'll do that tomorrow.

**MR. POTTLE:** Thank you, Madame Chair.

**MS. LANE:** Okay. We're back into the Assembly. Next on the agenda is item number 17, the "First Reading of Bills," and there is none. So item 18, "Second Reading of Bills". There's none. Item 19, "Assent to Bills". There is none. Okay. We'll adjourn the Assembly for today and we'll reconvene tomorrow morning at nine o'clock. Thank you.

**MS. FORD:** Ullâkut Ilonasi. I call the Assembly to order. We will go to the Orders of the Day. Item number one, "Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery," we don't have any visitors this morning. Item number two, "Minister Statements". Ministers have up to 35 minutes for all statements. Are there any Minister statements this morning? I'd like to recognize the Honourable Minister of Finance.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. My Minister statement today is a continuation of the statement that I gave yesterday, Madame Speaker, and I'm just going to give a quick update on departmental activities within the division of Information Technology. Madame Speaker, Information Technology, we're pleased to report, is once again fully staffed. Chesley Evans was hired an Information Technology Support Specialist in July. The department now has a full complement of six staff, including the Divisional Director. Three positions are in Nunatsiavut, and three are in Goose Bay. Staffing distribution is being assessed with an eye to potential adjustment depending on the overall Nunatsiavut Government Staffing Relocation Plan. During 2010, Madame Speaker, the IT Department began rolling out our Office 2010 and Windows 7 operating system to all newly-acquired or rebuilt computers for the Nunatsiavut Government. This will be an ongoing process and we hope to have the work completed by the end of this calendar year. As everybody knows, Madame Speaker, we have moved to the Google Apps deployment. By far, this is the most visible and significant project undertaken by the Division of Information Technology. This spring and early summer there has been a changeover to our emailing system. We moved from Microsoft Outlook over to the Google Apps program. The old server had reached the end of its life and we were experiencing ever increasing performance and reliability issues. In our search for a replacement, Madame Speaker, we looked for email and calendar solutions that could provide us with lower infrastructure cost, reduced support cost, greater accessibility and more collaborative features. The clear option, Madame Speaker, was Google Apps for Business. It provided

all of the features we were looking for and has the added benefit of a stable and predictable price point that will allow greater certainty and consistency in our annual budgeting process. The challenge, Madame Speaker, before the IT division, in this migration was educating our end users and completing the new platform. To that end, Madame Speaker, we began communicating via email, posting information on our intranet and creating a website dedicated to the switchover six weeks before the actual migration. Madame Speaker, we also conducted a pilot deployment with a number of early adopters to test the service and to resolve any technical issues before the full roll-out. This, Madame Speaker, was an invaluable learning experience and some significant detail. Technical issues were identified and corrected with the assistance of contractors engaged to assist in this migration. A number of training videos were developed during the pilot phase and are available for viewing on the training website on our intranet. The IT staff also visited every Nunatsiavut Government office to conduct on-site training sessions during the first two weeks after deployment. And, Madame Speaker, multiple sessions were conducted in the larger offices. We received a lot of feedback during the first two weeks after the migration to Google Apps, some positive and some negative. Since that time the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. There are still some issues, Madame Speaker, for specific end users and we hope to address those issues on a case-by-case basis. Finally, Madame Speaker, we instituted an absolute Computrace which, for the Nunatsiavut Government, utilizes the software tool called Computrace to assist in securing notebooks issued to staffs and Assembly members. It is installed on all new machines as part of our standard build and it's being deployed to existing notebooks in, within government. Currently, there are about 85 percent of our notebooks have now Computrace installed. This product, Madame Speaker, allows us to track devices if they are stolen or lost. If someone attempts to go on line with one of our computers that have been reported lost or stolen, the device will immediately report its location to Computrace who will then inform the local police. As part of the reporting process for the stolen device, we've had to provide Computrace with the RCMP case number and reporting the officer's identification, name, number, name and badge number, by way of example. Madame Speaker, if we request such, Computrace will also perform a data wipe on any lost or stolen devices. This can be as specific as identifying just spread sheets or Word Processing files, or as complete as the entire My Document folder, or even deleting the entire hard drive. Computrace will provide us with an audit log of all files deleted, if this action has to be taken. This can also specify the last time files were accessed to determine whether documents were accessed after theft was reported. Madame Speaker, we can also request a freeze on a device, and this will lock the computer and render it inoperable until such time as we request that the freeze be lifted. This feature, Madame Speaker, may be useful should we require a computer to be held pending a criminal investigation. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. Are there any more Minister statements? I'd like to recognize the Honourable Minister of Culture, Recreation and Youth.

**MR. LAMPE:** Nakummek Ukattik, Madame Speaker, On March 30, I took leave to offer myself for the President of Nunatsiavut. After 70 days of travelling to our communities and meeting with beneficiaries I am pleased to be back as your Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. I would like to congratulate the Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Susan Nochasak and our new President Sarah Leo on a

good campaign. Sarah we all congratulate you and are pleased to be a part of your new team. In Inuit style the campaign was respectful. We all listened to the feelings of beneficiaries on how we are doing as a Government and what are the needs and hopes to ensure we have healthy communities, elders who are treated with dignity and respect and that we provide a future for our Inuit youth. I have a much greater appreciation for the challenges we need to address and that we need to be better communicators of the good things we are doing as a Government. Ukattik, Madam Speaker, I would, however, recommend that we re-examine our election process. Let us find a process that is simpler, and that we don't put our government in a caretaker role for more than two months when we have so much work to do. My department is pleased to report to the Assembly that we are making significant progress in a number of key areas, and we need the support of this Assembly in several very critical areas if we are to maintain our identity as Labrador Inuit. I have a much greater appreciation for the challenges we need to address and that we need to be better communicators of the good things we are doing as a government. Language, our Language Strategy Committee is working on a number of recommendations, including coordinating with ITK Language Committee and its coordinator Kevin Kublutsiak. We are also entering into discussions with OkâlaKatiget Society on joint initiatives to have language programs available through the society. Torngâsuk Cultural Centre. The site work contract was awarded to Budget's to prepare the site work construction. And additional geotech work is being done by Stantec. The exhibit design contract was awarded to Form Media and we have the services of an interpretative planner for one year. A workshop on exhibit design concept will be held the week of September 24. Madame Speaker, at the October Assembly we would like to bring forth a money Bill to approve of a contribution to the Cultural Centre. Our consultants will present to us on Monday, the final plans which will include tender documents. Our First Minister has worked with Peter Penashue and we have 5.6 million from the federal government and are in discussion on another 800,000. I am asking for the support from this Assembly so that we can celebrate being Labrador Inuit. We have built government assets, like this great Assembly building. We are building great recreational assets. Now we need to build a great cultural asset for our Labrador Inuit beneficiaries. This Centre is for all communities and all Inuit. It is a celebration of who we are. Rigolet Tourism Plan. An experienced consulting team will work with the community of Rigolet in developing a community based tourism strategy which will identify key opportunities and recommend an investment strategy over the next five years. Madame Speaker, Torngat Base Camp and Research Station have just completed a very successful season. The number of high end tourists buy packages increased from 7 to 80, with the highest paying guests paying \$25,000 a week each, operated by Nunatsiavut Group of Companies, on our behalf. The base camp is now recognized as a signature experience in Canada by the Canadian Tourism Commission. With support from ACOA and the Department of Innovation Business and Rural Development we have been able to invest in many improvements. The base camp was visited in late August by Arctic leaders who would like to set up similar ventures. The business model of an Inuit owned and operated remote camp is unique. Over 20 beneficiaries worked at the camp this summer. Hebron. Our Hebron ambassadors, the Merkuratsuk family continues to protect and interpret this national historic site. We also ran a restoration program and a Moravian Mission building, and we had a landscape architect begin a process of site concept plan, which I will be sharing with Assembly members in the coming month. Heritage Forum. I would like to thank Herb Jacque, AngajukKâk for Makkovik, and his community for hosting the 2012 Heritage Forum in Makkovik in May. It was a very successful event

and I am pleased to table the report to this Assembly and to thank the many passionate Heritage volunteers who helped with the forum. I am pleased to announce that Rigolet will host the next forum in 2013. AngajukKâk Jacque will pass the hosting to AngajukKâk Charlotte Wolfrey. Rooms. We are working with the rooms on an exhibit which will tell the Labrador Inuit story in the post contact period. Anita Fells, a beneficiary, is a guest curator of the rooms, and she is working with the Torngasuk staff. The exhibit will open in June, 2013. Ukattik the 2012 Elders Gathering will be held in Hopedale September 24 to 28. Elders will gather in this Assembly building and will participate in a number of sessions on improving the lives of all of our elders and they will be making recommendations to us on the issues they would like to see addressed by our government. Madame Speaker, Agvituk Historical Society, Hopedale Moravian Mission Complex Master Plan and Adaptive Reuse Study, Ekistics Design and Planning is working with the community of Hopedale. A comprehensive plan will be available to present in October and we would like to have the plan presented to the Assembly at the fall sitting. Arts. As a government, we need to do more to support the arts and crafts. We have a lot of talented artisans but little in the way of support in developing their products and getting to the right markets. We will be working with other support agencies to develop a strategy to increase the income and recognition of artists. Youth Strategy. We would like to meet with our Departments of Health and Social Development and Education and Economic Development to ensure we, as a government, are providing more support and opportunities for you. Film. We will continue to collaborate with the National Film Board and the OkâlaKatiget Society to translate and distribute some of our great films. We are also looking at some opportunities to develop new films. Recreation. We are meeting regularly with the Torngat Recreation Commission and we will have a draft plan for discussion on role clarification and responsibilities to ensure we are all working together to deliver improved support for recreation, for all ages in all communities. Nakummek Ukâttik .

**MS. FORD:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister. I'd now like to recognize the Honourable First Minister.

**MR. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. Under membership, there are currently 7,148 registered beneficiaries under the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement. The workshop for membership committees in the Appeal Board is scheduled for October. The purpose of the workshop is to ensure that each committee continues to deal with the applicants in a consistent manner. Membership committees under Nain, we have Wilson Jararuse, Ernestina Tuglavina, Julius Merkuratuk, Julius Ikkusek and Christine Baikie. In Hopedale we have Clara Winters, Gustave Semigak, and Jim Nitsman. Makkovik and Postville Committee, we have Elizabeth Evans Mitchell, Sheila Priddle, John Andersen and Iris O'Leary. In Rigolet Upper Lake Melville Committee, you have Robert Shiwak, Iris Allen, Verna Faulkner, Sarah Baikie and Sam Palliser. Under the Inuit Membership Appeal Board, we have Art Williams, Annie Evans, Katie Pijogge, Ola Gatehouse and William Andersen III. Under Infrastructure, Makkovik office complex and daycare, the contract for prime consulting designing project management for the complex has been awarded to Atsanik Consulting Limited. This building will include 14 offices, a Day Care Centre, and a dental clinic. We proposed to go to tender for construction in 2013 with completion of the building in early 2014. Saputjivik Building. The Saputjivik Building is still on the market and we have no buyers yet. The Nain Administration Building Repairs. A contract was awarded to Budgell's Equipment

to repair the damage to the Nain Administration Building. The interior work had been completed and the exterior work is expected to be completed within the next couple of weeks. Torngat Mountains National Parks Base Camp. Significant upgrade to the facilities of the Torngat Mountain National Park Base Camp was done this summer by Nunatsiavut Construction, formerly known as Postmill Lumber Company. The camp is currently in the process of closing for the 2012 season, but Nunatsiavut Construction is installing new washroom facilities before completing the camp closure. We expect to award a contract for installation of water and sewer system next summer. Implementation. The Tripartite Implementation Committee continues to meet on a regular basis. The main focus is to ensure the boards established under the LILCA are functioning as set out in the LILCA in the implementation plan. A committee is undergoing a review of how three governments are fulfilling their obligations under the LILCA in preparation for negotiation of a new implementation plan to replace the existing one which expires in 2015. Justice. Legal Services. The Director of Legal Services continues to provide legal services to all departments of the Nunatsiavut Government as well as the Assembly. The workload had become too much for one lawyer so we are in the process of hiring an additional in-house lawyer. RCMP. We are currently communicating with the government of Newfoundland and Labrador regarding community justice issues, community policing and court procedures. One priority that we are pursuing is adequate policing and permanent staff in Postville. The First Minister, myself, and Brian Lyall sit on the Commanding Officer's Aboriginal Advisory Committee, Brian, chairs the committee. The mandate of the COAAC is to provide the commanding officer of RCMP B Division with strategic advice and cultural perspective in matters pertaining to the delivery of police services in the area of service by the division. It is a body that is to facilitate discussion on a provincial basis, as well as between district commanders and local communities in which they are located. It also assists the RCMP to find solutions to issues, concerns or problems as they relate to Aboriginal peoples and the RCMP, and to provide the Commanding Officer with the Aboriginal perspective in regards to provincial operations and for representation on the National Committee. Adequate policing in Nunatsiavut, in particular, in the community of Postville is a priority and will be as we meet with the Minister of Justice in the very near future. Transportation. As you know, there are currently numerous problems with our vessel service and we will be meeting with the Minister in the very near future, demand that they fix that service for now and for the long term. Nain Airstrip. A weather study for the Nain airstrip is currently being done. Funding source for a new airstrip in Nain has yet to be identified between federal and provincial sources. Housing. A housing needs assessment training is scheduled for Nain on September 18th and 19th with the CLO's. The CLO's will begin conducting assessments in the communities immediately following the training. Special Committee of the Assembly. At the next sitting of the Assembly I will be proposing to the Assembly to establish a special committee to study the issue of housing for Nunatsiavut. And, finally, Madame Speaker, Torngat Housing. To date, 1.804272 million have been transferred to TRHA for construction and 227,646 for administration. Houses Being Built. Nain, six houses and repairs, Hopedale, three houses and repairs, Postville, repairs, Makkovik, one house repairs and Rigolet, one house and repairs. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister. I would ask Ministers to remind you that our time limit is for 35 minutes, so if you could try to respect that. I'd like to now call on the Honourable Minister of Education.

**MR. MITCHELL:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. I'll just give a quick update regarding post-secondary and Inuit Pathways and I will speak on economic development at a later time. PSSSP. The 2011-2012 academic year ended with us realizing 34 students, graduates in areas such as NNRT Arts, Education, Community Studies, Science, Social Work, PhD in Physical, Oceanography and two Masters of Education. The 2012-13 academic years began on September 4th with the registration of 173 full-time and 36 part-time students, for a total of 209 students. PSSSP was able to take on all on time and late applicants by registration time. A couple of interesting facts that came to light this year are that more than 60 percent of our students are female and approximately 34 percent of our student population with dependents. This is a decrease from previous years when we saw close to 45 percent of our student population with dependents. The IBSW Program, which is a Bachelor of Social Work Program, has entered the final term of classroom studies with 18 students still on track. These 18 students were replaced with agencies in work placements during the winter semester and due to graduate in May. Work is ongoing to get placements for all students and as many as we can in Nunatsiavut as possible. A graduation's been planned for June in Happy Valley, Goose Bay. We have started a promotional blitz for teacher education. Posters advertising teacher education has been circulated in all communities. Another series of posters will be coming out in the fall depicting current teachers and we follow up with this, with community visits to promote teaching as a career. So far the inquiries have been slow in coming in, but we hope once the community visits, with more on the spot information, the interest level will increase. In October Jodie Lane will be giving a presentation on the PSSP at the Inuit Studies Conference in Washington. A draft of her presentation has been completed and once it is finalized, it will be provided to the NEC for viewing and comment. Inuit Pathways. Inuit Pathways currently has 72 students being funded this year in trades related programs, Aboriginal Bridging and Adult Basic Education. This number includes 15 students from the learning centers in Nain, Hopedale and Rigolet. These 72 students is a very high number of students for Inuit Pathways to fund and is made possible by \$350,000 in additional funds from the Nunatsiavut Government. And of these 72 students 36 are enrolled in trades program, 15 ABE in colleges, 15 ABE in the learning centers and 6 students in the Aboriginal Bridging Program in Goose Bay. Even with these extra funds supplied, we still had to turn away a number of applicants due to lack of funds. We also have four work experience projects started so far this fall. Again, we have extra funds from Nunatsiavut Government for this program of \$100,000. We anticipate more proposals to come in throughout the year. We are working on building partnerships with employers and institutions to get more out of our beneficiaries trained and employed. Recently, we have had a partnership at the College of the North Atlantic, and employers in the Land Claims area to get their current employees fall or rest protection training. This is where you work on a roof and have to take the fall or rest training. There were 78 people who completed the training. This training has become mandatory in January, 2012 and has to be renewed every two years. Each year we also partner with the Marine Institute and College of the North Atlantic to deliver a Marine Emergency Duties, A1, and a Marine Basic First Aid course. The MFBA course has to be renewed every three years according to Transport Canada. This is for crew men who are fishing or off shore. Fifteen beneficiaries completed these courses. We try to deliver these courses at least once a year, once the fishing season is completed or before it begins. We have an ongoing list of members that require this renewal each year. In October Inuit Pathways is partnering with the Labrador Friendship Centre and other Aboriginal groups to deliver a career fair in Goose Bay. Inuit Pathways has supplied \$30,000, to our despair, from our Career

Awareness Budget. These funds are being administered to Inuit Pathways and staff who sits on the steering committee. Inuit Pathways had 23 students in summer work projects this year. Proposals were submitted from local businesses, Inuit Community Governments and Nunatsiavut Government. A total of over \$70,000 was provided for the summer work projects. The daycare funding which is FNICCI continues to flow though the Inuit Pathway's budget and is administered by the Department of Health and Social Development through a sub-agreement. And, finally, we are currently in the third year of a five-year ASETS Agreement, which is Aboriginal Students Employment and Training. We continue to strive to make the three pillars of the assets strategy, ASETS, that being demand driven skills development, partnership building and accountability. We will continue to try and make the training needs of our beneficiaries while increasing employment opportunities through partnership development with outside employers and other departments of the Nunatsiavut Government. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister. I'd now like to recognize the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources.

**MR. SHEPPARD:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I know there's still another Minister right beside me here to provide a statement, if you wish, but I'll just touch on a couple of areas in the department where, I guess, issues affect day-to-day livelihoods of people, rather than going through word-for-word of the five or six pages I have here. Madame Speaker, in 2012, under Wildlife, the Nunatsiavut Government was granted 12 polar bear licenses by the Province. The distribution of the licenses was as follows: Nain and Hopedale, three licenses each, Postville, Makkovik and Rigolet two licenses each. When the season ended on June 30th, 2012, there were eight polar bears in total harvested in the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area, two in Postville, three in Nain and three in Hopedale. Madame Speaker, during the summer of 2012, the Province conducted another George River Caribou Census to better determine the status of the herd. The survey revealed that there approximately 27,500 caribou remaining. It is further predicted that the herd will further decline to 25,000 animals by October, 2012. In preparation for the upcoming caribou season, the NG, along with stakeholders from Quebec and Newfoundland and Labrador will be participating in a workshop entitled, "Declining Caribou, Shared Concerns, Shared Solutions" on September the 11th to the 13th. So this is happening as we speak in Montreal where both the George River herd and the Torngat Mountains caribou herds will be discussed and management options considered to ensure the sustainability of our herds. We are expecting representation for all Aboriginal groups, the Government of Quebec, Newfoundland and Labrador to be present at the workshop. We are pleased to see that finally all user groups and regulators will be in one room to discuss the serious concerns around the decline of the George River caribou herd. Madame Speaker, again this year, the Province has set a total allowable harvest of 35 moose for the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area. We will manage the moose allocation in Nunatsiavut. We hope to have an announcement soon on how this allocation will be managed for this year. I'll just touch very briefly on fisheries. Madame Speaker, the Nunatsiavut Government participated in the commercial fishery in 2012 for five species. Arctic char was harvested in Nain under NG Communal Char License. Once fishers landed the target of 20,000 pounds of product at the Nain plant, the plant ceased operations shortly after. Snow crab in area 2J north, 2H south was landed at the Makkovik facility beginning in early July

until the last offload of July the 26th, 2012. There was approximately 800,000 pounds of snow crab available to be harvested this year. It was a difficult year with low catch rates which forced vessels to abandon the fishery in late July with approximately 50 percent of the crab catch remaining in the water. We will work with our fishers, our partners, and DFO science to attempt to determine why the overall results from this fishery were poor. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister. I'd now like to recognize the Honourable Minister of Health and Social Development.

**MS. KEMUKSIGAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. This morning I would like to present on Women's Programming. First I present on the Status of Women Coordinator Office, an update. The Status of Women Office hosted a workshop in Nain from May 5th to the 6th entitled, "Building Leadership Capacity Among Women and Girls in Atlantic Canada". There were 10 participants, 7 from Nain, 1 from Makkovik, Postville and Hopedale. Due to lack of funds the workshop was intended as a pilot workshop for women in Nain. With last minute funding from the program we were able to have three women from other coastal communities attend. Madame Speaker, the Nunatsiavut Government, through the Status of Women Coordinator's Office, received \$1,362 through the Aboriginal Women's Violence Prevention Grants Program to create a Respect Women Poster Campaign. The Status of Women Coordinator worked with the Nunatsiavut Government's Resource Centre to develop a series of posters. Each poster depicts an Inuit man with a positive message. There are five posters in the series. There will be three sets of posters created for each Nunatsiavut community, as well as Northwest River and Happy Valley Goose Bay, for a total of a hundred and five posters, and I have a copy of the posters that I'll put out on the table if people would like to look at them. They will be launched in October during Violence Prevention Awareness month. Madame Speaker, the aim of the Respect Women Poster Campaign is for Inuit men, to acknowledge their responsibility in ending violence against women. The original idea came from "I am a Kind Man" campaign developed by First Nations in Ontario. Madame Speaker, it has been five years since there was a women's conference in Nunatsiavut. In 2007 there was a conference in Nain titled, "Inuit Women and Nunatsiavut, Together a New Start". This conference was the first women's conference since the beginning of Nunatsiavut Government. The Status of Women Office received funds from Tasiujatsoak Trust to hold a conference for 2012/13. This conference will be an opportunity for women to look at the recommendations from the 2007 conference, and look at the progress made, discuss what still needs to be worked on and new issues or concerns they have. It is hoped that this opportunity for discussion will provide guidance for the Nunatsiavut Government, in particular, the Status of Women Office and what Inuit women feel are priorities for their community and Nunatsiavut overall. The outcome will be a final report of the conference proceedings which will include recommendations put forth by the delegates. Madame Speaker, Court Monitoring Project. The Status of Women Office has also received funds from the Tasiujatsoak Trust to do a court monitoring project in Nain and Hopedale. The Status of Women Office perceived many light sentences for violent acts against women in Nunatsiavut. After extensive discussion with local women, women's groups, members of AnânuKatiget Tumingit about cases of violence against women and the overall justice system in Nunatsiavut, the Status of Women Office thought it was important to do a court monitoring project. As Nain and Hopedale has the highest

number of court circuits in a year, it is thought that will be the best first step in the court monitoring program within Nunatsiavut. Madame Speaker, volunteers from the community will be recruited, screened, and trained to monitor violence against women cases in court. There will be a schedule created for when the circuit court goes to Hopedale and Nain for the volunteers to follow. Each volunteer will complete a monitor form for each case they monitor. The completed forms will be the main focus of the court monitoring project. Supplement to the court monitoring, the Nunatsiavut Government Status of Women Coordinator will conduct stakeholder interviews as well as interviews with women going through the court process. With the completed court monitoring forms, the stakeholder interviews, the Status of Women Coordinator will complete a report with recommendations. This report will be shared with all stakeholders involved in a project and also the Nunatsiavut Government. This project will further the efforts of Nunatsiavut Government in addressing and raising awareness against violence against women. It will also enhance the capacity of local community members to engage in community action in reducing combating violence against women, overall increasing the health and safety of their community. I would also like to do a presentation on AnânauKatiget Tumingit. AnânauKatiget Tumingit held their second annual general meeting in Happy Valley Goose Bay June 15th to the 17th. Funding was received from the Department of Rural Innovation and Business to bring one woman from each of the Nunatsiavut communities, Happy Valley, Goose Bay, Northwest River and the Canadian Constituency through the AGM this year. The Canadian Constituency held an election this year and Sarah Anala was voted in for three years. Funding was provided from the Tasiujatsoak Trust for the overall budget to carry out the mail in balance. Madame Speaker, funded projects for 2012/13. Tasiujatsoak Trust supported AnânauKatiget Tumingit to have an office, a staff person and an active board, has resulted in considerable success in our, their pursuits for the project that works towards their mission and mandate. We could not have achieved these successes without the foundation funding of the Tasiujatsoak Trust. Madame Speaker, during 2011/12, we were successful in the following project proposals. Status of Women Canada. The project provided \$300,000 over three years to focus on creating and implementing community plans to achieve greater economic security for Inuit women in Nain and Hopedale. The project funds is a significant community development effort, provides for a project coordinator, travel between communities and significant engagement with women and community partners. We hope this project will be a platform to build the presence of an association into the future. A project coordinator will be hired from Nain and we have acquired space from the Nunatsiavut Government in Nain rent-free for one year. Again, we would like to thank the Nunatsiavut Government for helping to move our Association forward. It is very much appreciated. New Horizons for Senior Support Project. This 25,000 project aim to positively influence the quality of life for Inuit seniors in Nunatsiavut communities, Happy Valley, Goose Bay, Northwest River and St. John's, through provision of information and referrals on available and appropriate programs and services for seniors. It is anticipated that this project will result in the development of a network for seniors in Inuit communities will serve as pure resource persons to other seniors in their community. The report is from Carol Gear, the President of Tasiujatsoak Trust. Thank you.

**MS. FORD:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister. We'll now move into Member Statements. Each member can make one statement for no longer than five minutes. Do we have any Member Statements? I'd like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Rigolet.

**MS. WOLFREY:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I would like to begin by offering my congratulations, a big congratulation, to Aunt Tib and Uncle Bert Allen of Rigolet because on September the 8th they celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary and I think that's almost something that's unheard of, especially in Labrador. And I would like to acknowledge and thank the trustees from Tasiujatsoak Trust for the contributions they made to our community. In addition to some project funding, all of the communities were given a lump sum of money to be used, in my understanding, as we saw fit, and because of this Rigolet is going to have a new outdoor rink, as well as a warm-up cabin for when we're having our festivals and our dog team races and things like that, and also we'll be doing some smaller projects like extending our slip way. It's getting quite busy in Rigolet. We have a new subdivision on the go so, you know, that's on the way and it's quite busy. We're looking forward to the construction of a new fire hall and multipurpose building, and the work should be starting for that next summer. Having said all that, there's still much work to be done. For example, even with the new 12 building lots that we are getting this year, we've already got 8 spoken for, so we'll only have 4 building lots after this big \$2.1 million project, and you know, there are people being added to our wait list all the time. And Rigolet Inuit Community Government is busy trying to look at our bylaws, revising our policies and procedures, and we've just successfully completed negotiations for our first union contract. I would like to talk a little bit about the disappointment, our disappointment to learn that the funding for the CDO's is going to be extinguished, I think it is in May. This just at a time when Rigolet has a strategy and a plan to develop our tourism industry. But hopefully from FFA report or from some other source of funding we will get additional dollars for our communities so we can continue this important process to see a successful industry in Rigolet. And just in closing I would really like to say that as a woman who fought so hard for justice for women to ensure an end to violence, I'm really proud to see and hear of the work that's been undertaken by our government to ensure that our voices are being heard and finally there's a unified voice that's saying stop giving such light sentences, stop hurting our women, and to ensure that there's justice for all. I'm really proud to stand here and hear the work that's being done in the courts and the meetings that are going to happen with justice, and I want you to know that I worked long and hard at this, and there's a lot of stuff that I know. So if I can help in any way, please call me. Thank you.

**ASSEMBLY:** (Applause)

**MS. FORD:** Nakummek, AngajukKâk from Rigolet. Are there any more member statements? I'd like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Postville.

**MS. GEAR:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. Madame Speaker, first of all, I'd like to say congratulations to Sarah for getting elected as the first female President of Nunatsiavut, and we look forward to working with you. Also to Gary for getting appointed as Minister of Education and Economic Development. We also want to say thank you to the trusts for giving us a lump sum of money to be able to carry on some work that we was looking forward to doing but didn't have the funds to do it. With our lump sum of money, we're looking at acquiring land to build a craft center and a small, and putting a small museum in there. We also want to say thank you to our local trusts. They're also important to our town and they gave us money to finish off our boardwalk. We started our boardwalk couple years ago and we're into Phase III now, and we have money from the local trust to continue on into Phase IV. And

last, but not least, I want to say congratulations to Brian Pottle. Brian Pottle is from Postville. He's doing really well in university and he's again made the Dean's List. He has a 86 percent average in computer engineering. It always makes us feel so good when we see our young people go out, leave their communities and continue on with their education. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Thank you, AngajukKâk. Are there any more member statements? I'd like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. William Barbour.

**MR. BARBOUR:** Nakummek Ukattik. Mine is very brief. Congratulations, as well, AngajukKâk Leo. Congratulations to the new Minister. While AngajukKâk Leo touched very, very briefly on it yesterday, I just want to go back to a little bit of history. Back in 1999 under LIA day, Hebron relocatees, held a reunion in Hebron. It became a community of a hundred and sixty people for one week. From that reunion there were three things requested. One was compensation which happened with final agreement, and right during that final agreement signing ceremony an apology from the Provincial Government by Premier Dan Williams, and also at that reunion we wanted monuments in both Hebron and Nutak. Hebron was done two years ago and this summer with the Minister, I think this Minister, Minister Lampe, was probably the youngest relocatee at that monument erection. But what we set out to do in 1999 was finally completed, but also in saying that, as part of the Steering Committee, if you will, or the planning committee, what we have heard from the Department of Health staff statement coming from Minister Kemuksigak staff is that there still needs to be some follow up with some of those, especially in the survivor's descendants, if you will. I'm going to take it that the two departments will work together to make sure that this starts to happen as well. But what was set out to be done in 1999, from my part, I saw a completion of a circle. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Nakummek, Mr. Barbour. Is there any more Member Statements? I'd like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Canada, Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. My statement will be very brief. It's in relation to Tasiujatsoak Trust as well. As a, as a trustee of, of Tasiujatsoak Trust, I really appreciate hearing from each of the communities on the work that you are doing with respect to the funds that have been transferred to your respective communities by Tasiujatsoak Trust. I think too many of our beneficiaries don't understand and sometimes we're often criticized for not putting enough money into our communities and into various programs and services. Not only do Tasiujatsoak Trust, Madame Speaker, support the communities, Tasiujatsoak Trust also support the communities via their volunteer organizations within the communities, and I'd just like to have my Member Statement on record, Madame Speaker. As the Ordinary Member for Canada we have provided information to our eligible beneficiaries who live in the Canadian constituency that they, too, have the right to apply for funding underneath Tasiujatsoak Trust. One of the things that I had tried to do a couple of years ago, Madame Speaker, without very much success, and I will continue to work during my tenure as a member, not only as a member but the Ordinary member for Canada, but as the trustee. One of the things that I see that's quite unfair in the current trust deed, itself, Madame Speaker, is that each of our five communities and the communities in Upper Lake Melville, Happy Valley, Goose Bay and Northwest River do receive \$100,000 annually from the Tasiujatsoak Trust. Somehow, Madame Speaker, Canada was left

out of this process. Madame Speaker, beneficiaries in Canada also voted to support the Impacts and Benefit Agreement from the Voisey's Bay Project, which was the catalyst and, and the driver for the set-up of the Tasiujatsoak Trust to receive money coming out of that project. Therefore, Madame Speaker, I believe that the trust deed is, at this point in time, unfair, and that I believe that there should be an amendment to that Trust so that Canada, too, can receive that \$100,000 so that eligible beneficiaries can apply for those too, given that we did support the ratification of the IBA. That being said, Madame Speaker, even though eligible beneficiaries in Canada can apply for funds under Tasiujatsoak Trust, we are limited to only two times a year where applications can be considered, and looking at the process that's set up in each of our communities and in Upper Lake Melville, eligible beneficiaries have the opportunity to apply for some of these funds on an ongoing basis and they're not restricted to an application process and a review of their proposals twice a year. So that hinders, I believe, Madame Speaker, some of the possible funding that can be coming out of the Tasiujatsoak Trust fund for beneficiaries in Canada. So I just wanted it on record for beneficiaries in Canada that I will continue to seek an amendment to that trust deed to ensure that Canada, too, has equal access to the hundred thousand dollars, as does each of our communities and the communities in Upper Lake Melville. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister. I'd now like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Nain.

**MR. ANDERSEN:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I just want to, in my statement, echo some of the things that I've heard. Again, the Inuit Community Government in Nain is very appreciative of the extra money that we received from the Tasiujatsoak Trust and we expect to use our money to help build a multipurpose, a complex in Nain that's been in plans for 10 years. Was worked very hard on by as well the President, former AngajukKâk for Nain, Inuit Community Government. So something that has been in the works, as I said, for 10 years, and with the help of the Tasiujatsoak Trust, we're now in a position, at least, to vote a tender. I wanted also to say that it is difficult in the communities where we have very limited resource and with the support of our government, we have been able to do quite a lot of stuff. But there are, there are so much to do and the loss of the CDO's, and I suppose you talk about a person, but the CDO position was a huge asset to community governments, and I hope that we can all work together so that we continue to have that asset in our communities, Community Development Officer. I also want to mention that about this economic development and working together and building communities, of course, probably Nunatsiavut would not be that much if you didn't have the five communities. That makes up a lot of Nunatsiavut. And, sadly to say, that we are over in this area a little discouraged and we plan to work with the government so that we can be more included in that strategic plan that was introduced or tabled in the house by the government in the last sitting. Very little is included there particularly, for the communities, themselves, and as the communities grow, then Nunatsiavut, we will become much more stronger, but certainly it is all of those things and, again, I don't want to sound negative because this government has been very supportive. So has the trust, and we look forward to working towards making our communities better for our people. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Nakummek, AngajukKâk from Nain. I'd now like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Herb Jacque.

**MR. JACQUE:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I, too, would like to just recognize and congratulate a couple from Makkovik, Willie and Clara Ford who will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary within a couple days, and another thing I would like to bring forward as a past board member for Aboriginal and Labrador Legal Services, we all know that organization has folded, and there's now a lack of services for people who are going through the court system. When there are meetings with justice I would like to ensure that it's brought up and to ask about a replacement program for the program, such as After Care for our people. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Thank you, AngajukKâk, Mr. Jacque. I'd now like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Mr. Gary Mitchell.

**MR. MITCHELL:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. I'll just brief with a comment. I made up this when I was still a member, or Ordinary Member. It's on Member Statements. In my previous sittings of the Assembly, we brought forward concerns through Member Statements and the issues that our constituents have raised in our particular constituency, and I always wondered why these Member Statements are brought to the Assembly because they didn't seem to generate any discussion or any reply back the Member Statements we presented to the Assembly. And I just wondered how effective these statements are, but in writing up that statement that I did, I am not reading it today. These statements are important because they bring forward the activities that you work on in your constituency, in your area. They bring forth the concerns that people have. So I think it's important that Member Statements are continued to be brought to the Assembly, but also at the same time I think we need some discussion on, I think yesterday's caucus meeting that we had after the Assembly meetings was a good indication that these Member Statements, the issues of some of these Member Statements can be brought to the caucus meeting and discussed with good discussion around the table and get some action because constituents look for answers from the statements that we present to the Assembly. So I think it's good that we can generate some discussion and take something back to our areas for our beneficiaries that yes, we are doing something and the Nunatsiavut Government is committed to looking after these concerns. So I think the Member Statements are very important and hopefully they'll generate discussion and get results in the future. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Nakummek, Mr. Mitchell. Are there any more Member Statements? I'd like to recognize this Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Patricia Kemuksigak.

**MS. KEMUKSIGAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I, too, would like to talk about the housing and homelessness concerns in Happy Valley, Goose Bay. The Pine Lodge wants to close as soon as another place is available, and 16 of the 18 residents in the Pine Lodge are Nunatsiavut beneficiaries. There are several beneficiaries in the hospital now awaiting space in a long term care facility, which is filled to the maximum, and some of them have been there for over a year. I've talked to many people, since I've been a member of the Assembly, who has come to me with housing issues because they're homeless. They're living in abandoned vehicles. They're living in tents. They're living in very substandard boarding homes that if an animal was in there, the SPCA would be after them. The majority of the people who were in that substandard boarding homes are Nunatsiavut beneficiaries. Some of them have special and complex needs that need special services, and I know for a year and a half we've been lobbying for the

Province to allow the Old Paddon Home to be the personal care home, and possibly a home for adults with special needs, and I know Gary was the Chairperson, and you don't always get very far, but it's very sad to see for people to come to see you, and they say I'm living in an abandoned vehicle, it's January, can you get us some blankets? And that's the reality that we face with our beneficiaries in Upper Lake Melville. Thank you.

**MS. FORD:** Nakummek, Patricia. Are there any more Member Statements? I'd like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Postville.

**MR. SHEPPARD:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I'm not exactly sure how much time is left for the Member Statements, but I was sitting there and looking around the table and part of my Member Statement will be touched and based on an experience that I had, probably two years ago, and it's related to one of our elders and I have, and you all know, a really soft spot in me for elders and, you know, listening to elders on where they came from. To make the story short, I was happened to be in Goose Bay on vacation and through today's technology and having a cell, access to a cell phone, my cell phone rang roughly 2:30 in the afternoon, and we were out shopping and doing our own thing, and this was a daughter of an elder from my community, and the words on the opposite end of the phone was Glen, can you go and visit my dad? And I said where is your dad? They gave me the street address and the home, I gets aboard the car and we drive down the street, and I'm going to be open this morning in sharing with you, it was Douglas Jacque of Postville, and I have close communication with that man. I get a lot of information out of that man. There are times I go to him when I feel that I'm sort of stuck for some kind of an answer for my community. How could things be better? In particular, dealing with the uranium moratorium, I spent a lot of time with him. I walked into that home in Happy Valley Goose Bay, tears are running down his face. I knew something serious was wrong. I didn't speak at first other than to say hi, how are you? And his response to me was Glen, I had husky dogs for 68 years, I guess I'm going to have to go home and destroy them. The first thought struck me; you're going to be bedridden in the hospital immediately. During a short and brief conversation he explained to me, he went out to get an x-ray or a test at the hospital and the end result come back, it was cancer. Now I don't know how many you around this table or in earshot of me in this room, but you that know this gentleman, he believes in the Creator. Today he's walking past my house, half on the run, 10:30 Sunday morning heading to church. I tell you that gave me something of a recharge within me, to look at that man two years ago and he told me he had cancer. Today I look at him, he's smarter than I am, running down the road and I asked him why, where and how? And the simple answer is, I believe in something or somebody that can do the job on me, other than a physician. I look around the room, I look around the table, I look on the wall, and I see pictures of some of our people who have been past Presidents. I see Mr. Barbour, I see Mr. Andersen, Mr. Lyall, down there to the right who's just served his term as President. I also see some there that started the foundation of the Labrador Inuit Association, paved the road for us as younger people to carry on with for a better future for our men, women and children for the future of them to become better, and people, let's not forget, please, let's not forget the real reason why we sit around this table as elected members. When we go to haul up a boat years ago without equipment, we all haul on the same rope. Today, it's different, we've got equipment. That's how we got to work. We all have to pull on the same rope. If we break the rope, let's repair it and start again. So,

Madame Speaker, I'm going to conclude with this. I just wanted to share with the Assembly, if I would have left without sharing this, I would have kicked myself. So, thank you, Madame Speaker.

**ASSEMBLY:** (Applause)

**MS. FORD:** Thank you, Mr. Sheppard. Do we have any other Member Statements? If not, then from here, we'll take a 25-minute break.

(Recess)

**MS. FORD:** Okay, we will continue with our Orders of the Day. We're down to item number four, "Returns to Oral Questions." I would now like to recognize the Honourable Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology, Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. As I had committed to the AngajukKâk for Makkovik and the Ordinary Member for Hopedale, relative to the question that they asked on banking, yesterday, I had committed that I would provide an answer to their question today. Madame Speaker, early in 2012 a proposal was brought forward by the Economic Development Division regarding a project for the provision of cash in the community of Hopedale. At that time a decision was made to request further information and a presentation by a company on this service. Madame Speaker, due to a change in the Director of Economic Development, this presentation has been delayed. Madame Speaker, the Nunatsiavut Government recognizes the need for stable banking services within our communities and, as such, we have also engaged in a high level preliminary discussion with a financial institution regarding the setting up of branches or satellite offices in our communities. Therefore, Madame Speaker, this issue is under consideration and it's now within the division of Economic Development, and I expect, Madame Speaker that the responsible Minister, Gary Mitchell, and the Director of Economic Development, will work in consultation with respective communities to try and bring some resolution and to ensure that there are banking services within our communities. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister. I would now like to recognize the Honourable Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Glen Sheppard.

**MR. SHEPPARD:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. As is promised, as the Minister of Finance alluded to as well in relation to a question that the AngajukKâk from Rigolet had yesterday regarding the 10-year review process for the Voisey's Bay Project. In response to her, and I'm hoping it's a reasonable response this morning; we have technical people working on projects such as this. The Voisey's Bay 10-year review is being held by the Nunatsiavut Government with university partnerships, where necessary, although we may in the future receive funding from Vale for this program. I can reassure all Members of the Assembly that it will be done with objectivity and to the standards, both professionally and ethically, that to the questions posed with respect to the project, will ensure that the results of the program are meaningful for decision makers and full future decisions regarding development in Nunatsiavut. This is especially true because we will be working closely with communities, as well as Voisey's Bay workers and their families. Madame Speaker, once we move to the full implementation stage of the research program, this will be a landmark review across the Arctic and one that Nunatsiavut

leaders will be able to point to as the standard for how reviews of large scale developments should be conducted to the benefit of Inuit regions and community members. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. Are there any other returns to oral questions? The Honourable First Minister.

**MR. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I'm going to return a question I had from the AngajukKâk for Nain regarding the review of post-secondary rates. As I said yesterday your question directed towards needs, based on needs of review, based on needs, that part of the review has not been completed. It has been budgeted to do the review. What has been completed was some comparables and some data collected with regarding to rates for students. We are working to have this completed by the end of the year with regards to rates for students and the allocation based on need, so by the end of the year, hopefully. Thank you, Madame Speaker. And a question put to me by the AngajukKâk for Makkovik regarding wood for the communities; I've been made aware that NGC, Nunatsiavut Group of Companies is working on the issue. They don't have a solution for the issue at this moment, but they are working towards it and that the Minister, the new Minister for Education, and Economic Development, will be meeting with the AngajukKaat, if they are available to discuss the issue. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. We'll now go down to the next item on our list, is "Oral Questions". Each member is allowed two questions each day. A member is allowed the initial question and two supplementary questions. Are there any oral questions? I'd like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Wayne Piercy.

**MR. PIERCY:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. My question is directed to the First Minister regarding the Nunatsiavut Group of Companies. For the last couple of years now we've been struggling with our capital works projects because everything's been coming in over budget. My question is when will the Nunatsiavut Group of Companies have the capabilities and the manpower to be able to compete for our water and sewer projects, along with our lot developments for the money that we're paying out, at least the money would be coming back to the Nunatsiavut Group of Companies. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** The Honourable First Minister.

**MR. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I'll certainly not try to speak for the Nunatsiavut Group of Companies. I'm not quite sure if I'm the right Minister to do so to gain those answers for you, but we will get those answers for you when they do - to see when they have that capability, and the appropriate Minister will get that answer to you. As well, members are free to contact Nunatsiavut Group of Companies as well to try to get that information. They are responsible to the Nunatsiavut Assembly, but I will get you the answers for your question. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. I'd now like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Tony Andersen.

**MR. ANDERSEN:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. A few years ago, when the Provincial Government started to move on the Muskrat Falls issue, and I suppose because of the outcry of we're on diesel and they did say that they were going to look at some alternate energy sources, whether it be wind or rain or snow or whatever it is, sun or whatever, and to date, while I'm not seeing those studies start or anything in Nunatsiavut, now over the summer I was contacted, myself and our manager, by consultants who were interested in putting up wind towers and it took us quite some time before we found out that what they were doing the studies on behalf of Nalcor. These studies still haven't started, but during that conversation, they indicated to me that they were in the process of setting up a workshop with Nunatsiavut Government, and that that workshop would take place late summer or early fall, which is late summer, of course, it's gone, early fall is now. And I just wanted to ask the question of the Minister, whether or not those workshops are confirmed because we did say that if there are to be studies within community boundaries that we should be included in those, and we have not received any invitation or anything to those workshops, and I wonder if you could confirm that in some way, shape or form that these workshops are going to go ahead, and that we will be a part of those workshops. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Thank you, the Honourable Minister of Lands.

**MR. SHEPPARD:** Thank you, Madame Speaker, and thank you, Mr. AngajukKâk from Nain. Without trying to ramble around and jog my memory, I will get back to you before the day is out. However, I did see correspondence over the past summer that was related to a workshop, but to try and give you an answer here today and jog my memory, I will get the answer to you before the day is out. Thank you.

**MS. FORD:** I'd now like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Charlotte Wolfrey.

**MS. WOLFREY:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Health, and it's with regard to the upcoming women's conference that's going to be held, or the proposed women's conference. At the last conference the recommendation that came out loudly from the women of Nunatsiavut was that they wanted a department for the Status of Women or, at the very least, a Minister responsible for the Status of Women. And I think in the beginning of our government there was a Minister for the Status of Women. Then it changed to a Minister responsible for the Status of Women, and now it has changed again to some portfolio like the Health Department that's responsible for the Status of Women. And I know I've been given an answer as to why that is like it is. Not to say that I'm satisfied and I'm really not because I still think that the women of Nunatsiavut deserve at least a Minister responsible for the Status of Women so that they can feel that they're important. And but I'm just asking if that question comes to the conference again, and if the recommendation from the conference again is to have a Minister responsible for the Status of Women, where can we go with that, or can we go anywhere with that, and if we can't, then at the beginning of the conference I think we need to say that so that we don't have expectations that are beyond what can happen after that conference. I think that they're probably will be something like that again, and if that can't happen, indeed, then we should make that clear at the beginning of the conference, I think. Thank you.

**MS. FORD:** The Honourable Minister of Health.

**MS. KEMUKSIGAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker, and thank you, AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Charlotte. Thank you for your question. I haven't been involved with the government for a long time, but from reviewing how things transpired, there used to be a Minister responsible for the Status of Women, which was usually a woman and I do believe the first Minister was AngajukKâk Gear from Postville when she was a Minister of Finance. And then through transition orders it was felt that it should go under Department of Health and Social Development. Sometimes that Minister is not a woman, however, and I know that some people would rather have the Minister responsible for the Status of Women to be a woman. I could bring this back under advisement, for further development and discussion on that issue, if you so desire.

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

**MS. NOCHASAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. My question today is for the then acting Minister of Education, First Minister Shiwak. I'd like to know where the process is in the retention bonus for our Inuttitut teachers. This issue has been worked on during my time as Minister and, to my understanding; the funds are there and ready to be given to our Inuttitut teachers. These teachers are the main hub in our region for keeping our language alive. A main hub for our children to learn Inuttitut and to pass on Inuttitut. We need to show these teachers that we appreciate their expertise and we value their work, and that we appreciate how hard it is for them to try and pass the Inuttitut language on to our children. They deserve this issue to be completed, Minister, and I'd like to know where that, that issue remains. Thank you.

**MS. FORD:** The Honourable First Minister.

**MR. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. And I, too, recognize the importance of our Inuttitut teachers. I've been a teacher for four years in two of our communities, and I know the importance of these teachers to our children. Where this file is at right now is we brought that to the union that represents the Inuttitut teachers, which is NAPE, and we brought that issue to the School Board, the employer of the Inuttitut teachers, and we've got the sense that they cannot do anything with this retention bonus, so then it says coming back to the government, that we're currently evaluating how we're going to move ahead with that file. So the issue is not dead. We are still working on it, but we have to try and figure out a way to get it done. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

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

**MR. PIERCY:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. My question is directed now toward the Minister Mitchell. As you know, Hopedale is broken up now into three sections. We have a very young population for our students that attend school. So I was wondering if there's any chance of looking at getting some kind of bus service provided for the children that have to walk to school. If you are able to look around town, the majority of the children do walk, and at times the weather is a hindrance for

them trying to get to school. So I was wondering if we could look into getting some type of bus service, seeing as our community is broke up into three different sections. Thank you.

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

**MR. MITCHELL:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. With regard to your question about bussing, it's the first I've heard of the request. I'm sure you can understand that. So I guess my next step is to talk to the school board about it. What criteria do they use, I know Cartwright has a bussing service, and I guess the first step would be to talk with the school board officials on this issue and make a start on it and see where we go with, and I'll certainly get back to you on my first initial meeting with the school board and, and get their take on it, and I'll certainly be in touch you in the short term on that. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister. I'd now like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Herb Jacque.

**MR. JACQUE:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Health. I have a concern issue here it's an ongoing from a senior in our community regarding the flights and ground transportation while attending medicals in Goose Bay. They felt that, actually, there was two seniors and that they felt that it's very tiresome having to wait at the airport for hours for Medevac to return from maybe the south coast or north coast and unable to return to accommodations. They were wondering if there's anything that can be done about this. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** The Honourable Minister of Health.

**MS. KEMUKSIGAK:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. Nakummek, AngajukKâk Jacque. I've wrote down your concern and I will bring it forward to be investigated to see if there are ways that we can accommodate, especially our elders who may be waiting at the airport for long periods of time to go on the mission planes. So I will look into that concern for you and I will give you a response back. Thank you.

**MS. FORD:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister. I'd now like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Susan Nochasak.

**MS. NOCHASAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I have another question for our First Minister, Darryl Shiwak. I would like to ask for an update on the seniors complex in Nunatsiavut. Our elders are waiting for a facility to call their own, to remain in Nunatsiavut. We work on education. We work on fishery. We work on youth, etcetera. But, in my opinion, we rarely look at making life easier for our elders and making a seniors complex would be a start in the right direction. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** The Honourable First Minister.

**MR. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. With regards to a senior's complex, there is money allocated from the trust to the government to build seniors complexes or senior's complex within

Nunatsiavut. Now we're currently evaluating how we're going to do that. We did put in an application to a provincial program under housing to build a seniors complex where two seniors come, one in Nain and one in Hopedale. We did not get that funding so we have to look within ourselves to see how we want to address the issue of seniors housing. But with all other housing issues, it is an issue for us and we will be looking to develop seniors complexes within all of our communities, whether they might not all look the same, but we will be addressing those needs within our communities. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. Are there any more questions? Then we'll move on to our next item on the Orders of the Day. I'd just like to say right now that under our Standing Orders, the President or Minister shall provide a return to an oral question within seven calendar days. The Clerk shall inform the Assembly of the returns received under Standing Order 32(10), deliver copies to all members and have their returns printed in Hansard. The President or the Minister may read a return which has been filed in accordance with Standing Order 32(10). A return to an oral question may be filed with the clerk when the Assembly stands adjourned or prorogued. A return shall be deemed for all purposes to have been presented to or laid before the Assembly. A return shall be tabled at the appropriate point in the daily order of business at the first opportunity when the Assembly next sits. So now we're down to item number six on our Orders of the Day, "Written Questions". Are there any written questions? The Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Susan Nochasak. All written questions shall be filed with the Clerk, who shall endorse the date of filing and provide copies to all members. Are there any more written questions? Then we'll go to the next item on the list, "Returns to Questions". There are no returns today to written questions. Item number eight, "Petitions", are there any petitions? Number nine; there will be no responses today for Petitions. Item number 10, "Reports of Standing and Special Committees", I understand there are no reports. Item number 11, "Tabling of Documents"; do any members have a document they would like to table? I'd like to recognize the Honourable First Minister.

**MR. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I am pleased to table the 2010/2011 Nunatsiavut Annual Report. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** I recognize the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources.

**MR. SHEPPARD:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. As required by Section 58 of the Nunatsiavut Assembly Act, I am pleased to table the 2010-2011 Annual Report to the Department, from the Department of Lands and Natural Resources. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** I now recognize the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, the Honourable Johannes Lampe.

**MR. LAMPE:** Nakummek Ukattik. Heritage is fundamental to our identity as Labrador Inuit, as well provide in our communities and employment for our beneficiaries. Formed in Nain in 2010 and Hopedale in 2011 were very successful. I present to the Assembly, the report on Heritage Forum, 2012. The forum was supported by the Tasiujatsoak Trust, and we are grateful. The forums support community-based heritage initiatives and are key to professional development of our many volunteers.

Our heritage forums bring our communities together with guest speakers and funding agencies. This report is rich in direction for Heritage, and I encourage you to read it. I thank the organizers. Nakummek Ukattik.

**MS. FORD:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister. I'd now like to recognize the Honourable Minister of Finance, Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. I have two reports that I would like to table with the Assembly today. The first report is the annual report to the Nunatsiavut Legislative Assembly detailing the activities of the Department of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology. Members have had this report in their possession for the last week or so. So I'll refrain from going into any details in this report, but I'd like to say that if any member of the Assembly has any questions on the report, itself, we'd be happy to provide those answers to your questions through our department. The second document, Madame Speaker that I would like to table is the report to the Nunatsiavut Assembly as a requirement from the Nunatsiavut Assembly Act, Section 111. Again, I'm not going to go through this report in verbatim, but as the members did not have this in their possession, and I apologize for the lateness of providing this report, this report simply looks at, and states as per the Nunatsiavut Assembly Act, Section 111, the Treasurer, at the end of each fiscal year prepare a report setting out a) the name of each member and the amounts of all salaries, indemnities and allowances paid under this part to the member; b) the name of each board, commission, committee, other than a committee of the Assembly reported on under Subsection a) or any other body on which a member has served as well as the names of those who served on them during this fiscal year, and all the amounts paid in that fiscal year by the government as fees, such as travelling and living expenses under this part in respect of each member who's named. Madame Speaker, the Nunatsiavut Government, through the Assembly, has paid a total of \$1,104,759.40 in salaries. We have paid a hundred and fifty-seven, five hundred and nineteen dollars and twelve cent in indemnities. We have paid a hundred and three thousand, two hundred and thirteen dollars and fifty-nine cent in constituency allowances. That was our actual budget based on our projection for a constituency allowance budget of a hundred and ninety-seven thousand dollars. Nakummek, Madame Speaker, and again if any member would like any details on this, certainly, you can come to the department and we'll provide you with those answers. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Are there any more Tabling of Documents? Then we'll move down to the next item on the agenda, "Notices of Motions". I'd like to recognize the Minister of Finance, the Honourable Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. I give notice that on Thursday, September 13th, I will move, seconded by the First Minister, Honourable Darryl Shiwak, that the Assembly consider the Nunatsiavut Government Fiscal Financing Agreement in a Committee of the Whole whereby we can call forth witnesses to help the Assembly members understand the details of the Fiscal Financing Agreement. Madame Speaker, I will, at the appropriate time on the Orders of the Day, I'll be seeking unanimous consent to waive Standing Order 37(1) so that we can deal with this motion today. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister. I would again like to recognize the Honourable Minister of Finance.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. I give notice that on Thursday, September 13th, I will move, seconded by the First Minister, Honourable Darryl Shiwak, that the Assembly consider the presentation on the Labrador Inuit Settlement Trust and the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Trust, the Settlement Trust and this, sorry, Madame Speaker, let me rephrase that. I will ask that the Assembly consider a presentation on the Labrador Inuit Implementation Trust, the Labrador Inuit Settlement Trust and the Tasiujatsoak Trust. Again, Madame Speaker, at the appropriate time on the Orders of the Day I will be seeking a motion to waive Standing Order 37(1) so that we may deal with this motion today. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. I understand you have another Notice of Motion.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. I'm sure I'm beginning to sound like a broken record, but forgive me for that. I give notice that on Thursday, September 13th I will move, seconded by the Honourable First Minister, Darryl Shiwak, that pursuant to Section 5.31 of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Implement Trust Indenture the following persons be elected to the Nunatsiavut Assembly for election successors for trustees of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Implementation Trust. Effective of upon the later of the date hereof and the date of successor trustee executing and delivering to the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Implementation Trust, as except, as acceptance substantially as set forth in Section 5.3 of the Trust Indenture. We will be putting forth names that were approved by the Assembly yesterday in the Committee of the Whole, namely, Mike Flatters, Isabella Pain and Patty Pottle, and again, Madame Speaker, I will be seeking unanimous consent to waive Standing Order 37(1) when we get to the appropriate Order of the Day today to deal with this matter today. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Item number 13 on our Orders of the Day, "Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills". I do not believe there are any further notices. We'll move down to item number 14 on the Orders of the Day, "Motions". I recognize the member for Nain, William Barbour.

**MR. BARBOUR:** Nakummek Ukattik Yesterday, I gave notice and the motion will read to move, Motion 2-2(6) Whereas the Assembly has received the report of the Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer on the Presidential Election and whereas the report contains a number of recommendations for consideration of the Assembly, now therefore I move, seconded by the Ordinary Member for Makkovik, Denise Lane, that the report to the Nunatsiavut Assembly on the Presidential Elections of May 1, 2012 and the run-off election of June 11, 2012, from the Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer, dated July 23, be referred to the Committee of the Whole for consideration. Nakummek Ukattik.

**MS. FORD:** Thank you, Mr. Barbour. The motion is in order. To the motion, Mr. Barbour, would you like to speak to the motion?

**MR. BARBOUR:** Very briefly, Madame Speaker. For those Assembly members that have taken the time to read the report provided to Assembly members electronically, there are a number of

recommendations in that report that for those of us and the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Youth, made reference in his ministerial statement this morning. There are a number of recommendations, including timeframes, including overlapping election times during Easter holidays. There are a number of recommendations there that need, as Jack Shiwak, as the Electoral Officer is referring to as recommendations that the Assembly should consider and including during election years hiring of staff earlier than normal so that, especially, the mail-outs can get out to, especially the Canadian constituency on time. Madame Speaker, these are, I think, serious recommendations that need serious consideration, and without having the whole report in front of me, I just touched on some of the issues that the electoral officer has recommended. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Thank you, Mr. Barbour. Does anyone else wish to speak to the motion? If no other member wishes to speak, does a member wish to close the debate?

**MR. BARBOUR:** I wish to close the debate, Madame Speaker.

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

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MS. FORD:** All those opposed? The motion is carried. I would like to advise members as we have a number of other documents that will be considered in Committee of the Whole, I will propose that once all the motions have been adopted, we will then go into Committee of the Whole to discuss all tabled documents in the order they were adopted. I think members will find this more efficient instead of jumping back and forth. I, again, recognize the Member for Nain, William Barbour.

**MR. BARBOUR:** Nakummek UKâlatik. I make a motion. The motion will be number 3-2(6). Whereas the Member Services Committee approved the Elected Officials Benefit Policy Manual at its Assembly session on December 13th, 2011, and whereas the Member Services Committee has since identified the need to clarify the constituency allowance, eligible expenditures, travel provision. Now, therefore, I move, seconded by the Ordinary Member for Makkovik, Denise Lane, that Section 6 Part II, the third bullet on page 10 of the Elected Officials Policy Manual, be deleted and replaced with the following. Air travel is restricted to the Ordinary Members for Canada only. Non-air travel for all Ordinary Members will be boat, skidoo, bus and taxis. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

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

**MR. BARBOUR:** Yes, Madame Speaker, this particular issue has been for a couple of years, a thorn in the side for the Member Services Committee. It's been sent back a number of times to the Member Services Committee. On this particular issue on constituency allowances, we've had legal advice, two legal advice that were never provided to the actual Assembly, but to Assembly members, electronically. This would now make clear where some Assembly members have used air travel to travel to another community, but where, in fact, constituency allowance is to be only used in your own constituency and not in another community, and this makes clear what the air travel can be used for, recognizing that the

two Canadian constituency Ordinary members have fairly large numbers in other communities that they have to get to and can only get to by air. The rest of us, we can walk. We don't even have to go by skidoo or by boat. We can walk. That's all I'd like to say, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Nakummek. Does anyone else wish to speak to the motion? The Honourable Minister of Finance.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. I believe, and I stand to be corrected, are we in First Reading of the Bill? Okay. Then I guess I can only speak to the intent of the Bill and the policy objectives as hoped to achieve as opposed to the details of the Bill, itself. I'm just a little bit confused about the intent of the Bill, itself. I understand that the first....

**MS. FORD:** We're on motions here. Item number 14, on Motions. We'll get down to First Reading of Bills...

**MR. POTTLE:** Okay, thank you...

**MS. FORD:** ...after that.

**MR. POTTLE:** ...Madame Speaker. Sorry for that. That was...

**MS. FORD:** That's okay.

**MR. POTTLE:** ... what I wanted clarity on because it seemed to me that we were in debate on First Reading of the Bill. That's why I wanted that clarification. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Mr. Barbour.

**MR. BARBOUR:** I think, just to clarify to the Minister of Finance. This issue has been a thorn in our side for over a year now. And again, based on legal opinions, we had to clear up, make absolutely clear, it's, it's a deletion of a section of the constituency allowance. It's just a policy and it's making clear, a section in the policy that already exists. Nakummek Ukattik.

**MS. FORD:** Mr. Barbour, would you like to make a final comment or close debate?

**MR. BARBOUR:** Nakummek UKâlatik. I know this has been on the constituency allowance, been a fairly rough ride for, especially the AngajukKaat and the Community Chairs, but and again it just goes based on two legal opinions that we had put forward to the Assembly what we had put forward, and this final section that we think makes the Member Services Committee, can now make clear, what elected officials can and cannot do with their constituency allowance, and we hope now that members will be clear on the policy. Nakummek UKâlatik.

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

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MS. FORD:** Any opposed? The motion is carried. I now recognize the Honourable Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Glen Sheppard, to move motion, 4-2(6).

**MR. SHEPPARD:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I was speaking yesterday, I gave a notice of a motion that I will be forwarding today in relation to an application for the boardwalk for the Inuit Community Government of Makkovik and the community of Makkovik. Whereas the Makkovik Inuit Community Government has submitted Land Use application number 8-2012-018 for a Land Use permit to a portion of Labrador Inuit Land Parcel 19C, for the purpose of a boardwalk trail. And whereas all necessary consultation has been completed on the Land Use application and no objections were received. And whereas Section 2.11(b) of the Labrador Inuit Lands Act state that no private interest may be created or issued in Labrador Inuit Lands within an Inuit community, within a water lot, or in relation to specified materials without the written approval of the Nunatsiavut Assembly. Now, therefore, I move, seconded by the Honourable Dan Pottle, that the Nunatsiavut Assembly hereby approves the issuance of a Land Use permit to the Makkovik Inuit Community Government for a portion of Labrador Inuit Land Parcel 19C, as identified on the attached map for a boardwalk trail. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

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

**MR. SHEPPARD:** Not at this time, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Does anyone else wish to speak to the motion? Would you like to close its debate?

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

**MS. FORD:** All those in favor of the motion?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MS. FORD:** All those opposed? The motion is carried. I'd now like to recognize the Honourable First Minister to move motion 5-2(6).

**MR. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. Where Section 2.16.1 of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement legally provides that an amendment to the Agreement requires that central to parties to the Agreement that Inuit will give their consent by resolution of the designated Inuit organization. And where the Labrador Inuit Association, by resolution of the Board of Directors passed on the 30th day of November, 2005, designated the Nunatsiavut Government as its designated Inuit organization for purposes of providing Inuit consent amendments to the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement under Section 2.16.1 of the Agreement. And whereas representatives of parties have recommended certain amendments to the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement as set out in Memorandum of Agreement dated the 20th day of April, 2012. And whereas the Nunatsiavut Executive Council has approved the amendments recommended in the Memorandum of Agreement dated 20th day of April, 2012, subject to the consent of the Nunatsiavut Assembly. And would therefore, I move, seconded by the Honourable Glen Sheppard, Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, that the Nunatsiavut Assembly hereby

consents to the technical amendments to the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement, the map atlas and the appendices and schedules to the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement as recommended by the representatives of the parties under the Memorandum of Agreement dated 20th day of April, 2012. The Nunatsiavut Assembly hereby consents to the amendments referred to in Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 24 and 25 of the Memorandum of Agreement dated 20th day of April, 2012, being made retroactive to the effective date. Subject to paragraph two of this resolution, the technical amendments to the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement met and the appendices and schedules of the Labrador Inuit Land Claim Agreement, referred to in paragraph one of this resolution shall come into effect on the date which the amendments have been consented to by Canada and the Province as provided in Section 2.16.2 of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement. The Clerk of the Nunatsiavut Assembly is hereby directed to file and retain the Memorandum of Agreement dated 20th day of April, 2012, and this resolution, with the record of the proceedings of the Nunatsiavut Assembly. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

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

**MR. SHIWAK:** Yes, thank you, Madame Speaker. The amendments to the Land Claims Agreement are largely technical, and most are being made because of mapping errors, or to incorporate the results of surveys that were required by the final agreement. In 2005 when preparing the final maps and a text of the map atlas, which is appended to the LILCA, the GIS specialists detected errors in the maps and final text, but did not have sufficient time to make the necessary technical corrections prior to December 1st, 2005. In order not to delay the effective date of the final agreement because of technicalities, the parties agreed that the errors would be corrected after the affected date in accordance with Part 2.16 of the LILCA. While we're finalizing the amendments necessary to correct the mapping errors, the surveying of boundaries require that a final agreement was completed and the parties' representatives decided to include the amendments required, a result of surveys in the amended package. Work begun on the technical amendments in 2006 and on April 20th, 2012, the Nunatsiavut federal and provincial representative signed the Memorandum Agreement recommended technical amendments in accordance with Part 2.16 of the LILCA. The amendments are now being submitted to the Assembly for approval on behalf of the Inuit. Changes to correct mapping errors. Two significant changes to the maps are as follows. Prior to December 1st, 2005, representatives of parties recognized that the air strip in Hopedale was wrongly identified on Hopedale maps as being an island. Because of the islands of Hopedale being designated as Labrador Inuit Lands, or LIL, this technicality made here is a part of LIL. That was never the intent and all parties understood that the airstrip property would not become LIL on the effective date. The airstrip should have been identified as part of mainland and not as an island and was not available to become LIL on the effective date. This mapping error and associated texts of the written description had been corrected and identified in the MOA. Between completion of land selection and approval of the agreement and principle effective date, the land that was intended to become LIL, Parcel 17(c) with the boundaries of the Inuit Community of Postville, was inadvertently granted to a third party. Prior to the effective date it was recognized that the parties that LIL Parcel 17(c) within the boundaries of the Inuit Community of Postville was already owned by third parties, but

not available to become LIL on the effective date and should not have been described as being LIL. This change was made in the MOA but deleting LIL Parcel 17(c) within the Inuit Community of Postville. Changes to Reflect the Results of the Survey. Section 4.5.1 of the final agreement required the boundaries of 18 acres of land as shown in Appendix E(1) were to be surveyed as soon as practicable after effective date. The Province commenced this work survey work in 2006. The majority of them may have been set to maps and written descriptions included in MOA are required in order to incorporate the results of survey work into the relevant map and descriptions. The difference made to the boundaries on revised maps is small and difficult to detect and as a result of the difference between the GIS co-ordinates used in the original mapping and the actual survey results. The changes resulting from these amendments will result in more accurate depictions and descriptions of the relevant boundaries and their location of winter trails and water lots. Other Technical Amendments. Madame Speaker, the MOA makes a couple of other technical amendments to the final agreement, and for the sake of completeness in the information of the Ottawa members, they are as follows: The French version of Appendix D(2) wrongly refer to the registration number of the English version of the Appendix D(1) in the Crown's land registry. The amendments corrects the registration number so it's referred to the French version of D(1) in the Crown land registry. The wording in Section 4.3.1 and 4.4.3(a) of the final agreement, did not give a complete list of the appendices that define LIL in the water lots. The amendments to these sections under the MOA would correct the admissions so as to give complete references to the appendices and defined LIL and the water lots, respectively. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. Does anyone else wish to speak to the motion? Honourable First Minister, would you like to close the debate?

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

**MS. FORD:** All those in favor of the motion?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MS. FORD:** All those opposed? The motion is carried. I recognize the Honourable Minister of Finance, Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. Before we proceed, I am requesting permission from the Assembly to have a break in our proceedings so that we can consult with you, Madame Speaker, and the Clerk of the Assembly on process. I'm not speaking for other Assembly members, but I am a little bit confused about the process that we're going through. It seems to be somewhat of a deviation from what I had been comfortable with, and I think some of these processes or procedures may be relevant to the changes that we've made to our Standing Orders. And in all fairness to the President, who has been, as we all know, sat in this Assembly as the former AngajukKâk for Nain, and some of these processes, I believe, may be unfamiliar to the President. I'll certainly let the President speak to that, if she so chooses, but we have, through our report of the Committee on Rules and Procedures, made some recommendations in a former report that was approved by this Assembly to look at an agenda for our Assembly and to sit for longer periods of time. I feel not prepared at this point in time to proceed

without having a consultation for clarity purposes on this. We are here for the duration. We were scheduled to be here for the duration of the week. I understand that there is a lack of rooms available at the hotel tomorrow, Madame Speaker, but that does not preclude us from sitting and continuing the business of the Assembly for today, tomorrow. There's no need for us, Madame Speaker, I believe, to, to rush through this. We can certainly take our time and if necessary, come back to this Honourable house tomorrow. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. It is now 10 to 12:00. We're going to break until after lunch and we'll reconvene here at 1:30.

(Recess)

**MS. FORD:** I'd like to call the Assembly back to order, please. We are still on item number 14 on our Orders of the Day and right now I'd like to recognize the Honourable Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. For the information of Assembly members, I had given the Assembly members the heads up that I would be seeking unanimous consent to waive Standing Order 37.1 to deal with the presentation today on FFA, the Settlement Trust, the Implementation Trust and Tasiujatsoak Trust. Madame Speaker, I'd like to rescind that request and proceed with those and deal with those matters tomorrow when we sit. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Is that okay with the Assembly?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MS. FORD:** Okay. We're still in motions, I will be asking for unanimous consent to meet as a Committee of the Whole to consider the report to the Nunatsiavut Assembly under Presidential Elections. Once we have concluded this document, we'll meet as an Assembly and continue on the Orders of the Day. Do I have unanimous consent to proceed this way?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MS. FORD:** Thank you. Therefore, we will now meet as a Committee of the Whole, and I'd like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Nain, William Barbour.

**MR. BARBOUR:** Nakummek UKâlatik. As I indicated in my motion that was passed this morning, you have in your binders under Tab 3, the report from the Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer, Jack Shiwak, dated July 23, 2012. And even though they're not paged, I think some discussion has to take place on the recommendations made by the electoral officer. And with that, Madame Chair, because we're in a Committee of the Whole, I'm going to pass it back to you in terms of what the rest of the Assembly may be thinking about in terms of the recommendations made by the electoral officer. Nakummek, Madame, Nakummek.

**MS. FORD:** Any comments from the Assembly on the Presidential Report? Go ahead, Patricia.

**PATRICIA:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I believe there's an error in the report close to the back because they're not numbered, third page from the back, under the Breakdown of Voting for Advanced Poll and Regular Poll, Nunatsiavut Government Presidential election May 1st, 2012. I believe that is supposed to read June 11th, 2012, as we've already had May 1st, 2012 voting on a different page, and halfway down the page, Advanced Poll President Election, April 24th, 2012. I believe it's supposed to read June the 4th, 2012, which was the date of the advanced poll for the run-off election.

**MS. FORD:** Thank you. Any more comments from....

**PRESIDENT LEO:** I just wanted to comment on the recommendations. I'll start with the first one and I think Johannes will probably attest to this as well. With the NEO's work and what he has to do, I think the sooner we can give him time to open up his office and start working on the election, on any election, really, whether it be the Presidential election, the general election, the more time we can give them, I think, the better because it's pretty intense if anybody spoke to Jack during the whole process, it was pretty chaotic, I think for him, and I think if we can support having the Elections Office open sooner, it'll certainly make their lives a lot easier and probably make things a lot smoother. With regards to recommendation number two where he mentions the nominations closing just prior to the Easter weekend, I agree with that as well. I mean, regardless if you believe in respecting the Easter week or not, the constituents, there are many constituents that are, and I think to be going knocking on their door during Easter week is rather inappropriate. So I think maybe if there's any way we can look at those dates that would be an outstanding idea. And with regards to the mail-in ballots, the proxy voting or voting by telephone, again, he has a recommendation that early exploratory talks on this, and I think that's where we need to start on that. I think that's a whole bigger issue in itself. That's my two cents worth.

**MS. FORD:** Go ahead, Dan.

**MR. POTTLE:** Thank you, Pat. Sorry, thank you, Madame Chair. I guess just some further comments on the recommendation at number three. There is nothing, I think Jack is right, in our Elections Act, and I think the Constitution also speaks to the fact that constituents in the Constituency of Canada vote by mail, I'm not sure if we would need to look at an amendment to either pieces of legislation. I would assume that we would have to do that, but I certainly would support that that be looked at very closely because I think as the Chair can appreciate and as the current President can appreciate, Canada has never ever had the appropriate time to have their votes received in time for the ballots to be counted. Jack has the authority to defer the counting of the ballots for Canada, and he's done that on the last two occasions. I think in today's modern age and technology, if we continue to rely on the mailing system for the opportunity for constituents in Canada to vote, then we're always going to be faced with the situation where people, because of Canada Post and the time by the time the mail gets out from Rigolet or Goose Bay, wherever Jack sends it to, it could be two weeks before people received mail in British Columbia, or Nunavut, or Northwest Territories or the Yukon, by way of example, and sometimes, I mean, even to the rest of the provinces the mail is not always reliable. So I believe that, I mean, as I said, in this day and age with technology, there must be consideration given to alternative means of voting so that people can exercise their right, their democratic right to participate and vote in elections.

People have, and this is the first time since 2006 when we first had the elections, that a third of our population has an opportunity to participate in the elections process. In the old days of LIA, by way of example, there were ballots or polling stations set up in St. John's, in Ottawa, and other places where we have high numbers and concentrations of Labrador Inuit living in certain centers like Ottawa and St. John's. So, I mean, I think that should also be considered as well that there be polling stations throughout Canada where we have larger numbers of populations. There should be a system for electronic voting as well. With today's technology, I think we have the capability within our government to work with Mr. Shiwak to make that happen. Voting by proxy and telephone, as Jack has recommended here, is also options. So I think we don't have to be limited, and I think is unfair to the electorate in the Canadian constituency, that they be only limited to voting by mail. Thank you, Madame Chair.

**MR. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Madame Chair. All these issues, I've heard of as well, and there's been some discussion around them and all this stuff is due. But, if I may, I'd like to call a witness, call Loretta Michelin Director of Legal Services, to come forward to the Committee of the Whole to answer any questions or give you the explanations on because she is aware of these issues as well.

**MS. MICHELIN:** I think there was a suggestion that a Special Committee of the Assembly be struck to look at these recommendations because, and I think that's a really good idea, and I think would be probably a good idea to have Jack involved, because some of these recommendations would be easy to implement. Others would be very, I won't say difficult, but complicated. For example, the date of the election is listed is a provision of the Constitution. That provision can only be changed by a referendum. So it's not as easy as just changing or amending the Elections Act. You would have to amend the Constitution, and the only way you could amend that provision of the Constitution would be by a referendum. So given the complexity of some of these recommendations, it would probably be a good idea to set up a Special Committee of the Assembly to review these recommendations, and to have a very thorough discussion on exactly what it would mean.

**MR. LAMPE:** Nakummek Itsivautak Under 127, Absolute majority required, a lot of the voters were confused about this and where candidate requires 50 percent plus 1. And this is quite difficult to achieve when you have more than two candidates running in an election. So the voters that were not happy with this, I know that they would like to see something that will better serve the election, and with this being in place, if we will have more than two candidates at every Presidential election, I know that we will have to go, again, a run-off, or a second vote. So I believe that something has to be done about this, and the people that came forward to ask me to put forward to the Assembly. And the language, I know that the language requirement is not as strong as it should be. Looking at the ITK elections, they do have a system where candidates are screened for language, and so I believe that the Nunatsiavut Government Presidential elections need something in place with a language requirement, and as Sarah said earlier, the time of the elections, especially where communities observe Holy Week, that is quite difficult and being a member of the Moravian Church, for an example as a denomination, I respect Holy Week, and in Nain, we observe 10, 11 days of Easter church services, and we have about 30 services during that time. I know that there are other issues but those are the three main issues that I have to put forward. Nakummek.

**MS. FORD:** Nakummek. Any more comments from members. Dan?

**MR. POTTLE:** Thank you, Madame Chair. Just to pick up on what Johannes has alluded to with respect to the candidates meeting the current criteria in the Constitution, in order to seek the office of the President, there is a criteria that the President must speak and understand Inuttitut. We have attempted to address this issue in the past Assembly about three or four years ago. I mean, I think it's very unfair to put a person in a position where they have no other choice but to legally contest the language requirement for the candidate, for Presidency of Nunatsiavut. Each and every one of us has varying levels of understanding and speaking Inuttitut. I'm only going to speak on behalf of myself but, I mean, I had to take it upon myself to ask and learn just to simply ask in Inuttitut, and I'm going to practice that for one second. I mean, you know, just to ask somebody do they speak Inuttitut, I had to practice and become familiar with the question in Inuttitut. **UKâlasonguvit Inuktitun**? Do you speak Inuttitut? Do you understand Inuttitut? **Tukisisvit Inuktitun**. That's my little bit of limited and I'm probably not making the correct pronunciations and maybe, I mean, that's a part of my limitations in Inuttitut. But, I mean, you know, in all fairness, to each and every one of us whose language skills are at different levels, it's unfair, I believe, for a provision in the Constitution and maybe that needs to be looked at as well with respect to revising the Constitution to change that criteria somewhat to recognize people's limitations in Inuttitut and our varying levels of fluency, or varying levels of understanding Inuttitut. I believe that there should be some process outside of a legal challenge whereby a candidate who is asking somebody to nominate them, and that nomination form also doubles as an affidavit so the people who are signing a nomination form are swearing that the candidate speaks and understands Inuttitut, I think is not fair to put people in the position where you have to go through a judicial process to challenge that criteria. I mean the only opportunity for challenging that criteria is when an election is called and when the nominations have closed, and we all, as electorates, see who has been nominated and accepted for a Presidential candidate. I look at and during the last round of elections, by way of example, previous to this one, while travelling in other areas of in the Inuit homeland whether that was in Nunavik or Inuvialuit or Nunavut, our Inuit brothers and sisters in the Inuit homeland outside of Nunatsiavut were floored that we have a criteria that severely limits, our potential for leadership. I mean, the last, and I stand to be corrected on this, but the last survey that I saw and read identified that 10 to 12 percent of the respondents identified Inuttitut as their first language. Therefore, we're severely limiting our ability for each and every one of us to seek, if we so choose, to run for the office of President. Picking up on something that Johannes said, again, ITK, and I stand to be corrected on this, Johannes, I think I might be right but I'll just assume that the President for ITK, there's no requirement for that person to speak and understand Inuttitut and limiting the office for the President of ITK. And here we are looking at Nunatsiavut, in general versus an entity like ITK and the other three regions of the Inuit homeland. I don't see that as being a requirement. Could that be not considered unconstitutional in itself?

**MR. ANDERSEN:** We seemed to have moved away from what we are supposed to. It's on the table this week, recommendations from the electoral officer.

**MR. POTTLE:** Yes.

**MR. ANDERSEN:** I understand it's important but nowhere in this document does he refer to in any way, shape or form that Constitutional requirement on the languages of Canada. My colleague - for our review, this from the Nunatsiavut electoral officer, and I understand the importance of what you're talking about Dan, but what you're talking about is not part of this report, and we should stick to our agenda, which is what we are discussing now, not the fluency of the Presidential candidates in this or any election. He asked that we review the recommendations. That is not a recommendation. So I ask the Chair if we could finish our business, and then if there is business to discuss what Mr. Pottle has talked about, then perhaps there is a time and place for that. I don't think right is the time and place.

**MS. FORD:** Yes Loretta.

**MR. POTTLE:** Just to respond to Tony's question, are we not dealing with this report in its entirety, or are we just focusing on the recommendations that's coming out of this report? Not to focus on the report in its entirety, I think is doing an injustice to the report, itself, and not to have the ability to speak to some of the things that's outlined in this report, I think, is not very fair.

**MS. FORD:** Okay, Loretta, go ahead.

**MS. MICHELIN:** Yes, I, think there's crossover here. The Chief Electoral Officer has the responsibility to conduct elections, and the procedures of elections, and therefore he can make recommendations on changing the Elections Act. When you start crossing over into Constitutional amendments, I think you're getting into a whole different area, and if we're going to be looking at Constitutional amendments, I think that is something that should be dealt with on its own, and there is some crossover, but you have to keep in mind that the Chief Electoral Officer's responsibilities is to conduct elections, and his responsibility deals with the procedures of the elections. And so if he's making recommendations outside of his authority, then that's another issue, but I think that's why it's really necessary to strike a committee, a Special Committee of the Assembly, to look at the recommendations, the coming out of his report, and you just separate the ones that can be dealt with through his report and ones that would have to be left for a Special Committee looking at making amendments to the Constitution because that's a whole different issue.

**MS. SILLETT:** I just wanted to add that in the NEO report under, Application 140, it does touch on some of the issues that Dan did identify, although they're not elaborate, there are issues there that, you know, that are contained as an issue identified by the NEO. It's under 140 in application complaining of an unqualified candidate, and you can read the rest and the final sentence.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** So, Loretta, then are you suggesting maybe then there would be two committees, or the one committee would look at the report, as a whole, come back with recommendations or with the recommendations that he has put in, as well as recommendations on the content of the report with regards to possible Constitutional changes?

**MS. MICHELIN** I think that would probably be the way that it would work out. The committee would look at the recommendations in the report as a whole, the recommendations, and then come back to report to the Assembly. One of the recommendations of that committee could be that there be another

committee struck to look at possible Constitutional amendments, which would be a much more detailed and complicated process. The recommendations that could be dealt with just by making amendments to the Elections Act could be one thing or extending, for example, the time that the Chief Electoral Officer has to prepare for elections, things like that, can be done fairly easily. But when you start looking at making amendments to the Constitution that would take a referendum of all beneficiaries, you're getting into a really different area, especially if you're looking at qualifications of the President, etcetera. Those are issues that would need a whole lot more debate and time and energy and thought that goes into them, rather than, you know, something like extending the time, or hiring the Chief Electoral Officer a couple of months early or something like that. So at this point I think that's why a committee of the Assembly to look at the recommendations can kind of separate out the issues and, and deal with the ones that can be dealt with in relation to the election process, as opposed to changes to the Constitution, itself.

**MR. POTTLE:** And fair enough, and that being, said, you know, it's already been alluded to that a Special Committee of the Assembly, if one was so struck, may have to look at making some amendments to the Elections Act and to the Constitution. And even though Mr. Shiwak has not made a recommendation to look at the requirements for the criteria for the office of the President, he raises some concerns in his report relative to or an application of a candidate. Mr. Shiwak I believe, has been questioned on whether or not and he's been asked for advice on how somebody challenges that language requirement, and all Mr. Shiwak has to go on now is that it needs to be done through a legal challenge. So, if you're going to do something, why are you doing it piecemeal and there's only my recommendation and the Committee of the Whole and/or the Assembly don't have to take that recommendation. But I would like to put it on the table that, various sections and concerns that Mr. Shiwak raises in his report, the address by a Special Committee of the Assembly if we so choose to go down that road. And I think all his report should be taken into consideration and not only the recommendations outlined in that.

**MS. FORD:** Any other comments? Mr. Barbour. I'll go with Ms. Nochasak first.

**MS. NOCHASAK:** Thank you, Madame Chair. I would just like to address the language requirement also in regards of Dan's comments. The President is the esteemed position in our government. It is the highest, most-respect position. We are an Inuit government, we are Inuit people, and you're saying that we should take that requirement out because you're saying you're limiting our candidates, what do you mean by limited? What's wrong with the people that are running in these elections? Are you saying we're not good enough? Are you saying there are more educated people out there because they don't speak or understand Inuttit? I mean, we are an Inuit government. Our forefathers had put us in this position as Inuttit speakers. Why take that out because a lot of people don't speak it, or understand it? Why take it out? Why not learn it as we learned it, because you don't know it now? There's ways to learn it. Why take it out? If you want to be President, if you want to run for President, learn to speak the language. Thank you.

**MS. FORD:** Mr. Barbour.

**MR. BARBOUR:** Thank you, Madame Chair. Again I received Jack Shiwak report same time as everybody else. The report was submitted to the speaker. I was just asked to put forward the motion to accept the report and publically accept the report, and part of his recommendation is when I agree with Loretta, strike a Special Committee of the Assembly to deal with his recommendations, if we can do it. Outside of that while he points out as part of his report, points out sections of the Constitution, I just want to point out that in getting this Constitution in place in the first place, was gut wrenching, not sure I want to go through that process this early in our government life, this early. It was gut wrenching having to go to community three times, three separate times making changes to it. For me, let's deal with the recommendations by a Special Committee of the Assembly and deal with it as would be recommended in a fairly short time to being spring sitting of 2013. Nakummek, Madame Chair.

**MR. POTTLE:** Thank you, Madame Chair. And Susan, no, I am not saying to take that language requirement out. I didn't have a chance to finish my statement when Mr. Andersen interjected and took exception to what I was saying. All I'm saying is that maybe that criteria should be reviewed and whatever comes out of that review then so be it. All I'm suggesting is maybe there should be a review of that. And maybe I was too long-winded in trying to make my point, but I was just trying to provide and look at the reality of the situation. You know, my Anânsiak passed away before I was born. Anânsiaks first language was Inuttitut. She didn't speak English until she was 20 years old, until she was in her 20's. And when my Anânsiak passed away, my Atâta was a young boy, 15 or 16 years old. So Inuttitut was immediately lost in my immediate household, but my extended family on both my ânak and my Atâtas side had varying levels of Inuttitut, and I was fortunate to be immersed in that for quite some time until we left Rigolet and until we went to Goose Bay, and out of respect for you, Susan, no, I'm not saying to take that language requirement out of there. I'm saying that maybe it should be reviewed, and I'll stop there. Thank you.

**MS. FORD:** Tony.

**MR. ANDERSEN:** I didn't take exception to what you were saying. It was that I just I thought that perhaps we had gone outside out what we were supposed to be doing and because I had heard, and I'm sure that Minutes will show that we were asked to consider these recommendations. And for the record, as well, I stand by the words that I said that I believe that talk on the language requirement for the President is for another time and place, and I believe that right after I said that so did the legal counsel, and I apologize to you, certainly, but it wasn't intended that way, that I took exception to what you said. Certainly, I didn't.

**MS. FORD:** Loretta.

**MS. MICHELIN:** Just to reiterate, also, absolute majority for President, qualifications for President, dates of elections are all provisions of the Constitution that can only be changed by 60 percent vote of the Assembly and a referendum. So I think any amendments to a Constitution, which is the ultimately law of this government, should only be discussed and looked at by a special committee of the Assembly, or however the Assembly wants to deal with that because that is a very serious issue, and I don't think that it's the type of issue that can be dealt with just in a report from a Chief Electoral Officer.

**MS. FORD:** Mr. Barbour.

**MR. BARBOUR:** And you know my simple version of what you just said, Loretta, was just that. The Assembly can change Acts. We can make amendments to Acts. We don't have to go anywhere else, but changes to the Constitution and make it fulltime, we forget about everything else. Basically, we forget about everything else if we are starting to make or recommending change to the Constitution and going to a referendum. So I just stick to the recommendations that Jack has raised and strike a Special Committee of the Assembly to deal with what a Special Committee can deal with. Nakummek, Madame Chair.

**MS. FORD:** Do you want to speak?

**MS. SILLETT:** I just want to add that Susan was involved in this discussion too, but we were told that if you wanted clarity, for example, of Constitutional provisions, such as language, there is, let's say, for example, that you wanted to find a way to make sure that someone met the qualifications laid down for the Presidency, that you could probably outline the rules for that process in the Elections Act. Like, for example, we could set up a committee. We were told that, right? Remember that time? You want to add to that?

**MS. NOCHASAK:** I don't really want to add to it. You pretty much summed up what the discussion was about anyway, but if you had any questions or if you wanted to look, there are ways to set up that committee.

**MS. MICHELIN:** I think if you set up a Special Committee, that committee can look at all of those options, but it's not something that you can just say yes or no to here. That's why you need a committee that's going to have research and have some expert advice, etcetera, to look at what is possible and what isn't, short of, say, amending the Constitution.

**MS. FORD:** Do the - okay, one more?

**MS. SILLETT:** I just want to ask a question, Loretta, while you're here, I'm not really quite sure of process, but, you know, we did anticipate that there might be a resolution with respect to a Special Committee, and I understand that somewhere along the line, either before, that the Rules and Procedures Committee would be the Standing Committee that's responsible for giving the name. So what would the process be from hereon in?

**MS. MICHELIN:** I thought I saw a resolution already drafted setting up the Special Committee of the Assembly to review the recommendations in the report and if that's the case, then under the Assembly Act, the committee on Rules and Procedures would bring names forward to the Assembly for those that they think should sit on that Special Committee.

**MS. SILLETT:** But the way that that possible resolution was drafted in the event of, there is a line which outlines appointee, so my question is do you appoint the names first so we can put it in that resolution if the....

**MS. FORD:** First of all, I will ask the Assembly here is everyone in agreement in setting up a Special Committee to look at the Elections Act?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MS. FORD:** Then maybe we could break for 20 minutes so the Rules and Procedures Committee can get together now and come back to the table with some names and the recommendations of who would be sitting on that committee.

**MR. BARBOUR:** Just one more comment, Madame Chair, and let's be clear on that. The recommendations made by the Chief Electoral Officer on the Elections Act and nothing more. Let's be clear on that.

**MR. MITCHELL:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. In regard to the Special Committee, I'd like to have an indication of what the mandate of this committee is going to be. I think it's already indicated by members from Nain that it's just on Elections Act, and not the qualifications of the Presidential candidate. This is a different topic? Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Mr. Mitchell, if this Special Committee was set up, it would be to review the reports of the Nunatsiavut Elections Officer respecting elections, to consider amendments to the Elections Act, to make recommendations to the Assembly for changes to the Elections Act and to report to the Assembly at the spring session in 2013. That would be the terms of reference for that Special Committee.

**MR. BARBOUR:** And just for clarity, I think Loretta pointed it out. The Chief Electoral Officer is not an elected member of the Assembly. He can only deal with the Elections Act. He cannot deal with the Constitution, not his place, or her place, whoever it might be.

**MS. FORD:** Go ahead Mr. Andersen.

**MR. ANDERSEN:** Thank you, Chair. As well, I suppose, that draft resolution, I lost it anyway but in addition to that, as an Assembly, we could add further to the ones that the Chair just read to, as an Assembly, who could broaden these terms of reference should we decide to do that today.

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

**PRESIDENT LEO:** And could the terms of reference not be redefined once the committee is struck, or do they have to stick with these terms of reference once they're struck?

**MS. MICHELIN:** Any time a committee is struck, the terms of reference should be included in the resolution setting out the mandate and the terms of reference of the committee so that they have the direction from the Assembly as to what it is that they're supposed to do in report back on. But if the Assembly wants to add to those terms of reference before it's passed, they can do that.

**MS. FORD:** So will we break now for 20 minutes and get the Rules and Procedures Committee together and then we'll come back into Assembly?

(Recess)

**MS. FORD:** We are now back in Assembly. We are still on item number 14, Motions, but before we get to that, I would just like to inform the Assembly that Dan Pottle has resigned from the Rules and Procedures Committee effective immediately. So we're still on Notice of Motions, and I'd like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Nain, William Barbour.

**MR. BARBOUR:** Nakummek UKâlatik. Based on discussion in Committee of the Whole, and seeing a Motion for the establishment of a Special Committee on Nunatsiavut election, I am seeking unanimous consent under Section 37(1) of the Standing Orders to waive that section of providing 24 hours' notice of Notice of Motion. Nakummek.

**MS. FORD:** The member is seeking unanimous consent to waive the notice period and to proceed with his motion today. Are there any nays? There are none. Mr. Barbour, please proceed.

**MR. BARBOUR:** Nakummek UKâlatik Motion number 6-2(6). Establishment of a Special Committee on Nunatsiavut elections. Whereas the Nunatsiavut Assembly has received a report from the Nunatsiavut Electoral officer on the conduct of the Presidential election and whereas the report contains a number of recommendations for the changes to the Elections Act, and whereas the Assembly can appoint a special committee to consider any matter referred to it by the Assembly. Now, therefore, I move, seconded by Denise Lane, Ordinary Member for Makkovik, that the Nunatsiavut Assembly hereby establishes a Special Committee on Nunatsiavut election. And, further, that the following be appointed to the Special Committee, Jack Shiwak, William Barbour, Tony Andersen, Susan Nochasak, and Charlotte Wolfrey. And, furthermore, that the terms of reference of the Special Committee shall be a) to review the reports of the Nunatsiavut Elections Officer respecting election to consider amendments to the Elections Act, to make recommendations to the Assembly for changes to the Elections Act and b) to report to the Assembly at the spring session in 2013. Nakummek UKâlatik.

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

**MR. BARBOUR:** Nakummek UKâlatik. I just want to make clear that while the report from the Chief Electoral Officer makes some reference to parts of the Labrador Inuit Constitution, the Chief Electoral Officer is responsible for the Elections Act only and nothing more than that and this Special Committee of the Assembly would deal with his recommendations on the Elections Act only. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Nakummek. Does anyone else wish to speak to the motion? The Honourable Minister of Finance.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. Just a question on the motion, itself, for the Ordinary Member from Nain. In your last furthermore of your resolution, Honourable Member, and furthermore that terms of reference of the Special Committee shall be a) to review the reports of the Nunatsiavut Elections Officer respecting elections, is the intent of that sub (a), I guess, I'm saying it right, will this

committee review the report in its entirety, or will be the committee just focus on the recommendations outlined in Mr. Shiwak's report? Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Mr. Barbour.

**MR. BARBOUR:** Nakummek UKâlatik. While I haven't read in detail in its entirety, the report by the Chief Electoral Officer, I would just like to point out the logistical problems in the report that I looked at, that the logistical nightmare that the Chief Electoral Officer had during this spring's election being time-wise, being the mail-out ballots, being not having the office early enough. Those are the things that we would want to do, or this individual would want to do in terms of making it easier for our independent Electoral Officer to make their job easier. That's where I would think that that particular a) he's referring to. Nakummek UKâlatik.

**MS. FORD:** The Honourable Minister of Finance.

**MR. POTTLE:** And, again, Mr. Barbour, I still don't believe that you gave me the answer to my question that I was seeking to give me some level of comfort. Again, I ask, will the report by the Special Committee of the Assembly focus on the report in its entirety, and not only on specific sections of that report? Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister. The Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. William Barbour.

**MR. BARBOUR:** I'm not sure that I can fully answer your question, Minister of Finance, Mr. Pottle. The report, itself, is there. We have it. It's tabled at the Assembly. Beneficiaries will now see that. I'm sure we will be obligated as Special Committee to look at the report in its entirety, but I think the recommendations coming from the Chief Electoral Officer and his responsibilities as the Chief Electoral Officer and independent of us where we cannot interfere with his work, but where he's made recommendations to the Assembly on the Elections Act, itself. It's where we want to be. Either that, or if we're going, as some of the discussion went in the Committee of the Whole, I'm not sure that most of the Assembly, or some of the Assembly grasped the magnitude of trying to go to a referendum. I spoke to a couple of Ministers. If the Special Committee were to come back and say some recommendation on the Constitution, the work of Nunatsiavut Government comes to a halt. It really does. That's why I'm saying and furthermore portion of the whereas is the recommendation coming from the Chief Electoral Officer, that's where the special committee would concentrate more, where it can make recommended changes to the Elections Act, to the Elections Act, only. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Nakummek, Mr. Barbour. Do anyone else wish to speak to the motion?

**MR. POTTLE:** Point of order... Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** The Honourable Minister of Finance. State your order.

**MR. POTTLE:** I'd just like some clarification, Madame Speaker, on whether or not at this point in time members can propose an amendment to the resolution. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Yes, you can. Does anyone else wish to speak to the motion? The Honourable Minister of Finance.

**MR. POTTLE:** Madame Speaker, I'd like to propose an amendment to the resolution as tabled by the Honourable Ordinary Member for Nain. My amendment would put another whereas between the whereas the report contains a number of recommendations for changes in the Elections Act, and between and whereas the Assembly can appoint a Special Committee to consider any matter referred to the Assembly. I would like to have and whereas the report addresses issues other than a number of recommendations, and I would like to propose an amendment to and furthermore a) to review the reports in its entirety of the elections, Nunatsiavut Elections Officer respecting elections. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Go ahead, Honourable Minister.

**MR. POTTLE:** Madame Speaker, I believe I need a seconder for my amendment as well. I move, seconded by the Honourable Minister of Land and Natural Resources, Glen Sheppard. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Do you have the wording there for us?

**MR. POTTLE:** Yes, Madame Speaker. I move, seconded by the Honourable Minister of Land and Natural Resources that another whereas be added between the current second and third whereas to read: And whereas the report addresses issues other than a number of recommendations and to clause a) to review the report in its entirety of the Nunatsiavut Elections Officer respecting elections. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** We have an amendment to this motion on the floor. Do everyone understand the amendment?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MS. FORD:** Does anyone else wish to speak to this motion? Go ahead, Mr. Barbour.

**MR. BARBOUR:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I'm not sure the proposed amendment really changes anything in the original motion. I'm not sure that it necessarily does. I think that, as I pointed out earlier, the Chief Electoral Officer...

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

**MR. BARBOUR:** ... is responsible for elections only.

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

**MR. POTTLE:** Madame Speaker, as a mover to a motion, I believe that the Standing Orders state that the mover has the first opportunity to speak to the motion. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Yes, you are right, so would you like to speak to that, please.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. My reason for proposing this amendment to the resolution is to ensure that there is clarity in what we're asking this Special Committee of the Assembly to consider. That's the reason, solely, for my motion because I believe the resolution, as so proposed by the Ordinary Member for Nain does not provide the clarity that I'm seeking. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. Are there any other comments? Chair of Sivunivut.

**MR. TUTTAUK:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. I'm under the same feeling as the Minister of Finance. We have a report from the Electoral Officer that's roughly 10 pages long, and the original resolution only speaks to the three recommendations by the Electoral Officer. I think to give the committee further guidelines as what their role as a committee should be, should be to include the amendment from Minister Pottle, and that the committee should look at the report as a whole. Nakummek.

**MS. FORD:** Nakummek, Mr. Tuttauk. Any more comments? Mr. Barbour.

**MR. BARBOUR:** Nakummek UKâlatik. Again, I just reiterate when Minister of Finance made a point of order, and I apologize for that, Minister Pottle, I do apologize. For those Assembly members that had been asked today to sit on the Special Committee, maybe running them by the Rules and Procedures Committee to be asked to be appointed by the Assembly, I made it clear that if I am to look at the Chief Electoral Officer's report dealing with parts of the Constitution, then I want no part of that. I really don't because I don't think people realize the magnitude of playing with that Constitution. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Any more comments? The AngajukKâk for Nain.

**MR. ANDERSEN:** Madame Speaker. Thank you very much. I'm going to support the amendment made by Minister Pottle because I think he has a very valid point in that the report should be reviewed in its entirety because parts of its entirety is, itself, related to the recommendations, and if we are going to review the recommendations, and I think it's only proper that we be able to use parts of the report in its entirety during our review and our report to the Assembly. Also I think that there are, perhaps there are some stuff in that report that perhaps is outside of the Chief Electoral Officer's duties when we make reference to the Constitution. But as a committee, we certainly can say when we come back with our report, we felt that he stepped outside and where he stepped outside of his duties. So I believe that for those reasons, I intend to support the amendment made by the Minister of Finance. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Any more on the amendment? Honourable Minister of Finance, would you like to make a final comment on your amendment?

**MR. POTTLE:** Madame Speaker, I would. Thank you, Madame Speaker. Just to conclude, the purpose of my amendment was not to look at changing anything with respect to any pieces of legislation. My hope is, and I think the AngajukKâk for Nain, in his support to the amendment, is in line with what I'm seeking. I think the report should be reviewed in its entirety, and let the committee do its work and

come back with its recommendations to the Assembly after they've done their work, and we would address any issues or recommendations coming forth by the Special Committee, if that committee is so struck and approved by the Assembly, and I think we deal with those matters at that time. Madame Speaker, I think it's presumptuous at this point in time of either any one of us to say that the Special Committee is going to recommend this, recommend that, whether that's a recommendation to the Constitution or any other pieces of legislation. I certainly would like to have this committee as proposed in my amendment to review the report in its entirety. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Thank you very much. Does this close the debate on the amendment?

**MR. POTTLE:** Yes, Madame Speaker, Nakummek.

**MS. FORD:** Any more comments on the motion with the amendment? If there are no other comments, would Mr. Barbour like to make final comments and close debate on the motion with the amendment.

**MR. BARBOUR:** Nakummek UKâlatik. Again, I'm just seeing some nods from bureaucrats out there, its legal counsel, in particular. And the only thing that I will say is this. Madame Speaker, while we may look at the report in its entirety, and with the amendments made by the Minister of Finance and seconded by the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, I think the committee still has to, even if it looks at the report by the Chief Electoral Officer in its entirety, it still has to stay within the Elections Act. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** This concludes debate. All those in favor of the motion?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

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

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

**MR. POTTLE:** Madame Speaker, I believe the process should be that the Assembly has to vote on the amendments before you take a vote on the motion for the resolution, itself, Madame Speaker. Nakummek.

**MS. FORD:** Thank you. You're right there. All those in favor of the amendment to the motion?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MS. FORD:** Any nays? All those in favor of the motion with the amendment?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MS. FORD:** Any opposed? The motion is carried. This concludes item number 14 on our Agenda of Motions. We are now going into item number 15, "First Reading of Bills". And I would like to recognize the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, the Honourable Glen Sheppard.

**MR. SHEPPARD:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I move, seconded by the First Minister, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak, that Bill 2012-03, an Act to Authorize the Nunatsiavut Government to issue a lease to JF Fur Farms Limited to operate a mink farm on Labrador Inuit Lands Parcel 15, map atlas sheet 88, be now introduced and read for the first time. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** The motion is in order. Does anyone wish to speak to the principle of the Bill? Do the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources wish to conclude the debate?

**MR. SHEPPARD:** Yes, thank you, Madame Speaker. I wish to conclude debate.

**MS. FORD:** Thank you, Minister. That concludes debate on the first reading. Is the Assembly in favor of approving Bill 2012-03 on first reading? All those in favor?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MS. FORD:** All those opposed? The motion is carried and, accordingly, Bill 2012-03 has had first reading. I would like to recognize the Honourable Minister of Lands, Glen Sheppard.

**MR. SHEPPARD:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. In accordance with Standing Order 54(3), I seek unanimous consent to waive Standing Order 54(1)(d) to have the Assembly proceed directly to second reading of Bill 2012-03. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Thank you. The Minister is seeking unanimous consent to waive Standing Order 54(1)(d) to proceed with second reading of Bill 2012-03. Are there any nays? There is none. Minister, you have unanimous consent, so the Bill can proceed to second reading which will come up under Item 16. The purpose of a second reading is to review the Bills clause by clause and to focus on the details. Mr. Minister, Second Reading of Bills.

**MR. SHEPPARD:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I move, seconded by the First Minister, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak that Bill 2012-03, an Act to Authorize the Nunatsiavut Government to issue a lease to JF Fur Farms Limited to operate a mink farm on Labrador Inuit Lands Parcel 15, map atlas sheet 88, be read for the second time. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** The motion is in order. The procedure for second reading debate will be a page-by-page and clause-by-clause review of the Bill. I will call each page and clause number. Is everyone in agreement with page one of four?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MS. FORD:** Page two of four; is everyone in agreement of page two?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MS. FORD:** On page three of four, clause by clause; Short Title Number One, is everyone in agreement with this clause?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MS. FORD:** Number two, Interpretation. Is everyone in agreement with this clause?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MS. FORD:** Approval of Petition and Waiver of Impacts and Benefits Agreement, number three, is everyone in agreement with this clause?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MS. FORD:** Clause four, Minister Authorized to Issue Lease. Is everyone in agreement with this clause?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MS. FORD:** Coming into Effect, clause five. Is everyone in agreement with this clause?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MS. FORD:** This concludes the clause by clause review of the Bill. Does the Minister wish to conclude the debate?

**MR. SHEPPARD:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. Yes, I wish to conclude the debate.

**MS. FORD:** Thank you. That concludes debate. All those in favor of second reading of Bill 2012-03, an Act to Authorize the Nunatsiavut Government to issue a lease to JF Fur Farms Limited to operate a mink farm on Labrador Inuit Lands Parcel 15, map atlas sheet 88. All those opposed? The motion is carried. Accordingly, Bill 2012-03, an Act to Authorize the Nunatsiavut Government to issue a lease to JF Fur Farms Limited to operate a mink farm on Labrador Inuit Lands Parcel 15, map atlas sheet 88, has had second reading. We'll now go down to number 17 on our Orders of the Day. Madame President, the Assembly has given second reading to Bill 2012-03, an Act to Authorize the Nunatsiavut Government to issue a lease to JF Fur Farms Limited to operate a mink farm on Labrador Inuit Lands Parcel 15, map atlas sheet 88.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** Madame Speakers, Madame Speaker and Members, as President of Nunatsiavut, I wish to give assent to Bill 2012-03, an Act to Authorize the Nunatsiavut Government to issue a lease to JF Fur Farms Limited to operate a mink farm on Labrador Inuit Lands Parcel 15, map atlas sheet 88, and hereby sign it into law.

**MS. FORD:** Number eighteen on our Orders of the Day, "Adjournment". We're going to adjourn until tomorrow morning at nine o'clock, but before you all leave, would the following people stay behind for 10 minutes, the Honourable President, the Honourable Minister of Education, all AngajukKaat, and Tim McNeil. We will adjourn now till tomorrow morning at 9:00.

**MS. FORD:** Ullâkut Illonasi I'd like to call the Assembly to order. We'll go down through the Orders of the Day. Item number one, "Recognition of Visitors". I'd like to recognize our visitor in the Gallery, and thank her for her interest. Anyone else wish to recognize a visitor? Then we go to number two,

"Minister Statements". Are there any Minister statements today? I'd like to recognize the Honourable Minister of Finance.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. Just a quick statement from me regarding the requirement in the Assembly Act for each Minister who heads up a department, that you are required, as per legislation, to submit a detailed report on the activities of your department annually to the Clerk and Speaker's Office of the Assembly for sharing with Assembly members. I just want to remind people that is a requirement, and the only annual reports that I saw, this time around, came from the Department of Finance, Human Resources, Information Technology and Land and Natural Resources. So I just want to make that statement, that is a requirement legislatively, that respective Ministers provide that detailed report as per legislation. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Are there any more Minister statements? I'd like to recognize the Honourable President, Sarah Leo.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** Thank you, Madame Speaker, and thank you for allowing me to speak. While housing falls under the jurisdiction of the Department of Nunatsiavut Affairs, the issue is one that impacts all of our beneficiaries within Nunatsiavut. It is a serious issue, Madame Speaker, particularly in Nain and here in Hopedale. We have people living in deplorable, almost third world conditions. Some of these homes are poorly insulated, expensive to heat and certainly overcrowded. There are many cases, Madame Speaker, where as many as seven children are sleeping on a mattress on the floor. We've raised the issue with federal and provincial politicians and bureaucrats, and with the Provincial Housing Corporation. It has been an issue during Fiscal Financing Agreement negotiations with the Government of Canada, and has been highlighted in a number of presentations during the past year. While there's no denying there's a housing crisis, Madame Speaker, it's important to know just how serious it really is. As members of this Assembly know, we have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Government of Canada and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador. We're going to carry out a comprehensive Housing Needs Assessment within Nunatsiavut. The primary objectives of this assessment, Madame Speaker, will be to collect and present up-to-date information on the housing needs of our communities and to build capacity within our government in areas of housing, data collection, management and statistical analysis. The Nunatsiavut Government will work closely with the Newfoundland and Labrador Statistics Agency in all phases of the assessment, including the collection of data and the hiring and training of personnel to carry out the work that is required. As part of our contribution to the project, Madame Speaker, we have agreed to have our community liaison officers receive the necessary training to carry out the assessment. The training will take place in Nain next week. As well, I think as Assembly members, part of that, although Nunatsiavut will be putting out a public information campaign about it, it's important that when we go back to our communities, we let our community members know that this is happening and ask them to support us in completing the assessment. The CLO is, I think, along with I think we have a couple of other people hired in some of the communities to help out the CLO's. So if we, as Assembly members, help promote this assessment, we can get a better idea of exactly what our housing needs are within Nunatsiavut. Madame Speaker, I would also like to take this time to thank Kate Mitchell for the contribution she has made to the Nunatsiavut Government over the last six years. We were quite sorry to see Kate leave. She's decided

to move on to other things. She's done a lot for us, and you will certainly be missed, Kate. I think I speak on behalf of all members of this Assembly, and when I say that we will certainly miss your smile, your laugh, your humor and your overall personality. Would you come up, please. Kate is heavily involved with the Executive Council. She's not only been the Deputy Minister to the Secretariat, she's also been the secretary to the Executive Council. She's been through a lot. And, Kate, on behalf of the Executive Council, we'd like to present you with this.

**MS. MITCHELL:** Thank you.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** You can fit it in your bag I'm sure.

**MS. MITCHELL:** I'm sure, I will.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** And thank you again very much.

**MS. MITCHELL:** Thank you.

**ASSEMBLY:** (Applause)

**PRESIDENT LEO:** Thank you.

**MS. MITCHELL:** Thank you.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** At this time, in saying goodbye to Kate like I said, Kate's going to move on, I'd like to introduce Isabella Pain. Everybody, I mean, most people know who Isabella Pain is. Isabella Pain will be replacing Kate in the role of Secretary to the Executive Council as well as Deputy Minister of the Secretariat. I think we all understand Isabella brings a lot with her to that position, and I look forward to all of us working with her over the next few years. Welcome, Isabella.

**ASSEMBLY:** (Applause)

**PRESIDENT LEO:** In closing, Madame Speaker, I think it's been a fairly productive week. I know, as elected officials, we had our own off-the-record discussions, and I think those were very productive. I think we got to hear a lot of what's going on in the communities. We got to share a lot of ideas and we got a better understanding of how we can work together in making things better for all of our beneficiaries, no matter where they live, and I thank you for your support in that. The plan is right now, I think the plane will be here around 2:00. We have three presentations to go through today as well as the FFA. We'll make the call around 11:00 as to whether or not 2:00 is a good time. Thank you again for your support this week.

**MS. FORD:** Nakummek, Honourable President. Do we have any more Minister statements? I'd like to recognize the Honourable Minister of Education, Gary Mitchell.

**MR. MITCHELL:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. This is the second part of my report. Yesterday was on Education. Today is Economic Development. As most people are aware, we have a new Director of Economic Development, Francine Couture. Francine is still working from St. John's, but will be moving

to Nain in October. The Community Economic Development Program has awarded \$291,355,000 to four of the five communities in Nunatsiavut. We are expecting Postville to submit some projects in the near future. We plan to work with both the Community Development Officer and Postville Inuit Community Government to develop projects for the community. The AngajukKaat will be familiar with the approved projects, but just for illustration purposes, here are a few of them. Hopedale Moravian Mission Sustainability Program Plan, as well the Boardwalk Project, Rigolet Tourism Plan and the Boardwalk, Makkovik Boardwalk and Cemetery Improvements, Torngat Arts and Crafts Core Funding in Nain, Agvituk Historical Society attending the Sustainability Conference in Battle Harbor, and more recently support to most of the communities to be prepared for the cruise vessels. I noticed during question period, yesterday, there were concerns regarding the Community Development Officer's position, and our Director of Economic Development, Francine, has been working actively on this issue. The contracts with ACOA for the Nunatsiavut Business Development Centre covering the Business Developing Officer positions and for the Community Development Officer's positions in the five Inuit communities have been extended until December 31st, 2012. The department is working closely with ACOA to bring all stakeholders together to review assessing their programs and developing a Nunatsiavut Government project outline that will be discussed at an Economic Development Conference planned for early November. We are working together with ACOA to have a two or three-year contract for the CDO positions so they will become more stable. I must mention, however, that it will require a shift in the focus on Community Development to Business Development so we are more in line with ACOA objectives. The Nunatsiavut Business Development Centre has been dealing with a number of procurement opportunities for Inuit business through our own government. Vale, Newfoundland, Labrador, Newfoundland and Labrador Government, as well as a small portion with the Federal Government. The last three months the business center has issued six registered businesses to the growing Inuit Business Registry, as well as having these new businesses listed on the Nunatsiavut Government website. Throughout the last three months the office has had numerous calls for funding opportunities that our Department of Economic Development may have available. Unfortunately, our department does not have any funding in place for new businesses start-ups, or to expand on existing Inuit businesses, but we are helping our beneficiaries to obtain other funds through different Aboriginal organizations that are available to help them in some way. The Economic Development Division is also planning a number of activities to promote business development and support existing Inuit businesses. Activity One. We will be arranging a one-week course in Basic Accounting and Simply Accounting in Nain in October. This course will be offered in partnership with College of North Atlantic and will be open to Inuit businesses and not for profit organizations. Activity Two. Small Business Week in Nunatsiavut, October 15th to 19th, 2012. This will be a series of small business presentation throughout Nunatsiavut. Mike Green, who is the Senior Manager for Consulting, Business Development Bank of Canada, will come to four communities in Nunatsiavut to deliver presentations with different themes for each community, answer questions, and provide information on the programs offered by the Business Development of Canada to the business community. These workshops will be delivered on topics such as Using Technology to Boost Your Sales, Start-Up Financing Sources, Pull Together an Effective Business Plan, and Do You Have What It Takes To Be An Entrepreneur? Activity Three. As mentioned earlier, we are planning an Economic Development Conference in Nunatsiavut, November, 2012. The objective of this conference is to gather the main stakeholders, including the funding agencies, ACOA, AANDC,

Service Canada, IBRD, Nunatsiavut Government, Departments of Tourism, Lands and Resources, and Inuit Governments, as well as business people to discuss what is needed to facilitate business development and to foster a welcoming and profitable environment for business. There will be an envisioning session, but also talk about the practical aspects of what needs to happen concretely for economic development in Nunatsiavut . We expect to have approximately 50 to 60 people at this conference. The Economic Development Division will advertise a conference planner position for this week to help with the event. This conference will be an opportunity to solidify our proposal to ACOA and other agencies for continuing the Community Development Officers positions. This Economic Development Conference will be the first step toward the Economic Development Strategic Plan expected for March, 2015. Activity Four. Northern Exposure 2013 in St. John's, January 22nd to the 24th. The Labrador North Chamber of Commerce is going to St. John's to promote the exciting business opportunities available in Labrador. The Economic Development Division would like to give the opportunity to 10 to 12 Inuit businesses, or business persons to participate. All expenses paid in this event can network and promote their business. The division will also have a booth to advertise Inuit businesses. I trust that this will give you some ideas of activities under Economic Development Division. And regards to the banking issues, I don't have anything prepared right now, but there will be some information coming out on the banking issues and concerns that you had. So this will be sent around to Assembly members by email in the near future. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Are there any more Minister statements? I'd like to recognize the Honourable Member, Glen Sheppard, Minister of Lands.

**MR. SHEPPARD:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I was feeling a little bit reluctant on, I guess, doing a Member statement where I have taken up so much time at our first morning, and yesterday morning it wasn't so lengthy. However, I feel I'd like to share a little bit with the Assembly on some additional activities that has been going on within the department over the last period of time, especially over the last few months. Before I get into anything, Madame Speaker, I would also like to say we regretfully see Ms. Kate go and leave us. She has been a part of our team and like the President has mentioned, we will certainly miss her laugh. I think it was the evening before last I came out of my room and there was a bunch of them down there somewhere. It was easily to find the room, just go in the direction of Kate's laugh. And I know this morning Kate will forgive me for this, and I've always called her, since, I think, I got elected, when we meet, or when we have a little short discussion, she always call me by my name, Glen Sheppard, and I referred to her as Katie Voisey from the old days, I guess, and I know, Kate, you'll forgive me for that this morning, but we'll certainly miss you and it's been good to have you around as part of our team this morning. So without any further ado, Madame Speaker, I'd like to just touch on a few of the files that I'd like to share with this Assembly this morning. Madame Speaker, mineral exploration in LIL, has not increased significantly this year due to the lingering effects of the global economic downturn. This year seven exploration companies have received work plan approvals on various properties in LIL. Aurora Energy Limited received a work plan approval for diamond drilling, eighty-five hundred meters, prospecting, geological mapping, geochemistry, ground geophysics, a temporary fuel cash, temporary docks at Salmon Pond and Witch Doctor Lake access trails at Salmon Pond, Witch Doctor Lake Base Camp. Aurora currently has 35

employees working on the project, 24 of whom are Nunatsiavut beneficiaries, or 70 percent of the total. To date, Aurora has drilled 1,000 meters near their camp and collected ground geophysical data in the immediate area near Michelin to assist in their drilling program. They have constructed some new infrastructure to support their exploration program, including a new kitchen, washrooms and a building to house a waste water treatment system. The ATV Trail from Michelin to Witch Doctor Lake and the dock at Salmon Pond has not yet been started due to permitting issues with the Provincial Government, which may be resolved in the next couple of weeks. Fuel for the exploration program is currently supplied from Goose Bay, and will be transported from Postville when it is possible to do so. Madame Speaker, Freeport Resources received NG and NL work plan approvals to complete a garnet bulk sample program at the Hutton Beaches. I understand prior to August 31st, 2012 a marine access study was completed in addition to some environmental work, including a bird survey on the north and south beaches, respectively. There were two bear monitors and two other workers from Nain. Freeport verbally requested an extension to their work plan on September the 1st, a day after their permit expired and on a long weekend. Freeport decided to vacate the site without the bulk sample and not wait for a decision on their extension. Quest Rare Earth, Rare Minerals Limited continues to explore for rare earth on both the Quebec Labrador side of the border near Strange Lake. They want to expand their deposit and have been conducting preliminary environmental baseline studies to advance the project. Quest would like to build a mine mill and other related infrastructure in Quebec and construct a 160-kilometre all weather road to the coast and a port facility at the western end of Edward's Cove opposite Vale's port in Labrador. A temporary camp is currently being established at Anatalak Bay to assist in their environmental baseline and geotechnical studies in support of prefeasibility and feasibility studies. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. Are there any more Minister statements? Then we'll move on down to the next item on our Orders of the Day, "Member Statements". Each member can make one statement for no longer than five minutes. Are there any Member statements? I'd like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Wayne Piercy.

**MR. PIERCY:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. My statement today is a recommendation for the Assembly to look at. We were all on the assumption on our second day that we were here until Friday. Due to the limitations, I guess, to the rooms at the Amaguk Inn, I would like to recommend that we, for the next sitting in October, we look at billeting people out in our community, if they so do wish. It would also generate a few dollars throughout town. For the last couple of days I seen that most of you never had a chance to go around and have a look at some carvings or visit any of the shops. So I would like to have it on the table that we look at billeting out so that we are here for the duration of our sitting, and not forced out of the community again like as apparently today. Thank you.

**MS. FORD:** Nakummek, AngajukKâk, Mr. Piercy. I'd now like to recognize AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Herb Jacque.

**MR. JACQUE:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I, too, first of all, would like to thank Kate for all her assistance over the years and welcome her back into the community of Makkovik. She'll be increasing our population by three, and bringing two new students to our school, and she'll be here. Kate, there

won't be any more long distance calls. In the future, no doubt, I'll be picking your brain. And I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the Department of Lands and Resources on behalf of Makkovik Inuit Community Government, the Assembly, for supporting our proposal to construct our boardwalk in the community of Makkovik, for the purpose of promoting tourism and recreational, and invite each and every one of you to take a walk during any of your visits in the community of Makkovik. In the near future we will be opening up a new youth center and I'd like to extend an invitation to Minister of Recreation, his Deputy, and any other member, the President, especially, to come and join us in our exciting grand opening. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Thank you, AngajukKâk, Mr. Jacque. I'd now like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Tony Andersen.

**MR. ANDERSEN:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I missed a lot of the opening on Monday and certainly do apologize to the Assembly for being late. Not a whole lot we can do when it comes to Mother Nature, and I think most every member in here, appreciates our respect for her. But I wanted to say that I know that I missed some really fine speeches, and I understand that there were tribute paid to past leaders and their efforts that got us to this point. It is a very fine building and when I think of some of my old friends, and I knew very well, my cousin, Sam Andersen, and my brother-in-law Bill Edmunds and, of course, I know many of these leaders, past, but I did a Chair with them and I must be getting kind of old, I suppose, because I knew those guys and I trusted them and I learned a lot from them. And now to think of some of the places that they met in during those early days, and this building, itself, has to be recognized as part of their contribution to this whole thing and what they've given to us, an opportunity, and this building just represents a little of what they've done, Madame Speaker. I also wanted to say that on September the 2nd, my little old mommy turned 95. And when she used to tell me stories about the house, her first house that she lived in with her grandparents, she was taken by traditional adoption that one end of that house was a big boulder and she used to speak about fine houses. I should mention that she was quite fluent in two dialects of Labrador Inuttitut and spoke English, many say that she speak English a lot better than me. But she used to speak of fine houses, and I thought it was good words that I would bring up today that a fine house, she would often say, means nothing, unless what takes place inside. And she referred to, for instance, a home. A fine looking house means nothing unless there is a home and there is love and fellowship and things that go on. And I suppose, I say, that this is not quite a home. It is a building, but it is home. It is the home to the Assembly. And it is that hard work together, pulling on the rope in the same direction, I heard last night at our meeting. And those were her words, you know? And I think that as an elder and as, perhaps, one of the oldest Nunatsiavut Inuit alive today, I felt I had to mention her words because this very fine building reminds me a lot of the stuff that she did for me, and her contribution, not only to her sons, but to her community and Nunatsiavut, as well, Madame Speaker. So I look forward to working in this great place over the next few years, and I want to say as well that I heard so good words and especially in the evenings, especially when that crowd across the way, Madame Speaker, when they weren't reading from their scripts, when they were talking in the evening time, free of shirts and ties and whatnot. And it certainly is encouraging, I have to say that, as this is a celebration of the grand opening of this fine building, and I hope that what happened over the last few days continues. I certainly want to be a part

of that and to work with our brand new President, Madame Speaker and other members as well. Thank you very much.

**MS. FORD:** Nakummek, AngajukKâk from Nain. Are there any more Member statements? I'd like to recognize Mr. Dan Pottle, the Ordinary Member for Canada.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. To echo the AngajukKâk sentiments from Nain, I certainly, too, would like to say a huge thank you to AngajukKâk Piercy, Hopedalimuit for their wonderful participation in the grand opening of this wonderful building. I was certainly moved and touched by the number of people who showed up to take part in this joyous and momentous occasion. And as AngajukKâk Andersen has stated, although this building may not be perceived as a home, it is the home of the Nunatsiavut Assembly and it is the home, I think, of all Labrador Inuit. This building is the people's building and I think we should continue to respect that. I would also like to say, Madame Speaker, although I don't represent the constituency of Hopedale, there are many Hopedalimiut who live in the Canadian constituency. I had the opportunity yesterday evening, Madame Speaker, in your company, and the company of the Director of Communications to view the awful, awful, awful situation with respect to the storage of the contaminated soil that's here in Hopedale. And I was equally appalled, Madame Speaker, to see the bit of metal that has been taken out of, I believe, Duck Pond and situated in somebody's backyard. Madame Speaker, we hear on many occasions from many people who take offence to things that's going on in your community, and we always hear the statement, "Not in my backyard". I believe this applies this to this beautiful community of Hopedale, and it's unacceptable that Hopedalimiut had to be exposed to this awful mess that was committed to be cleaned up, namely, by the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador. Madame Speaker, somebody has an obligation to ensure that this contaminated soil and the associated metals are removed from this community. This would not happen, Madame Speaker, in my backyard in St. John's, Newfoundland, or anywhere else throughout this great country. I think it's appalling, and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, and whoever else is responsible for this should be immediately brought to task. I, Madame Speaker, if I had the opportunity, would like to take one of these bags here and, and bring it up to the Confederation Building and lay it on the steps and see how they like that. They would say, not in my backyard. And I don't want Hopedalimiut or Labradorimuit to be exposed to this danger. We have children in this community who use some of those sites as playgrounds. It is unacceptable that they be exposed to this and it's time for action to be taken so that this dangerous material is moved from this beautiful community. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**ASSEMBLY:** (Applause)

**MS. FORD:** Nakummek, Mr. Pottle. I would now like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Gary Mitchell.

**MR. MITCHELL:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. I'm just going to be brief and on behalf of the constituents of Upper Lake Melville, and as a member for one of the members for Upper Lake Melville, I'd like to say thank you to Kate for all her work she's done with the Nunatsiavut Government. Kate and I go back a long way when we worked in the old days of the plants and things like that, and always had a

good working relationship with Kate and she's always been one step up on things, and we're going to lose a good person here in Kate's caliber. And Kate should be an inspiration to us because Kate came to a point in her life where she said I'm going to go out and get an education. Kate went back to university and came out of that and got herself a good job and travelled all over, representing Nunatsiavut beneficiaries in her travels, and I would like to thank Kate for her work and support she's given me since I came on as an Ordinary Member, and I look forward to working with Isabella in that position in the future. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Nakummek, Mr. Mitchell. I would now like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Nain, Johannes Lampe.

**MR. LAMPE:** Nakummek Ukattik. I myself would also like to thank the AngajukKâk for Hopedale and the Member for Hopedale. We are very welcomed here and that we had a very good celebration day here last Monday in regards to this brand new building. We want to represent the Inuit no matter where they live, they're all from Labrador. We, the Elected Officials, we were welcomed to the community of Hopedale. I would like to thank Kate for all the help that she has given me since I became an elected member in Nain, especially with the Member Appointments Committee, and I truly appreciate Kate's help in that. And I felt when I saw the carving that was presented to her, being carved by a great leader from Hopedale, Boas Boase was a - what I saw in pictures of Boas and stories about him, a great leader, and a grandson, I believe a great-grandson was the one that carved that carving. And, in spirit, Boas Boase was the one to say thank you to Kate for all the help that she has given to Hopedale and all our other communities too within the Nunatsiavut region. And we have a great task to follow the leadership that the past leaders have given, even before some of us were born. And so it is a great privilege for me to be among great leaders of today and to support some of the issues that we have to look at, especially the caucus, Madame President, that we are doing, at this week, at this time, and certainly we are working on our working relationship as a government. And rather than talking about the other people on the other side, we are, I believe, starting to get together, and I truly appreciate that. And again I would like to thank Member from Nain for giving all the help when we were doing the Nutak celebration and preparing for it, and also the AngajukKâk from Nain, all the help that you gave in preparing for that ceremony, and I truly appreciate the Nunatsiavut Government and the NEC for giving us all the opportunities that we needed to help all the older people that were moved from Hebron and Nutak and I say it from my heart for them. Nakummek. Nakummek Ukattik.

**MS. FORD:** Nakummek, Mr. Lampe. Are there any more Member statements? If not, we'll move on to the next item on our Orders of the Day. Item number four, "Returns to Oral Questions," are there any returns to oral questions today? I'd like to recognize the Honourable Minister of Health and Social Development.

**MS. KEMUKSIGAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. In reference to the Non-insured Health Benefits, a question that the concern that AngajukKâk Jacque had, I found the necessary information. The Non-Insured Health Benefits Practice Policy in regard to flight delays is if a flight is delayed for more than three hours Non-insured Health Benefit make arrangements for patients to go to the Labrador Friendship Centre, and NIHB will pay for the meal, if it's during a mealtime. Unfortunately, the van

drivers do not have enough time to take everyone to their various places of residence in Goose Bay and pick them back up again to go to the airport in the three hours, so that was the best option, was to bring everyone to the Friendship Centre. However, if a beneficiary wishes to put a specific complaint, they can do so in writing with the date and the time and it could be dealt with, specifically. But, however, this is the general policy that we have with flight delay, and it applies to all patients, not just the elderly, but all patients. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Nakummek, Minister Kemuksigak. Are there any more returns to oral questions? I'd like to recognize the Honourable First Minister.

**MR. SHIWAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I'm returning a question that the AngajukKâk for Hopedale had for me regarding when our own company, NGC, will begin, or be in a position to bid for these larger contracts. I've been informed that Nunatsiavut Group of Companies is currently in discussion with two larger firms, to either take over or partner with the firm with regards to being able to bid on those larger contracts. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Are there any more returns to oral questions? Then we'll move down to the next item on our Orders of the Day, which is, "Oral Questions". Each member is allowed two questions each day. A member is allowed the initial question and two supplementary questions. Are there any oral questions today? I'd like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Postville, Diane Gear.

**MS. GEAR:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. Madame Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Lands, Minister Sheppard. Just thinking about the fur farm that's proposed for Postville, or just inside of Postville. I'm wondering about the impacts on the environment. Was there any studies done? Maybe taking into consideration the fur farm in Goose Bay, up around that area, and, if so, how will it be monitored? Just thinking about our water shed area, maybe 5, 10 years down the road. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

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

**MR. SHEPPARD:** Thank you, Madame Speaker, and thank you, AngajukKâk from my residing community. I guess prior to the application from JF Fur Farms Limited of Postville, there have been a series or a process that this has gone through and went through. We have a Committee in each community in our Nunatsiavut communities. They have a role to play, however, all they can do is recommend. There was an environmental assessment process under the Provincial Government legislation which happened. So there were a number of areas where permitting or approval of applications had to take place. I think they were from Tom's division, there were a, not so much as a questionnaire, but it was put out there for anybody to provide comments and question, I guess, the process or the project, itself. In the immediate area there are two specific cabins that I know of, probably the third one, the closet cabin to the project, itself, to the development. The owners had been notified. We have received a response from the owners and it was in relation to; the big issue was smell. And not saying they were A-OK, but they wanted to see the project proceed with the necessary

monitoring with the necessary, I guess, attachments to the application once we get to where we are to sign the land lease from the Nunatsiavut Government, in particular, the Department of Lands and Natural Resources. To get to your, part of your question, AngajukKâk, I guess part of your question related to the water supply area and the site development, itself, I know all transportation to and from the actual site from the community, in particular, from the dock, will be via road that has been built by Postmill Lumber and for approximately a mile and a half, it's adjacent to the water supply lake, or the pond, if you want to call it that. However, as I said earlier, the opportunity was there to present comments and questions related to this proposed development. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. I'd now like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Ms. Nochasak.

**MS. NOCHASAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Health. I understand that the Youth Safe Place for Nain is a pilot project, and you guys are looking at whether or not it's going to continue. If you do find funds in the future for the Youth Safe Project for Nain to continue, will you be looking at other communities as well, like the community of Hopedale? Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** The Honourable Minister of Health.

**MS. KEMUKSIGAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker and Ordinary Member for Hopedale. There is a smaller scale program in Hopedale for Friday and Saturday nights that there's a program that stays open throughout the night for children to attend, but that's a smaller scale so if we can secure funding for the Safe House in Nain to continue, we will be looking at expanding the program in Hopedale because we know that the concerns in Hopedale are very similar to the concerns in Nain for youth and children, children's safety during the night on weekends. And I will take your concern forward. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. I would now like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Charlotte Wolfrey.

**MS. WOLFREY:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. It's kind of a supplementary question to the Minister of Lands and Resources from the AngajukKâk from Postville. I'm just wondering about the process, or maybe this is too early and it'll be described later on in some of the necessary, I guess, documentation that needs to come to operate this farm. But when I think of a mink farm, all I can think of is on the news I think there was some big issues with mink farms where they had to kill all the mink. They had mink in a farm that was outside of, I don't know, Halifax, or some in Newfoundland, even, and the mink all got this disease and I'm just wondering about those mink all together in one place in the wild and if they get that disease, can it be passed on to other animals, and there needs to be some kind of a monitoring process because I'm only thinking about the disease that was specific to mink, but there was big slaughters of mink on those minks farms and I mean, I just want to ask that there be some kind of way to monitor the health of the animals once they're there because we got no vets or anything around here so there needs to be at least some kind of a monitoring process to ensure that those diseases don't happen here, I guess, is what I'm saying. Thank you.

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

**MR. SHEPPARD:** Thank you, Madame Speaker, and thank you to the AngajukKâk from Rigolet on your supplemental question in relation to the mink farm.

**MS. FORD:** I'd just like to say that was not a supplementary question. That was a question.

**MR. SHEPPARD:** Okay. Sorry, I apologize. However, when the department issue a land lease to anybody, whether it's Aurora or development on Labrador Inuit lands, not only we have the privilege to issue or the authority to issue a permit to do for development on Labrador Inuit lands, we can also add in, I guess if you want to call it, stipulations of, could be one, could be three of - if we want to call it do's and don'ts. In addition to that, and it's too bad today I don't have it in front of me so I could share it with you when this went through the EA process with the provincial government, there's a number of steps there that they have noted in when they went through the EA process that this company will be responsible for, and monitoring as I'm not going to say, Charlotte, to the AngajukKâk this morning, that's not out of the question, and we will be considering all aspects, all what we've heard here this morning upon the issuance of the lease for the land once we come to that point and the department get around to doing so. So thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. I'd now like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Ms. Nochasak.

**MS. NOCHASAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I have another question for the Minister of Health. I would like to ask the Minister of Health if there would be any discussion or future talks on having a community retreat for our communities. I ask this because I feel, especially in the community of Hopedale, that there's a lot of disconnect in our community between its members, as well as alcohol and drug abuse. I feel a retreat on the land would be beneficial to cleanse and reconnect the community members. It won't be the "be all, end all" solution for the disconnect or the alcohol and drug abuse, but it would be a step in the right direction and we do have a facility not far from Hopedale that we can take advantage of. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Thank you, Ms. Nochasak, the Honourable Minister of Health.

**MS. KEMUKSIGAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker, and Ordinary Member, Nochasak. I will bring this forward to ensure that a community retreat happens. They do have, from time to time, various retreats in our land base program, for youth and maybe for elders or alcohol and drug treatment programming, however, a larger community retreat, I believe is a very positive program that could help with the disconnect, so I will bring that request forward and try to ensure that it happens.

**MS. FORD:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. I'd like to now to recognize the AngajukKâk for Postville.

**MS. GEAR:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I believe I'm allowed two supplementary questions but, anyway, my question again is to the Minister of Lands, and it pertains to the question I asked in the beginning about the environment. Do you plan on having somebody in there to monitor what's going

on to make sure that there is no seepage. Because in around that area is a lot of bog and our council is a little bit worried about run-off. Maybe not now, but in the future. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

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

**MR. SHEPPARD:** Thank you, Madame Speaker, and thank you again to the AngajukKâk from Postville. And I don't want to sound like a broken record here, but, again, when we issued a permit for the lease of the land for this development, we have room there to add in and whether it's monitoring, we will add in monitoring. If it's something related to animal escape, well, that's monitoring, but to answer your question, yes, we will make sure that this will be taken care of. Regards to seeping, on seepage, AngajukKâk, right now that's going to be pretty difficult to, I guess, forecast. This particular development, as modeled after a mink farm, a commercial mink farm in Charlotte Town Labrador, and when we make decisions and recommendations as a department, all we can do is base our decisions on relevant information provided related to a development on Labrador Inuit Lands and it's modeled again after the Charlotte Town Labrador mink farm, and all the information provided to us is that that this farm has been productive with very little environmental concerns to date. So that's not to say five years down the road something might happen, but to answer your question in a few words, AngajukKâk, yes, we will certainly take this into serious consideration. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Thank you, Honourable Minister. Do we have any more oral questions today? Then we'll move down to the next item on our agenda, which is, "Written Questions". Do we have any written questions today? No written questions? "Returns to Written Questions". Are there any returns to written questions today? No returns. Number eight on Orders of the Day, "Petitions". Are there any petitions? Number nine, "Responses to Petitions". There will be no responses to petitions today. Number 10, "Reports of Standing and Special Committees". I understand there are no reports. Item number 11, "Tabling of Documents". Do any member have a document they would like to table today? No tabling of documents. Before we go to our next item, number 12, we are going to take a 25-minute break.

(Recess)

**MS. FORD:** Before we start the Assembly again this morning, I'd just like everyone to let Hilda Hunter know if you are travelling back to your hometown today, or if you're going elsewhere. So if you could let her know as soon as possible. Hilda Hunter needs to know where you're travelling today when you get on the Charter, if you're going to your hometown, if you're going elsewhere. So if could let her know as soon as possible.

**MR. POTTLE:** Can we start on that?

**MS. FORD:** Yes, proceed.

**MR. POTTLE:** Just for the information of the communities, the Joint Management Committee will be going ahead in Postville, as scheduled. There are some accommodation issues, so work with the Inuit Community Government to find private accommodations. I think some of us had those private

accommodations arranged and I've asked Patti Oliver to send out an email to that effect as well, so just to let you know that this session will go on ahead in Postville, as planned. Nakummek.

**MS. FORD:** Okay. Now, I'd like to call the Assembly back to order. Lunch will be served here from 12:00 to 1:00. And I'd like to mention that the First Minister gave his Nunatsiavut Affairs Report. There are mistakes in it, but he will get it fixed up and have it re-sent to all members. So right now we're on item number 12 on Orders of the Day, "Notices of Motion". I'd like to recognize the Minister of Finance, the Honourable Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. I give notice that on Friday, September 14th, I move, seconded by the First Minister, Honourable Darryl Shiwak, that the Assembly consider the Nunatsiavut Government Fiscal Financing Agreement in the Committee of the Whole where we can have the ability to bring forth witnesses to help us present that. Madame Speaker, at the appropriate time I will be seeking unanimous consent to deal with this motion today. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** I would like to recognize again, the Minister of Finance.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. I give notice on Friday, September 14th, I will move, seconded by the First Minister, Honourable Darryl Shiwak, that the Assembly consider a presentation from the Implementation Trust, the Settlement Trust and Tasiujatsoak Trust in the Committee of the Whole. I will be at the appropriate time, Madame Speaker, seeking unanimous consent to deal with this motion today. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister. I understand you have another Notice of Motion.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. I give notice that on Friday, September 14th, I will move, seconded by the Honourable First Minister, Darryl Shiwak, that pursuant to Section 5.3 of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Implementation Trust Indenture, the following persons be elected by the Nunatsiavut Assembly as successors to the current trustees of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Implementation Trust effective upon the later of the date hereof and the date of such successor trustee executing and delivering to the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Implementation Trust as accepted substantially as set forth in Section 5.3 of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Implement Trust Indenture. The names are, as we had consented on in the Committee of the Whole, Mike Flatters, Isabella Pain and Patty Pottle. Again, Madame Speaker, I will be seeking unanimous consent to deal with this motion today. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Nakummek, Honourable Minister. I believe that's it for Notices of Motions. We'll go down to item number 13 on the Orders of the Day. "Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills". I do not believe there are any further notices. Item number 14. "Motions". I recognize the Minister of Finance, the Honourable Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. I seek unanimous consent to move my motion today and wave Standing Order 37(1) concerning the Fiscal Financing Agreement to the Committee of the Whole. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** The Minister is seeking unanimous consent to move his motion today and waive Standing Order 37(1). Are there any nays? There are none. Proceed, Honourable Minister.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. Whereas the Nunatsiavut Assembly is required by Section 7.3.1 of the Labrador Inuit Constitution to approve Fiscal Financing and Taxation Agreements and whereas Section 7.3.2 requires that no Agreement negotiated under Section 7.3.1 is of any force or effect until approved by the Nunatsiavut Assembly. Now therefore I move, seconded by the Honourable First Minister Darryl Shiwak, that the Assembly consider the Nunatsiavut Government Fiscal Financing Agreement to the Committee of the Whole with witnesses. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Thank you, Minister. The motion is in order. Mr. Minister, would you like to speak to the motion?

**MR. POTTLE:** Just very briefly, Madame Speaker. As I said in my motion, this is a requirement, legislatively, by the Constitution and I seek the Assembly's support to deal with the Fiscal Financing Agreement in the Committee of the Whole. Thank you, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Does anyone else wish to speak to the motion? Honourable Minister, would you like to close debate?

**MR. POTTLE:** Ai, Madame Speaker.

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

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MS. FORD:** Any opposed? The motion is carried. I would like to advise members, as we may have other documents and presentations that will be considered in Committee of the Whole. I will propose that once all the motions have been adopted, that we will then go into the Committee of the Whole to discuss the matters in the order they were adopted. I think members will find this more efficient instead of jumping back and forth. I recognize the Honourable Dan Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. I seek unanimous consent to move my motion today and wave Standing Order 37(1) concerning a presentation on the activities of the Trust in the Committee of the Whole. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** The Minister is seeking unanimous consent to move his motion today and wave Standing Order 37(1). Are there any nays? You may proceed, Minister.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. Whereas the Nunatsiavut Assembly should receive a presentation on the activities of Labrador Inuit Settlement Trust, the Labrador Inuit Implementation Trust and the Tasiujatsoak Trust. Now, therefore, Madame Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable First Minister, Darryl Shiwak, that the Nunatsiavut Assembly receive a presentation on the activities of the Implementation, Settlement and Tasiujatsoak Trust to the Committee of the Whole. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

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

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. Again, very briefly, I ask for the support of the Assembly to proceed with the presentations in the Committee of the Whole for the respective Trust. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Does anyone else wish to speak to the motion? Would you like to close the debate, Honourable Minister?

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** All those in favor of the motion?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MS. FORD:** Opposed? The motion is carried. Minister Pottle, you have another request?

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. I seek unanimous consent to move my motion today and waive Standing Order 37(1) concerning the persons chosen by the Committee of the Whole to be named successors as trustees to the Implementation Trust. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** The Minister is seeking unanimous consent to move his motion today and waives Standing Order, 37(1). Are there any nays? There are none. You may proceed, Mr. Minister.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. Whereas the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Implementation Trust was created pursuant to the Settlement Trust and Indenture made effective on the 17th day of May, 2007 between William Andersen III, Patricia Pottle, Sharon Pevie and Michael Flatters as trustees, and Labrador Inuit Association as settlor. And whereas Section 5.3 of the Trust Indenture provides for the election of successor trustees and reserves the capacity to elect the successor trustees to the Nunatsiavut Assembly as approved by special resolution of the Assembly. And whereas Section 5.2 of the Trust Indenture sets forth the qualifications of the successor trustees and whereas the Nunatsiavut Assembly has considered the foregoing provisions of the Trust Indenture and reviewed candidates for election and desires to approve the election of the following persons as successor trustees of the Implementation Trust. Michael Flatters, Isabella Pain, Patty Pottle. Now, therefore, Madame Speaker, I move, seconded by the First Minister, the Honourable Darryl Shiwak, that pursuant to Section 5.3 of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Implementation Trust Indenture, the following persons be elected to the Nunatsiavut Assembly for elections as successor trustees of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Implementation Trust effective upon the date hereof and the date of such successor trustees executing delivering to the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Implementation Trust as acceptance substantially set forth in Section 5.3 of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Implementation Trust Indenture. And, again, Madame Speaker, we're asking that the Assembly make the appointment as trustees of the Implementation Trust, Mike Flatters, Isabella Pain and Patty Pottle. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

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

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. Again, as we discussed and voted on in the Committee of the Whole, I would ask the Assembly's continued support to make the appointments for Michael Flatters, Patricia Pottle and Isabella Pain. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Does anyone else wish to speak to the motion? Would the Minister like to close debate?

**MR. POTTLE:** Ai, Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

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

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MS. FORD:** Any opposed? The motion is carried. That concludes motion for today. So, as I indicated earlier, I'll be asking for your unanimous consent to meet as the Committee of the Whole to consider the following matters in this order. We will consider the Nunatsiavut Government Fiscal Financing Agreement with witnesses. Following this, we will receive the presentation on the Trusts, also with witnesses. Once we have concluded these documents we will meet as an Assembly and continue with the Orders of the Day. Do I have unanimous consent to proceed this way?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MS. FORD:** Therefore we will now meet as a Committee of the Whole. Yes, Honourable Minister.

**MR. POTTLE:** Thank you, Madame Chair. For this portion of the Committee of the Whole, I'd ask the Assembly approval to call forth Isabella Pain and Rexanne Crawford to do the presentation on the Fiscal Financing Agreement. Ms. Pain.

**MS. FORD:** Yes.

**MR. POTTLE:** ...and Ms. Crawford, Isabella, as Chief Negotiator with the support from the Deputy Minister of Finance, Rexanne Crawford and Michelle Kinney, the Deputy Minister of Health and Social Development, as well as other supporting staff, were the chief negotiating team negotiating the Fiscal Financing Agreement with the Government of Canada and the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador. For the information of Assembly members, I believe, as we are all aware, the Fiscal Financing Agreement is set out in the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement and the Fiscal Financing Agreement must be negotiated and renewed at five-year intervals. So that's a bit of history and background on the Fiscal Financing Agreement, itself, Madame Chair. Thank you.

**MS. FORD:** Yes. So they may come to the table.

**MS. PAIN:** Thank you for having us here to present the Fiscal Financing Agreement Report and we'll talk about the Agreement, itself, as well. As Minister Pottle indicated, the Nunatsiavut Assembly has to approve the Fiscal Financing and Taxation Agreements. These are requirements as set out in our Land Claim Agreement, Section 7.3.2, and that says no Agreement negotiated under, under Section 7.3.1 is of any force or effect until approved by the Nunatsiavut Assembly. So we're here today to tell you what

we've done to date and to ask for your approval to move forward. Also, as Minister Pottle talked about, we had a negotiating team made up of myself, Rexanne Crawford and Michelle Kinney. We also had Lena Blake assisting us in terms of the financial pieces especially in relation to Capital Works and the health pieces. We also had a number of other support people who were there. So we had the Deputy Minister for Education, Economic Development, Tim McNeill in relation to the post-secondary piece. We involved Kate Mitchell, in relation to the housing piece as well as some of the capital work stuff, given her work with the Joint Management Committee. We also had the Deputy Minister for Lands and Resources, Carl McLean because we have some agreements and some parts of this relate to the English River Counting Fence, in particular, and our other arrangements with DFO. For most members, I guess, of the Assembly, were around when we prepared, when Nunatsiavut Government prepared its proposal to Canada. The way we prepared our proposal was we did a review period of the current FFA. That was done by involving all departments, all divisions, looking at the Agreement and telling us what worked, what didn't and what issues we needed to consider going forward. In addition to the departments, we also met with AngajukKaat to talk about what issues they felt needed to be raised in relation to, in particular, capital works, but also housing. We also involved Torngat Regional Housing Association in that review. We submitted our proposal to Canada and Newfoundland in October, 2010. We'll talk mostly about our relationship with Canada here, because even though our Fiscal Financing Agreement is a Tripartite Agreement between us, Canada, and the Province, we do not currently run any programs that are provincial programs. So while Newfoundland is a signatory, we don't actually get any money from them, nor do we run any provincial programs. The only ones we are running are federal. It took Canada a year to respond to us. They had to go back to all of their departments as well and have internal discussions and figuring out how to move forward. So it took them a year to come back to respond to us. We had a number of face-to-face meetings with them. We met with various people within Aboriginal Affairs, but also with their health division, and so we met in December, 2010, April, 2011, October, November, February and March. In addition to this, we had numerous teleconference calls and exchange of proposals and other correspondence back and forth. A significant issue that we heard during the review, also in the process of putting together our proposal, was housing. That in the Inuit communities in Nunatsiavut we have a severe housing crisis, and those were the words that were used to us and, in turn, we use those words with our counterparts at the Federal Government. Was that we had a severe housing crisis in our communities. This became a huge stumbling block in relation to the negotiation. Canada's initial response and their continued response, in fact, is that Canada does not have programming or a housing program that we could draw upon for housing dollars for our communities. We didn't stop at that. We had a number of political meetings as well in relation to housing. The President, the First Minister, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Education, Economic Development. We had a number of people involved meeting with various levels, at the Federal Government, and we're doing significant lobbying to try and number one, increase their awareness around our issues and, number two, to ask for their support and ask for financial increase in relation to housing dollars. We were not successful in getting any more money for housing. We were able to get the funding for the Housing Needs Assessment, which the training will start for next week. One of the things we talked a lot about in relation to housing was that when we're talking about housing dollars, we can't only look at the construction of a home. We have to consider the capital works needed in relation to building homes, that we need to do water and sewer infrastructure. So all of that was included in our

housing discussions, but in terms of getting any increases, we were not successful. What Canada did say, one of the things that's going on, I should have given a bit of background information. I'm sure everybody realizes this, but this current Federal Government has been making huge cutbacks in terms of federal employment and federal programs across the board. So we've seen significant reductions in the federal system so, unfortunately, we were negotiating at a time of severe federal cutbacks, and so negotiating in that climate is very difficult because a number of people were losing employment, even in the federal system, itself, and so, you know, trying to get additional dollars is not easy. What we were able to do was to get an increase in our governance dollars because there is a line in our Fiscal Financing Agreement that we call governance, and it comes to Nunatsiavut Government. So we got an increase about by \$2.4 million. So they bumped up at that governance portion. We had a discussion that we wanted more money for housing. This is the only place they could find. They had a category within Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development for governance. They don't have a place for housing dollars. So this is what we were able to bump up, was the governance dollars. We were not able to get any increases or changes in base funding for any of our other categories. What we were able to negotiate was an annual adjuster based on volume, which is our population, and on price. I'm going to get Rexanne to talk a little bit more about that when we get to the actual numbers because she can explain that in more detail. So the other thing we were able to get extended is that we currently have partial funding for our conservation officers out of our Fiscal Financing Agreement. We were able to get an extension to some of that, and we also fund the English River Counting Fence Program through the Fiscal Financing Agreement. We were able to get an extension for that for two years as well. The English River Counting Fence was supposed to have finished a number of years ago. So we've been able to get it extended by another two years. What I'm going to get Rexanne to do is to go through this particular table, item by item, line item by line item, to talk about the actual dollars. Rexanne, please.

**MS. CRAWFORD:** So Table 1 in our Fiscal Financing Agreement is the money that we received from Aboriginal Affairs and DFO. There is another table that's related to Health Canada Funding. Each of the block items on our Fiscal Financing Agreement are broken into three categories, and so the first block item was Supplementary Education, Community Government Operations and Water and Sewer. That has an annual adjuster related to volume and price. In our old Fiscal Financing Agreement, the population adjuster was based on First Nations, and we've made a change in this agreement to base it on Inuit population growth, which is the appropriate adjuster to have. The second one is based on price, which is inflation, and they take the two adjusters together and give us our increase. So for the 2012-2013 year the increase on our base funding would be 4.08 percent, and this will adjust every year depending on the movement in the population and inflation. Post-secondary education and economic development is only adjusted by volume, which is the population. Governance is adjusted by the volume and price and the money we get from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans has no adjuster applied to it. So as is Isabella already referred to...

**MR. POTTLE:** Just an observation, Rexanne and Isabella, when we talk in terms of volume adjustment for post-secondary, what was the government's rationale for not including price in that inflation? I mean, we all know that there's rising costs with respect to tuition, travel, books, food, living allowance, that

sort of thing. So I'd like to have a little bit of a understanding of what their response was and why they did not include that adjuster. Thank you.

**MS. PAIN:** I guess I'll just give a little background on the post-secondary piece. When we did our review, we had, in our proposal, a request for increase for the overall budget because the Post-Secondary Division had done an assessment of cost of living, cost for books, costs for travel. We know that what we're able to provide students is not enough to cover all of their costs, but neither is it enough, you know, sometimes to cover all of the students we may want to cover. The response we actually got from Aboriginal Affairs is that the Post-Secondary Student Support Program across the board, that means across the country for every Aboriginal group in this country, has not been increased in 10 years at all. Those numbers have just not increased and they will not increase them. So that was the line we got. We do know as well, that that program was going to be reviewed. There was a lot of discussion within the government about reviewing whether or not they were even going to continue that particular program. So getting any increases was very difficult.

**MS. CRAWFORD:** And just to add, one of the messages we got from Aboriginal Affairs as well is that if you look at, you know, in the last 10 years no other Aboriginal group has got an increase in the Post-Secondary Student Support Program. By building in even the volume adjuster, we are getting an increase on our dollars, which no other Aboriginal group is getting. So they, you know, that's their justification coming back.

**MS. CRAWFORD:** So the numbers are all on the slide there reflecting how much we would get each year. As you look into 2013-14 and onward, we haven't built the adjuster into the numbers because we don't know what the adjusters are going to be, so this is the minimum number we would be getting on a go forward basis, but it will increase once they apply the adjuster to the numbers.

**MS. PAIN:** I'm going to talk just a little bit about Non-insured Health Benefits before we get into the numbers on Non-insured Health...

**MR. ANDERSEN:** Can I just ask a question? On the annual adjustment, based on price and population, population meaning the registrar beneficiaries, or Nunatsiavut communities?

**MS. CRAWFORD:** Our understanding, it will be based on our beneficiary list, but there is another statistic that they have, which is called the Inuit Population Growth and it's from 2006 to 2016. They have a report that they also use there, but they're going look at our Nunatsiavut Beneficiary List as well.

**MS. PAIN:** I don't know if it makes sense to ask for anybody else, if anybody else has questions on that particular slide. I mean, we can hold them again to the end, but is there anything else before we move to non-insured, that we need to understand right now going forward or....

**MR. PIERCY:** Where the adjustments for 2014 up to 2016, they did agree to your volume adjuster as we go forward?

**MS. CRAWFORD:** All these numbers will have an adjuster apply to them each year. What happens is Aboriginal Affairs comes to us in the third quarter so they'll come to us in the fall and give us our

adjuster for next year, and then our dollars will be adjusted in the next year going forward. So each year where the numbers have an increase, there will be an increase on them, we just don't know what the percentages will be yet.

**MS. PAIN:** Okay. So on the non-insured health benefits, this particular piece was one of the most time consuming and contested issues in the whole FFA, and there are a number of reasons for that, which I just want to touch on briefly. One of them is because we are currently running a program. We have been running the Non-insured Health Benefits Program for the, you know, on behalf of the Federal Government for a number of years. In the operation and running of that program, our government has been incurring a deficit. We've incurred a deficit year over year for the last number of years. So we had incurred a deficit. The Nunatsiavut Government, itself, was challenged as to how to deal with that deficit, but the decision always was to find the money internally because these programs are so important to the beneficiaries that even if Canada wasn't coughing up the money in terms of providing these Non-insured Health Benefits, government was providing them. So, in essence, Nunatsiavut, itself was, you know, subsidizing a federal program for Aboriginal people. So this was one of the reasons we had to - we were contesting it. With the approval and the direction of the NEC, the position that the negotiating team took at the table was that Nunatsiavut Government wasn't prepared to keep running this program if we were going to operate at a deficit and not get the money back from Canada. That we would give the program back to Canada and they would have to run the program for the beneficiaries to the Labrador Inuit Land Claim Agreement. Health Canada did not want to do that. Health Canada, in their regional offices, and in our negotiation sessions, acknowledged that they believe that Nunatsiavut Government and the Department of Health and Social Development was running that program on a more responsive basis to beneficiaries than they could, and on a much more cost effective basis than they could. They would have to set up a whole bunch of administration if they were going to take it on. With that being said, though, finding money in Ottawa in this current fiscal climate was very difficult, even for the Department of Health. So we had a lot of things going on in the background, but it took a long time. This was another issue that the former President, the First Minister, the Minister of Health met with Minister Duncan and met with the Minister of Health, now Leona Aglukkaq, as well as meeting with Deputy Ministers at that department, to talk about the, the need for Canada to cover the costs of the Non-insured Health Benefits Program. We were successful in obtaining increased funding, however, we weren't successful in getting the other piece that we wanted, which was a statement in the Agreement to say that any deficits would be covered by Canada. We didn't get that wording, which we wanted, but we do believe that with the dollars we've been able to increase and with some of the other things that we've been doing on the side with the Provincial Government, we will be okay in terms of being able to not have a deficit going forward in terms of Non-insured Health Benefits. Of course, there are no guarantees in that because cost for health and for who's going to take down certain health programming, or what your actual use of the program is going to be, we don't know, although we have run our numbers and run projections, and we're confident that the numbers we have here will be able to keep us from running a deficit. So, again, I'm going to get Rexanne to walk you through the table and through some of the numbers to explain why we think we're comfortable with, with this particular set of numbers.

**MS. CRAWFORD:** As Isabella said, she alluded to some of the things on the provincial side that have happened that have given us a lot more comfort that the program will be successful and will not be running a deficit, and one of that - in the media you would have heard about the generic drug legislation that came out, I think it was late spring, in their spring session. So that policy significantly changes the amount for the generic drug percentage, and that is a huge cost saver to the NIHB program. We're also negotiating and talking about third party billing on a couple of the other programs that the Provincial Government runs that we can avail of. Under Non-insured Health Benefits, one of the contributing factors is in the 2011-2012 year, which we just finished; they have agreed to give us \$9.7 million. We had, I think, just under or just about \$9 million in expenditures. So we're actually carrying a surplus forward as we start into the next fiscal year. And that was key. What they were able to do was to get more funding in the beginning of the year so that with their escalators, and with the adjusters, we should be able to keep pace with the escalating costs that have occurred historically and what they're predicting the cost of drugs and, like, travel and, and fuel to go. So the numbers presented here are just, basically, applying the escalator again for the 2012-2013 year. Under the Health Canada Funding, Health Canada, itself, has agreed to give an adjuster of three percent on the base funding every year, and Aboriginal Affairs is going to kick in the remaining amount of the adjuster. So if you remember when I spoke about the Aboriginal Affairs funding, the adjuster is 4.08 percent. So Health Canada will give out of their budget process three percent increase, and Aboriginal Affairs will match to bring it up to what the total adjuster should be, which in this year would 1.08 percent and that's how we're able to even get an increase on our adjusters from the past. Under our old Fiscal Financing Agreement we just had a three percent increase. So we were also able to negotiate an increase on the adjuster. Are there any questions under Non-Insured Health Benefits?

**MS. KEMUKSIGAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I was reading over the confidential document as well. Under 3(a)8.3 regarding the Inuit health terms and conditions, The Nunatsiavut Government shall continue to deliver the programs and services referred to (a) 7.2, which is Non-insured Health Benefits in accordance with existing Health Canada benefits schedules. So does that clause mean we have to follow Health Canada's Non-insured Health Benefit formularies and their dental as we've always had to in the past? I'm assuming it does, but I'd, I'd like to have clarification.

**MS. PAIN:** This is one of the sections we were going to highlight when we get into talking about particular pieces, but it's okay. We'll talk about it right now because this is an issue. We printed this document yesterday. Right up until yesterday we had some questions about whether this document was going to be the final document, or what it was going to look like because we've had some issues in dealing with the province at the last minute but, of course, they throw some issues on the table in the last two weeks. Yesterday we were able to resolve those issues and, in doing that, we printed this document and then late last night we actually had a message from Health Canada. Health Canada wants that particular section deleted, and we don't have a problem with deleting that particular section. That was there a while ago, and it was supposed to keep us in terms of their, you know, following Health Canada guidelines, fee schedules, those sorts of things. Health Canada's belief is that this is a self-governing arrangement and if we want to, we can do what we want with our money. Nunatsiavut Government's position has always been we follow their fee schedules because we're basing our costing

on their fee schedules. So but it will be up to Nunatsiavut Government. So we have followed them and I don't know what the decision is going to be around following fee schedules and those sorts of things of Health Canada. That'll be somebody else's decision, but right now we're taking that particular language out of here. So in your documents, you can delete that particular section. It gives NG the flexibility make its decision about how it's going to do it. I'm sure all of you are aware, and you've probably all had calls from beneficiaries who are upset with some of the fee schedules, in particular, in relation to vision care and dental because up until recently Nunatsiavut Government was following the 2005 fee schedule because we just did not have the money in our budgets to be able to go to the new fee schedules as approved by Health Canada.

**MR. POTTLE:** I'd just like to say bravo. This is something that we've been fighting for long and hard, and it's about time that they recognized our self-governant authorities. So I'd like to say that's excellent news.

**MS. CRAWFORD:** Sorry, and as Isabella just reminded me, when we submitted our proposal in 2010, as we noted before, we had two other meetings, one December, 2010 and in April, 2011 because we were running a very significant deficit in that fiscal year, and it was very concerning to us. They had delayed our negotiations. We hadn't got any proposals back from them, and what they were able to give us was additional funds for that fiscal year as well. It was about \$1.6 million. It didn't cover the full deficit, but it made a significant impact. I think the overall deficit that year under the NIHB program was reduced to about between 600 and \$800,000. So, however, we have not received the funds yet. Until this Fiscal Financing Agreement is signed by the three parties, that money is being held in a bank account with Health Canada. It's allocated to us. We have had to submit, I would say hundreds of pieces of paper to them so they could have proof of the amount of money they gave us, but we are getting about \$1.6 million for that fiscal year. We've got about a 2.something extra dollars for this past fiscal year that just ended. So it's about \$4 million and extra cash that they were able to come up in the interim period before we were able to get to the conclusion of our Fiscal Financing Agreement.

**MS. PAIN:** In addition to Non-insured Health Benefits, Nunatsiavut Government also runs other health programs and services that we provide to our beneficiaries. One of the things we were able to do in this Fiscal Financing Agreement was to also move a number of programs that we were already offering under a Contribution Agreement. We been able to move them under the Fiscal Financing Agreement, and for us that's significant in that it minimizes some of our reporting requirements to Canada, because they do treat us then as a another government, and we still have to do reporting. It's just that they're not as detailed, I guess, as some of the other Contribution Agreement reporting. It's part of our overall reporting that we do. So some of the programs, you'll see, we've listed them, that we've added Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, Aboriginal Diabetes Initiative, Community Health Program in Promotion Injury, Illness Prevention, The Oral Health Strategy and Children's Oral Health Initiative, National Aboriginal Youth Suicide Prevention Strategy, and the Treatment Program. Rexanne's going to talk about those particular programs and the funding for those now.

**MS. CRAWFORD:** So if you've turned to the next slide it's Table 2 for the Health Canada funding, as we've talked about, under the NIHB, the adjuster for the monies coming from Health Canada will

include three percent from Health Canada and the additional percentage to bring us up to what the overall adjuster should be from Aboriginal Affairs. Under the Additional Funding, post '95 community programs, the \$1.1 million refers to the programs that Isabella just referred to, so that's the addition of those programs. Another benefit to having our programs under our Fiscal Financing Agreement, it allows us the flexibility to move money around year over year. They can do long-term planning on their program, and not have to commit to spending all the money within a particular year under their Contribution Agreement or lose the funds. So it allows our Department of Health to do a longer term planning with the funds. And, as you notice, under NIHB we had volume and price, or we had a contribution of \$6.8 million. We had some smaller Contribution Agreements that we had been signing year over year for some additional funds for NIHB plus there is the additional for the NIHB Program to bring us up to 9.7 for the 2011-2012 year, and then going forward the monies will be adjusted overall. So, again, when you look out into the future the numbers all look the same, but they will increase every year due to the adjuster that Aboriginal Affairs will provide to us.

**MR. POTTLE:** When you say that we have some flexibility with respect to moving dollars around for some of these program areas, just thinking forward here, does that dollars had to be specifically to these programs listed here, or if we find ourselves going down a road where we might be incurring some deficit, can we use those dollars to offset some of that deficit?

**MS. CRAWFORD:** Danny, you're correct. If we go down the road and one particular program is running a deficit and we've got surplus in some other programs, we do have the ability as a government, subject to our budgetary process, to move funds around within our programming.

**MS. PAIN:** The, the only thing I would say about that is that we have programs that we want to deliver, though. So it's if we have surpluses and in a particular program. It's always up to government to decide what they want to do, but at the same time when we do this, we're telling beneficiaries, these are the programs and services we are going to provide to you. So I think that's the only caveat, is that government would make those decisions at the time that they want to. We actually have a clause that says we can do that in our fiscal, in the document, itself, in the agreement, we have the ability to move money around within the whole FFA, but just remember that this a public document and that, you know, we're telling our beneficiaries these are the things we're going to provide to you.

**MS. FORD:** Ms. Kemuksigak go ahead.

**MS. KEMUKSIGAK:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. I was actually going to talk in the similar to what you just said, Isabella, that we do have the flexibility to move money around, say, in health, but we also have to deliver the programs and services and to meet targets, and to provide services. So there's some flexibility, but we wouldn't want to take a large chunk of money to put into another deficit because then we wouldn't be able to run a program or service. Thank you.

**MS. PAIN:** I want to get into the text. Those are the significant financial pieces. That's the financial stuff we wanted to talk about with you. I do want to talk about some of the changes we've made to the - oh, sorry, Charlotte.

**MS. WOLFREY:** Just so that I can understand from the perspective of Rigolet Inuit Community Government, then there has been, for example, we were looking for a couple of new positions to be able to have a couple of new positions in our government. So you're telling us that we never got none of that money, it's only the regular inflation or whatever formulas that they get that we would get just that increase.

**MS. PAIN:** In relation to the capital works and those dollars, we didn't get any increase to the base funding. You are correct in saying we did get an adjuster, so that it will increase as per those adjusters. As I talked about at the beginning, when we got the increase in the governance dollars, the underlying message from the feds was in relation to housing because that was the issue we were pushing at the time and, as I said, when we were talking housing, we were also talking capital works, they said it's up to Nunatsiavut Government, given that you are a government, to decide how to use those dollars. So we're coming and saying we have not been able to negotiate an increase in capital works in housing in those other programs, but there is an increase in governance and how government, I guess, decides to allocate that is going to be, you know, following the normal budgetary process that will be followed. But so the only guaranteed increase, I guess, is in relation to the volume and price adjusters that we talked about.

**MR. ANDERSEN:** And before we leave that, my question was going to be that because I wanted to ask that earlier on, but didn't want to interrupt was there was no additional housing dollars, but there was an increase in governance by 2.478, as a matter of fact. Tell me a little bit about like an increase in governance and it's an increase in governance dollars so, obviously, there was governance dollars under the old agreement, but tell us a little bit about what that really means, like, is that administration funds or how is governance dollars spent, actually, is...

**MS. CRAWFORD:** If you go back to the Budget Act that we pass every year when we do our fiscal financing allocation, one of the lines is always governance, and it's about I think its 1.2 or \$1.3 million. Some of that money is then used to run the programs and services of the government. So there's a schedule in the Budget Act for the departmental allocation.

**MR. ANDERSEN:** Okay.

**MS. CRAWFORD:** And then it rolls up into where we have our revenues, which is our personal income tax, GST and our governance dollars, the 1.3. Governance dollars, we had asked for an increase in our governance dollars when we submitted our proposal, and as Isabella has said, you know, nowhere in Aboriginal Affairs or any other department could they find a program to draw down upon to give us more money for any of our other requests, and they felt that the only way that they could meet some of our requests for additional dollars was to give us more governance dollars and it's based on, when Aboriginal Affairs does their formula for governance, it's based on the number of programs that we've drawn down from the Federal Government, and the dollar value or the magnitude of those programs. So a big driver for the governance dollars is the fact that we have NIHB, and it is such a large dollar amount. So, as Isabella also said, there's a section under a)16.1 that does say that we have the discretion to allocate and extend the funding transferred to it by Canada under this Agreement. So we

can move those additional dollars between categories as the Assembly goes through its budgetary, as we go through the budgetary process for the government in the Assembly, including housing, or capital works, or community governments, or health, or any of the programs that we offer under our Fiscal Financing Agreement.

**MR. POTTLE:** If, as the Minister of Finance, if I may just add to that, just a statement, I guess. We are, in the next week or so, starting our budgetary consultations with our respective departments and with the Inuit Community Governments, as we do every year, I mean, we will certainly expect that respective departments and Inuit Community Government identify their needs and prioritize those needs and bring those to the table when we start our budgetary processes. So that will certainly be considered, Tony, no doubt about it. Thank you.

**MS. PAIN:** Okay, I'll go to some of the significant changes to the text of the Fiscal Financing Agreement. But before I do, I want to just give you a little bit of background. Originally, when we were negotiating, we were focusing on the schedules, which are - the programs we're running from Canada, reviewing those particular programs and the dollars associated. As we went forward and got through that piece, we went to the front end of the fiscal financing, which is the wording that you're looking at now, and we made some changes to that, most of it because having had implementation experience in it, some of it didn't make sense, some of it wasn't really quite what we were actually doing, some of the programs needed a bit of a descriptor change. So we were making some changes to that. We were finished talking about most of this with Canada, a number of weeks ago, and we thought we were going to have an Agreement that was completed to bring to you. At the last minute Newfoundland threw in a couple of issues. They, you know, raised a number of issues with us that created some problem and, in terms of their approval process, it caused us some delays. The other thing that happened was that at the last minute Canada, and this is probably the biggest piece that you may see in here, Canada required that we change some of our accountability and transparency pieces under the Fiscal Financing Agreement. They wanted to ensure that our reporting was open and transparent for our beneficiaries to see. This is coming as a result of Canada is passing new legislation, the First Nations Transparency Act. That Act doesn't apply to existing land claim holders, which is what we are, but what that has done internally in the federal system is it has resulted in Aboriginal Affairs changing its policy. Their policy is now changing to increase reporting requirements for all Aboriginal groups, whether you are a signatory to a Land Claim Agreement, whether you're a recognized self-government, or whether you're a Band or, you know, running some programs, they're changing across the board. So we have changed some of our wording in relation to that. But what we've done is that we believe that what Nunatsiavut Government is doing, in any event, is open and transparent. So we put in language that describes what we're already doing. We have a Hansard. The documents are available to our beneficiaries. Our budgets are available to beneficiaries. Our financial statements are all there for people to see which is what Government of Canada is concerned about. So we've actually put that language into our Agreement. So we've also added the definition of confidential information, and so you'll see that wording in there. Up until yesterday I'll just add this one thing. The only debate about some of this was whether it was going to be in the main body of the Agreement, or in relation to the separate pieces of reporting for the Province in Canada, so that we do things differently between both. In actual fact, we think this here will result in a

reduction in reporting requirements under Schedule A, which is to Canada, and we have added some additional dispute resolution clauses. Again, we're trying to go back to our Land Claim Agreement for the dispute resolution. I don't know if you want me to go through what confidential information means, but this is a new definition so we've highlighted it for you. It's because it's a definition that wasn't in the previous Fiscal Financing Agreement. The Proposed Accountability clauses are there. We talk about...

**MR. POTTLE:** Please, I don't mean to interrupt, but just on the definition of confidential information, it's not in the draft of the text of the FFA. Would I find that in the Land Claims Agreement?

**MS. CRAWFORD:** No. And that's where we had started when we had drafted our presentation and that was the point of debate between the province, and also in Canada, is it was the placement of it. Newfoundland wasn't comfortable with the definition of confidential information or the clauses that we had agreed to between Canada and Nunatsiavut Government. So what we have done is if you go to Schedule A and you go to Part 19, under, "Programs and Financial Accountability," the clauses that are referenced in the presentation as 6.2 are now moved in Schedule A19, and the definition of confidential information is under A19.3. So we've actually moved and separated our reporting requirements to Canada into Schedule A, and to the province into Schedule C.

**MS. PAIN:** So I'm not going to read through either the proposed accountability clauses, other than to reiterate what I've said. We think that it reduces our overall reporting requirements, but what we think what we do, what Nunatsiavut Government currently does and provides to its beneficiaries, exceeds this anyway. NG is already doing all of these things. The dispute resolution clauses are there. It talks about the fact that the real issue here was that in relation to the actual amount of dollars that we receive under this Fiscal Financing Agreement, Canada and Newfoundland didn't want that to go to arbitration because the issue is that the actual dollar amounts are agreed, and we're agreeing that these are the dollar amounts associated with this Agreement. All the other disputes that we think we could challenge and go through a dispute resolution process, are the actual implementation of this Agreement and how we're implementing. All parties are implementing this Agreement. So it is not in relation to the dollars. That's the summary of the Agreement. If anybody has any other questions or any other comments.

**MR. POTTLE:** Just a quick point of clarification, Isabella. As I go through the document, itself, and when I go to terminology where I see a word capitalized, and then I go back to the definitions in the FFA Agreement, itself, and the definition is not there, and I just use under 13.5 by way of example, we have either directly or under agreement with another person, and I don't find that definition here. Then when I go to the Land Claims Agreement, I find the definition of that person, so that applies. And I just think I wanted to point that out just in case people are wondering as they go through that, and it struck me and when I thought a little bit further on that, and I took my Land Claim Agreement out, I found that there, but yesterday, when I was going through the document, I was a little bit uncomfortable about who a person may be, I mean, you know, but it's well-defined and laid out in the Land Claims Agreement, so.

**MS. PAIN:** We actually have a section in Part 1.1, which says words and expressions not defined in this Agreement, but defined in the final Agreement, have the meanings ascribed to them in the final Agreement. So you'll find if there are definitions that appear to be missing, they'll be in the final Agreement.

**MR. POTTLE:** And just for, I guess, information purposes too, I mean, this was a learning experience for me when I was doing the negotiation for the Implementation Plan for the Agreement and I thought it might, when I saw it, I thought it might have been a typo so, I mean, I think that's things that when you're going through these Agreements and you see things like that, test your assumption with one of us or the negotiators just to make sure that that terminology is defined in the Land Claims Agreement, because anything in the Land Claims Agreement that see with a capital letter, there is a definition attached to that, either in the definitions chapter or in the relevant chapter where you find that in the Agreement.

**MS. PAIN:** Can I just add one other thing that I don't have in the slides, but I think is important to say, which is that I really want to apologize for not having the document in front of you earlier and for not having it completed earlier, but as I explained, we had a couple of issues which were thrown onto the table at the last minute which meant we couldn't get it to you before now. One of the reasons we've been really pushing to get this to you is because, in terms of Canada's approval process, it will take them a number of months to get this through their internal system and to just have the Agreement come into effect by April. In order for Canada to have a new Agreement with the new financing come into effect by April, they need to know that NG is going to sign off on it by the 26th of September. And so we were ideally hoping to have had this completed before August. The numbers, themselves have been completed quite some time ago and have been through the Executive Council. The numbers have been discussed and presented. The actual document, the wording, itself, is the last thing we've been doing. So I just wanted to put that out there and, again, apologize for the fact that we don't have a document here which is complete which isn't saying draft or, you know, which isn't closest to final as possibly can be.

**MR. ANDERSEN:** I wanted to ask something that I was reading last night in the Part A20, Governance Terms and Conditions, and at a), b), c) under that part, is that something that you see that we already do anyway? Part A20, Governance Terms and Conditions, and it mentions something about communities but I just wanted to make sure that...

**MS. PAIN:** I guess I'll comment on that because this is the same language that was in the previous Fiscal Financing Agreement, and that was one of the first questions I asked when I started was, what does that actually mean and what does Canada think that means, because I wasn't sure what it meant either, and the answer is really, given that in our Inuit Communities we have non-beneficiaries in addition to beneficiaries, it means when we provide services to residents in our communities, if there's water and sewers, poll tax, property taxes, it says who's eligible, which is all residents of your community can get these services, and these are the associated fees with those particular services. So all communities already do this, right. You establish poll tax rates or water and sewer rates or other things like that, and so that's what that actually refers to.

**MS. FORD:** Ms. Kemuksigak.

**MS. KEMUKSIGAK:** Thank you. It's Part A7 (1)(b) and then the third bullet down. There was concern in the past that the Federal Government was no longer going to provide home and community care services to Upper Lake Melville. Home support is a part of that program, but we just deliver home support in Upper Lake Melville because there are public health nurses there. So does that mean now that we can still continue to deliver home support services because it's in this Agreement?

**MS. PAIN:** What's happening in relation to these two particular programs, there's a difference between home and community care and home support services. There's a piece that we deliver in the Inuit communities, which is Home and Community Care. It means when you have somebody who's able to come to your home and assist you in terms of some of your daily living requirements, if you need some assistance, in addition to things like foot care and other kinds of home supports. There is a problem in Lake Melville in that we have taken down the jurisdiction and the federal government will only provide for that funding in the Inuit communities. It's a provincial responsibility to provide it in Lake Melville, and they have not been, but I'll let Rexanne speak to this because I think you're involved in a meeting in relation to this, why we think this is not going to be an issue.

**MS. CRAWFORD:** So, as Isabella has said, and as you may be aware, we are providing some, I think, what they term, "Home and Community Care" in Upper Lake Melville, currently and, Patricia, to answer your question, yes, we can continue to provide home support services to beneficiaries in Upper Lake Melville. We cannot provide home and community care. However, there are discussions between Labrador Grenfell and the DHSD plus we've raised it with Minister of Health about whether we could continue to operate and provide home and community care in Upper Lake Melville to any of our beneficiaries, and it would be third party billed back to Lab Grenfell, or whether, through Labrador Grenfell they want to provide that service to our beneficiaries. So those discussions are ongoing. I think it's about, about a hundred thousand, hundred and fifty thousand dollars' worth of dollars that we're looking at that could be third party billed back to Lab Grenfell.

**MS. PAIN:** I just want to add one quick piece on that. One of the things we discovered as we did our review of Non-insured Health Benefits was about the number, or there were a number of issues that came to light where the Provincial Government was actually billing us or charging us for programs and services that, as residents of this province, they should be providing to us, in any event. They just don't. And so Nunatsiavut Government has picked up. So, for example, the dentists coming to the north coast communities, to all of our Inuit communities, the Provincial Government provides those same services in a couple of other communities in Labrador. They just will not do it for us. So we've picked that up and we're doing it. But we've also discovered that they do that in a number of other instances, that they charge for us stuff that they provide to everybody else. So we've been trying to, as part of this process, make the Provincial Government accountable and responsible to provide to us the services we should be getting as residents of this province.

**MR. POTTLE:** Just picking up on that there under A17 (1) (b) (3), itself, as well. This has always been something that has been an interest in mind as the Ordinary Member for Canada. I brought this to the

table on a couple occasions, especially when I became a member of the Executive Council. And when I asked the question and not to I guess, repeat what you had said, Isabella, I raised the issue of home support services in Upper Lake Melville, as well. Because it is outside the jurisdiction, Upper Lake Melville is outside of the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area. And when I had asked and advocated for a similar service for Canada, one of the things that the Department of Health and Social Development came back and said to me, the problem being, if this was ever extended to Canada, that it would be, I guess, some concerns administratively with respect to ensuring that those support services were there for beneficiaries in Canada who needed that the same as people in Upper Lake Melville. I'm not making a slight against Upper Lake Melville. I give kudos to you negotiators for ensuring that, I mean, you know, some of those services are provided to our beneficiaries there. But I just want to ask the question, was this ever raised at the negotiation table with respect to providing those same supports elsewhere outside of Upper Lake Melville? And, I guess, my final concluding comment on that would be not to the negotiators but, I mean, and I'm not going to hold up this Fiscal Financing Agreement on that minor point. But moving forward in future, I would see, if this was ever considered, and we were able to draw down money from Canada to provide that same home support services as they do in Upper Lake Melville elsewhere, I see my role as an Ordinary Member and my counterpart as an Ordinary Member, one of my roles and responsibilities would be to work with the administrators of such programs to ensure that that would happen in consultation with our Department of Health and Social Development. So I just wanted to make that statement and wonder was there any discussion on that at the negotiation table. Thank you.

**MS. PAIN:** In relation to whether it was discussed at the negotiation table, yes. It was brought up in relation to the fact that we were providing this service in Upper Lake Melville, which we really didn't have the jurisdiction to do so, in any event. And so Canada's position was that the money they provide to us is really to provide these services to Inuit in the Inuit communities, and so they weren't prepared to go beyond that, or certainly not to the Canadian constituency, because the jurisdiction is to Inuit in Inuit communities.

**MS. FORD:** Ms. Wolfrey.

**MS. WOLFREY:** Thank you, Isabella. I think you might have answered my question. My question was going to be so we're taking the money that we got - and I don't want anyone to be insulted, but I want people to understand. We're taking money that we got to provide services in Nunatsiavut, I was going to ask you was there any extra money to provide those services to Inuit in Upper Lake Melville, not that I don't think they should have them, I really think they should. But I think what I'm asking is it additional dollars, or is it the dollars that was meant for the Inuit in Nunatsiavut?

**MS. PAIN:** My understanding of how that occurred, and this started a number of years ago, it started when there were actual surpluses in some of the programs we were providing, and it was something that we kept on doing because that we had had years, maybe Patricia needs to correct me, but that was my understanding, that we had some surplus dollars, but it wasn't additional money, and the jurisdiction certainly wasn't to provide it there. I mean, it's to Inuit in Inuit communities for that particular service. Not to other services because there's absolute places where we are required to

provide services to all Inuit regardless of where you are, so all Inuit can benefit. So, for example, Non-insured Health Benefits is, you know, it goes across the board. So, Minister.

**MS. KEMUKSIGAK:** I just wanted to give some clarification because in my former life, I actually worked for LIHC, and I helped negotiate the home and community care program, and back then all programs that we received from Health Canada included all seven communities, which also included Happy Valley Goose Bay and Northwest River. When we received the money, I'm not entirely what year it was, but I think it was 1998, we received the funding for all seven communities. But we said back then, and I was the director, we wouldn't provide home care nursing to Upper Lake Melville because it is a provincial jurisdiction. But home support, which is going in and helping people to stay in their home, was a program that wasn't being delivered by the province. There were many, many issues. There was a lot of outcry that that community of Northwest River and Happy Valley Goose Bay needed that program. We put the bulk of the money into the five other communities. They weren't called Nunatsiavut communities then. That was before the Land Claim, but we kept some money, and it was based on a population, but we put some money in so that there could be a home support program in Upper Lake Melville. So it's a small portion of the money, so not a lot of the money is being taken. And now I know when the Land Claim Agreement was signed, it changed, but the funding didn't actually change. But I was involved right back from those days and how the program evolved, and that's all our funding, we used to get it for all programs, we got it for all seven communities back prior to the Land Claims Agreement. But I know we are going to have discussions with the province about getting the funding to deliver the Home Support Program to our beneficiaries, instead of the province delivering it because it won't be culturally appropriate. We have our staff home support workers trained, and some of them are bilingual, and we provide a culturally appropriate safe program. It was run by the province. It's based on need. So there's a financial assessment and also they have to find their own worker, and they have to pay their own worker. There are all kinds of issue, but that would create a lot more burden on the elders in our communities and Upper Lake Melville, same as if we had to do that with our elders in Nunatsiavut. So we are working to try to negotiate with the province to get a block of funding so that we can continue the program, but see, when I saw home support in this document, that's why I asked the question.

**MS. CRAWFORD:** There is some of the dollars that is currently being spent in Upper Lake Melville that would be Home and Community Care, because there is a nurse located in Upper Lake Melville who goes to homes. So her position would be classified as a Home and Community Care position and Canada would look at that and say, you shouldn't have that position, you shouldn't be using the dollars for this. But if it was Home Support Services, it's a different look at it. So I just wanted to be clear on that allocation of some of the funding under the Home and Community Care side. We ran the numbers, and I believe it's about a hundred and fifty thousand that would be classified as Home and Community Care dollars.

**MS. KEMUKSIGAK:** I'm sorry, I forgot that there wasn't a nurse when it was started up, now there is one, that because the province refused to do the Home Care Assessments for our beneficiaries, and we had a lot. So I apologize for that error. Thank you.

**MS. WOLFREY:** The only reason I asked that is because in the Home and Community or Continuing Care Program, or whatever it was in the communities, years ago I know that when people were diagnosed with a terminal illness, and there was End of Life Care in the communities, I think what I'm saying is provided by Department of Health and Social Development or LIHC, at one point there was End of Life Care that the home support workers used to do, but I don't think they do it anymore. They got to use the province's criteria and, and hire their own workers and things like that for End of Life Care. That's the only reason there's been a change to our programming, I guess, and I was wondering was it because we were using some extra dollars somewhere else.

**MS. KEMUKSIGAK:** Unfortunately, Charlotte, while we were negotiating Home and Community Care, there was also a federal program that was supposed to come down for Palliative Care, and then the government changed. So Palliative Care didn't materialize. So we were never able to provide Palliative Care, but we always kind of work with the province to try, if we could, pull it together so it would be easier for families. Maybe that's not done quite so much. But we were only allowed to provide care from 8:30 to 4:30. Yes.

**MS. WOLFREY:** Yes that's what I'm talking about. The home support workers used to go in. It was after 4:30 and stuff like that, and I think it's a necessary service, but anyway I'm just going to drop it because I understand now. Thank you.

**MS. FORD:** Proceed Mr. Mitchell.

**MR. MITCHELL:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. When I sit around the table and then hear a question, are we spending dollars somewhere else, other than Nunatsiavut, I have to comment and say we sat around the table last night talking about Seniors Care and needing it in Upper Lake Melville area, and I'm surprised that the question has come up from AngajukKâk in Rigolet that we're spending dollars somewhere else, when we're trying to, collectively last night, try to see where we can take care of seniors' needs everywhere, Inuit beneficiaries, everywhere and that includes Upper Lake Melville, and if there's money in the Land Claims Agreement, it says that services shall be provided outside of the Land Claims area, and that includes Upper Lake Melville area, which I'm a member. I'm going to represent my constituencies and fight for them wherever I can, get what dollars I can for them to make life a bit better. And I'm hoping that we're not going to lose any services and health benefits in that area, in Upper Lake Melville area. And I wanted that to go on record for the constituents that go to his answer, this says about Gary Mitchell down in Hopedale at the Assembly meetings. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Mr. Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:** I'll let the President make her point first.

**PRESIDENT LEO:** I didn't want to cut anybody off, but I think we're sort of getting away from the FFA. These questions that you're raising, they're more political questions, and I think when we get away from the Committee as a Whole, they should be raised then. Right now, this is just an information session from our witnesses on the FFA, itself. And those are valid questions, and I think once we're done

this whole process and we go back to the Assembly as a Whole, would be a more appropriate time to raise those questions and concerns.

**MS. FORD:** Mr. Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:** Thank you, Madame Chair. If I could just go back to the draft document, itself, under, I believe it's Schedule A, Part A11 (10). I had somewhat of a struggle just getting my head around and understanding, I guess, what this really means. In particular, some of the language, by way of example, under A11(1)(a), Programs and Services, as described in the 2005 Canada Newfoundland and Labrador Inuit Communities of Labrador Agreement, why is that language still being used? I understand that once the Land Claims Agreement came into effect, and that we entered into a negotiated Fiscal Financing Agreements, that program no longer applied and, I guess, just to add to that, if you can just explain to me in simple language, and very briefly, I don't want you to go into great detail, what the implications on limitations on access to existing federal programs and services mean.

**MS. PAIN:** I guess, one of the issues we had, and this occurred in the first Fiscal Financing Agreement, because this language that you see in A11.1 (a) was in the last Fiscal Financing Agreement, and the reason it's here is because that was the document that was the basis for the transfer of some of those things, the dollars for the things, like housing where there is no federal program. So when we had the Canada and Newfoundland and Labrador, Inuit Communities of Labrador Agreement, they actually had in there, money for housing, money for water and sewer projects, for capital works for communities, and so, for us, now that there is no such federal programming, we want this in there because that is where we were able to keep some of that because of the language because it was under this original Agreement, and so we have that still there because it describes the programs that we were taking on at that time, okay? So while, yes, the Land Claim Agreement in having a Fiscal Financing Agreement changes that, we want to have a way to keep going back to the fact that the Federal Government was transferring to the Province, who was then transferring to Inuit communities, some money for water and sewer and for housing, and so that's our handle and our way to keep going back to that because there is no federal program anymore. In relation to the limitation, the other limitations, the limitations really are saying that we will not access funding for the programs that we've listed here because these programs, we've accounted for in this Fiscal Financing Agreement. They're already covered here. So we're agreeing that we won't go back and apply for funding under these programs because we're agreeing that we're getting them through this particular Agreement.

**MS. FORD:** Are there any more comments or questions? If there are no, if there are no comments, is the Assembly in agreement with the Nunatsiavut Fiscal Financing Agreement?

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MS. FORD:** A resolution indicating your support will be brought forth when we return to the Assembly by Minister Pottle, and where it is now twelve o'clock, and our lunch has arrived, we are going to break for a half an hour. When we come back, we'll still be in a Committee of a Whole where Minister Pottle will invite witnesses for the Trust discussions.

(Recess)

**MS. FORD:** We are still in a Committee of a Whole, so I'd like to call on Dan to invite his witness, invite his witnesses in.

**MR. POTTLE:** Thank you, Madame Chair. Again, Isabella and Rexanne will be presenting the presentations on the three Trusts. Just to let you know that the Trustees from the Implementation Trust have authorized both Isabella and Rexanne to present on their behalf. Thank you.

**MS. PAIN:** Thank you. We're going to divide the presentations up in relation to who speaks to which one so I'm going to start out with the Implementation Trust. I'm sure, as everybody is aware, this trust was created on the 17th of May, 2007, and it was created to hold the fund of a hundred and fifty-one million dollars, which was in 1997 dollars, which was to be paid out by the Federal Government for the implementation of the Labrador Inuit Land Claim Agreement. That amount of money is in our Land Claim Agreement and it's a Land Claim requirement that we receive those payments. The Implementation Trust has some objectives. The first is to receive and invest the Labrador Inuit Land Claim Chapter 23 payments. And the other objective is to create a capital reserve of 75 percent of the amounts received from Nunatsiavut Government. So the idea is to set it aside to create a reserve. All trusts have eligible beneficiaries as to who it is that can receive the money from that particular trust. There's only one eligible beneficiary for the Implementation Trust and that is Nunatsiavut Government. So Nunatsiavut Government is the only beneficiary of this trust. So, I don't know if I should just skip the next slide or not, but the current trustees are, I guess, are still Sharon Pevie and Mike Flatters, and then we talk about how you would go about replacing trustees, but I'm going to skip that slide, I guess, given that you've been through that, and I'm going to go to the slide on Investment Policy. Given that one of the objectives is to invest the money that's received out of the Land Claim Agreement, one of the things that the trust had to do was to create a Statement of Investment Policy. So what is the Investment Policy for this particular Trust? You determine how you want to invest the money and what it is - where it is you're going to go. So the investments for this particular Trust, given that you're trying to preserve the capital to make sure you don't lose the money in the markets, knowing that they do go up and down and values do go up and down, the investments here, the Investment Policy says that up to 75 percent will be in Canadian and foreign equities. Those are what we commonly would know as stocks. So it's, you know, shares of publically-traded companies. So 70 percent in Canadian and foreign equities. The other 30 percent will be in fixed income, cash and bonds. So those are much safer types of investment, but they do not pay out very much in terms of return in a normal environment, in a normal, economic and global climate. In the past couple of years we've seen bonds paying out more and having a better return than some stocks. But we still haven't recovered from the 2008 global economic crisis. The financial update. To date, in the Implementation Trust we have a hundred and sixty-one, seven million, hundred, seven hundred and thirty-one thousand and fifty dollars. The book value of that, as of August 31st, 2012, is \$108,015,588. And the market value is \$112,719,045. In cash, as of September 10th, we have \$33,208,529. One of the things we wanted to ensure that people are very clear on is that our Investment Policy says we should have 70 percent Canadian foreign equities, 30 percent fixed income cash and bonds. We have a substantial amount of our money in cash at the moment. That's basically because the Trustees to date, given the current financial situation, have not been comfortable putting

more money into the markets. The place that they haven't done investment to date is foreign equities. We have Canadian equities. We have bonds. We haven't gone into the foreign equities market, although we do have agreements with foreign equity firms. But given the foreign conditions, the conditions in the foreign markets to date, the trustees haven't felt comfortable putting that money out there.

**MS. WOLFREY:** I've got to ask you a question because it looks like if we received a hundred and sixty-one million, and the book value of our funds is a hundred and eight, and the market value is a hundred and twelve, do that mean somewhere along the way we lost \$49 million or what?

**MS. CRAWFORD:** Charlotte, we have market value in our investments of a hundred and twelve million, and then in a cash account we have \$33 million. So that brings you up to a hundred and forty-seven million. The building that we're sitting in right now was funded from the Implementation Trust as well. So that was, I think, about 10 million, and there was some other monies that was flowed into Nunatsiavut Government for implementation.

**MS. WOLFREY:** Okay. Thanks.

**MS. PAIN:** Just to remind people that this money does go to NG, on usually an annual basis as part of the budgetary process that a portion of this fund goes to fund government. So it's not just sitting in an account without having any payments being made out to the beneficiary.

**MS. WOLFREY:** There's still 7 million somewhere, 33 million and 10 million is 43 million, but it was 60, so there's, whatever.

**MS. CRAWFORD:** We've taken some monies from the Implementation Trust during the normal budgetary process every single year to fund the operations. So if you go back, not to this particular Budget Act 2012, but Budget Act 2011, I think there was \$41 million budgeted between the Implementation and Settlement Trust to be brought into Nunatsiavut Government to fund our operations and our programs and services.

**MS. WOLFREY:** Thank you. I just got to understand. I mean, probably you told me that before in the last big Committee of a Whole that we had on the Implementation Trust, but I might have forgot, but now I understand. Thank you.

**MR. POTTLE:** Just a point of observation, I guess, for the AngajukKâk for Rigolet, I mean, I don't think anybody should have to feel that they have to apologize for making statements or asking questions, that's your right, as Assembly Members. So I encourage you not to make that qualification when you're asking questions. Thank you.

**MS. CRAWFORD:** So if there are no other questions on the Implementation Trust, we'll move to the Settlement Trust presentation. All right. The Settlement Trust was created on March 11th, 2010 and, again, the trust fund will include the \$140,000,000, in 1997 dollars, to be paid by the federal government - it says for implementation, but it's for settlement of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement. It's our Chapter 19 dollars that is referring to our Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement. So

I apologize for the implementation word there. On the next slide it outlines the objectives as per the trust deed. And so it's to receive and invest the Chapter 19 payments, and to provide a broad range of social, cultural, housing, health, education and economic assistance to eligible beneficiaries. So, as Isabella noted, under the Implementation Trust, there's only one beneficiary. Under the Trust Deed for the Settlement Trust, the beneficiaries are the Nunatsiavut Government, Inuit Community Governments, beneficiaries of LILCA, or any class of eligible beneficiaries, or a registered charity or not for profit organization for the benefit of Inuit. The current trustees for the Settlement Trust, defined in the Trust Deed, the President, the Treasurer and the Deputy Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology always sit as trustees to the Settlement Trust. The other two trustees, currently, are Isabella Pain and Mike Flatters. Again, as Isabella discussed under the Implementation Trust, this trust also has an investment policy, which is consistent with the Implementation Trust. Seventy percent in Canada and foreign equities and 30 percent into fixed income cash or bonds. The Financial Update. The Settlement Trust funds are also used to repay the negotiation loan that we had from the Government of Canada. So under Chapter 19 there are two schedules in there, one is the amount of money we're due to receive under Chapter 19, and then there's the schedule of repayment on our negotiation loans. So we've received a hundred and fifty-four million. Our negotiation loan payments have been 32 million. Our book value is 73 million, and our market value is 75 million, and we currently have about \$25 million in cash, as well. Again, for the same reasoning, it has under the Implementation Trust. Given the upheaval in the foreign markets, especially what was going on in Europe with Greece and Italy and Spain, the trustees made a decision to hold onto our cash and wait for more stable foreign market in order to invest in. So our plan is to invest to, as per our investment policy, it's just this is not the current climate to do so.

**MR. POTTLE:** Just a quick question then, and this is going to sound funny, I know, but you mentioned Greece, Italy, and Spain, is Portugal still wrapped up in that, I guess, risky investment, which we referred to as, I mean, the pig countries?

**MS. CRAWFORD:** That one, I can't answer, but if you do want the answer, I'll look it up.

**MS. FORD:** I think Ms. Kemuksigak had a question.

**MS. KEMUKSIGAK:** I'd just like to have some clarification. I don't understand the difference between book value and market value, so could you explain?

**MS. CRAWFORD:** Book value is the dollar that we invest. So we have actually put cash in of \$73 million into our investments. So if I take a dollar and put my dollar in, if I were to run around and sell my investment, I could now get 75 million. I only put in 73, but I could 75 million out. So if I invest a dollar, I'm earning two dollars on it. You know that's what market value is.

**MR. POTTLE:** Just related to that, Rexanne, if we do take, for the information of the Assembly Members, if we do draw down on that market value, what's the penalty for that?

**MS. PAIN:** I don't think there's a penalty value associated with if you're drawing down on your market value, but what it would mean will be selling and investment, then you have to have - there are costs associated with selling because you have to pay somebody to sell your investments because we don't do it ourselves, so there is a transaction fee, and I don't know what the transaction fees are worth today because we haven't, we haven't sold any in quite some time, but we do keep track of it. I guess I should just say one other thing that applies to all three Trusts that we're going to talk about today is that Nunatsiavut Government, or through the Trusts, each of the Trusts have hired a gentleman out of Montreal who is an investment advisor. He coaches us. His name is Pierre Carron. He was in the business for a long, long time, so he helps us deal with the investment brokers, helping setting up our Statement Investment Policy and also, you know, dealing with those people in the market. So he looks at them and says has this manager changed how they're managing money? Has this firm had a turnover in staff? So that's when you should start to worry. Why are these people currently leaving? Are they attracting new clients? So the Trustees don't actually do that. We have somebody who does that, and then he advises us. We meet with him on two times a year, at least, and we have more correspondence than that with him, so his job is really to follow some of this that's going on to provide the information to the trust so that you can make an informed decision when you do decide to do some of these transactions.

**MR. MITCHELL:** Thank you, Madame Speaker. In regard to investing, is there a requirement that the trust has to invest in foreign equities, it's more of a gamble than investing in, say, Canadian bonds, so are we required to invest in foreign investments?

**MS. PAIN:** It's not a requirement of the Trust Deed. What happened was when the initial trustees, when the first trustees were appointed by the Assembly through the Trust Deed, part of what they should do in terms of investing is to just, to set up a policy an investment policy, how much you're going to invest in what kind of portfolio. And part of that discussion is how much risk you want to take? How much do you need to earn or expect to earn? So you weigh up, you know, what your rate of returns and what amount of money you're willing to risk. So part of the policy that we have is that there would be a portion divided between equities and then fixed income. So that a split between stocks and bonds, and then as the Trusts have evolved and become comfortable in terms of understanding the markets, they decided to go into the foreign equity field because the rates of return prior to the last few years have been really, really good. If you talk to some people in some firms who still invest in the foreign equity market, they will tell you, and they can show you that they are making a return for their clients. We have met with a number of firms who can show us, you know, in terms of their numbers, they're making money. We just don't feel comfortable given where we are and understanding, as trustees, what our responsibilities are to look after this money on behalf of all the beneficiaries. The trustees weren't comfortable making that decision at this time. It may mean that in future we would review the Trust Deed or the Statement Investment Policy and say, no, we're not comfortable, but right now we do say we will go into the foreign markets, but we're looking at a time when we don't think it will be as risky.

**MR. MITCHELL:** I have to ask one more question. Are we comfortable with the investors that we have, like, if you say you have an investor that looks like a, say, a good investor, how do we know that that is a

good investor? Like, you say, some companies you're taking a gamble on, but how do we know that's a good investor that's making the best investment for us? Thank you.

**MS. PAIN:** Part of what Mr. Carron's job is that when we are looking for a firm that we give our money to, we're not actually buying from directly from people who are selling stocks. So if we're going out looking for stocks to buy, we don't directly say I'm here as a Trustee, and I'm going to go buy some Ford Motor Company. We give our money to another company who then does it for us. We're part of a global pool of funds, normally, but what we do is we meet with those guys, each of those companies comes to us at least once a year and, more likely, twice a year and they have to present to us their performance results. They present to us in terms of management, who's managing the company? Has there been turn over in management? They have to tell us how they're doing in relation to their peers. So they have to tell you where they measure. Where they should be, are they below the index? Are they above the index? And then they have to tell you whether they've changed their management style because in each of these firms, there are some firms who will make money when the markets are going down. There are some firms who will make money when the markets are going up and they all differ. But the decisions you make on who you'll hire is based on where your comfort level is for risk, because each has a different way of evaluating which companies you're going to put your money into. And so the Trust has actually looked at all of that and in deciding on these firms, we're comfortable with these firms that they know what it is they're doing. The only reason we haven't gone into the foreign markets is that we invested some money just before the global economic crisis of late 2008, early 2009 and we had that. That fear is still there that if we go into the foreign markets right at this time, our guts are just telling us not to do it. Our financial advisors are telling us you should go in and maybe, you know, like the time is still okay that you wouldn't lose your money, but we aren't confident. And given that we hold this position as Trustees to look after money on behalf of somebody else, we're not comfortable doing that, and so at the end of the day while we have an Investment Policy which says we'll have foreign equities, we've elected not to, and that has been a conscious decision. We haven't just not done it. We've actually talked about it, debated it, and decided not to do it at this particular time.

**MR. MITCHELL:** Thank you, very well explained.

**MR. POTTLE:** Isabella, maybe something that we hear all the time with some of the other Aboriginal groups and I'm not going to name any specific ones, I wondered if you could speak to a little bit about the Trustees, themselves, and the fact that, I mean, we don't draw down a salary as Trustees. We are not compensated. We don't have, like some Aboriginal groups we hear in the news all the time that, I mean, in addition to your salary, you got, like, \$500,000 bonus, or whatever, as being a Trustee, so if you could just speak to that a minute, please.

**MS. PAIN:** The Trust Deeds actually sets out what people will be remunerated for their services on the Trust. If any of us who work for Nunatsiavut Government receive no compensation other than your current salary, and it's an expense for government, but it's nobody takes any extra salary and nobody is making this their job. It's well defined, and in order to protect the capital, we always talk about at all of our meetings, the importance of preserving this capital because this is what's going to sustain, Labrador Inuit and the Nunatsiavut Government for time going forward. There will be no other Land Claim

Settlement. And this is the money that we have, and this is the money we have to make last forever, and so we look at that and say how do we preserve the capital? Part of that is being very frugal with what it is you're actually getting, and what expenses you allow, and so that's all set out in the Trust Deed, and everybody follows the trust deed to a T. This is our bible. When we're sitting as Trustees, we look at who the eligible beneficiaries are, we look at what you're allowed to do and what you're not allowed to do, and so we follow this to the T because the overall, I guess, point about being a Trustee is that you're held in a position of trust to do what's said in the Trust Deed and I think everybody who's a Trustee that you have, takes that responsibility very seriously.

**MS. KEMUKSIGAK:** Thank you. Did I hear you correctly that when you were mentioning the last Trust Deed that some funds to operate the Nunatsiavut Government also comes from this Trust as well?

**MS. CRAWFORD:** That's correct, Patricia. Some of the dollars in the past have been allocated from the Settlement Trust for operation of the Nunatsiavut Government and its programs and services.

**MS. PAIN:** I would like to add one clarification because we did mention it in our slide that there are other potential eligible beneficiaries to the Settlement Trust, and I'm sure people still have their Trust Deed. This was March 1st, 2010, and there is a set time when only Nunatsiavut Government can be the trustee. So there is a section 4.3, if anybody wants to go to it and it says basically, during the first 11 fiscal years of the fund no part of the distributable cash flow shall be distributed to a beneficiary other than Nunatsiavut Government. And so part of the reasoning for that is to ensure that you build up a capital reserve, which will then hopefully throw off enough interest that you can actually do some other things. So, again, people should have received the Trust Deed, and if people want copies, you can just let us know. We can email them all out to you again, just for your information.

**MS. FORD:** Any more comments?

**MS. PAIN:** Okay. I'm going to move onto the Tasiujatsoak Trust. And the Tasiujatsoak Trust, the objects of the Tasiujatsoak Trust is to receive and invest payments under the 2002 Impacts and Benefits Agreement that Nunatsiavut Government has with Vale. To disperse the funds to enable Nunatsiavut Government to meet its obligations under the IBA. So one of the things that with any money that comes in, we have to ensure that Nunatsiavut Government can implement the IBA, as its stated. We do things like hire the IBA staff, the implementation staff. We do some environmental studies and also information provision in terms of community visits to assist the seven community volunteer centers to meet community needs. So the hundred thousand dollars that's paid out to each community is the demand on this particular Trust on an annual basis. To reduce negative impacts of the Voisey's Bay project, and to promote social, cultural, educational, language and business initiatives. There are a number of eligible beneficiaries to this particular Trust. Nunatsiavut Government is one, charitable organizations with specific criteria are another and a community or class of Inuit can be another eligible beneficiary. In relation to the Trustees, the Trust Deed, itself, again, lays out that the President and the Minister of Finance HR; the Minister of Finance must be a member of this particular Trust. So Sarah Leo and Dan Pottle are current Trustees. In addition to that, we have to have two Trustees who are arm's length from Nunatsiavut Government who can't be eligible beneficiaries. They are Michael Flatters and

Sharon Pevie, and then I'm also another trustee of this particular Trust. Again, we have a Statement of Investment portfolio and, again our investments comprise of Canadian and foreign equities, which are 70 percent, and 30 percent in fixed income cash and bonds. We have to decide in that particular investment policy how we're going to allocate investments between equities and fixed income. So equities are stocks, which are riskier normally, and bonds, which are usually much safer, but don't throw off as much interest in terms of income generation. And, as I said earlier, historically equities outperform fixed income over the long term. So if you were to look at a graph which talked about how stocks perform, it would always be going up. The 2008-2009 crisis and crash was, you know, an anomaly, but we've seen it go back down and then come back up again. So we're still in global uncertain times. As of July 21st, 2012, we have 40 million in short term investment funds, or in cash, essentially, again, for the same reason. This is due to uncertainty in the markets. Like the other two Trusts, we have interviewed foreign equity managers, and we're ready to go into the markets, but given the current crisis in the climate, we've decided not to go into the foreign markets at this point. The priorities for the Trust Deed, as I said, this here Trust actually allocates money on an annual basis, but there are certain priorities that are laid out in the Trust Deed in relation to spending of money or allocating of money. Number one is to cover the implementation budget. Number two, the second thing is that 30 percent of all capital receipts, so all the money we do receive from Vale, as laid out in the IBA, and 10 percent of all net income, so the money that we generate as interest, has to be set aside in a Heritage Fund. And then, as well, in addition to that, the Trustees are directed to consider the desirability of setting aside 50 percent of capital receipts in a given year and 25 percent of income each year. So 30 percent of all the money immediately has to go to a Heritage Fund, and when I say a Heritage Fund, I don't mean for culture, recreation heritage, not that kind of heritage. It means heritage for the future generations. It means to be set aside and saved for another generation of Inuit. And again then we also have to provide, if there's substantial amounts, a hundred thousand to each volunteer center annually. The way the Tasiujatsoak Trust has decided to make available funding to eligible beneficiaries is that it receives proposals two times a year, so funding proposals come in from various eligible beneficiaries, sometimes from people we determine who aren't eligible beneficiaries as well, and they're reviewed two times a year. The deadlines are September 30th and March 30th of each year, and then the Trust meets the following month to determine which applications will be approved. The number of proposals we receive each year varies, but generally they've been increasing. I guess as more people and more agencies or groups become aware of the money, we have been receiving more proposals. A number of applicants are repeat applicants. So you can see, for example, on the next page, I believe it is, we have some of the proposals or these are the proposals we funded in 2011. Nunatsiavut Government, itself, receives a substantial amount of funding from here. Culture, Recreation and Tourism receives a fair amount. DHSD, we provide a lot of funding to. We also provide money to Inuit Community Governments. We've provided money to OkâlaKatiget Radio. We have funded projects for the Status of Women, the Digital Story Telling Project in Rigolet, AnânauKatiget Tumingit the Inuit Women's Association, we funded their operations as well and, in addition, some things like Torngat Arts and Crafts and the Nain Transition House. So we do, as I say, we have a varied number of applicants, some are repeat and some do receive funding every year. One of the ones that the Tasiujatsoak Trust has funded every year, for example, is the Native Spirit Youth Centre in Rigolet. That's been an ongoing project. They submitted a proposal every year and they have been submitted, I think, almost since the

second or third year of the Trust and so, like, it's an annual thing that they do that they receive funding for. So some are repeat applicants. Others are absolutely one time, who apply and they re-apply every year. The Trust has decided that every year it is a new application that they don't normally do multi-year funding, given that, you know, the funds come in. There's a certain amount of funding that's received every year so they're waiting to see what applications come in every year, but that's the way it has worked and so those are some samples. I want to just talk about the sources of payments that we received. The initial payment we received was 46 million out of the Vale IBA, and as I'm sure you're all aware that what we did with that money the financial transaction that took place there was that it was an initial, it was paid to LIA, then immediately loaned back to Inco at the time, and that was done to avoid for certain financial reasons that we loaned it back and it's being paid out on a monthly basis. We also received a \$1 million harvesting payment, harvesting compensation payment. That amount is being administered by a separate committee, the Harvesting Compensation Committee, which was established. It was originally by an LIA board decision that looks at losses harvesting losses associated with the Voisey's Bay project. So that's administered separately, although we do invest their \$1 million, along with the rest of the Voisey's Bay money. Between 2002 and 2010 we had interest payments of 24.2 million, and then we also had supplemental payments of \$2 million. We also had something called Additional Payments in 2007 and 2008 of about a hundred and seven million dollars. And maybe I'll just explain one quick thing. I'm telling you all these titles. In the IBA there are three different streams of payment. One is the straight IBA payment that we receive which was the 46 million. In addition to that we negotiated with Vale that we would receive interest on that loan. As I said, we loaned it back to them. They're paying it to us in monthly installments so we receive interest associated with that loan back. In addition to that, we argued at the time that given that they were making money on our loan, the fact that it's a loan and they're having to pay interest, they can use that as a tax deduction. So we, we should receive a portion of that tax savings and so that's what we call the interest on the payments. We also received something called an additional payment, so when the price of nickel is very good and they do well, we will do well, as well. So, like, you know, when things are going well at the project and the company is making money, we get a share of that particular money. Again, so we have received a substantial amount of money, and I thought I had a slide in here with the total to date, and I don't seem to have it, so I can't tell you. Well, I have to look it up. I'll get you the other slide and send it around. I can tell you exactly what we have where. Oh, it is here. Sorry. So excluding the loans received we have also as we talked about when the auditors presented, they talked about loans associated to a Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust because ICST is rolled up into NG's consolidated financial statements. There have been loans made to ICST, but the fair market value of our assets to date, as of December, 2011 was approximately a hundred and twenty-six million, and as of August 31st, we also had 68 million in short term investment funds in cash.

**MS. FORD:** Any questions or comments? Mr. Jacque.

**MR. JACQUE:** I'm just wondering if there are any limitations in some of the proposals to this Trust, or could it be for any type of project or program? Thanks.

**MS. PAIN:** There are limitations as to what the Tasiujatsoak Trust can fund. And it's fairly broad because it is set out again in the Trust Deed. So the Trust Deed, itself, sets out who the eligible

beneficiaries are, and it also tells us what the objects of the Trust are. So we can administer money or allocate money for the following purposes. The promotion, advancement and development of Inuit culture and, in particular, Inuttitut, the improvement of the well-being of Inuit and the promotion of social justice for Inuit, education and training of Inuit, protection of the environment, including the implementation of activities to promote and maintain a clean and healthy environment and thriving ecosystems for well-being of future generations of Inuit. The establishment and maintenance of a Supplementary Harvesting Compensation Fund for Inuit, the delivery of social health, recreational facility services and programs for Inuit, and the promotion, advancement and development of financial business, entrepreneurial, economic and employment skills, amongst Inuit, including, without limitation, by loan of funds from the Trust Fund an interest to eligible trust beneficiaries upon reasonably commercial terms and conditions. So that's what we have to consider when we're looking at proposals. Does it meet any of these objectives? But, as I say, they're all fairly broad. So if proposals come in that meet those objectives and they're eligible to be considered.

**MR. JACQUE:** Could we get a copy of that?

**MS. FORD:** Ms. Wolfrey.

**MS. WOLFREY:** Thanks, Pat. Isabella, I had a question with regards to the reporting requirements back from when you give out money, what are the reporting requirements to Tasiujatsoak from the people who receive the money? And I'm asking this question partly because, you know, our local Trust, Iviktuk(ph) in Rigolet, if you get any money from them, you're supposed to give them back every original receipt for every dollar that you spend. And I'm just wondering what did that come from the Tasiujatsoak Trust or is it something that they made up themselves because we don't give them original receipts because we have to have original receipts for our auditors, so we give copies, and they're okay with that after a while, but I'm just wondering what the reporting requirements are for the Digital Story Telling Project got \$63,500 for a training project and what are the reporting requirements to you?

**MS. PAIN:** In relation to reporting requirements, each of the community volunteer centers is an incorporated body. And, initially, when they were approved as the volunteer centers, as set out and approved by the Trust, the Trust looked at their incorporating documents, their bylaws. So they're established and incorporated. So they are corporations on their own. They have to be able to file their own documentation. The Tasiujatsoak Trust does not require original documentation from either the volunteer centers, or from the projects that we fund. What we require from the volunteer centers in each of the communities is an audited financial statement so that we can see what it is that each of the communities is doing in its community, how they're spending their money. It was felt at the time of the IBA being signed that each community should be able to have some of its own money with its own discretionary ability to say these are impacts, or these are things that as a community, we think, should be funded, and so they do that without interference from the Tasiujatsoak Trust. What we look at is do they have an audited financial statement? Are they still good standing? Are they fulfilling their reporting requirements, and we don't go and say do you have all of the money associated with this particular project or this particular project? We just want to know that you're managing your money as you're supposed to manage in terms of, you know, all of your reporting requirements that you have.

Each of the communities can have its own bylaws. They can all be different and I think most of them are actually very much the same, but they can be different if you wanted them to be, but you would have to be able to - it's up to the - each of the communities to decide what the bylaws were when you incorporated your volunteer centers.

**MS. FORD:** Mr. Pottle.

**MR. POTTLE:** If I just may add to that, Isabella. The Tasiujatsoak Trust, as well, with respect to accountability, we require outside of the volunteer centers reports back Tasiujatsoak Trust on how the dollars were spent and where the dollars went to. We also entertain from time to time from some of the entities that we fund and provide dollars for, sometimes somebody will come back and say because of such and such we hadn't spent money in this line item that was approved by the Trust. Can we have your permission to move that money elsewhere, to that specific program or project that that they're working on? So there is a requirement from the Trust for other entities outside of the volunteer centers to report back to the Trust.

**MS. FORD:** Ms. Kemuksigak.

**MS. KEMUKSIGAK:** I just want to ask two quick questions. On the third page under, "Eligible Beneficiaries," what does class of Inuit mean? And the second question, is there an amount when you meet as a Trust, is there an amount that you anticipate that you will give out as funding every year? Thank you.

**MS. PAIN:** What we mean by class of beneficiaries is so that there are certain groups, when we say class of beneficiaries, we mean it could be for all school-aged children, or for elders or, you know, a program, something like that. So that's all we mean by that, not, you know, what you think of as a class-based society. That's not what we're thinking. It's a group; it's a group of Inuit or a community of Inuit. So that's what we were thinking there. And in relation to how much we spend on an annual basis, what we do every time we meet is we actually look at what our actual payments were because, as you saw in that list I went through, there's interest, there's supplemental interest and there's additional payments. We actually sit down and calculate, based on the stream of funds we've received, how much we've actually received, what we're required to do in terms of allocating to the Heritage Trust, the 30 percent out of capital, and then the amount for out of interest that we have to set aside. So we take that out immediately, and then we say, well, we also have to fund the volunteer center, so we take that out. We also have to fund the IBA, take that out, and then we say and this is what's remaining for allocation in this year. And then if we're doing that in March, we say, and remember that we also have to have some funds for proposals which may come in at September. And so that's what we do and we do that at the beginning of our March session. We'll also review it at the beginning our October session because to verify exactly how much we've actually received.

**MS. FORD:** Any more questions or comments? If not, then I'd like to thank Isabella and thank Rexanne, and we will now move back into Assembly. We are still on item 14 on the Orders of the Day, "Motions". And I'd like to recognize the Honourable Minister of Finance.

**MR. POTTLE:** May I just ask for a two-minute consult with the clerk and the speaker?

**MS. FORD:** Okay. We'll take a five-minute break.

(Recess)

**MS. FORD:** We are now back in Assembly, under motions, and I now recognize the Minister of Finance.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. Madame Speaker, because of the discussions in the Committee of the Whole I am seeking unanimous consent to waive the Notice of Motions under 37(1) to proceed with a motion on the approval of the Government Fiscal Financing Agreement today. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** The Minister is seeking unanimous consent to waive the notice period under standing order 37(1) and to proceed with his motion today. Are there any nays? There are none. Mr. Minister, proceed.

**MR. POTTLE:** Nakummek, Madame Speaker. Whereas the Nunatsiavut Assembly is required by Section 3.1 of the Labrador Inuit Constitution to approve Fiscal Financing and Taxation Agreements, and whereas Section 7.3.2 requires that no agreement negotiated under Section 7.3.1 is of any force or effect until approved by the Nunatsiavut Assembly, and whereas the Nunatsiavut Assembly has considered the Agreement in the Committee of the Whole, now therefore I move, seconded by the Honourable First Minister Darryl Shiwak that the Nunatsiavut Assembly hereby approves the Nunatsiavut Government Fiscal Financing Agreement. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

**MS. FORD:** Thank you. The motion is in order. Mr. Minister, would you like to speak to the motion?

**MR. POTTLE:** Just very quickly, Madame Speaker, and I'll be very brief, given that we've had detailed discussions in the Committee of the Whole. I have nothing further to add, other than to ask for the Assembly's approval for the Fiscal Financing Agreement. Nakummek, Madame Speaker.

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

**PRESIDENT LEO:** Thank you, Madame Speaker, and I just sort of want to add to some of the discussion we had as a Committee as a Whole. There was some questions raised as to the content and how the money in the FFA would be spent, and I had informed some of the members who had questions, that it was more of a political nature, and I think one of the things, once the FFA is approved, the content of it won't change, but the questions that were raised during the FFA discussion can be probably raised during the budgetary discussions that we had. So any questions that were raised during our Committee as a Whole, the questions that you had about where the money would be spent, or what kind of programs were involved in the FFA document, itself, those questions can be saved for our budget discussions.

**MS. FORD:** Does anyone else wish to speak to the motion? Does the Minister wish to close debate?

**MR. POTTLE:** Yes, Madame Speaker, but before I do that I would just like to again extend my thank you and appreciation for all the hard work that our negotiation team has put into this effort. I know it was not easy. It was very challenging, but I think we should be very proud of our negotiating team and those who has supported behind the scenes, these negotiations. I think we should all be proud of who we are and that we are, I think, a force to be reckoned with, so with that, Madame Speaker, I'd like to close debate. Nakummek.

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

**ASSEMBLY:** Aye.

**MS. FORD:** Opposed? The motion is carried. We'll now move down item number 15, "First Reading of Bills". I understand there are no Bills today. Item number 16, I understand there are no Bills today. Item number 17, no assent to Bills. Item number 18, "Adjournment." That concludes the sitting of the Assembly in this new Assembly building, and I would like to thank all those involved in making the opening of the building on Monday a wonderful success. I would like to say that we have done a lot of work in a very short time, and this increases the workload on our staff, especially our interpreters. With that, I would like especially to recognize our interpreters and translators, the pages and IT, without whose assistance we would not be able to function. I would also like to acknowledge our Deputy Speaker for her assistance during the sitting. Finally, a special acknowledgement to the assistant to the clerk, Hilda Hunter, who always provides us with excellent support and guidance. The tentative schedule for next Assembly is October 22 to 26, 2012. Safe travels home. The Assembly is now adjourned.